

# Seven Ministers Ordained

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God revealed to me, seven years ago, the need to establish a college—a *new* kind of college—in which the future ministers needed for this gigantic worldwide crusade would be properly educated and trained. Ambassador College opened its doors to students October 8, 1947. It, too, started the smallest college in America—just 4 pioneer students, tho it had a faculty of eight professors and teachers. But, as all things of God do, it is GROWING, at the same ratio as the Gospel work! It is no longer the smallest college in America.

On December 20, 1952, by authority of Jesus Christ, with fasting and prayer and laying on of hands of God's ministers, in congregation assembled in Pasadena, California, upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees of The Radio Church of God, five of our young ministers were fully ordained.

They are Richard David Armstrong, Raymond Clifford Cole, Herman Louie Hoeh, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, and Roderick Carl Meredith—all graduates of Ambassador College, except Dr. C. Paul Meredith who already held the doctor's degree from Iowa State College, but who had completed the entire four years of Theological study at Ambassador College.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, two more of our young ministers, Marion Joel McNair and Raymond Franklin McNair, will be fully ordained following their graduation from the college January 30, 1953.

This ordination authorizes these ministers to perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the clergy, and clothes them with all the AUTHORITY conferred by Jesus Christ upon His called and chosen ministers.

And so it is that God has sent to us here, caused to be thoroughly trained by education, by experience, and thoroughly fitted by conversion, consecration, and Holy Spirit-leading, SEVEN fine young ministers whom HE has called and chosen. They have studied hard and diligently for years. They are all experienced and competent. They have been tried and tested, and found faithful and loyal.

Thus, on this first 19-year cycle anniversary, the work of GOD leaps suddenly and dynamically from a local and national work to an INTERNATIONAL and WORLD-WIDE CRUSADE. On this very anniversary God has added SEVEN called, consecrated, Spirit-filled, properly educated and trained and experienced ministers!

It is imperative to send Dick Armstrong back to Europe as soon as possible, to open offices in London and Paris, and to preach over Radio Luxembourg IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE. Herman Hoeh may have to return to Europe for a while next summer. For the present both Raymond Cole and Rod Meredith are filling local pastorates. Dr. Meredith is Director of the forthcoming Correspondence Course of Bible Study, now in process of beginning and preparation.

All these men will continue their advanced graduate studies at Ambassador toward the higher theological degrees, as time and their duties permit. But they are now fully

ordained, full-time, and qualified Ministers of Jesus Christ, clothed with full powers and authority.

Yes, in spite of opposition, persecution, trial and test, GODS WORK *IS* GROWING IN A MANNER ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE!