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NEWS ABOUT THE FRENCH WORK

The Paris Church has moved to the Palais de Chaillot, an attractive building in one of the most modern areas of Paris. The meeting hall is much larger, carpeted, with padded seats and a loudspeaker system.

Radio Andorra just decided to cancel ALL "non-Catholic" broadcasts. We were heard exactly 42 days!

Returns from the SECOND Renewal Letter continue to be most encouraging. We are getting better than 15% response.

During the month of September, 1970, we received 8,403 letters and \$8,807.00. As of the end of the month, we had 4,319 persons taking the Bible Correspondence Course and 49,014 subscribers to "La PURE VERITE."

PHILIPPINES

Mr. Colin Adair, recently appointed director of God's Work in the Philippines, sent the following letter to Headquarters:

Greetings on a sunny but very sticky day!

I wanted to wait until the first Sabbath was over before writing to you. We received the warmest welcome we have ever received from a Church of God congregation wher-

ever we've been. We were hardly in the door before two of the office staff came forward with a beautiful corsage for Margaret and a buttonhole carnation for me, and then we were swamped by the members all introducing themselves with names that I couldn't pronounce, let alone spell. Really, we were overwhelmed! After the service it was the same thing. It made all the difference to our arrival here and we felt truly at home for the first time. And as you said, their singing was excellent. . . .

Our flight to Manila was fine, although tiring. However, we managed to get a row to ourselves — that is we had a row each, so we were able to stretch out and sleep a little. It was a ten-hour flight and I thought we were flying off the earth itself. Unfortunately, we had miscalculated our arrival time and arrived at 5:00 a.m. local time instead of 6:00 a.m. So no one was there. But after half-an-hour a few of the office staff appeared, and after walking past us a couple of times and sizing us up, they approached again grinning a little. We grinned back and suddenly we knew this was it!! Some other members were there as well so we had quite a reception committee.

Manila sure is a city of contrasts. On our way to services we saw poverty and plenty side by side, and the traffic — !! Margaret has given up the idea of driving. It really is a hazardous occupation here.

We had some baptism counselling this morning and finished up baptizing seven people. If you see Mr. Waterhouse let him know about that figure! Tonight the office staff has invited us out for dinner, so we are looking forward to that. . . .

That's all for now. Hope to hear from you soon. And in spite of the heat, we are settling in nicely and know we are going to enjoy the work here.

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Clifford and Betty Ackerson: We just gave birth to our first child — a girl — *Bonnie-Jolene* — 6 lbs. 4 oz. Mother and daughter are in excellent condition. Father too. We're in ecstasy!! Time: 4:02 a.m. Date: Tuesday, September 22, 1970.

Dick and Bettie Aitkins: Our fourth son arrived as an added blessing during the Feast this year. *Timothy Alan* was born at 10:10 p.m., Tuesday, October 20. He weighed 7½ pounds. Mom, Dad and "Tiny Tim" are all doing fine.

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER MAIL SUMMARY

(Note: The Mail Department has discontinued sending out the Weekly Comments to all of the ministers and their assistants. From now on the mail summary and the letter excerpts will be contained in the Ministerial Bulletin.)

White mail was the most encouraging aspect of the mail for September. We set a new monthly record of 90,085 white letters. This gave us a 36% increase over September of 1969. Mail overall was good with an increase of 18.6%. Mail income looked quite good with a 16.4% increase. However, since there were no Holy Days in September of this year, we ended the month with a decrease in total income of -3.9%. For the year to date we stand at 11.5% increase in total income.

The high spot of October was our increase in letters. We received 202,293 letters for an increase of 32.4%. For the year to date we have

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CONFIRMATION CORNER

It is true that the decision to move the Transportation Department to Texas has been rescinded. Transportation will remain in Pasadena. Also true is that the Spanish Work stays as is with Dr. Dorothy remaining in Texas.

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ANNOUNCE

The following request comes from Mr. George T. Geis, Principal of the Imperial Junior High School in Pasadena:

The Imperial Band & Orchestra have been organized for approximately one year. There is keen interest and enthusiasm for both of these activities. Therefore, we need more instruments. A request of the members in your area for instruments which they would be willing to donate would be greatly appreciated. The last time this appeal was made, many very fine accordions were given. Therefore, we do not need any more accordions at the present time. Carefully pack and mail instruments to the address given below. And be sure to insure each instrument. Thank you very much.

Mailing Address:

Imperial Schools
300 West Green Street
Pasadena, California 91105

CHURCH LIBRARIES

Church libraries should *discontinue* carrying booklets, reprints, and 900 letters. Old inventories should be destroyed. The primary function of the church libraries is to make available appropriate books from other publishers which the average church member cannot afford — or to provide books generally unavailable at local public libraries. Inventories should *not* include any literature published by Ambassador College except the most recent issues of *The PLAIN*

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIAHERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOROFFICE OF
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Vice President

Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS, in the service of Jesus Christ, the Head of this Church! What an indescribable Feast we all had! It's hard to realize another Festival is over; that The Conference is just around the corner, and 1970 is about gone! From my point of view, being blessed with the use of the Falcon this year, I had the most enjoyable Festival ever (at least, since being saddled with the responsibility of reaching all the North American Festival sites). My voice held up very well the whole time, and the hectic, enervating waits in terminals, rickety old cabs and ground transportation, smelling thick cigarette smoke and listening to the squalling babies was absent this year; all of which made everything much easier.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong had only one temporary voice problem in Texas, and his voice actually grew stronger toward the end of the Feast (and he spoke, counting the announcement periods and financial reports, which sometimes went a half-hour and usually longer, a total of SEVENTEEN times!), so I guess he really IS "only 39 and 'holding.'"

Everyone found his desk laden with urgent letters, problems, calls, articles, and requests for meetings upon arriving back at Headquarters, so I know that more than a knee-high pile of letters and assorted paperwork awaiting me at my desk is not unique. But it's good to get back in the harness again, and especially good to be back at the mike, doing the daily WORLD TOMORROW broadcasts.

The next PLAIN TRUTH should be reaching you shortly (the combined October-November number), and the December number is about completed, too, and we hope for a smooth transition back to our once-per-month schedule.

Mr. Portune will be contributing a section on the overall financial picture to the future numbers of the Bulletin, so I will not go into the budget considerations now; but I believe you all realize we will be having some very important, long-range budgetary planning sessions soon, looking toward the beginning of the calendar year of 1971. Everyone surely understands how much we need the guiding hand of Christ Himself in making such decisions; that His work will always continue exactly as HE directs through His human instruments at His Headquarters on this earth! Too, let's never forget the continual presence of a vicious, hateful ADVERSARY who wants to DESTROY this great Work, and let's remember, from

some of the sermons during the Feast, that we MUST pray that his hand be STAYED, and that the Work be not hindered!

I received word from Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Hunting and Mr. Rader yesterday, that the visit of the royal family of Belgium is definitely on; they are to arrive aboard our own leased Grumman Gulfstream II in New York on the 10th, and then on to Pasadena on the afternoon of the 11th for about a one-week visit. I am keeping the option open for the Princess to go Elk hunting in one or two areas of her choice, if she still wants to, but was told by Mr. Rader, who had been in personal contact with her, that she had said it was "not all that important" and didn't want us to go to any undue trouble to arrange it. That is, of course, a huge burden off my shoulders, since I had been contacting the heads of three different state Game and Fish Departments, the head of the National Park Service, the chiefs of two different Indian Reservations and the Public Information Officer of the Department of the Interior (former Editor of the Pasadena Independent-Star News, Ed Essertier, who is close to Walter Hickle, Secretary of the Interior). Too, I had reserved (still do) a hunt on the Forbes "La Trinchera" ranch.

It is a "low key," UNPUBLICIZED visit they wish, in spite of these attempted arrangements, all of which were personal, and only for obtaining the best opportunities available; so I hope you will all keep this only as "news," to yourselves, and not allow any publicity to be connected with the family's visit to Ambassador College. The best bet would be to hold back any announcements about it until the visit is OVER, and then, of course, there is no problem. The King very definitely expressed he did NOT wish to be met at any time by any reporters; he is apparently quite shy, not a public speaker, and Mr. Armstrong says will very likely not be interested in speaking to the students, unless, in showing his slides, he might sit at the back of a darkened room and make comments into a microphone concerning the films.

