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## From the Executive Suite

GARNER TED ARMSTRONG

### INSTRUCTION ON PRESS RELATIONS

Recently we have again had a rash of Press exposure in various of the local congregations. More of this can be expected in the future. Last Conference the subject was quite thoroughly covered, but much of that instruction was either not passed on to local men or lost much in the translation.

What should you do if confronted by a reporter at your door or at church services?

1) Act surprised! (that'll be easy). Be friendly, and warm! You have nothing to hide, have you? Is there anything in your pastorate you're ASHAMED of? Anything you just said which could be construed to be inflammatory, degrading to the nation, or a personal attack against churchmen or government leaders? If not -- then smile, be warm, and say, "Oh, you're a REPORTER?" "Well...I would certainly be happy to grant you an interview -- sorry you happened to catch me during my busiest day! I'll be glad to give you whatever time you feel you need; but here, and now, with so many people with whom to visit is not an ideal time. Perhaps we can arrange an appointment at some later time?"

Then be firm enough about it that you are not drawn into any impromptu question-and-answer-session right there as you talk. Remember, we're being interviewed continually anyhow -- and have been by the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and other leading newspapers. We are NOT AFRAID OF

PUBLICITY -- we're spending a fair sum to INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT OURSELVES! But at the end of, or just before a preaching service in a local congregation is hardly the place, or the time. You would probably be tempted to observe that it would be unseemly to seize a Catholic priest by his robes just as he was preparing a mass; or to ask a Rabbi to grant an interview at a Bar Mitzvah!

You welcome interviews, you're not afraid of them -- but you wish them to be arranged in an ethical and businesslike fashion. And let's face it; you will probably need some time to arrange your thoughts, to think about other interviews of which you have heard, to discuss what might come up, and PREPARE your mind for the kind of direct, straightforward answers which SATISFY, but which do not VOLUNTEER additional information which was not a direct part of the question!

2) THEN CALL HEADQUARTERS, AND GET MR. TED ARMSTRONG OR AN IMMEDIATE ASSISTANT ON THE PHONE! For foreign churches, contact the one responsible for your country. Of course your District Superintendent your immediate superior, and in the case of the USA, Mr. Meredith will want to know what is going on and must be informed -- but in these cases of public attention where the entire Church and/or College is involved DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong DIRECTLY or certainly, if you feel it necessary, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. In any case, whether you are able to delay the interview or not, CONTACT HEADQUARTERS AT THE FIRST POSSIBLE MOMENT to fill us in on every detail.

For those of you who were at the last Conference, review your notes on how to handle reporters -- for those of you who were not present, immediately go over the main points with the nearest available man who was

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# Personal NOTES

## BABY NEWS

STEVE AND HARLEAN BOTHA: Greetings from Canada. Harlean gave birth to a very pretty, cute and loveable baby girl. Deborah Elizabeth was born on August 21, weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. Both Harlean and the baby are fine. The delivery of the baby was excellent. No problems at all.

IVAN AND SHIRLEYSELL: Greetings from Buffalo. Sabbath, July 4, marked the birth of the new Church in Erie, Pa. However, I was forced to miss out on that due to another imminent birth -- our new son. He waited till 1:18 a. m. Sunday morning in order that Shirley should not have to labor on the Sabbath. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 4 oz., 21 1/2 inches long. We named him Jeffrey David (God's Peace -- Beloved). However, he was not too thoughtful in forcing Mr. Spence from his bedroom. And Mr. Spence thought he was only here for the birth of a church. Shirley feels just fine and Dad couldn't be happier.

BOB AND SANDRA MORTON: We would like to announce the birth of our second child, Colin Andrew, born June 29.

