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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

MAIL SUMMARY

Contributions have held a strong line with just above 13.6% increase year-to-date. Although encouraging and something to be thankful for, we still have to make up a considerable loss due to an extremely slow financial start in 1971. The incoming mail count for the first five days of August is just above 5,000 pieces ahead of last year's count, showing a 15.4% increase. June so far has held the record for 1971, with 330,000 pieces of mail received, almost reaching the all-time high of December 1970. The total for that month was 361,000. Final figures for the semi-annual letter show a 17.5% return. With Mr. Armstrong's follow-up in the Editorial of the August **PLAIN TRUTH**, that figure should increase somewhat. We have also added just under 10,000 new persons to the **TOMORROW'S WORLD** file in response to the coupon in the June **PLAIN TRUTH**.

Response to the coupon in **TOMORROW'S WORLD** advertising the Ambassador College Correspondence Course has come on strong with the weekly high thus far being 5,340 for the week ending July 30. The cumulative count through August 6 is 10,000 people added to the Correspondence Course, with roughly 90% who have never been exposed to the course previously.

This last week has seemed to be V.I.P. week,

with requests for information from the Canadian Consul General's Office in Los Angeles, a letter from the White House, at least two memos from Canadian Government officials in Canada, a request from Ambassador Bunker's office in Washington, D.C., and a letter from a congressman and a senator, not to mention UNICEF and other organizations.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Jesus Trip — One-way Ticket to Nowhere?

(As of July 28th, we have counted 112 comments on the "Jesus Trip" article. Seventy-four, or nearly two-thirds, were favorable while 38 were not. The statements about Christ drinking wine raised the eyebrows and curiosity of several who asked for further information.)

PRO

Wow! I just finished reading your article "The Jesus Trip." You don't spare, you really tell us our sins. I am sick and tired of all the religious hypocrisy going on in the world today and of all the mumbo-jumbo that makes no sense at all. I thank the Living God there's someone like you, someone with guts to call a spade a spade. I believe there really is a prophet among us who speaks with authority. Oh boy is that authority! And all I can say is, Wow!

— Mrs. Franklin R.,
Grants, New Mexico

In regards to your fine article on "The Jesus Trip" in June's issue of **TOMORROW'S WORLD** magazine, I must congratulate you. As before, I have checked all the scriptures you quoted in the article. There is no doubt that the Jesus

Christ of perverted history and religion has been the greatest put-on and fake that has ever been. That sure came as a surprise to me, because I was taught that Jesus looked like an unwashed vagabond and owned no property except a robe. Mostly we believe in Jesus, but not what he said, because of the contradictions of the Bible. That is so unreal.

— James P.,
Roswell, New Mexico

Thanks for the article on "The Jesus Trip" in TOMORROW'S WORLD. It's about time professing Christians as well as the "Jesus People" discovered what the real Jesus was like. It was quite eye-opening to me in many respects and gave me a much greater respect and appreciation for Jesus Christ. No one need be ashamed or embarrassed about the true Jesus. I think also that the false picture of Christ portrayed in many denominations is carried over to their clergymen. It may be a parallel that so many of today's ministers have such effeminate, sentimental voices and give the impression of no backbone. It's no wonder that the majority believe Christianity is for women and children or for weak-minded, spineless people. But, I'm thankful that the opposite picture is portrayed in *The PLAIN TRUTH, TOMORROW'S WORLD*, and all the accompanying literature. The emphasis is on real down-to-earth masculinity and femininity and real character that the Bible so plainly teaches.

— Rose N.,
Big Bear Lake, California

I would like to comment to your son, Garner Ted, on his inspiring and moving article about the real Jesus. It went into much more detail than his previous (also excellent) article and was very enlightening. This article should be required reading for all professed Christians.

— Mrs. Elvira M.,
Los Angeles, California

CON

As you no doubt can appreciate, since the Bible doesn't specifically tell us how long Jesus wore his hair, no one today can be absolutely certain as to its length. It was a long established custom among the Jews to wear a beard. One of the prohibitions in the law covenant given to the Jews was that of shaving the extremity of the beard. It also forbade them to cut off their side locks, which would suggest that the Jews

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customarily wore their hair somewhat longer than the very short style of the Romans (Leviticus 19:27). Even today, orthodox Jews can often be seen wearing beards and side locks despite the fact that the general custom has long been for men to be clean shaven. Since these modern-day Jews maintain a beard and side locks for religious reasons, we can hardly conclude that the Jews of Jesus' day automatically adopted the style of their hated Roman conquerors by shaving their beards and cutting their hair.

— Marcel E.,
Dearborn, Michigan

As far as Jesus wearing long hair, it doesn't make a bit of difference if He was bald or had hair to His ankles. God is not a respecter of persons. Once a black person asked a friend of mine what color Jesus was. My friend replied, "What color is love?" The same goes for hair.

— Mark C.

I looked at your article "The Jesus Trip" and I cried inside at your insane attempts to marry something totally foreign to the Jesus Movement. Yoga is not part of the Jesus Movement and neither is that sweatshirt. Let me assure you that in your blindness you have stumbled. I am only going to say that God is surely going to punish you if you do not repent of your sin of trying to divide your own brothers and sisters.

— Erich W.,
Menlo Park, California

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Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Headquarters! Mr. Herbert Armstrong arrived back safely last Friday morning and everything is speeding up in preparation for the beginning of college. Mr. Ted Armstrong has been here for sometime now making broadcasts and telecasts, but is departing for Israel early in the morning as he now has a firm commitment to interview Moshe Dayan and perhaps other Israeli officials!

The August Lectures are *already beginning* in some of your areas and a number of us will be leaving home in the next few days to help start these Lectures out once again. We already have first-night reports on the four areas that began August 2. In Jacksonville, Florida, 250 new people showed up the first night; 225 attended in New Orleans; 219 in San Antonio and 290 in San Diego. Except for San Antonio, this is very fine — Mr. Kelly reported that if it were not for a *heavy* drenching rain, the attendance no doubt would have been higher there. Perhaps it will come up in a night or two.

At this point, I should explain to *all* of you that a technical error was made by some of our back-up team here while Mr. Hill and I were gone during the July meetings. Because of this, invitations to the Bible Lectures for August were sent to the *entire* list of TW subscribers who had been on the list for about a year — NOT merely to those who returned our questionnaire saying "yes," they would like to attend such a series of meetings. So this means that **FAR MORE** people from the list were invited to attend than ever. It means that a far greater number may have *little interest* in the purely religious or doctrinal aspects of our teachings.

Therefore, again, we expect the "drop off" rate to be even larger during these August meetings than it was for the earlier meetings as we keep extending the parameter of those we invite. Nevertheless, a far larger number of people now have the direct opportunity to know about and attend the meetings **IF** they want to! So we are not alarmed about the problem, and the "mistake" may make us decide to continue doing the same thing in the future. But I did

feel all of you should know this in evaluating the number who attend the first night, and the drop-off rate during the subsequent two-week period.

The follow-through weekly Bible studies are going great, and I am happy to report that in our original pilot area, Long Beach, 201 PMs attended this past Friday night! And out of these, a total of 55 adults have now become *baptized members* — representing family groups of about 150 people when they all start coming to church regularly! And we prayerfully expect this number to nearly *double* between now and the Feast of Tabernacles!

In reviewing, with our Headquarters' team, ideas to make the Bible Lectures even more effective, we came up with the following suggestions which have been effective elsewhere. Try to arrange, if it isn't too late, for a group of young women and/or high school girls to babysit for the new people's little children — preferably in a room within the *same building* where the Lectures are being held. Then *announce* this for the first several nights to the people and encourage them to bring their little children if it would convenience them in any way — that a *free* babysitting service is available and we would be most happy for them to use it.

Then, announce that free rides with some of our Ambassador representatives are available to anyone attending the meetings if this is needed. Along with these announcements, try to *encourage* the people in a personal, friendly and positive way to keep coming regularly, and *thank them* for making the effort to attend so regularly. Tell them their attendance is an inspiration and encouragement to one another, to the speakers, and for their own everlasting good.

Every few nights, try to ask how many new people are there, welcome them, and in all of these lectures try to establish a friendly rapport and "family" atmosphere among the people as much as possible. Where this has been done, it seems to have resulted in higher attendance than ordinary and to have encouraged the people to open up and begin to act on what they know — prepare for baptism, etc.

Also, encourage the deacons and ushers to step out and be *warm* and *friendly* — actively greeting the people and visiting with them, rather than holding back too much. Still, as we have said, we don't want them or anyone to appear to "pressure" the people or make them feel ill at ease. But the warm, friendly and "family" atmosphere seems to be a great help.