I'm sure it will be somewhat traumatic, having a royal family in Pasadena for a whole week, including the Sabbath -- wondering whether everything is done just right, said just right, and what and how much to tell them about the Work, and the total worldwide program. It will be a big relief when it's over, that's for sure.

I will need to be doing additional television almost immediately; beginning very likely before your Bulletin has arrived, and our program concerning updating existing booklets, and new booklet production can now get into high gear, with everyone back at his responsibilities.

Usually, there is the "post-Festival letdown" period in local congregations about now; winter making things a little more ugly, and uncomfortable, the children back in public schools with problems of every sort -- particularly drugs, and assorted forms of crimes and sex sins -- so realize it is a trend, and do as much as possible to combat it. Perhaps it's good to realize there CAN BE no "letdown" at Headquarters but rather there is always an acceleration of activity toward the winter months! That's when radio reception improves; when the business world seems to increase, when people tend to spend more, and when the whole economy always picks up. This Work must begin picking up in tempo, too. You'll probably notice some fairly strong programs coming along -- some of which I won't be able to allow on all stations -- and some fine, powerful articles in the TOMORROW'S WORLD magazines.

We're going to begin including a colorful tear-off coupon in all booklets, advertising either or BOTH the PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD, which should continue to pick up the subscription lists of both magazines.

I have heard of no sensationally bad publicity recently, with the exception of the article appearing in the Akron Beacon-Journal just before the Feast, and a catty comment or two in newspapers reporting events AT the Feast, but the "hate mail" and various other types of letters keep coming in. Recently, I had to talk to a lawyer in Seattle who just could not "understand" why a woman who had been "married" for 25 years to a man (he had at least one and perhaps two previous mates, both of whom were presumably still living) would attempt a divorce. I had to inform him such a "divorce" was completely unnecessary -- that it was only a question of whether or not the woman could live in a situation which would be considered in HER sight -- according to how much she knew and was willing to obey of scripture -- adulterous, and that the dissolving of the "paper" marriage was unnecessary. Hopefully, he'll be satisfied, and the woman will (though we cannot TELL her what to do) discontinue the action for the present, and there will be no bad press.

But, an anonymous letter from the Akron area to just about ALL the ministers calls us all "perverts" and various other names -- another manifestation of the poison Mr. Judy has been attempting to spread, and it seems each time an old, embittered and hate-filled ex-member is uncovered somewhere, they now begin to ACTIVELY attempt to PERSECUTE the Church, trying to cause as much trouble and sensationalism as they possibly can. This seems to be the age of ACTION, of VIOLENCE, and of HATE! Protest groups become ACTIVE today, trying to gain as much public notoriety as possible -- and, very likely, we are

merely reaping some of the same kind of "protest" from our own spiritual casualties and malcontents. But, there is nevertheless a very real Devil, and he is certainly furious with the Work of God to which we have all been called.

Well, it was very warmly enjoyable to see all of you again at the Festival sites in North America; we'll hope to see a great many of you at the Ministerial Conference almost before you know it -- in the meantime, keep right on the firing line, and DO THE WORK.

Your brother in Christ's Work,

Garner Ted Armstrong

Garner Ted Armstrong

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Pasadena! It is sunshiny and beautiful outside today, and we hope that it will remain this way for the visit of our special European guest in a few days. Everyone has "recovered" from the changes, trips, inspiration and then sometimes the "let down" that follows the Feast of Tabernacles, and things are now beginning to get into high gear.

It was certainly good to see so many of you again at the Feast this year and from all reports the inspiration and power felt in the sermons and services was, as usual, "greater than ever." I was privileged to spend the second half of the Feast at Big Sandy where there were over 13,000 people in attendance. So it was possible and we were blessed to take up a fantastic offering on the final Holy Day of nearly \$150,000.

I understand that the final Holy Day offerings in the other festivals in this nation were unusually high also. So now Mr. Portune has grown some more black hairs!

These tremendous offerings certainly show the kind of people you men are working with and their loyalty to God's Work. Keep it up! And be sure to encourage the brethren to pray that God will especially bless us through November which is starting off poorly and that He will inspire and bless the writing, the mailing out and the *response* to the semi-annual letter due in a few weeks so we can end up having a really fine year after all and lay the foundation for BIG expansion in 1971.