ARNOLD AND PATRICIA CLAUSON: Our bouncing baby girl, Sharyl Ann, was born Sunday, July 26 at 11:32 p. m. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. We are pretty happy parents -- this is our first. (Continued on page 53)

## MAIL SUMMARY

August was rather disappointing, both in number of letters received and in money. However, we were matching a very heavy month for the previous year. The final figures showed only a 3.3% increase in letters and a -3.6% in money from mail receipts only. White mail showed a 13.1% increase which was very good compared to June and July. However, the year-to-date white mail increase is only 3.5%. September should be a fairly good month for mail increase, but the overall income will be quite low compared to last September because of the Holy Days. Last year we had three in September and this year we have none. As of September 10 we have a 16.9% increase in money and 35.3% in letters. The white mail for the month looks good too, thanks to the nationwide T.V. Guide ad.

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## ANNOUNCE

Since the Day of Atonement falls on the weekly Sabbath this year, please send the tithes you will collect that day in the same package with the Holy Day offerings. Follow the normal procedures in handling the Holy Day offerings, but just include any tithe envelopes you collect that day in the same package.

Also, please announce to the brethren on the Day of Atonement that any who have tithes to turn in the following week should bring their tithes to the Feast and turn them in at the Business Office there. They should not mail their tithes to Headquarters that week.

There has been a serious drop in the "tithe-of-the-tithe" income for the financing of Festival projects. Send in immediately any delinquent tithe, and also send in as much of what you determine will be extra second tithe this week. Mail it to Pasadena. Do NOT wait until next Sabbath to bring it to church. Final decisions for widows, orphans, newer members must be made immediately and your dollars could make the difference in many lives! Remember God's Way is the Way of Giving. Be sure you have ample for you and yours, but then give generously of the remainder -- and send it in NOW.

## The GOOD NEWS

The July-August GOOD NEWS was mailed out from Headquarters last week. Please tell your congregations that no issues were published for the months of March through June.

# WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG  
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

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GARNER TED ARMSTRONG  
Vice President

Dear Fellow Ministers:

From time to time, when I hear of the various strange deviations and personal innovations in doctrine and practices between Headquarters and some local congregations, I have to realize how totally true are the continual rejoinders in Paul's writings to the ministers under his charge.

Human nature being what it is, we all realize it is very likely IMPOSSIBLE for all the personal vanity, self-seeking, pomposity, ego, and self-righteousness to be rooted out of us; even with a measure of God's Spirit. Still, we're commanded to be in the process of becoming perfect! And some have not yet solved the problem of loyalty -- nor of FAITH in the living Christ to direct His work; to do HIS job!

Your congregations are reflections of YOU, fellows. If you find yourself worrying about your teenagers and their clandestine goings on -- perhaps you should take a good long look at your own life; at the examples you set in socials and outings -- and perhaps the lack of good, strong, powerful sermons on the enormity of sin! If you worry about "your" congregations' "Laodicean" tendencies, perhaps you should investigate WHY.

I am always sadly bemused when I hear of the strange little additions, special policies, "different" doctrines and practices from church to church, or area to area. That is, I am mostly "sadly bemused," but sometimes perhaps shocked, and a little angry (watching the sun's position in the sky, of course).

In one church, the pastor may require public confession of all personal sins before a whole congregation -- while in another there is hardly ever a sermon against sin -- but a continual diet of happy sounds issuing forth from the pulpit. In the one, the teens may be furtive, secretive, with a few too terrified by the possible consequences to indulge in illicit activities, but with others merely going underground. In the other, there may be a free-wheeling, openly-discussed "subculture" of wild sexual abandon -- all the while the minister remains sublimely unaware.

In one church, the pastor may actually decide he must measure (does he carry his own tape?) the lengths of women's skirts to maintain proper decorum. In another, the pastor may require each woman to pull her hair around to her chin and insure it meets



there, a handful from each side, to qualify for righteousness. In one church, the pastor may bewail headquarters policy concerning anything from the broadcasts and telecasts to the Correspondence Course, and ponder all the while why he pastors a church that lacks in deep warmth, responsiveness, and loyalty.