For those of you beginning to conduct the fol-

low-through Bible studies to be carried on for about three to five months after the Bible Lectures, let me give you here a brief outline of topics to be covered during this period of time with these new people. The order may be varied somewhat if necessary and a few *additional* topics may need to be inserted because of local problems or particular problems your group of people may have. Nevertheless, the *general* order of topics should be followed and no one of these topics omitted completely, except for a very good reason.

Also, we now suggest that after prayer and a five to ten minute brief news discussion highlighting prophetic happenings, you spend the *entire time* explaining and expounding the topic in question in a sit-down *teaching* situation. Then, only every third or fourth meeting — as it seems best and convenient to you — try to devote the *entire time* to answering written Bible questions sent up from the prospective members. Otherwise, we find, it is hard to cover these topics in only half a Bible Study period, and at the same time you tend to get behind on the people's questions because you tend to run over-time in covering your prepared topic!

So, every third or fourth time in *between* the following topics, take time out for a *complete session* devoted to answering their Bible questions!

With that explanation, here are the 12 suggested topics to cover in the following general order:

- (1) **HOW TO KEEP THE SABBATH.**
- (2) **HOW TO PRAY** — Make this *personal* for them as new people coming into God's Truth.
- (3) **LIVING BY FAITH** — ACT on what you know and look to *God* for help and to back you up in trying situations.
- (4) **OUR COMMISSION** — Our *personal part* in God's Work through prayer, example, tithes and offerings and hearty support of every local, regional and worldwide project in the Work of the Living Christ.
- (5) **LAW OR GRACE** — Show it is law *and* grace and explain what each involves under the New Covenant.
- (6) **HOW TO KEEP THE TEN COMMANDMENTS** — Based on the booklet.
- (7) **PRINCIPLES OF A HAPPY MARRIAGE.**
- (8) **THE BLESSINGS OF TITHING** — You might read some of the letters from the Weekly Comments illustrating how tithing absolutely brings blessings today, bringing in personal examples you have known of, and appeal to the practicality of it and the reality of God backing

up His tithing law with absolute spiritual and physical BLESSINGS.

(9) **HOW TO STUDY AND MARK THE BIBLE** — Teach them to *prove* things in the Bible and ACT on what the Bible really says, rather than what people imagine. Teach them to drink in of the Bible and spiritually "eat" of the very Word of God (John 6:48-63), thus imbibing of the very mind of Christ and coming to think *like Christ thinks* (Phil. 2:5).

(10) **HOLY DAYS — MEANING AND PROOF** — Show these new people that these days are *practical*, that they *can* be kept as tens of thousands of others from all walks of life *are* keeping them, etc.

11) **DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE** — Clearly explain the scriptures used in times past in the D & R booklet. Also, emphasize the positive aspect of marriage as the direct type of everlasting faithfulness, love and loyalty typified by Christ's relation to the Church and its relation to Christ, and show that this lesson *must* be learned in marriage. Be warm and merciful in your approach, but show that this matter is sometimes a severe test of *conversion* for many whom God is calling in this wretched generation.

(12) **REPENTANCE AND BAPTISM** — Go through the basic scriptures of Acts 2:38, Psalms 51 about the *abhorrence* of self, Romans 6 about *burying* the self and Luke 14 about counting the cost and going "all out" if we are to be true Christians.

With this approach, we should be able to find some reasonable cutoff date after three to five months when the people whom God is calling out of the group will be ready to take the next step and ask for baptismal counseling (if they have not already done so) or simply remain good Co-Workers, and perhaps prospective members who are not as yet prepared for final repentance, baptism and Church attendance.

There is one other matter I would like to comment on before winding up the letter for this time. I want to ask *all* of you to read carefully the following paragraphs quoted directly from a memo sent to me from Mr. Graham Vernon, who is now in charge of Mail Processing here at God's Headquarters. This matter is **IMPORTANT** — and I want everyone of you to make announcements about it next Sabbath and *follow through* with announcements and encouragement to see that our members respond to this instruction!

Here is Mr. Vernon's memo:

"We have recently experienced a very large

number of non-indexed envelopes being used by members to turn in their tithes and offerings. For the three-month period March through May, we had a total receipt of over 51,000 non-indexed envelopes received. This means that over a twelve-month period, we would have to process by double-handling over 200,000 envelopes. May I add that these figures are conservative, as they do not include HDO or envelopes containing coin.

"Through various notes and letters accompanying donations, we feel that the member believes he is saving the Work money by not using the indexed envelopes. This obviously is not true. In fact, it costs the Work double the amount. Therefore, may we request that a memo or announcement, either individually or in the Bulletin, be sent to the field ministers so that they will exhort local membership to use these envelopes, and feel free to *write in and ask for them whenever needed!*

"Whatever help you can give us in this regard will be appreciated and will certainly go to saving the Work an added expense."

Please be sure to *make this plain*, fellows, so our members will really understand that it actually SAVES us money for them to use *our envelopes* to send in their tithes and offerings. Follow through on this with additional exhortations and encouragements from time to time, tying in with the need of God's Work and our responsibility to put our beings into this literal Crusade for which Christ has called us *now*.

All of you *keep up the good work* and keep looking to Headquarters.

Perhaps some of you have not heard that you will soon be receiving a "cost of living" increase in your salaries! I know you will all be thankful for this and try to serve God better with it. Let's all do *our part* better so that we may be worthy of being the very *ministers* of the living Jesus Christ.

With love, in His Name,

Robert C. Merrill

EDITOR'S NOTE

Mr. Ted Armstrong's very busy schedule did not permit him to prepare a letter for this Bulletin. We're looking forward to hearing from him about his meeting with Moshe Dayan in the next issue.

LETTER EXCERPTS (Continued on page 112)

Real Wine???

I usually agree with you wholeheartedly, but you thoroughly shocked me in your June issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD. I am referring to the "Jesus Trip" story. I, as usual, agree with most of it, but the part about Jesus drinking a strong drink just didn't grab me as the "Jesus" image. I just happen to be one of these people who have been brought up thinking drinking was as bad as murder or any other sin. I know what you always say, Mr. Armstrong, don't take other people's word, read your Bible. Well, I did. It plainly states in Proverbs 31:1-7 that strong drink is not fit for leaders and to "give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts." Now, I ask you, Mr. Armstrong, is Jesus ready to perish? I do wish you would explain yourself.

— Vicci Q.,
Yocum, Kentucky

Pro, Young People

A few days ago, I was at a friend's house and happened to pick up the June issue of *The GOOD NEWS of TOMORROW'S WORLD*. I was very fascinated with the world-concerning topics. The article that caught my eye was "The Jesus Trip — One-way Ticket to Nowhere?" I am 18 years old and every day I see many young people my age and younger seem to idealize the wrong Jesus. As you said, there's only one Jesus, the true Jesus. In order for us to find the true Jesus, you must read the Bible. I would very much, if possible, like a copy of the June 1971 issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD. And, I would greatly appreciate and enjoy further issues of this meaningful magazine. Also, my girlfriend is very concerned over the real Sabbath day. Could you please send me a copy of the booklet? After reading "The Jesus Trip — One-way Ticket to Nowhere?", I am anxious to read the article I missed — "Jesus Trip." I am so glad I happened to see this magazine. I feel it was God that led me that way.

— Nancy O.,
Phoenix, Arizona

I am 15 years old and have read your article in TOMORROW'S WORLD entitled "The Jesus Trip — One-way Ticket to Nowhere?" I realize I have blindly swallowed a traditional and historical hoax. I have checked the scriptures and have

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Festival Office

LESLIE L. McCULLOUGH

Greetings from the Festival Office in Big Sandy!

From the looks of the reports on the spring Feasts, we have had another very profitable beginning for the annual Festivals. Several of the men have indicated the new ministerial second tithe procedures are working out well. We have had a much smaller number of men requesting transfers for the Feast this year. Naturally there will be some assigned to go to another area for speaking purposes. Otherwise, most of the requests have been granted. Just a reminder however — if you requested a transfer for personal reasons, you are expected to meet all your expenses, including gas, oil, etc., from the remainder of the second tithe you have coming. The only exceptions to this will be those very few who are being allowed to go overseas.

The Festival Office here is running at "full throttle" with housing assignments and final preparations for the Feast. You would think after all these years that it would become just a matter of routine. Yet every year there are new problems to be solved. Of course, one of the biggest pressures is the continued growth and need of new facilities.

I have just returned from a visit to Wisconsin Dells. Mr. Raymond Cole and his crews are very busy preparing the site there for next year. A great deal has been done — excavation, grading, sewer and water lines — yet there is still much to do. The Administration Building is well under way. The roof decking is complete, the shakes by this time are complete, and the concrete slab is poured. Mr. Cole is hoping to move some of his offices into the building by early fall. Work won't begin on the Convention Center itself until next year, but we are definitely planning on the Wisconsin Dells site for 1972. With all the potential new members coming from the Graduate School Lecture Series, we are going to urgently need the new space.

