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Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

Greetings to you all from the department that counts the money! Let me say at the outset that it has given Mr. Armstrong and us in the Business Office great personal pleasure in the last few weeks to be in the position to restore the pay cuts made last March. Some have written in to express gratitude, but I feel that we should be thanking *you* for the willing attitude of sacrifice all of you showed during the crisis. Thanks to all of the laborings of God's people, both financial and spiritual, the Work has recovered very satisfactorily.

In the budget structure for 1971, we have been able to allocate to the C.A.D. area a general increase for the ministry, which should be good news for everyone. You'll be hearing more about this from Mr. Meredith after the first of the year.

God's Work has never in its history been in as good a financial situation as it is right now. We have been able, by virtue of increasing efficiency and careful management, to improve our cash standing very considerably. We are now where we should be in the eyes of those with whom we do business — and that is a very comforting feeling, believe me! Our ratio of current assets to liabilities has improved from a low of .54:1 to .96:1 in the last nine months. This Quick Ratio, as it is called, really measures our stability in the eyes of bankers and loan institu-

tions, and any institution with a ratio of 1:1 is considered to be in a healthy condition. We are hoping to reach a level of 1.31:1 by the end of 1971. Keeping in mind the state of the nation economically, we need to stabilize our reserves of cash and short-term investments to weather the possible wide range of fluctuation that can occur very quickly in the unusual financial climate.

Our current income situation, as of December 11, is not really too bright, however, showing at the present time a decrease in income compared with last year at this time. Right now we are -20% in mail income and -18% in total income from all sources for the month to date. Although our year-to-date income still shows an increase of 11.8%, remember we are on a *budget* of 12-13% over last year. If we come up short at this point in time, the deficiency comes from our cash reserves, which could weaken us considerably going into 1971. Certainly it is something to be earnestly praying about. We do feel the situation will improve by month's end.

As most of you probably know by now, the Budget for 1971 has been approved by Mr. Armstrong, and we will be going with an anticipated increase of 13% next year. This figure was arrived at after many in-depth studies of trends of the last several years, taking into account the national economic picture, as well as our own growth. We feel, and Mr. Armstrong absolutely agrees, that 13% increase is very equitable and realistic. Remember, when an organization as big as ours grows 13%, that represents a *large amount of dollars!* I plan on covering some of these points in more detail in later bulletins,

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Mel and Barbara Dahlgren: We are thrilled to announce the birth of our 9 lb. baby girl, *Deanna Michelle*, on November 10th. Barb and Michelle are doing extremely well. Hard labor lasted only 90 minutes even though the midwife only had one hand she could use. We're very happy and thankful everything went so well.

Wayne and Vivian Dunlap: Greetings! You've heard of the Albert girls, the Doeken girls, etc. . . . Well — the Dunlap girls are here — second one arriving November 16, 6:30 a.m. She's *Jeannie Lynne* — 8 lbs., 4 oz. All is well — except Jeannie's older sister Liz is having difficulty learning a tricky song composed by her Dad called, *There's Still Time* — "Brother!"

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TWELFTH "TUMOR!"

The following humorous incident was related by one of our ministers in the Bay area:

One of our long-time Negro member families called just before the feast for anointing. The mother of the family was dying of a stomach tumor. She had experienced swelling of the abdomen, and slight stomach movement which she was told is common with serious tumors. The pain was greatly increasing, so her husband decided to rush her to the hospital. Within half an hour she gave birth to a healthy baby boy, her twelfth child, making a balanced family — six boys and six girls. The doctors and hospital personnel were so amused with the incident they provided all services free of charge.

P. S. This was the conclusion to their third tithe year.

— Stephen Martin

NO PLACE TO LOOK FOR WORK

Dallas is now starting to really feel the economic squeeze, and jobs are few and far between, if they are to be found at all. Very few permanent or career-type jobs are available at present. However, some of God's people from other areas are coming to Dallas with hopes of finding work. Perhaps if their local minister knew the

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situation here, he would be better able to advise them about the lack of good job prospects. (Comment from one of our ministers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.)

ADVANCE LIT SERVICE

A number of you have wondered about your *PLAIN TRUTH*, *TOMORROW'S WORLD* and *GOOD NEWS* magazines arriving in some cases *after* copies sent to local members and prospectives. From now on you will receive copies of *ALL* literature, including magazines and booklets, *BEFORE* your congregation receives theirs. We'll be sending your copies by first class mail to get them to you faster. It costs a little more, but this special service has been inaugurated to enable all of you to *have the time* to read, study and be familiar with our new literature in advance of our members. Be sure you make this effort worthwhile and *TAKE the time* on your part!

NOVEMBER MAIL SUMMARY

November closed with a very good letter count of 231,053, which was a 29.4% increase compared to last November. Our monthly average letter count for the first eleven months of 1970 has been 220,834. Over 80,000 returns so far, to approximately 450,000 delinquent subscription renewal letters, were a big factor in the fine monthly letter count. This is especially evident when we see that white mail for the month was 53,802, which is a decrease of 11.2% from November, 1969. We had a 9.6% increase for contributions and property for the month and

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WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

OFFICE OF
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Vice President

Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS, in the service of Jesus Christ, the Living Director of this Work!

Just returned from TV studio -- we're doing our annual "years' end wrap-up" programs now, but suspect we may have to do this one just finished today over again because of a few minor difficulties (one of them being my foggy voice, which was tired from meetings and phone calls all morning, plus the daily broadcast at noon).

The December PLAIN TRUTH should be reaching you very soon now, and the JANUARY number should put us just about on time again. It will be good to be back on an every month schedule for the magazines -- and we need to remember to pray for the INCOME to continue to make it possible.

Mr. Armstrong is now in the Philippines (as I write), and has already met leaders in Greece, Israel, India and Indonesia during his current trip. He'll conclude the trip with another visit to Japan, and then on to Honolulu and home by the last week in December.

I telexed Mr. Armstrong just this morning, mentioning the top of the news from here, and told him of the visit of Mr. Takasumi Mitsui, Chairman of the Mitsui Foundation, to the campus last week. We had received word from Les Stocker of Mr. Mitsui's earlier visit, prior to the Feast, for a campus tour. He wanted to meet Mr. Armstrong or me, and so returned, after having visited some of the large eastern universities. Mr. Mitsui is head of the vast Mitsui financial and industrial empire. That includes the big super-tankers and other shipping, heavy industry, textiles, steel, etc., and his private hobby of a school he's personally involved with.

A personal friend of his, who is living in South Pasadena, and engaged in translating work, had seen the article appearing within the last year in the LA Times concerning the college. You all know the Japanese penchant for well-groomed gardens, of course, and the gentleman from South Pasadena drives past the campus frequently. He mentioned it to Mr. Mitsui,

and hence the visit. Mr. Mitsui and his wife also attended a rousing Ambassador sing-a-long that same night, after having lunch with us and was quite warmly impressed with all he saw. You never know what doors God will open before us in Japan if He so wills.

The same day, I interviewed the new LA Police Chief, Edward Davis, on TV. Previously, through some false information, Mr. Davis was given the impression we were anti-Negro, and anti-Jewish. We first needed to dispel those erroneous assumptions, and then attempt to establish cordial relations with the chief of Police. We use police passes in gathering much information for TV and our publications, and certainly didn't want any false impressions continued at such a level. He was MOST cordial and cooperative, if a little "bland" on the interview -- but this was his second visit to the campus, and we believe it's "mission accomplished" so far as having warm and friendly relations with the office of the Chief.

It's getting toward conference time again, and we'll be having meetings soon now concerning the number of men to come in, and the length of the stay here.

I have already asked Mr. Armstrong whether we might not cut down considerably on the length of time; beginning Sunday afternoon of the 17th of January, and ending Thursday PM, rather than continuing through the weekend. That way, if Mr. Armstrong wished two or three of the ministers from overseas, or those who are District Superintendents, to speak before the Headquarters Churches, or a combined meeting of Churches in this area, they could remain over a little longer, or, perhaps better yet, arrive a little earlier.

This would be our year to have a slightly smaller conference, according to the policy of alternating the size from year to year, which was adopted some years ago; but I have not as yet heard from Mr. Armstrong (who is busy with the meetings, and changing time zones, writing, etc., and I know has not had opportunity to spend time on the question) so cannot make any official announcement yet.

However, there will be plenty of time, since the mid-term break isn't until Friday, the 15th, this coming semester, and the classes don't resume again until Monday, February 1st.

Mr. Sid Cloud, as many of you probably already know, experienced a heart attack just after beginning a sermon at the Fresno Church, two Sabbaths ago. It was obviously a terrible shock to the brethren, and

to all -- but apparently Mr. Cloud is progressing satisfactorily, under the circumstances. Dr. Riley believes there was certain heart damage, and Sid is presently in our own College Infirmary, resting and recuperating. He struck his head severely when he fell, and has had to be in traction to relieve stiffness in his neck as a result, so this has compounded the discomfort for him, but it's a blessing he is alive, and apparently ON THE WAY to being completely healed of the situation -- please pray for him; he was doing a very fine job for us at the Press, and after one traumatic problem following another. It is a shame to see a fine man like Sid, who is really loved and respected by the men there, to be flat on his back with a terrible heart condition. The Work NEEDS him; and of course, his family (his son is up in the valley of California) and friends too.

One of the major problems I'm sure we'll discuss during the conference will be DEFECTIONS FROM THE MINISTRY. By now, you all know of SEVERAL problems relating to the ministry in various parts of the U. S., and the world. We have had not only an UNUSUAL (for GOD'S MINISTRY) amount of various sensual sins, but also just plain BOLTING THE RANKS of the ministry, LEAVING God's Church, and going right back into the world.

Mr. Bob Lay simply LEFT. And, shockingly, his WIFE JUST FOLLOWED DOCILY ALONG. This, too, is difficult to understand. It absolutely proves how utterly DEPENDENT most wives are on their husbands for EVERY decision; and how FEW women there are who would LITERALLY choose Christ, and His Work first when it came to a showdown between a renegade husband, who is REJECTING Christ, and Christ Himself. In practically EVERY case, the wife, almost zombie-like, with cow-like docility and subservience, as if she had no mind, no decision-making apparatus of her own, placidly plods right toward Gehenna fire with her chosen physical partner.

The warning of Christ is simply NOT HEEDED by some. He warned because INIQUITY WOULD ABOUND the love of many would wax cold. The greater the temptations from this world of sex, lust, pornography, "adult" movies and ALL that is "around" us in the world, the HARDER we must BATTLE against ourselves; against our enforced worldly environment (though I am convinced a great deal of it is OUR CHOICE, rather than enforced upon us through circumstances!), and against Satan himself.

We are WARNED to "avoid" vain philosophies, foolish fables, endless questionings, etc. Yet Bob Lay deliberately subjected his already unstable, "questioning" and "doubting" mind to the hokum of this world's PHILOSOPHIES, signing up for some "course" in some "mind science" junk (much of which is nothing but occultism dressed in respectable garb), and then claimed he

had learned MUCH MORE through such meaningless gabble in just MONTHS, than during his WHOLE Ambassador College education and his years DIRECTLY IN THE MINISTRY.

Perhaps, too, we have all been very naive. What we occasionally sense as a "peculiarity" with a person, could be the very real root of a BIG PROBLEM! We speak of various "problems" a person, even in the ministry, may have; and we naively believe we can "work with him" (whatever that means -- usually a talk or three, spaced out over months and months of time!) and he'll "get over" the problem. Still, I have had to see case after case of such "problems" of LONG duration (over-drinking, as an example) CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM FOR A SPAN OF FIVE, SIX, EIGHT OR TEN SOLID YEARS!!

It makes you wonder about the statement, "...there is NO FEAR OF GOD before their eyes..." is this beginning to apply to some of CHRIST'S OWN MINISTRY? Is there NO FEAR OF DIVINE WRATH among us? There had BETTER be -- a good, deep, overrunning, healthy amount of FEAR in our hearts concerning God's WRATH when directed against evildoers! It's no wonder God is "not real" to some of the brethren, if He has ceased being "real" to the ministers charged with FEEDING them!

Trouble is, like the sermon preached against the absentees in church, who were not there to hear it; it's usually those in a fairly good (are we EVER in a really "good"?) attitude who take such things seriously -- and earnestly attempt to do something about it; and those who couldn't care less simply fail to hear, and heed.

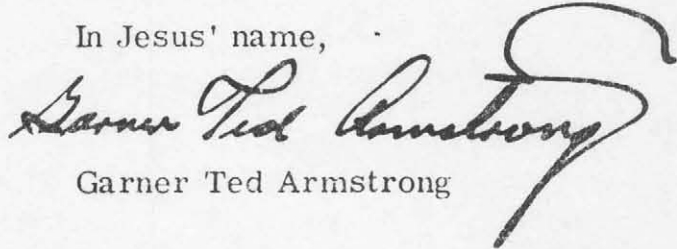
I do know this. We're running out of "far away places" to send men who must be removed from their areas; and the Church is VERY SHORT of dedicated, qualified, mature, CONVERTED, SELFLESS SERVANTS who are WORKING WITH CHRIST among HIS PEOPLE. We're SHORTER OF QUALIFIED MEN than we are of money, and we're very short of that!

Persecutions continue to mount; annoying, "picky" problems, mostly -- and nothing of serious proportions, but the continual LOSS of upwards of FIVE TO SIX HUNDRED ex "members" per year with the notations "NEVER CONVERTED" after their names really concerns me!

IF WE CAN'T TELL WHETHER A PERSON IS CONVERTED OR NOT WE MUST BE OF ALL PEOPLE MOST SPIRITUALLY BLIND AND DUMB! Makes me wonder what the persecutions of the FUTURE will be like, with this veritable ARMY of "former members" sprinkled throughout the country.

Well -- I wanted to make my thinking plain on that subject, while I was here at the typewriter -- I certainly don't intend "browbeating" ANYone ...but do believe the situation is serious. Hope the reminders from Headquarters HELP us all -- because that's the way they're intended.

In Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garner Ted Armstrong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name below it.

Garner Ted Armstrong

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from beautiful Pasadena! We are having gorgeous weather right now with breezes and rains to help keep the basin quite clear most of the time. Hope it remains this way through most of the winter.

I just returned from a six-day trip to West Texas, where I was able to preach in Corpus Christi and San Antonio — then go on a five-day (including travel time) deer hunt in West Texas, near the Big Bend National Park area — with Mr. Roy Holladay, Mr. Larry Neff and other leading men in those churches. It was my first real vacation of 1970, and I certainly enjoyed it and benefited from it tremendously in being able to tramp all over the mountains for four solid days and drink in of the fresh air, sunshine and fellowship. I did get a white-tail buck — but nothing big enough to brag about this time!

We are pleased to announce the starting of three new local churches — in Rapid City, South Dakota; Austin, Texas; and a second congregation in Shreveport, Louisiana. It is also good to report that the United States church attendance is up even during this month of December, whereas it is normally *down* once the cold weather begins. This is the first time in *years* that this has happened — and no doubt reflects people's awareness of the time, and also a good amount of growth which will become even more evident once the warm weather comes back again. Hope you are all getting plenty of PMs to work with and that you are inspired by the growth in your church area and the opportunity to serve God's people! Also Messrs. Arthur Craig and Darryl Henson have both been brought back to Pasadena for a few months "refresher" course here at Headquarters.

Replacing Mr. Craig in Denver is Mr. Guy Engelbart's opportunity and responsibility. Then, Mr. Al Portune, III, is replacing Mr. Engelbart in Wichita, and Mr. Steve Martin is replacing Mr. Portune in San Jose — a shift right there in the Bay area. Mr. Brent Curtis is now pastoring the Church in Miami. So this gives Messrs. Curtis, Portune and Martin an opportunity for

more responsibility and challenge in their ministry — though it leaves Mr. Tony Hammer rather shorthanded in the Bay area for the time being.

Now I am sorry to have some **BAD NEWS**, but honestly feel that I must give you at least a few details of some of the problems to which Mr. Ted Armstrong refers in his letter in these pages. The ministerial "grapevine" has already alerted many of you to these developments. However, we feel it is better that you get the story straight so that you will be able to *personally* answer any questions from concerned or confused church members that may come up — although I do **NOT** feel that you should make a general announcement about these problems except possibly in the case of Mr. Bob Lay.

First, then, as Mr. Ted Armstrong reported, Bob Lay — after *years* of a kind of doubting and furtive attitude — has left God's Church. We actually discovered his problem before he left, but it was a kind of "mutual parting" — as he admitted he was planning to leave in a few weeks anyway as a result of a weird psychology course, beginning to doubt the existence of a real devil, of church government, etc., etc. As Mr. Ted Armstrong mentioned, his wife seemed to be with him in his heresy 100% — as did the wives of Carl O'Beirn and John Judy.

I think all of you ministers ought to have your wives read this — and of course Mr. Ted Armstrong's letter as well — and all of you should realize that conversion is **NOT** necessarily a "family affair." After all, many women in the Church are converted **IN SPITE** of harassment and sometimes even physical violence from their husbands. Following Jesus Christ's *command* they are willing to put God *above* father, mother, husband or children! I would hope that **ALL** our wives would feel this way — certainly including *my own!* And if any of us did get mixed up, confused or bitter, probably the strongest *physical* "magnet" which would tend to draw us back to sanity would be if our *wife remained faithful to God* rather than following us off into some strange heresy! If we believe and **KNOW** the truth, let us impart this to our wives; and may all of you wives realize the sober *seriousness* of your responsibility *as an individual* with a God-given **MIND** in these matters affecting your **ETERNAL life!**

Replacing Bob Lay in Kingsport and Bluefield will be Mr. Lambert Greer — recently **ordained** as a Preaching Elder at this Fall Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Greer is warm, friendly, masculine

and *balanced*. Mr. Westby mentioned to me how much the brethren were encouraged to hear him preach the very first Sabbath after he arrived back there. So this was a step up for Mr. Greer for which we are thankful — even though it had to come in an unhappy manner.

Another problem concerns one of our Local Elders, Mr. Bill Kaiser, who has been in the Denver area for some time. His problem was in the nature of a personal sin involving *repeated problems* with which we were very patient at first, but which finally had to be **ACTED ON** in order to protect the *name* of God and His very Church! So Bill Kaiser is now *out* of the ministry and *out* of God's Church until such time as deep and profound repentance is manifested and proved over some period of time.

I do not want to say any more about Bill's problem in order to protect him in the future if and when he is reinstated to Church membership. But I sincerely feel that you should know *this much* in order to grasp what has happened, to answer any questions that may arise, and to **FEAR GOD** that you not be involved in the sins and wretchedness of this dying world to your everlasting detriment! As with any other disfellowshipped member, you should **NOT** visit or fellowship or write to Mr. Kaiser unless you might be the local pastor to whom he goes for help and possible reinstatement at some future date. We will keep in touch with Bill and try to alert whichever pastor is involved as soon as we are able.

All of you fellows should know and *need to know* that we have a great deal of **PATIENCE** and **MERCY** with things of this nature and are not trying to "get" you or "trap" or demote any of you in any way. All we want is to teach, train, encourage, prod, poke, preach and *inspire* all of you into achieving the highest level of service and happiness in God's Work and His Kingdom! In spite of misunderstandings which may arise in the future in some of your minds, try to look at the *big picture* and *never forget* what I just said in the sentence above! Because it is **TRUE** — we mean it *from our hearts* — and it is **PROVED** by the "*fruits*" of *many years* during which those of us here on the Headquarters "team" have been used by Christ in directing His Ministry!

All of the above again points up the need for all of us to be really *close* to our God in prayer, deep and heartfelt *Bible study*, meditation and **FASTING**. A key scripture in one of my main

sermons at the recent Feast of Tabernacles was: "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24:12). This is obviously beginning to affect some of us in *Christ's own ministry!*

There is a very real **DEVIL** — and He is going about as a "roaring lion" and working *overtime* to upset **THIS WORK!** May God help us to grasp the fact that we are *really* in a spiritual battle with Satan, with this world and with our *own lusts and vanity!* Perhaps if we could look down and *see* these things in their true light just before the **END** of this age as God does, we would strive with all of our **BEING** to be "right" and "clean" and absolutely wrapped up in and totally loyal to the *real winning "team"* that is just about to join the Creator in **RULING** this earth!

So leave no stone unturned to draw really *close* to God, fellows, and — in the right way — *to each other* in this calling and ministry we share! Learn to be *wholehearted* and "*open*" — with **NOTHING** to "hide" or grind an axe over in the corners about. If you have some sincere misunderstanding about the Bible or some policy in the Work, or even some personal sin you *need help with*, then by all means come to your District Superintendent or to some of us at Headquarters about it! We will **NOT**, I repeat, try to "get" you or hold it against you at all! If our hearts are right there is **NOTHING** any of us ought to have to "hide."

We all have some lust and vanity which we have to fight. We all have male and female sex anatomies, have to go to the bathroom (I even eat prunes!), and have sex lives with our mates if we are happily married. So then, what do we *really* have to "hide"? What is there that we would be *afraid* to share with a warm-hearted, open attitude with God's Evangelists at Headquarters or with our District Superintendent?

Let us really work on this warm and "open" communication, fellows! It is going to be more important in the future than you can even begin to imagine! For in the future, no doubt, we will have to love each other, have the right kind of confidence in each other and "**hang together**" through trials and persecution — as I have said — or we will surely "**hang**" apart!

I am sure that these brief statements do not adequately convey all that I would like to say to you. But I hope you get the gist of it and the feeling I want to communicate. We here at Headquarters do **LOVE** you fellows and your wives — are *thankful* to have been able to teach

you, train you, hopefully *inspire* you, recommend you for Christ's ministry, see the *happy* marriages most of you have, the beautiful wives and children, and the blessings most of you receive for *faithfully* doing Christ's Work. For the vast majority of you who are in this category, please **KEEP IT UP, fellows!**

But let us all *learn* more deeply than ever through the experiences we are now having how **PRECIOUS** is our opportunity to have part in the very crusade which **CHRIST** is directing in these last days!

With deep **LOVE**, in Jesus Christ's service,

Robert C. Meredith

RECENT ORDINATIONS

(Following is a list of men ordained during the recent Festival period, but who were not included in the list that appeared in Bulletin #6)

PREACHING ELDERS

Paul Suckling — Birmingham, Bristol, England

LOCAL ELDERS

Robert Berendt — Calgary, Edmonton
 *Albertus M. Burbach — Kitchener
 *Daniel F. Fuller — Kitchener
 Ron Howe — Saskatoon
 H. John Larkin — Toronto, Kitchener
 Kerry McGuinness — Vancouver, Canada
 Doug Smith — Toronto, Kitchener

*Not in our employ

BABY NEWS

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Bill and Donna Freeland: Donna and I would like to announce the birth of our second daughter, *Christina Renee*, born October 24 at 9:34 p.m. Donna kept me in suspense during the Feast, but conveniently waited until we were together to deliver. Christy weighed 9 lbs., 4 oz., and came into the world with a good solid squeal. The delivery went well and mother and baby are doing fine.

Mike and Kay Hechel: It appears that people will still be heckled in the World Tomorrow. After two daughters, God blessed us with a son on October 16. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 oz., and

was 22 inches long. We named him *David Michael*.

Otto and Nancy Lochner: Who says there is no God? We are thankful to announce the birth of a son, *Gregory Lane*, 8 lbs., 12 oz., 21 inches long. He came into the world **BACKWARDS** — **BREECH** — at 2:30 a.m., October 8, 1970. Labor began — father and mother began having contractions. Eight hours later, birth, but **NO BREATHING!** He was corded 3 times. For 22 agonizing minutes he was spanked, salted, given ice water shocks, oxygen and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. But still no breathing. He was anointed. **THEN** he began to breathe. Nancy began to hemorrhage — was anointed — stopped immediately. Then the "clincher." The assisting R. N. became sick. We asked if she believed in God. "After seeing this birth — definitely!" So we anointed her. *Within* 10 minutes she was fine and astonished!! Eight hours and three miracles later our son began crying, would you believe for approximately 10 hours straight — only stopped for *breathing* spells. Both the licensed midwife and R. N. admitted this was the most unusual birth they had experienced, and no drugs, too. The midwife now listens to the broadcast.

Joe and Cheryl Mills: Greetings from Buffalo! We would like to announce the birth of our daughter, *Julie Cherie*. We thought it would be a "Thanksgiving" day baby, but she came early Friday morning, November 27. She weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 ozs. Out firstborn was a boy, so now we have a "millionaire's family" — all I need do now is make the million! Everybody is healthy and fine.

Donald and Melanie Samples: He was a she! Born 6:40 a.m., Sunday, November 15. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 8 oz., and we named her *Audrey Lauren*. Not complaining, however. Baby healthy and normal. Mother, former Melanie Harford, doing a fine job of recovering.

John and Frances Sanderson: I would like to announce the birth of a wee Scotsman — addition to the Glasgow congregation. Our son was born on the first of September at 8:44 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. His name is *Nathan William*. Everyone is fine, including the father.

Dick and Judy Shuta: Attention all parents of newborn sons! Dick and Judy (Henderson) Shuta would like to announce the arrival of our firstborn daughter, *Deborah Gayle*, on October 23. at 8:50 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz., and was 19 inches long.

News from the FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Office of
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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AROUND THE WORLD

By now, news and statistics from all the major Feast sites have trickled down to most of you, but there are a number of interesting details about some of the smaller and newer areas that you will not have heard.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN —

For the second straight year a Feast of Tabernacles was held behind the Iron Curtain. Seventeen brethren were present for the first Holy Day with Mr. John Karlson conducting the services. On the last day of the Feast, a German-speaking Deacon from the Edmonton, Alberta, church with his wife and four children were present at the Potsdam Feast site. This represents a nice increase over the twelve who were present last year.

A crisis arose at the Feast regarding a man who was due to be called into the East German Wehrmacht. Those in Potsdam, and all the German brethren in England as well, were praying about the problem, and God intervened so that he will not have to go into the army.

ENGLAND —

The German-speaking group at Minehead in England was made up of 226 brethren from West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, and Norway. Most of them flew over from Düsseldorf in two charter flights. A few from Holland were also able to take advantage of their low-price flights.

The sermons in England were translated into German simultaneously by Detlef Rudiger. He translated every sermon, sermonette, and the announcements during the entire eight days of the Festival. It must have been quite a strain on his voice!

SOUTH AMERICA —

The Feast of Tabernacles was also held again this year near Algarrobo, south of Valparaiso, Chile. There were 49 people present, including Mr. Robert Flores' son, Bob, and Victor Gutierrez of the Big Sandy Spanish Personal Correspondence Department. Some of you may have noticed that there were fewer people there this year than last. This simply represents a shake-down process as a number of Sardis hangers-on

have fallen by the wayside. It is felt that those present at the Feast this year represent a good solid core of converted people.

Last year, Mr. Flores travelled to Argentina during the Feast to speak to a group of people — apparently Sardis — who were keeping the Feast near Buenos Aires. The interest of those people in the Work of God has cooled down a bit, however, and we will probably only have a few scattered people whom God is calling. Actually, we're seeing the same old pattern that Mr. Armstrong witnessed so many years ago in Eugene. If you want to know what's happening to the churches in Argentina, simply read the *Autobiography* and put it into a Latin context.

Dr. Dorothy and Mr. Ruiz are presently analyzing the possibility of opening a Feast site in Mexico for 1971. If this is done, we may allow a number of Spanish-speaking brethren to attend from the United States — however, they will have to be *fluent* in Spanish.

I hope all of you will be praying for Mr. and Mrs. Flores, as the political situation in Santiago still remains fluid. There is a mass exodus of Chilean citizens to Argentina at present, and all flights are booked solid with people leaving the country. Things are peaceful enough for Mr. Flores, however, and they are continuing to hold the fort.

Incidentally, there's great news from Mexico City! We have now signed a contract to have the English language broadcast go out from Mexico City seven days a week on station XEVIP from 8:10 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. This is the only English language station in Mexico City. There are about 100,000 bilingual Mexicans and about 35,000 Americans in Mexico City to be reached by the broadcast. In addition, virtually all of the diplomats who live in Mexico speak English and probably will listen to this station.

This is a major breakthrough in this part of the Work!

THE PHILIPPINES —

The Festival news is just as good from the Philippines. Following is an extract from a report by Mr. Colin Adair:

Greetings once again from Manila! We have been back from Baguio two days now and are starting to get used to the heat all over again.

