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Dear Mr. Renehan:

Thank you for your inquiry.

I recommend your securing You Are My Witnesses, word concerning which is enclosed. It is the definitive current statement of the Waldensian experience in English, written by scholars who are themselves Waldensians.

In past centuries, various writers held that the Waldensian experience runs to early centuries of the Christian era. No Waldensian scholar today holds to this line. The Waldensian Church and Witnesses authors trace their story to the movement of Valdesius in the late 1100s, and not before. I am aware that others -- not Waldensians! -- do not tend to accept this line, but unfortunately they tend to rely upon very dated sources now thoroughly overtaken by historical research.

Grace to you, and peace.


Frank G. Gibson, Jr.