Some of the preliminary work in Estes Park, Colorado, is well under way. Later this fall the heavy equipment crews are scheduled to move their equipment from the Dells to Estes Park so they can begin excavation first thing next spring. We are hoping to complete the Colorado site by the fall of 1974. Then on to another area somewhere in the southeastern United States.

We are planning for a maximum capacity of 73,500 persons for this year. The attendance is expected to be very close to 71,500 which only allows a 2,000-seat buffer for all of the Feast sites. Everyone needs to realize that all the Festival sites will be *crowded* this year! There simply wasn't enough money available to finish the Dells site for this year. This delay is to give us a little additional time to build a better financial base for the Festival budget.

Now, we find we are slipping behind in the income from the tithe of the tithe and excess second tithe. Our budget was right on schedule as we had planned it until June. Last year there was a great deal of income during the month of June as a result of the housing forms which were sent out. We had requested with those forms the return of tithe of tithe and excess second tithe. That request was deleted from this year's forms because we didn't want those moneys sent to Big Sandy. Since the request wasn't made, most people didn't send the money and our income has now dipped severely. In order to keep from drawing on the general income of the Work for the expenses of the Feast, we need your help.

Most of the members still have their excess second tithe, and some even have the bulk of their tithe of the tithe, because they haven't realized it was needed. Please take some special time during a Bible study or church service to explain this need to them and request their help. Obviously, they shouldn't cut themselves short for the Feast. However, most of them can plan what their needs will be, include extra and still send some excess second tithe to Headquarters.

This is important! We are currently running about \$600,000 behind the needed budget for the Feast. To say that's a lot of money is something of an understatement. Mr. Portune and I feel certain the money is there. It was last year, and we aren't expecting any more than what past history has shown should be expected. It is simply a matter which hasn't been emphasized in the minds of the congregation. We must stick with our budgets in order to have the facilities for future Feasts. If we fall short this year, we will be in serious trouble for the urgently needed Dells site for next year.

Take a little time to explain it and I am sure the problem will be resolved. Perhaps you could build a sample budget to show how they can plan for their expenses. I'll leave that up to you. But please don't let the press of other duties make this seem unimportant. Be enthusiastic

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News from the FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Office of
RONALD L. DART

Greetings from Headquarters!

Please accept our apologies for not having any news of the foreign work in the last Bulletin. Things have been moving so rapidly for us that we have had difficulty finding time to sit down and put it all in order.

It seems every other news item we've put in the Bulletin has to do with the Philippines, but at the moment that's where all the action is. An extremely dangerous situation has arisen for the brethren on Mindanao. The Christian versus Moslem problem has grown to such dimensions that villages are now suffering raids from first one side and then the other. Unfortunately, our people have found themselves right in the middle of it all. The following letter just came from Mr. Gapul in Mindanao:

"Prior to my arrival from Manila there were four Moslems killed by Ilagas near Damulog. The dead bodies were brought to the precinct near the house of Mr. Arendain. Many Moslems evacuated in this place and in some parts of Budkidnon, mixing with 'Christians.' Mr. and Mrs. Arendain and other brethren are now confused because they wanted to sell their property, but no one will buy because of the troubles coming in that place. I went down to Kiara. . . I felt very bad for the sudden happening of Mr. Bardoc. He was shot by a 45 caliber automatic pistol by two syndicates unidentified. It was about 6:30 p.m. and thanks to God he was the only victim. He was shot above his right knee and the bullet passed the other side. He was treated and at present he is already well."

Then, yesterday morning we received the following telex message from the brother of Mr. Benitez in Kiara, Mindanao: "The trouble which started in Cotabato has reached our place. We could see in distance the day and night burning of houses . . . some assume they will not harm us. But last night at 2:00 a.m. we were awakened by gunfire . . . it was house of my neighbor on the other side of river. I have seen flying red bullets that hit the house . . . in the

absence of my mind I push instead of pull the door open. We rush down with my four children and it was difficult to escape because the whole place was lighted and we make it thru shadows of our house . . . we run to ricefields while there we prayed God for protection and deliverance from the horror . . ."

This gives you some idea of the problems that are now beginning to arise. It may even be necessary for our church members to evacuate the festival area at Kiara. Mr. Adair feels it's almost certain that we're going to have to cancel the Feast of Tabernacles, but is waiting to see what Mr. Benitez has to say. Your prayers concerning this situation will be very greatly appreciated.