In one church, the pastor may be busily conducting the Spanish Inquisition of the '70's, while in another, the pastor feels what the members do is personally inviolate -- and both are extremes.

During the past few months, I have been blessed with the opportunity to visit several more of our local congregations. I have noticed, as I am sure we all have, if we have visited various other churches from time to time, that congregations DO DIFFER somewhat in a basic "mood" or "spirit."

In one church, I was greeted by 40 to 50 percent of the congregation -- warmly enough by most -- peremptorily by a few. The minister's wife didn't bother to say hello -- but then, she most likely was entirely too occupied, and could have assumed I don't like her, though for what reason I cannot say.

In another church, I shook hands all around about twice, then enjoyed a long, long "session" with a couple dozen of the men, in warm, friendly give-and-take discussion about everything from the Mideast to college and work plans.

Do you want a formula or two? Glower, be stern, be rigidly disciplined, and measure skirts. I guarantee a duly terrified, hardly-growing, coolly patient congregation. Warmly radiate -- smile, be pleasant, forgiving, and always avoid mention of sin in your sermons. The parents will be happy, the young teenagers will smile, and shake your hand. The church will be happy. Also, it will develop a teen subculture of such shocking licentiousness, perversion, open fornication and even homosexuality that it could possibly be unacceptable for an X-rated movie script.

Want to confuse members? Then have policies where a member who has just moved (due to the vagaries of weather and the economy?? or -- could it be to escape that other minister??) must be strictly talked to concerning his wife's skirt. Let him know that other pastor might have been totally permissive, but YOU sure will not be! Want to further confuse them? Make sure you drop little hints (they must ALWAYS BE LITTLE, or someone will leap to the conclusion you really MEANT to be disloyal) that you are somewhat apprehensive about headquarters' policies. Policies like deciding that, after more than 60 lessons (SIXTY!) in the Correspondence Course, to begin a new series on the "seven laws of success" (this following every major doctrine, prophecy, tithing, healing, and the fate of the devil) seemed somewhat a waste of time, and redundant. Policies

like cutting down on routine visits in order to avoid useless timewasting with members whose visit slips must be carried in rubber bands or briefcases for their volume. (How's for 17 visits in one year??) Policies like those Mr. Herbert Armstrong and I might make, concerning broadcasts, telecasts, and the magazines. If you do drop such little hints, or even, for the sake of appearing concerned, you engage in inter-ministerial crying sessions about the "way things are going" you can GUARANTEE a congregation that is literally FILLED with problems. It will be cagey, wary, cautious, and cool. And confused.

I know I'm being vague.

But the very BEST formula you can find for conducting your ministry is in 1 Peter the 5th chapter, and in Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. If you truly follow these, then I sincerely doubt whether your problems will be a bit worse than those of Paul, (who pastored the churches of Asia and Greece in absentium much of the time) or Timothy himself. Even if you were doing the job PERFECTLY, you STILL might find yourself with the problems of a Corinth!

But, fellow ministers and workers in this worldwide work, if some few have still not learned the lesson of LOYALTY, then they should study the life of David closely, and find out WHY he was a "man after God's own heart." And David, remember, had a Saul for a King. You have Christ, and His human instruments for whom HE is responsible.

If some of you honestly feel you are disturbed by policy; by headquarters practices; by "the way things are" then you should recall the words of Jesus Christ concerning the WAY to settle differences -- and remember, too, that "two cannot walk together except they be agreed."

Mr. Armstrong is presently on his trip to visit with dignitaries in many nations of the world (but the trip could very likely be altered along the way because of the growing cholera epidemic threatening much of Asia), and I am back at Headquarters, trying to do 12 telecasts within two weeks to be prepared in advance for the Festival season.

Messrs. Portune, Dart, Meredith, Antion and others with me have been going over and over the Festival schedules, and feel we have the final, FINAL assignments pretty well set now -- so you should be receiving news of that very soon.

