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General News and Comments

MAIL SUMMARIES

HEADQUARTERS

August 4, 1972

The income for the month of July showed a 6.7% increase over 1971. We are still holding steady with a 11.9% increase for the year to date as of Thursday.

The mail for July totaled 170,496 letters. This was a 14.2% decrease compared to 1971. The year-to-date letter count through July 31 was 1,255,579. This is a 19.2% decrease for all mail compared to last year.

During the month of July *The PLAIN TRUTH* in the United States added 17,373 subscribers to the mailing list. There were 6,511 people added to the new Correspondence Course in July, bringing the total enrollment to somewhat over 140,000.

The response to the two ads appearing in *Reader's Digest* on the Mind now total 13,586. The two ads on Marriage now total 11,290. The August ad on the Seven Laws of Success totals 1,310. All totals are through Thursday of this week.

We received 1,446 responses to the nationwide *TV Guide* ad announcing the *Worldwide Church of God* booklet. We also received 476 responses to the same ad in *Time*.

VANCOUVER, CANADA

July 26, 1972

Income for the year to date shows a 17% increase and the mail count is 36.5% below 1971.

The mail count continues to stay low, as we

average fewer than 1,000 letters per working day. Finances, on the other hand, continue to stay steady.

NEW AUDITORIUM

It has now been nearly seven months since construction began on the new auditorium. The completion date for this beautiful building is presently set for March of 1974.

For the first 30 days a monumental task of excavation was undertaken. During this time 60 percent of the total excavation was completed. The remaining 40 percent will be for the large reflecting pool.

Next, 26 "caissons" — large vertical holes in the ground — were drilled around the perimeter of the auditorium. These caissons, 19 feet deep and about 30 inches in diameter, were then filled with reinforced steel and concrete and will serve to support the 70-foot columns.

A 150-foot crane was then erected in the center of the construction site. This crane does most of the transferring of building materials. Another large, but mobile, crane was recently brought in to aid in the placing of large steel structural beams.

Presently, the basement walls and main lobby floor have been poured, and the lobby wall (the one which will eventually be covered with onyx) has been poured to a height of 45 feet.

Much of the skeletal framework is now erected. Sixteen of the 26 steel columns forming the *inside* perimeter are now up and most of the steel cross-beams for the roof are also in place.

This brings us up to date on the progress of construction which, according to a recent report, is about two months *ahead* of schedule! A more detailed report, with pictures, is planned for an issue of *The Good News* after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Tom and Louana Tullis (Cedar Rapids-Des Moines): Greetings from Des Moines, Iowa. Louana presented me with a daughter at 8:22 a.m. on May 26. *Amy Elizabeth* weighed 7 lbs. even and was 19½ in. long. We were blessed with a short labor of only 9 hours. All parties involved doing fine at present.

PARKING LOT STRUCTURE

Construction on the new subterranean parking structure, south of the Student Center, is well under way. This 1.5 million dollar project will not only provide much needed parking space (306 car capacity), but will also furnish us with a beautifully landscaped track and field facility on the roof of the structure.

Ambassador College is the general contractor. The majority of the construction, though, has been given out to subcontractors, with William Simpson Company being the prime subcontractor.

Excavation of the area is now complete. Presently, cement pillars, which will support the landscaped roof, are being poured. The north row of pillars were completed this week.

The tentative date for completion of the parking structure is mid-December. Landscaping and development of the rooftop should be completed by February of next year.

OFFICE FACILITIES BUILDING

The sorely needed Office Facilities Building is now complete. This edifice was an entirely in-house project, designed and built by our own staff. It is a two-story structure located at 64 West Valley Street (almost to Fair Oaks Avenue) and provides 53,680 square feet of office space.

Because of rapid growth and changes in the Work, flexibility was a key feature in the planning. Three basic interior designs provide maximum flexibility. First is the raised floor system with removable panels which allows efficient access to underfloor electrical, telephone, and computer cables. Second is an integrated coffered ceiling which allows wall removal. An added feature here is improved air distribution and acoustical control.

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Third is the use of demountable wall panels attached to floor and ceiling grids.

Thus, new office arrangements can be accomplished with very minimal costs and in a short time, while older more rigid buildings require expensive reconstruction. All services in the building, such as stairs, restrooms and mechanical equipment, are confined to its four corners. Hence, they do not stand in the way of office rearrangement.

The Physical Plant Division, under Jack Elliott's direction, is located on the first floor. Mail Processing with its many functions, under Richard Rice's supervision, resides on the second floor.

The use of paneling, draperies, carpets, and tilings are tastefully presented to make this addition a most attractive asset to the college. However, much more new office space is sorely needed at this time.

EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND

The department serving the blind has recently updated its equipment. Inexpensive cassette tapes are now used almost exclusively. In January of this year, *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine began to be recorded on tape. We also keep current with each new lesson of the revised Correspondence Course. Blind brethren will be happy to learn that *The GOOD NEWS* is now available on tape. Sixty booklets have been recorded and we even have the Spokesman's Club Manual on cassette!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Because both Mr. Antion and Mr. Portune have been away from Headquarters this past week, they were not able to prepare any material for this Bulletin.

Foreign Educational Service

RONALD L. DART

GOOD news comes from the Spanish Work, this time regarding the Feast of Tabernacles. At long last, we're going to get the Feast off the ground in Mexico. This year the brethren will meet in Oaxtepec National Park nestled high in the mountains, a mere hour's drive from Mexico City. It really is a beautiful spot, and the approximately 100 people who will be there will have one of the most pleasant environments for a Festival anywhere in the world.