You'll be glad to hear that all things still work together for good for those who are called by God. Mr. Adair had his car stolen a few weeks ago, but the insurance payment came to enough to buy him a better car than he had before. It turned out to be a very good method for unloading the car. We also had the headlights stolen off our Volkswagen van. The Philippines is a very active place!

VANCOUVER BIBLE LECTURES

Greetings from Vancouver! The following summary gives attendance figures for the Bible Lectures held in Vancouver, beginning July 26th.

	TOTAL PMs	ADULT PMs	PMs ALREADY VISITED PRIOR TO LECTURES
Mon.	215	213	30
Tues.	170	168	31
Wed.	176	170	37
Thurs.	156	152	37
Fri.	170	168	36

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

There has been a general shuffle of the pastors of the churches in Great Britain. Rather than try to outline who moved where, we thought we'd just give you a list of where everyone is now located.

CHURCH

Bricket Wood

London
Warrington
Leeds
Glasgow
Newcastle
Ipswich
Maidstone
Bristol
Guildford
Belfast
Birmingham
Utrecht

MINISTER

Raymond McNair/
Charles Hunting
Leon Walker
Robin Jones
David Wainwright
Michael Bousfield
Paul Suckling
Ted Gould
Bob Morton
John Portune
Ernest Martin
David Bedford
Sherwin McMichael
Roy McCarthy

In addition to the above, Mr. Derek Seaman is visiting in the Birmingham-Bristol area; Mr. John Sanderson in the Warrington-Leeds area; Mr. Mike Bousfield in the Glasgow-Newcastle area; and Mr. David Bedford and Mr. Mark Ellis in the Belfast-Dublin area.

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and explain the need. Give it a little time during your announcements and the Work will greatly benefit.

Thanks for the help. We will look forward to seeing many of you at the Feast.

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taken up the challenge to find the true Christ. If it is possible, I would like one of God's true ministers to call and counsel with me. I want help in letting the REAL Jesus really come into my life.

— Mario G.,
Farmingville, New York

Through *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, *The WORLD TOMORROW* telecast, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and many articles I've studied through the year, I've come to know that they certainly are "the Plain Truth." Also, they have proved to me that the "Jesus People" movement I've been involved with for over a year is a counterfeit and I'm not a Christian by any means! Truly I was deceived. I request help in finding God and letting Christ REALLY come into my life. I have finally found the courage to choose the right way and would like a personal visit by one of your representatives. I live at Washington State University.

— Billie Lou W.,
Pullman, Washington

Our Shocking Character Drain

Your article, "Our Shocking Character Drain" appearing in the June issue of *The PLAIN*

TRUTH is one of the very best I have read on this subject. It is superb, it is tremendous. But since we are a positively shock-proof, "nothing reaches us" society, I am not sure that your article will be as productive as it should be. Your article contains many factual and hard-hitting paragraphs. One paragraph that sets me back on my heels is the one about the school board in Canada that banned Ambassador College booklets against crime. This is like a guest entering his hotel room and throwing the Bible out the window because it contains the ten commandments. Or like going to a baseball game and shouting for the dismissal of the umpires. How silly and moronic can people become? How to reach this type of thinking is anybody's guess.

— Earl C.,
Washington, D.C.

Not Worthy to Know Truth

This is really God's Work and this is one of the wonders He is performing in this era. It is wonderful. I have come to know that I am the most blessed person who ever lived on this earth. I must have been more loved than all others of His creatures, for I am not at all worthy to know the truth. There are richer men, more beautiful men, more capable men, who are looking for this truth, but don't see it. But I, who am poor and foolish, am called by Him to come and know the truth through you. I am not afraid now — I am hoping for safety and eternal life if I am able to fear Him and keep His commandments.

— James O. A., Benin City, Nigeria

Peace of Mind

Just five weeks ago, I wrote to you requesting that one of your ministers get in touch with me; he did within three weeks. We had a nice discussion and since then I have attended the church in this area twice and I wish to continue going. I can't begin to tell you how — in just two short weeks — I have obtained such peace of mind. I found the people at church friendly, truthful, and outgoing. The sermons have hit pretty close to home for me. I have never seen so many happy and contented people before. I had been putting off writing to you regarding a local representative of the Worldwide Church of God for a couple of months, and I regret now that I didn't write to you sooner.

— Linda S.,
Golden Valley, Mississippi