I have had to write to Radio Station KSL in Salt Lake concerning a critical letter they received from a demon-influenced nut, and several other letters answering charges of alleged home-breaking, etc. We are finding more and more persecution from disgruntled, angry, former members. But then, in looking over the "disfellow-

shipped" reports, I see the MAJOR reason listed is always "never converted." And I have to wonder, WHERE IS OUR DISCERNMENT? WHY WERE THEY INVITED INTO FELLOWSHIP? WHY WERE THEY MADE PRIVY TO OUR MORE PERSONAL PLANS, POLICIES AND DOCTRINES? WHY DID THEY ATTEND FOR SO LONG BEFORE BEING "DISCOVERED" TO BE UNCONVERTED?

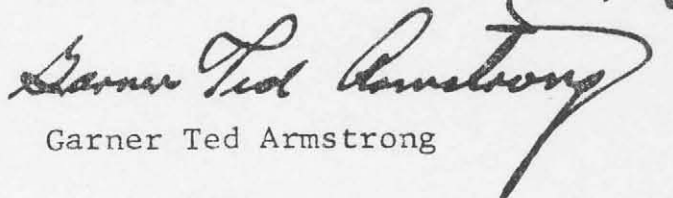
We received several letters from important people concerning telecasts recently, including President Nixon's personally appointed advisor on pornography, and head of that commission. Yesterday, I enjoyed having lunch with a famous Western author (most will not have heard of him, since he has pretty much stuck to Western historical novels), Louis L'Amour.

Today is TV time again -- program on the automobile as a virtual god in American society, which I have already mentioned on the radio program a time or two.

Well fellows, the Feast is about upon us again.-- what with the Mideast looking like it will explode into war at any moment; and we fully expect Jordan may cease to exist as a nation if that happens -- the American economy experiencing a momentary upswing only as a direct result of rumblings of confidence in high places -- the Work laboring along with about a 14 percent increase (not counting the special offerings, which really didn't quite make up the previous deficit), and it all makes you truly wonder whether we DO have more than just a "SHORT TIME" to finish this great Work!

Our problems of shepherding the flock may be closer to an end than we believe, fellows. This could be about 1938 all over again. I imagine, somehow, that the skirt tapemeasure will be a tired old relic when the world blows up in our faces; that a woman with singed, short, ragged hair may appear truly beautiful, if she's carrying a cold glass of water, and that a lot of us will wonder, then, why we didn't become more urgently angry at Satan and his programs, and the sin-sick conditions in the world -- than we were about God's own Work, and His chosen servants.

Your brother in Christ's Work,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garner Ted Armstrong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Garner Ted Armstrong



# Church Administration

**RODERICK C. MEREDITH**

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Headquarters! It was certainly good to see so many of you in your respective areas this summer, and already those of us here are looking forward to seeing many of you again at the Feast. I feel much closer to all of you in the "field" now -- having taken so many trips. And, as a matter of fact, Mr. Luker is now up in Portland joining Mr. Ken Swisher in conducting the district ministerial conference there.

Everything is off to a fine start here at the college this Fall. We had a freshman class of about 155, and the number of students in the college as a whole -- counting graduates and special students -- is again over 700. The Graduate School is going strong this year. I am teaching a class in the General Epistles. Mr. Hill is teaching a class in Prophetic Literature. Dr. Hoeh is teaching a class in Early Church History and others besides.

A number of ministers and Elders have come in for special training this year and I don't believe they have all been mentioned before. From the U.S., Mr. Jim Lichtenstein from Spokane, Mr. Jim Doak from Sacramento, and Mr. Charles Scott from Lakeland, Florida, have all returned for a refresher period and additional training. In addition, we brought in one of our Negro Elders -- Mr. Leslie Schmedes from Chicago and also Mr. Harry Sleder from the Bay area. Also, as you know, Mr. Arthur Docken and Mr. Bill Winner have returned to college this year from overseas assignments. So there are a lot more ministers and Elders in Graduate School this year, and a lot more emphasis on this.

In a meeting with Mr. Ted Armstrong the other day, the Feast assignments were finally decided upon. Without even beginning to list where everyone will be, here are some of the major assignments and transfers of general interest: First of all, Mr. Herbert Armstrong, as you know, will be starting the Feast at Praz-sur-Arly in France on opening night, spending the first Holy Day in Bricket Wood, and then returning here to the U.S. to Mount Pocono, Jekyll Island and on west -- hitting a total of eight Feast sites this year in Europe and the

U.S.! He will be accompanied, I believe, by Mr. Portune and Mr. Rader.

Mr. Ted Armstrong will be starting the Feast at Penticton and coming east to hit all six of the Feast sites here in North America. Then, as "pacesetters," dividing their time between two locations only, will be Mr. Antion who starts the Feast in Penticton and finishes at the Ozarks. Mr. Wayne Cole -- "guest" pacesetter from Australia starts the Feast at Mount Pocono and finishes at Jekyll Island! Mr. Dart starts the Feast at the Ozarks and finishes at Squaw Valley. Mr. Hill starts the Feast at Squaw Valley and finishes at Mount Pocono. Mr. McCullough starts the Feast in Texas and finishes in Penticton. And I start the Feast at Jekyll Island and finish at Big Sandy. Then, Mr. Raymond Cole -- who is Vice-President for Feast Site Development -- will be visiting three sites this year: Pocono, Ozarks and Penticton. Additionally, Dr. Hoeh will visit Squaw Valley first and complete the Feast in Penticton, and Mr. Norman Smith will start the Feast in Texas and complete it in Squaw Valley. Mr. Waterhouse will start the Feast at Jekyll Island and will finish at the Ozarks. And Mr. Dennis Luker -- because of his special responsibility in working with you ministers in the field churches -- will begin the Feast at Mount Pocono and finish at Jekyll Island.

Important Feast transfers overseas include Mr. Charles Hunting flying all the way down to Australia to take charge of the Feast there! Then, Mr. Ron Kelly will fly all the way to South Africa to join Mr. Bob Fahey in conducting the Feast there, and Mr. Bill McDowell will fly to England to assist Mr. McNair in conducting the Feast over there! These visiting "preaching personalities" with news of their respective colleges and other facets of the Work will certainly lend an additional air of enthusiasm and excitement to the respective Feast sites they are visiting.

As the Feast approaches, we should all encourage and inspire the brethren to prepare ahead of time for the Feast in every way -- including being generous with really BIG offerings which will be sorely needed this year! Also, encourage their interest in Mr. Armstrong's important round-the-world trip and the big meaning of his interviews with several Heads of State!

Now we must turn to our immediate responsibilities and more mundane problems. Here are some important INSTRUCTIONS:

We are having a dual problem with our Church Administration needs and our Church

Administration budget. There is a need for the pastors of the local churches to be able to spend more money for phone calls to line up visits to prospectives and insure that people are home before they spend time and money going many miles, only to find the individual is not at home. Also, it is costly for our men to have to purchase their evening meals on the road three or four nights per week to save time and expense involved in returning home for their meals. To help to resolve these problems somewhat but without adding appreciably to our already over-strained budget, we have decided to do the following:

(1) Let all pastors of local churches make the necessary phone calls they need to plan their visiting time properly, keeping in mind that we are already over our budget in a year of low income for the Work and being careful only to make those calls that are really needed. We would appreciate each pastor of a local church letting us know how much additional money he will need per month to adequately handle his phone bills. This is a part of the Work that he needs to do and therefore, this money should not have to be paid personally but should come from expense.