Hope you received our cable from the Feast — thanks very much for the one you sent. As I mentioned in it there was a typhoon on the 14th which prevented about 100 brethren from attending from the southern islands. However, the buses carrying the Manila Church arrived just ahead of the typhoon which struck Manila in the early hours of the 15th. The city was without electricity for 24 hours, and as usual many people were killed in the provinces. The typhoon also delayed some of the Malaysian brethren, but they eventually arrived a couple of days late.

The first two days of the Feast were wet and cold. (Even Margaret was cold! I didn't feel it. I was glad for the coolness.) But on the third day it cleared up and we had good weather the rest of the time with only a few showers to break the sunshine. For the first time in the Philippines I didn't perspire for the entire period and it was like living in another country. Baguio is the place to live in this country — for Westerners that is. Pity it is so far away — we might have had our office there!

The highest attendance we had at the Feast was 587. We had been expecting 600-700, but as I mentioned, the weather upset it. Actually there were two typhoons that week — seems like Satan was really angry at God's people keeping the Feast. There had been no typhoons since the 11th of September and then all at once two arrived.

The Feast went very smoothly and we had no real problems — just a few got sick with fevers which could have been caused by food or the cold. Margaret even had a cold for two days but quickly got over it. I was fine the entire Feast. Mr. Ortiguero had a little back trouble which bothered him for about a day, but otherwise was fine also. I took 9 sermons plus a Bible Study for farmers and teachers, and Mr. Ortiguero had 7 sermons and a sermonette. And two of our leading men gave 6 sermonettes each.

Incidentally, our Philippine staff has now moved into new office space. We have had our offices in the C.C.C. Building ever since beginning the Work in the Philippines, but it has gradually been allowed to deteriorate and it is no longer suitable. We are moving into a brand-new building and one of the radio stations we

deal with has their office right across the corridor.

Mr. Adair and Margaret planned to have a baptizing tour the first week in November and hold Bible Studies on two different islands. (Their report appears later.) For those who check maps, they went to Cebu City and Iloilo City. They are constantly getting new visit requests from these islands. It looks like we are going to be needing additional ministerial help in the Philippines before long. Mr. Adair finished his letter by saying:

Certainly I feel the Filipino people are hungering and thirsting after the truth, and the growth potential is good. But I hate to see these baptized people on the other islands doing without a shepherd — they need feeding badly. God willing, perhaps the future will produce the laborers for the harvest.

MARTINIQUE —

There were 134 attending and rejoicing at the Feast of Tabernacles in Martinique. However, we have some bad news to report from this area following the Feast. Mr. Jubert, who had malaria last spring and had gotten weak again recently, died at 1 a.m. on Thursday, December 10th. Mr. Apartian rushed to Martinique to preach the funeral, but did not arrive on time. The government of Martinique requires that the dead be buried within 24 hours after death, and so Mr. Apartian could not make it there for the funeral that Thursday afternoon. He was, however, able to preach a very encouraging sermon on the very next Sabbath. Mr. Jubert's dedication and service to the brethren in Martinique and to God's Work will long be remembered.

FRANCE —

There were over 410 present at the Feast of Tabernacles in France. The highlight of the Festival there was the presence of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong on the opening day. Five French-Canadians from the Montreal Church attended the Feast at Praz-sur-Arly — one family and two single men. They appreciated hearing sermons in their own language.

SOUTH AFRICA —

The following excerpts come from a letter from Mr. Bob Fahey:

The non-European Feast site was really the highlight of the Feast. Just before the Feast started in Mossel Bay, three Govern-

ment officials appeared to "look things over." They met Bill Whitaker and Syd Hull who were preparing the building for the meetings. They also met a number of our non-European brethren. They stood in the background neatly dressed, respectful of the Government officials and our two European deacons. The three men commented to Bill Whitaker that they were very impressed with our group of people from their appearance. The management of the hotel went out of their way to serve our people. They commented that they have never seen people so polite, so well-groomed and so neat in their rooms.

I gave the opening sermon (just in case someone was listening) on the responsibility of having God's name on you. The necessity to obey Governments and to set a high standard of living by letting your light shine. The people really did bring honour to the name of the Worldwide Church of God in the eyes of all that were around.

We had intended to supplement the people's expenses from our excess second tithe. I had budgeted R500 for the purpose. We planned a boat trip around Seal Island for the whole group and a coach trip to Oudtshoorn where the Ostrich Farms are and further to the Congo Caves. These are two tour stops for people visiting the area. The coach trip took all day Sunday. The management went to the special effort of getting up for breakfast early — which they would not have had to do — and packing the brethren a lunch to eat on the coach. We figured all these expenses would be in the red. As it turned out when the Feast was over, counting our payment of all things and turned-in excess second tithe from the non-Europeans, we were R37 ahead. The Feast Site actually made a second tithe profit!

That's not a half of it — on the first Holy Day the offering staggered us. The Europeans' offering averaged R4.53 the first day. That's \$6.34. The non-Europeans for the same Holy Day contributed R3.31 per person — there were thirty-eight persons there. That is \$4.63 per person. I thought that was fantastic considering the difference in the standard of living. But the last day was even more surprising — the Europeans contributed an average of R6.20. That's \$8.68 per person, very good by any standard! The

non-Europeans, now 39 in number, contributed R3.64 — \$5.10 for every man, woman and child in the room. Remember that these people earn a mere pittance compared to the Europeans' salaries. All of us were quite surprised at the generosity of the people at the non-European Feast site.

Toward the end of the Feast I received a very warm letter of thanks from the non-Europeans. That letter was right from the heart expressing their gratitude in what God provided for them. It probably was the smallest Feast site on the earth. But there could not have been one with a more joyful atmosphere and with such gratitude for God's way of life.

Mr. Mwambula and Mr. Mumba from Zambia never made it down. They could not get visas.