Speaking of tithes and offerings, several of the ministers have written in questions about the strange-looking "black box" and what it is to be used for. Most of you know, of course, that these special metal boxes are to be used for the reception of tithes and offerings before and after the Sabbath services in each local congregation. It is a *heavy duty* box, making it very difficult for any teen-ager or "casual" thief to bolt and run without being detected and stopped. Also, the chain and padlock attached to the box make it possible for you to fasten the box to a heavy chair, permanent seat, or some other fixture in the hall — if that is possible where you meet. This would

make it even *more* difficult for a thief to make off with God's tithe money.

Mr. Portune, Mr. Brown and others helped work out the selection of these boxes, demonstrating and asking for suggestions from Mr. Luker and me and many others here as well. So we feel it is a very fine receptacle for its intended purpose, and we have had to have these boxes *pecially manufactured* to suit our purposes. Actually, with so many men in each congregation carrying big briefcases in and out of services, we felt that if you carry this in and out by the handle it might not be nearly as much noticed as some other type of receptacle or money sack. From a distance, it might simply look like a large black briefcase.

So be sure to use the boxes for the above-mentioned purpose and let us know if you have any further questions or comments. It would be good — even with the heavy briefcase-like box — to make sure that it is put in a reasonably *safe* location where it can be watched to some extent by you, or some of the other elders or leading deacons so that no one makes off with it.

Another *very important* point along this line is that some of our members have been talking too freely about the "new policy" in taking up the tithes and offerings during church services. Apparently, unconverted friends, relatives and others now know the exact *procedure* we follow in God's Churches all over the United States and Canada! One prospective member even wrote the following: "Before I had finished this letter I had talked to a friend and he said that because of thievery church people have been sending money to a different name than yours. So I am giving my tithes to him so that he can take it to the church in Grand Rapids. He goes every Sabbath."

No offense or indictment intended here against our Grand Rapids ministry or members! This was merely the result of some *careless members* talking, no doubt, and we have reason to believe that this type of thing is rather widespread. So do CAUTION all your members to *cease* and *desist* from discussing our policy of taking up tithes during the services with ANY individuals outside the church!

In fact, it should not be a thing that needs discussion even among ourselves, unless some member wishes to ask the minister himself a question about it or write in here to Headquarters. But too much "loose talk" of this sort could very easily stimulate would-be thieves

and might even bring in gunmen and provoke a situation in which some of our members could literally LOSE THEIR LIVES because of careless talk by others!

I now have before me a letter from a prospective member who attended one of our churches only a few times, and then quit attending. He is undoubtedly a little biased and carnal but obviously *upset* because our local minister was unable to give him proper counsel before inviting him to church. Then, when he did show up at church two or three times, the minister did not greet him, the brethren did not come up and welcome him and the *only* man who shook his hand or said hello was apparently one of the deacons at the back of the room who let people in.

Although coming from an as-yet unconverted person, the letter does sound very sincere and based on fact. So let's remind ourselves that it is absolutely *mandatory* that the minister in charge of the church, or at least those elders whom he has directly appointed to do so, must be the ones to invite new people to church after proper counsel and *knowing* that they are ready. Then, he and his assistants should watch for them, greet them personally if possible, and in any case make sure that they are greeted, welcomed and counseled and perhaps even "sounded out" about their first reactions to our particular kind of church service.

Their attitude and reactions to the first Sabbath service or two are often *very critical* in determining whether they should be baptized in the near future and what steps to take in dealing with them in general. So all of you bear this in mind, and try to remind your members from time to time to be more friendly to new members and even to strangers or guests who may be attending from time to time *WITHOUT*, of course, telling them all the deep truths of God's plan and "jumping the gun" on the minister.

But the overall enthusiastic friendliness, warmth and welcome expressed to new brethren and visitors in many of our churches should be felt in *all*. And the hypercritical, hesitant, fearful, defensive "police state" attitude and feeling ought to be *erased* from all congregations of God's people!