(2) We will begin to have Ambassador College-trained Local Elders make prospective member visits, especially at the other end of the circuit. This will greatly reduce the time and wear and tear on the pastor of the area, as well as reduce automobile and other expenses. We understand that in some areas the pastor spends much time away from home and has necessarily much expense by having to personally make all prospective member visits over a vast two-church area. Certainly Ambassador College-trained Local Elders are qualified to make these prospective member visits in most cases. We would suggest that the local pastor peruse each new PM request, and should there be someone such as a government official or a top corporation man or potential problem prospective, that he handle these personally.

(3) We are beginning to consider a new concept to save us money and also to put more of the onus for spiritual growth on the individual. So we have decided to let the pastor of each local church and his Ambassador College-trained Local Elders at the other end of a circuit set apart one night a week at his home for "office counselings." These should be arranged in advance with members or strong prospective members seeking guidance and counseling so that the individuals have definite appointments from perhaps 5:30 through 9:30 at the minister's home, of perhaps three-quarters of an hour to an hour a piece, depending on however long the

minister thinks their particular problem may take. In most cases, it would be good for the ministerial assistant to assist the minister in these office visits, but occasionally, of course, as the situation warrants, he could use his wife.

These ideas should certainly help reduce expenses, cut down driving time and long periods of time away from home for our local ministers. In most cases, with a Bible Study and Spokesman Club, most men would need purchase no more than one or two evening meals on the road at their own expense. Please let us know how these new suggestions work out for you and especially let us know how the office counselings work out in your area.

Now for instructions on categorizing different TYPES of VISITS:

In the last ministerial bulletin, I stated that the emphasis in visiting should be on service and building up the Church rather than on the number of visits. Some have had questions as to what constitutes a "problem" member visit as opposed to a "general" member visit. From here on our definition of a problem member visit will be any type of family, child, attitude or health problem you as the local minister discern or are asked about as well as visits regarding applicants to Ambassador College, employment at Ambassador College, divorce and remarriage situations, widow and elderly visits to arrange for third tithe or special help of any kind. This type of necessary counseling and advising or serving the members should be categorized as a "problem" visit.

By comparison, a "general" member visit is simply an encouraging type visit, social or get-acquainted visit, or a regular visit to one who is elderly, sick, a widow or an orphan, to show love and concern. Basically, then, there are three types of visits that you as a minister will make: (1) prospective member visits, (2) problem member visits and (3) general member visits.

From now on, then, our visit slips will be modified to include the above categories. So review the above guidelines, and apply them.

Also, in the interest of saving money on hall rentals, we would like each of you to send us suggestions on where to look, who to contact and how to acquire adequate halls for our church services, Bible Studies and Spokesman Clubs at minimal rentals. We feel that in some areas the monthly charges for hall rentals could be reduced if we pool our knowledge and experience



in locating adequate hall facilities.

In addition, all of you should make a regular check about every six months to see if new halls are available in your area for which we could pay a lower rental, not sacrificing a good, cheery, comfortable atmosphere. Most cities and towns are constantly building and improving and situations change with the owners of motels, lodges, movie theaters, local school boards, etc., sufficiently often to warrant at least a semi-annual re-evaluation of our hall rental situation in every area across the United States.

That's it for this time, fellows. Let's all remember to pray for a good Feast and for Mr. Armstrong on his round-the-world trip. Also, be praying for Mr. Ted Armstrong's health, strength and inspiration as he has to make so many broadcasts and telecasts ahead of the Feast of Tabernacles period. Let's all pray for one another, keep close, be open and be doing the Work!

Your brother in Christ,

*Robert C. Meredith*

## From the EXECUTIVE SUITE

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at the last Conference.