BAPTIZING TOUR REPORT

We've just received a report from Mr. Adair on his recent short baptizing tour. I think you'll find the following excerpts interesting:

Our first stop was Cebu, and when we arrived at the airport we discovered that the airline had left our luggage behind in Manila. Wondering if we would ever see it again, we went on to the hotel where we were to hold a Bible Study for the members in the area. After the study was over (we had only 14), we phoned the air terminal and discovered that our suitcase had arrived safely. The man in charge had told us he would send it on to the hotel when it arrived, but the one we spoke to by phone said he couldn't do it — we would have to collect it ourselves. This made us kind of mad as it was over half-an-hour's journey away and we had been promised delivery in the first place. We told them as they had lost the luggage it was their responsibility to get it back to us. So finally they said they would put it on the bus going to the airline's office in the city and we could get it from there. One of the hotel porters offered to go get it for us. So at 6:30 p.m. it arrived, and we were very thankful to see it.

It was All Saints' Day that Sunday, and it was quite a sight driving to the airport in Manila. They really go to town here and make a big festival out of it. The cemeteries are full of people lighting candles and placing them and photographs of the dead on the

graves. Truly it is a day honoring the worship of the dead.

After Cebu we flew to another island and saw a few more people in Bacolod City, and our final stop was Iloilo City where we had another Bible Study (held this time in our bedroom as there were only nine of us there) and where we saw some more people. All in all we saw 25 and baptized only 5. Most of the others were very sincere but simply lacked understanding and knowledge. Some others were not being faithful in tithing — a real problem here — and humanly speaking you can see why, with the poor wages and high prices. Others had a language problem and just didn't grasp what was required of them. It is quite a strain at times trying to make yourself understood and trying to catch what they are saying. We really felt for many of them because they were so sincere about wanting to follow God, and yet we just couldn't baptize them — as much as we would have liked to. Truly they are like lost sheep in need of a shepherd. If our finances permit, I would like to get to these areas every two or at the most three months and hold a Bible Study, plus visit with these people. They were eager to have us come back. Some of them had travelled for 6 hours and more just to meet with us.

We arrived back in Manila Thursday evening around six o'clock to find that we had already started moving the office. The management of the C.C.C. building wanted us to vacate our place by the weekend, so we had to move everything by Friday even though our new suite wasn't ready yet. The contractors are of course overdue. It should have been finished by November 1st. However, we are able to carry on while they finish off. They just have to finish some painting work and some panelling, so we hope to have them out by Tuesday or Wednesday next.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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perhaps showing how our budget is arrived at and how it is spent. The 1971 budget structure is a very sound one that should avoid any crisis periods.

I would just like to mention in closing that with the unstable nature of our national economy and the predictions for the future, it is

more and more evident that God is keeping the whole nation afloat for the sake of the Work! In this regard, we should all take our *personal* financial responsibilities very seriously indeed. We are all vulnerable, and it would be very wise to build up some kind of reserve cushion for any financial emergency that might arise. The brethren should be made aware of this more and more and admonished not to fall into the *easy temptations*, everywhere extant, to *overspend* — especially in credit buying. This is the way of the unenlightened populace. Everyone should be able to weather the *personal emergencies* that may come along from time to time.

We really are living in the end times! Our lives must reflect the soberness of these days.

There is one other important matter I would like to discuss. As the Work continues to grow, so do attacks against it from religionists, journalists and authors. Most of you are aware of the type of "anti-Armstrong" literature and journalism being produced and circulated in large quantities. Unfortunately, much of what is printed is untrue, unfair, misleading and totally fabricated. Up until now it has generally been the policy not to dignify it with a rebuttal or reply. However, as this stream increases and its influence becomes more widespread, it is becoming increasingly obvious that some kind of stand must be made to correct erroneous opinions and "facts" about the Work and the message we preach.

Accordingly, Mr. Ted Armstrong has requested that we set up a team at Headquarters whose job it will be to examine, research and investigate any and all of this type of literature with a view to formulating a point-by-point reply. In any cases where we have been at fault, appropriate explanations will be made. In order that such a reply can be properly formulated with an eye on the attendant legal aspects, this operation will be directed from this office with all action being channeled through Mr. Ted Armstrong.

Effective immediately, therefore, would you please send any copies of this type of literature (newspaper article, tract or pamphlet) to Mr. Frank Brown here at Headquarters **ON THE SAME DAY IT COMES INTO YOUR HANDS!** In a Work as big as ours has now become, a centralized information system of this type is imperative, and I know it will save us many headaches in the future.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

NOVEMBER MAIL SUMMARY

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11.8% for total income. The same basic pattern follows in the year-to-date percentages for these categories, with the letter increase at 25.1%, white mail 4.6%, contributions and property 12.6% and total income 13%.

About 1,168,000 Semi-annual letters were put in the mail during the last few days of November, and returns to the letter are starting to come in very well now.

In addition, about 98,000 Co-Worker letters were mailed on Sunday, November 29 and another special Co-Worker letter was mailed December 9. With returns to two Co-Worker letters and a Semi-annual in December, we expect a very heavy letter count and a fine financial return.

MAIL EXCERPTS

Proud to Share Poconos With God's People

"We here in the Poconos are very very proud to know that the members of the Worldwide Church of God have chosen our very own beautiful Poconos for their yearly spiritual and recreational period. We have nothing but the highest praise for these wonderful people and their families. I wish I had the space to tell you of the wonderful things we have heard about these folks from the people who have served them in all capacities — motels, hotels, restaurants, etc. In closing I wish to add, we are indeed very proud and honored to share our Poconos with such a wonderful group of people. We also welcome them again next fall."

— Sara M. D.,
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Early Bird

"I wish to congratulate you on your exposés and to add that I have never had too much pleasure in getting out of bed at 4:30 a.m. to milk my cows since I installed a radio in my stable. No kidding! Until a couple of months ago, I used to dread getting up so early in the morning, but now I am anxious to go to bed at night because I look forward to listening to your lecture at 5:00 a.m., when weather or temperature permits, of course, but that's four mornings out of five on WWVA, West Virginia."