Finally, I hope all of you ministers and pastors of churches will try to *take time* to encourage the "local" Local Elders under your charge and make them feel appreciated and "part of the team." I know we *do* appreciate and admire the

dedication and heartfelt service most of these men have certainly rendered and are rendering to God's people. But for security and other reasons they are *not* now receiving this Ministerial Bulletin — as you know — nor the News Report, either. So because of this, and because of the general cut-back in visiting and their need to participate in regular visits, many of them have felt shunted aside or like they were no longer needed or wanted. This is certainly *NOT* true and not our feelings here at Headquarters or anywhere else!

Most of the *qualifications* of a Local Elder have to do with his ability to be a *pillar* and *example* in a local congregation — regardless of any official "visiting" whatsoever. These men can and should strive even harder to be really fine pillars and examples in their husband-wife relationships and in training their children and teenagers as shining examples to the rest of the congregation.

They are to be "hospitable." Therefore, Local Elders can and should entertain and encourage many of the brethren in each local congregation — only as their financial means permit — and *encourage* and *serve* in this way. *All* of us are instructed to "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction," so the Local Elders can certainly make this kind of visits on their own as they have time. Also, they may be able to get by to see and encourage the sick and needy brethren more often than the full-time pastors of the church could — besides such hospitality in their own homes and *social-type* visits they may make to other brethren to encourage and bring them along.

These types of visits are definitely *NOT* "off-limits" for Local Elders and provide plenty of opportunity for most of them to serve admirably within the available free time they have from *their* full-time secular job and their responsibilities toward wife, children, etc.

But you local pastors might meet with these men occasionally or include them in other types of meetings and be sure that they *do* feel a "part of the team." Also, you *should* relate to them regularly such items of news and general instruction from the Bulletin that you know would be helpful but in no way questionable or dangerous.

But the man is a part of the local "team." Phone him occasionally to comment on or read sections of the Ministerial Bulletin about the trips, activities and doings at H. Q. and the *general* news and plans for the Work which will

probably be announced anyway — but later — to the whole congregation. It will be encouraging. This provides a springboard for further discussion and closeness between each pastor and the "local" Local Elders under his charge.

Well, that's about it for this time! Perhaps by the next Bulletin we will be able to announce some new churches, Bible Studies and changes in the ministry. The tempo of work here at Headquarters is picking up again, so remember Mr. Armstrong and all of us in your prayers and be sure to write or call us when you have a problem.

Your brother in Christ,

Robert C. Meredith

Foreign Educational Service

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AFRICAN TOUR

The following report was received from Mr. Richard Frankel, manager of our Jerusalem office:

Greetings from Jo'burg!

Thank you for the opportunity of leading the African Tour, and also being able to keep the Feast in South Africa.

The first leg of the tour — covering Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Malawi — has been very profitable and encouraging. Of the 23 people who were contacted, 16 showed up and three were baptized. We now have two baptized members in Uganda, and one more in Zambia. This brings the total membership in Zambia to three.

Many who met us made great

RECENT ORDINATIONS

(Following is a list of men ordained on the Day of Atonement and during the Feast of Tabernacles, according to latest information)