Further instruction will be coming to you in the form of a Press Kit. We have, from experience, compiled press releases, question and answer ideas, pictures, etc., which have been made available at Feast sites, College Campuses, the America Listen Campaign, which we will make available in modified form to each of those of you who are responsible locally. **IMPORTANT:** in order for this Press Kit to be most useful we need your help. As a first order of business send in a detailed report on any experience you may have had in exposure to the press, with your suggestions on how to best handle the situation. Also, and this goes for everyone, send in as soon as possible, questions you would like to see answered, especially questions that would be flavored by your own locale. You are NOT going to write the Press Kit, but we DO NEED proper information from you locally to best

prepare for you. Send this information attention D.J. Hill -- he will be compiling the basic information for Mr. Armstrong's final use and approval. Do it now.

## ABOUT CHILDREN FASTING

Apparently, questions concerning fasting, whether a person may be anointed more than one time for the same illness, questions of diet, food preparation, high heels, skirt lengths, belt buckles, shoe styles and whether a woman may wear a hair piece will always be with us.

But please, fellow ministers -- when questions of this sort come up, including whether children of very tender age should be "trained" to fast prior to any understanding of the Day of Atonement; please **DO NOT LEAN TO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING!** You can get help, counsel, and additional wisdom from your district superintendent, or directly from Headquarters. About children fasting: It is better to wait until the children are up into school age -- when their parents' own example of fasting on the Day of Atonement, coupled with enough teaching for the child brings about a **REQUEST** from the child that he, too, would like to fast. We're all familiar with the many, many pale-faced children who vomit late in the day during services; or whose blinding headaches bring about a fainting spell. This is, of course, disruptive when the minister is speaking. Even a partial fast (with a glass of orange juice, or glass of milk a couple of times a day) would be fine for the younger children, and then they can fast totally as they grow a little older. (It's impossible to set any certain age, since levels of understanding, physical development, and even differences in parental teaching and example vary widely.) Generally, children should be around 9, 10, or 11 years of age before they are either able to comprehend (partially) mentally, or stand the rigors of the day physically.



The quality of our African subscribers has not been high, but there have been several who have been deeply and sincerely interested. A number have written and asked how they could send money, and some have established special bank accounts where they have reserved their tithes until they can find a way of sending them to us -- most African countries do not have free currency exchange. One African arrived in London on a business trip from Nigeria and turned in \$240 in tithes that he had saved up.

Over the last few years, we had accumulated well over 150 baptism requests in Africa. Many have, of course, lost interest since originally writing. However, we have received about 73 good solid replies to our most recent letter and we have decided to go ahead with the tour. By coupling the tour with a South African Feast trip, it makes it easy to afford the tour at this time. In fact, the South African Office has kindly "volunteered" to pick up the tab for the trip.

A number have been asking about Mr. Mwambula. We have been trying to stay in contact with him by letter for many months, but it has proved to be relatively unsatisfactory. Mail service has not been all that good, and Mr. Mwambula's health has been rather bad.

However, Mr. Bob Fahey was able to send Mr. Mwambula a ticket from Zambia to Blantyre and met him there. He reports that Mr. Mwambula is certainly converted and is still very much with us, although his health has not been at all good. He is not really carrying on "a work" in Zambia -- there really isn't any work to do there at present. I'm sure, however, that he would appreciate your prayers that God would heal him from a very painful skin disease.

In South Africa, the Work among the black Africans has taken a new turn with the first Feast of Tabernacles for blacks in South Africa this year. Government policy in South Africa forbids any kind of inter-racial meetings at all, so the few black African members we have had have been unable to attend the Feast of Tabernacles anywhere. This year, arrangements are being made for about 40 non-white members to assemble at a Feast site just a few miles from the spot where the rest of the church in South Africa is meeting. White ministers are allowed to speak to black congregations, so a minister will go over to the non-white Feast site each day.

### FROM MARTINIQUE

"During the night of Thursday, August 20, Martinique suffered a terrible flood which lasted

nine hours. Thanks to God, everyone in His house is just fine; the water stopped rising just to the side of us, and not a drop of it entered our buildings. We are grateful to God for His miraculous protection.