— R. B. F., Quebec, Canada

From the "Bush"

"I find your comments informative and interesting. I agree that many persons exist in a spiri-

tual vacuum. I hope you will continue to try to overcome these people's inertia and indifference. I am a former scientist, a theoretical physicist, and resident of a large city, Houston. Now I live in the interior bush (wilderness, if you like) and am an active participant in the 'undeveloped' and 'unimproved' world of nature. In the bush it is impossible to deny the existence of a Creator. There are many moving spectacles here and I invest many hours observing moose, bears, sunrises, the aurora and so forth. I recall just the opposite emotions when I was a scientist living in the city. Fighting freeway traffic and breathing foul air and participating in an intense, confused society devoted to materialism, simply overwhelmed my spiritual needs."

— Don F., Nenona, Alaska

P. T. Snatcher

"What an opportunity! I slipped in one evening to the hall of my cousin. He was lost in mind on his sofa. 'Hey,' I shouted. 'Oh, Kwame, *The PLAIN TRUTH* indeed!' he remarked after leisurely raising up his heavy head. 'What *PLAIN TRUTH*?' I inquired. But before he could say a word further I had snatched the magazine he was reading from him and surely a golden opportunity for me indeed to be with my cousin that evening. He could spare the magazine for only twenty minutes that evening, so I appeal to you if it may be possible for you to register my name on your mailing list. I should be grateful indeed if such opportunity could be extended to me."

— Kwame B., Ghana

What a Way to Find the P. T. Again!

"For some time now I have been trying to locate the address for obtaining *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I was a regular reader of this magazine in Australia, but on leaving, lost all contact. Only yesterday I was telling my wife that I was tired of newspapers and wished I could read *The PLAIN TRUTH* again. Later that day I was involved in a car accident which took me to a doctor's surgery, and there, in front of me on a table, was a magazine containing details that I have been looking for. How strange!"

— Reader from Berkshire, England

Teen-ager Seeks Help

"My name is Randy T. I am 16 years old and am freshly nine months out of just spending my last six years in California Youth Authority. I

have taken drugs before (grass, reds, whites, truinol, hash, yellows, and I drink a little). I was watching the news tonight and they were advertising your two books 'New Facts About Marijuana' and 'Hippies,' but I have no bread and I would like to have these booklets very badly. I would appreciate it if you could send me these booklets."

— Randy T.,
Santa Ana, California

"Thank you for your meaningful commentary on the problems created by the automobile. As a 'young revolutionary' I am often left cold by your early morning invectives but this hit a nerve. It pleases me to see a spokesman for millions of American moderates take a radical stand when it is necessary. Keep up the good work. All of your commentaries are professional and I respect them even when I don't agree with you."

— Leonard M., Inglewood, California

"Berserk Caterwauling"

"I am a woman of nearly 83 and have seen almost nothing of the seamy side of life. I am intelligent enough (I hope) to know there are plenty of evils in the world. So far I have managed to stay clear of them. I am no Pollyanna, but always have tried to see the best side of everything. Still when I listen to present-day music I wonder that we haven't more crazy people. It sounds like the music made by a bunch of tomcats tied together by their tails and slung over a backyard fence. I am very concerned for our young people who seem to think this awful caterwauling is music. To listen to it for even 10 minutes nearly drives me berserk."

— Mrs. T. J. H.,
Beverly Hills, California

What?!

"If one would keep the commandments as best he could and still not be baptized and have the spirit of God, he is not a Christian, therefore, does a non-Christian have to keep some of the lesser important laws — like playing football?"

— Edgar R.,
Prairie View, Texas

"I'm 64 years old. Could you have someone near here (26 miles from Cleveland) call on me? He'd better be very smart. I'm a college graduate and need help."

— Cyril D., Elyria, Ohio

Envoy

"My son-in-law, who is a lithographer, and his father, who is one of the best pressmen in Kansas

City, were looking over the last ENVOY. They both agreed that such a book on the market would at least sell for \$40 apiece, no less. I heartily concurred. Too, the older man studied and studied the beautiful pictures, striving to figure out what type of press had been used. He even said he would like to take it to work to show his fellowworkmen, but when I said he could, he decided he hadn't better take it since it might get lost or ruined. Having them speak so highly of the ENVOY made me glow deep down inside, knowing I belong to an organization which believes in such quality in everything that's done."

— Mrs. Wilma R. N.,
Kansas City, Missouri

Tithing

"Things never happened to us till we began tithing about three years ago. Since then, we have been paying our bills without borrowing money for them. We haven't had to charge our groceries. We have purchased a washer, dryer, new kitchen stove, numerous other household items and our own home to put them in. Tithing works and as the old saying goes — 'if you haven't tried it, don't knock it.'"

— Mr. and Mrs. Daryl T.,
Springfield, Missouri

"The Widow's Mite"

"I am very sorry that I haven't been able to give anything in a way of a donation for this good Work. I felt that if I didn't have a lot to give it was better not to give a little bit as it wouldn't help much. But then I read the article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* about 'The Widow's Mite,' which really was very good and made me realize that I was thinking the wrong way. So, from now on I will try to send you something. I am trying to quit smoking, so each time I want to buy cigarettes, I'll save a little and put it to a good use — spreading God's Word."

— Mrs. Jane S.,
Baltimore, Maryland

Smoking

"We all want to improve ourselves, but we sometimes don't know how. You help many to find the source of truth. Your broadcast of that day was about smoking. Well, sir, that was about eight months ago. I put out the cigarette I was smoking during the broadcast. I haven't smoked one since. I didn't write to tell you because I didn't have the self-confidence that I could stay quit, but I haven't touched one since that day."

— Robert P., Houston, Texas