Name	New Rank	Church Area
Jeff Barness	Local Elder	Denver-Pueblo
Bob Bertuzzi	Pastor	Toledo-Findlay
Sid Cloud	Preaching Elder	Pasadena
Mel Dahlgren	Local Elder	Jacksonville
*Eugene Dale	Local Elder	Ann Arbor, Mich.
James Duke	Local Elder	Pasadena
Jess Ernest	Local Elder	Richland Center
Frank Espinoza	Local Elder	Los Angeles
*Gerald Finlan	Local Elder	Seattle
*Herschel Foote	Local Elder	Joplin
*Lloyd Garrison	Local Elder	Birmingham
Lambert Greer	Preaching Elder	Phoenix-Tucson
*Glen Holladay	Local Elder	Birmingham
*Keith Hudson	Local Elder	Omaha
Colin Jackson	Local Elder	New Zealand
Bill Jacobs	Local Elder	Little Rock-Fort Smith
Bill Jahns	Local Elder	St. Louis-Belleville
Lyall Johnson	Local Elder	New Zealand
Fred Kellers	Pastor	Boston-Concord
*Arnold Lane	Local Elder	Cincinnati
Ellis LaRavia	Local Elder	Pasadena
Jim Lee	Local Elder	Fontana
Frank McCrady III	Local Elder	Wheeling-Uniontown
Jeff McGowan	Local Elder	Jackson-Monroe
Bob McKibben	Local Elder	Cincinnati
Jim Malone	Local Elder	Oklahoma City-Ada
*Clarence Mehl	Local Elder	Salina, Kansas
*Julius Mize	Local Elder	Columbia, S. C.
Larry Neff	Preaching Elder	San Antonio-Corpus Christi
Bill Nettles	Preaching Elder	Birmingham-Huntsville
*Jim Nirsehl	Local Elder	Kansas City
Carlos Perkins	Preaching Elder	Chicago
*John Pinkston	Local Elder	Knoxville, Tenn.
Jim Rosenthal	Local Elder	Boston-Concord
*William Roberts	Local Elder	Cincinnati
Delfino Sandoval	Local Elder	San Antonio
Leonard Schreiber	Preaching Elder	Pasadena
Wayne Shiflet	Preaching Elder	Baton Rouge-New Orleans
Dick Shuta	Local Elder	Minneapolis
Edward Smith	Pastor	Cincinnati
Jack Smock	Local Elder	Omaha-Sioux Falls
Les Stocker	Local Elder	Pasadena
*Keith Stoner	Local Elder	Detroit
†Robert Swan	Local Elder	Wichita
Joe Szymkowiak	Local Elder	Baton Rouge-New Orleans
Abner Washington	Preaching Elder	Philadelphia
*Harry Walker	Local Elder	Nashville
Charles Wire	Local Elder	Birmingham-Huntsville

TOTALS

Raised to Pastor	3
Raised to Preaching Elder	8
Raised to Local Elder	37
GRAND TOTAL	48
TOTAL NUMBER ELDERS WORLDWIDE	464

*Not employed by the Church

†Ordained October 21, 1970

sacrifices financially, and travelled several hundreds of miles — difficult in these parts. One outstanding example was an 18-year-old who travelled from Northern Tanzania to Dar es Salam, a distance of 800 miles. A friend offered him a free ride, but after covering merely 30 miles the car was involved in an accident and could not continue. Soon afterward his father, passing by, noticed him on the roadside and gave the young man all the money he had — which was sufficient bus fare to Dar. However, since the next bus was nine hours later, he slept on the side of the road that night. Was he ever glad to see us!

On the average, those visited were better educated and leaders among their people. Some had been waiting for a visit for over ten years.

One big problem faced by prospective members in Zambia is enforced membership in the ruling Party. Those not carrying party cards are beaten up, denied jobs, and families threatened. Mr. Wambula has been intimidated on several occasions.

The influence of the Chinese is very obvious in Tanzania and Zambia. On several occasions we were accosted by young Africans trying to sell us the *Thoughts of Chairman Mao*.

We have encountered considerable difficulty in obtaining visas for Nigeria, but are hoping to get them in Ghana. Nigeria is wary of foreigners because of the adverse publicity of the Biafran tragedy.

The second half of the Tour — Ghana, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Cameroons, Italy and Malta — begins on the 29th of October. Have made arrangements to meet 83 people, over half of them being in Ghana and Nigeria. Will keep you informed of our progress periodically.

BABY NEWS

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Roy and Norma Holladay: My quiver is now full of sons! Norma presented us with our fourth son at 5:53 a.m., Friday, September 25. *Craig William* weighed 9½ lbs. and was 21 inches long. Norma had a very easy delivery. We now have a basketball team — counting myself as player-coach.

James and Linda Lee: We would like to announce the birth of a daughter, *Melissa Jean*, born August 4th at 12:11 a.m. There were no complications. Linda had only approximately one hour of hard labor. Everyone is doing fine. *Melissa* weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 ozs., and was 20 inches long.

John and Elaine Mitchell: On Sunday, Septem-

ber 20, God blessed my daughter, *Ruth*, with a baby sister, *Margaret Elizabeth* (6 lbs., 18¾ inches). He blessed my wife *Elaine* with health and strength and He blessed me with abundance of joy.

James and Bettye Oakley: We would like to inform you of the new addition, *Lauren Bridget*, to our family. She was born September 6, 1970 — both mother and daughter are doing well.