"Houses located at much higher levels than ours were laid waste. Our neighbors on all sides can't understand why we were not flooded. We didn't have to climb up to the second story as did all the others living on the riverbanks. Our next-door-neighbors' house was flooded, and they had to leave.

"When we saw the waters rising and overflowing everywhere, we got down on our knees and asked God for His protection; then we went to bed. The next morning everything in the house was just as dry as it had been; not a single drop of water had come in. We are about 20 yards to the right of the river, yet houses one-half mile to the left of the river were flooded. On the Sabbath, despite the difficulty of travel, since bridges were out and tree trunks and overturned automobiles were all over the city, most of our members came to services. All of them have been miraculously protected also.

"I assure you it is very encouraging to see that."



## A PRINCIPLE OF JUDGMENT

"But Mr. Blank, I didn't ... but you don't understand, I didn't mean ... No, sir, I ...."

The greatest of frustrations can be trying to bring information and essential facts to someone who will not hear you out.

Mr. Armstrong has always said that you must try to get all the facts before making a decision.

How many times in your ministry have you cut a man off in the middle of his sentence -- because you interpreted the first half of his sentence to mean a bad attitude? How many times have you listened to only one side of a problem -- then made your judgment -- given correction -- concluded one party was wrong?

But did you have all the facts at your disposal? Were you wrong?

Here are some principles in judgment that we as God's ministers need to be applying to ourselves. "He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him" (Proverbs 18:17).

Naturally the first to present his case always seems right. But he must be "cross-examined" by the statements from the other party. You cannot make a judgment based on one side of a story. No one can see all the facts from his angle. And although you were not lied to by one of the parties -- each is seeing things only from his point of view. And from a certain angle things can look different than from another location or position.

You will no doubt recall the story of the four blind men and the elephant. They were asked to identify this object. The first put his hands on the side of the elephant and declared that it was a wall. The second felt the elephant's foot and leg and concluded that it was a tree trunk. The third grabbed the trunk as it was writhing and thought it was a snake. The fourth was deceived by the tail and he thought he had hold of a rope.

Now the moral of the story is obvious. None of the men lied about their feelings. Each told the truth as he thought it to be. But each had only a part of the facts.

This is the way it is with people who come to you. They are telling you what they believe is the truth. But they have only one side of the story -- a portion of the facts. YOU must get all the facts!

Proverbs 18:13 says, "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." We are prone to do this when we are busy. We so want to get at the heart of the subject that we will cut off a person in the middle of his story -- sometimes missing a vital portion of essential facts. This may cause a wrong decision on your part and often great frustration on the part of the person you are counseling, in that he knows there is something else you need to know but haven't given him a chance to tell it.

Let's apply these principles of judgment and strive to be more effective servants of God. Then we can reap the benefits of Proverbs 16:20. "He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he."

### BABY NEWS (Continued from page 43)

DICK AND ONNIE THOMPSON: Our little cowboy, Scott Ryan, was born August 7 at 6:00 a. m. He weighed nine pounds.

HARRY AND CHERYL WALKER: This is to announce our firstborn. Her name is Caroline Renee. She was born at 12:30 a. m. on August 13. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches.

LYLE AND MARGIE WELTY: We are very happy to announce the birth of our first child -- a girl -- Deborah Karen. She was born on the Sabbath, August 22 and weighed 6 lbs., 13 1/2 oz. Margie and Debbie are doing fine and I hope to recover soon.

TOM AND JODY TURK: We happily announce the birth of our girl, Tamera Donna. She was born at 7:04 a. m. on August 25. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 1/2 oz. and was 21 inches long. We are very thankful for our added blessing!

JOHN AND EVELYN RITENBAUGH: We would like to announce the birth of another daughter, Sharon Beth. She was born August 8 at 1:27 p. m. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

CLARENCE AND BILLIE KAY HUSE: We would like to announce the birth of Moriah Michele. She was born August 9 and weighed 9 pounds. It was a breech birth, but it took only 15 minutes.