Ron and Pat Reedy: On Thursday, October 1, 1970 at 8:55 a.m., *Jonathan Michael* was born. Pat and I hoped for a girl this time, however, we are very thankful. We only had a girl's name chosen in advance, but decided against "a boy named Sue." He weighs 9½ pounds.

Richard and Darlene Wiedenheft: Our first-born arrived on Monday, July 27, 1970. His name: *Richard Dietz*, 6 pounds 11 ounces. His middle name is to keep the grandchildren from forgetting their grandmother's maiden name.

CHURCH LIBRARIES

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TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD magazines. The GOOD NEWS should not be included. Members should request any of our literature they need directly from Pasadena.

Rather than giving new members a gross of old GN's we are preparing a package of information new members need, beginning with a warm welcome into the fellowship of the Worldwide Church of God. In compiling the needed information we would like your suggestions of the subjects you feel necessary for new members to be briefed on. Please send in these suggestions *within the next two weeks* — we want to have this ready as soon as possible. Just send the information: *Attention Bulletin*.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER MAIL SUMMARY

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a 24.7% increase in letters. We had an excellent response to the flyer in the latest PLAIN TRUTH announcing TOMORROW'S WORLD. We are still counting the responses from that flyer and it appears now we will have added over 50,000 subscribers to the TOMORROW'S WORLD list as a result

of it. Mail income for October was not so good. We ended the month with a 3.3% increase for mail receipts only. This brings our year-to-date income to 12.9%. We do not yet have all the figures from the Business Office to show what the overall increase for the month is, but it should be around 24% which is not too bad. Television response was only moderate through October but should improve through November as we are just now getting into the heavy mail time of the year.

So far during the year of 1970 we have mailed out 16,084,828 magazines, booklets, correspondence course lessons, reprints, and letters from Pasadena. This total includes 2½ million booklets, over 6 million PLAIN TRUTH magazines, more than 1½ million TOMORROW'S WORLD magazines, and over ¾ million Correspondence Course lessons. In addition to all of this literature we have mailed out over ¾ million receipts.

MAIL EXCERPTS

"Gold" Is Where You Find It!

"I would like to share my feeling of joy with you. I recently moved into the upper part of a large house. The family who lived on the first floor have three children, ages five to ten. They were very well behaved and polite. One evening the mother said she knew I received mail from Ambassador College. She brought out *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*. She had purchased it in a Thrift Shop for 10 cents. She said she knew she had to have help and answers for their questions, and had been looking at different books when she found this one, and knew after looking through it that it was the one she needed. She also wanted to send for the booklets mentioned in this book, and wanted to know what she had to do to get them. She could hardly believe they were without price. I let her look at my ENVOY and she was very impressed. She looked at it until 3 a.m. before she could put it down."

— Mrs. V. H., Seattle, Washington

"While in the waiting room of a clinic, I came across a copy of *The Plain TRUTH* and at first was quite skeptical as to what I would find inside. As is my custom, I began looking for the denomination. Unable to find one, I next began to look at what readers had to say. Still skept-

tical, I looked for the worst and didn't find it. Finally, I read the Editor's page and found it completely refreshing and delightful. Please add my name to the list of receivers. My sincere thanks for so eloquently expressing the beautiful principles I read in my Bible."

— Mrs. P. V. G., Renton, Washington

Campaign Bears Fruit

"I would like to arrange a private appointment with a minister or representative as soon as possible. I realize you have many other requests, however, I feel the need to talk with someone soon. I have listened to *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcasts for over 15 years. But, it was not until the *AMERICA LISTEN* program came to Nashville last June, that I became so aware of the need for a change in my life. I was able to attend each meeting and talk to many of the students from Ambassador College. It was an experience I will never forget. I have never seen so many truly happy and radiant faces. I now realize that no other goals in life will satisfy, except, seeking the Kingdom of God first. I am anxiously awaiting your reply. Thank you."

— Tommy B., Nashville, Tennessee

Finally Convinced

"Having been brought up by parents who were in the church, and having been young and thinking that I knew it all, I decided to make a go of things on my own. Now I know just how much I knew then for I see where my way led me, that is, here in prison. But it has all worked out for the best, for I have been practicing now for a year the right way of living, according to God's laws, and how rewarding."

— K. J. R., Soledad, California

Without Excuse

"I greatly appreciate the literature you have sent me for the past two years. I have learned a lot of things and perhaps I have come close to giving my whole self to God. It's too bad that I fell short. Since I am going to Oklahoma State University this fall, I think that your material that you have been sending me will go to waste. I can plainly see that the materialistic pull and social influence — especially my roommate — would cause me to put it aside. As you may probably see, I am not too worried about God's

wrath. I put the matter aside and think, 'God will pull me through sooner or later.' At least I know where to run when the times get bad. That is almost like getting something for nothing, isn't it? I have no excuse. I have seen the truth and ignored it. At least you won't find me in a campus demonstration. I'm not disenchanted and looking for an answer to man's ills. I have found the answer through your Work. I'm not confused, I'm just sinful. It's a pity that your literature had to be wasted. I am just a typical human."

— Mark S., Tulsa, Oklahoma

Tithing Really Works!

"Believe me, we have found out that tithing really works. My husband was fired from his job about two months ago. We had been faithfully paying tithes and I knew we would be taken care of. He stayed out of work about a month and a half. We had no savings. We had no other means of income and to anyone else it looked as if we were at the end of our rope. We have a year-old baby and my Dad is staying with us. But we never went hungry. We had plenty. Other people remarked that we weren't in as bad shape as they were, although we weren't receiving much income. You tell me how a family of four can live comfortably for nearly two months without a job, without any savings, without any visible means of support, and without using credit. Of course you already know, but I can tell a skeptic a few things. We've found out. God is alive! Let someone tell me tithing is a lot of balogna and I'm afraid I'll laugh in his face with no sarcasm meant."

— Mrs. H. R., Hamilton, Alabama

The Naked Truth

"Four weeks ago my wife and I were shopping for our weekly groceries when I noticed a young woman who came in the store with two young children. It wasn't the children that caught my eye, though. It was the fact that all she had on was a man's T-shirt, and it didn't cover anything! I honestly do believe that people today are really off their rockers, but this was ridiculous. Everyone was staring at her. Stockboys were running up and down the aisles seeing what they could see — which was everything. The cashiers were all stunned and looked like they were going to faint, and the women were all telling their husbands not to look, or else. Well, it was about

20 minutes later that I saw her again and at this time she was right behind me. So I turned around and said, 'Madam, you've forgotten to put your clothes on.' She said, 'Clothes, who needs clothes?' and she raised her shirt to expose the fact that she was pregnant. She said, 'Look at me, why should I wear clothes?' I looked at her in disbelief. I was speechless. Well, I went and called the police and soon they were there, all smiles. They would not even arrest her."

— John C., Ft. Thomas, Kentucky

"I noticed during Billy Graham's latest crusade that he made a few mentions to Heaven in the popular sense, and I remembered your explanations to the contrary. So I figured that if two prominent figures such as you two disagreed on an issue that big, I'd better check for myself. I hauled out every article of yours on the subject of life after death, read my own Bible, checked your references, and have come to the conclusion that you are right. I don't like to be so critical of you (or of anyone else for that matter), but I'm finding that I just don't know who to believe any more. I've got to be honest and say that I used to consider you some sort of crazy, fanatic, radical, and a lot of the things you say hurt, so I'm taking your advice and checking everything you say to make sure it's true. I'm sixteen years old and I'm really having a hard time with all these different ideas."

— Steve R., Othello, Washington

Knew Better, But . . .

"It has been a long time since I've tithed and believe you me, sir, I've payed dearly. I've found out that when you make a promise to God you had better keep it. I'm so far in debt I can't see myself clear from one week to the next. I owe everybody money, and the sad part about this whole mess is I know better than anybody, for I've taken *The PLAIN TRUTH* for eleven years and have read your many articles on tithing and I know it works. Just how long does it take carnal man to wake up to reality? Well, sir, I'm starting again and with God's help will continue for the rest of my life. Because I've tried it my way and it sure doesn't work at all and the plain truth of it is I knew it wouldn't work my way. I really don't know what I was trying to prove."

— Mr. W. C. B., La Puente, California