The Work in Mexico is showing good solid growth. The income is rising well in the Mexican office, and the list of visit requests is getting longer every day. They now have over 100 unvisited prospective members in Mexico! However, we are going to have to do some culling of that list before we start visiting. The problem is that the Spanish PLAIN TRUTH has not been a strongly religious magazine. Therefore, many of the people who are requesting visits either do not realize that they are requesting a visit from a *minister*, or are assuming that the minister will be *Catholic!* So, some groundwork needs to be done before we actually start visiting these people.

There are, however, a number of very sincere persons awaiting visits. Mr. Ruiz reported receiving a letter from a group of people in the state of Tabasco in Southern Mexico who had been fasting until they got an answer from us! He called them long distance and assured them that as soon as possible he would go to see them. Needless to say, they were very happy, and we hope they started eating again.

We have been having a little trouble with radio XEVIP since Mr. Armstrong's stronger religious broadcasts have been on the air. A few nights ago the broadcast was cut off after about ten minutes with no explanation at all. We certainly would appreciate your prayers that God would keep that door open to the Mexican people.

Meanwhile, we are presently doing a study to determine the best course of action for building the mailing list in Mexico. As soon as the move of the Spanish Department to Pasadena is complete, we should be able to get something going.

New Zealand

In New Zealand, we've had some rather unfavorable publicity recently in a newspaper called "The Truth." Following is a letter from Mr. Graemme Marshall's banker to the editor of this newspaper. He sent a copy of it to Graemme with a note: "Dear Graemme, This is for your information, *keep up the good work!*"

Dear Sir,

As a regular listener to Radio I and Hauraki, I read with interest your article in today's issue on "Ambassador College." I would ask you, "Why are you knocking something good?"

These people are really trying to do something good! They provide research material on practically any subject you can name and it's "FREE." I now receive the "Plain Truth" magazine, it is well edited and produced as well as being extremely informative, it has NO RIVAL in New Zealand.

I would particularly stress the fact that I have NEVER been asked to "pay" a subscription or give a monetary "donation."

It is a pity that more people do not know of the numerous publications which are available from the college, at least they have a logical and evaluating approach to the subjects they review.

I would remind you of the saying, "If you haven't got anything good to say — DON'T SAY IT." I don't mean that sarcastically, just practically.

(Truth is also a good paper, I buy it each week without fail!)

Yours Faithfully,

Tony Grant-Fargie,
Patea

The Philippines

I know many of you have been wondering if the brethren are all right after the very serious floods in Manila. I just received the following telex from Mr. Adair:

Greetings: Everything all right in the Manila area after the worst flooding in over 40 years. A few of the brethren here were flooded in their ground floor, but no one hurt. However, we don't know the condition of our people in the north where the floods were really devastating. Mr. Ortiguero was there at week's beginning and was stranded. Have not heard from him in more than a week. Most bridges between Manila and north are down making it impossible to return via car. We expect to hear of severe losses among our people up north. It is good we have healthy emergency fund thanks to HQ transfer lately. Will let you know extent of damages our people suffered as soon as available. Office closed 3 days last week due to flooding of surrounding streets and cessation of business all over city — no mails either.

In an earlier letter from Mr. Adair dated July

10, he said the following, after returning from an arduous trip to Don Carlos and Kiara:

Thursday and Friday of last week were extremely wet. A tropical depression, Erding, emptied tons of rain over Manila and environs and caused widespread flooding. On driving to the airport we took the van and not the car, and I was glad we did. Just as we approached the domestic airport the road was well under water and the car would never have made it. But the van, being higher, got through.

The plane to Cagayan de Oro originally was scheduled to leave 11:30 a.m., but was postponed until 1:10 p.m. However, as usual, it was about 1:50 p.m. before we began boarding, getting wet in the walk from the building to the jet. So after taking off in pouring rain at 2:00 p.m., we landed in Mindanao at 3:25 p.m. in fine weather. The depression was only extending over Luzon. Mr. Benitez, Mr. Roque and his brother, were waiting to meet us with the Jeep. After confirming our reservations in the hotel for the Saturday night, we proceeded to Don Carlos over the mountains and valleys. It took us six hours of uneventful driving over terrible "roads" which were pitted from the recent rains. It was quite an experience for Doug, but apart from a sore "tail" (which yours truly had also) he enjoyed it. We arrived at our destination just about 10:00 p.m. We stayed in a member's home, with a small room each with a proper bed and mattress (which I hadn't expected at all), plus mosquito net. After a late dinner we retired under the nets. But I couldn't sleep too well. The mosquitos kept out, but I had the company of some ants which I could feel crawling on my arms and back every now and then. There was a pile of bodies next morning below the pillow where my back had been resting.

We went to Kiara, 45 minutes drive away, for the morning service which began at 10:00 a.m. We had to walk the last mile or so because the jeep couldn't cross part of the road which had been churned up by big trucks into deep tracks. He tried to get across the river but couldn't make it. We left him behind and he followed later, having been pulled out by a weapons carrier belonging to a logging company.

After the service we headed back to Don Carlos, had lunch, and started the afternoon service there at 2:00 p.m. We left there around 4:30 p.m. and once again had an uneventful journey back to Cagayan, arriving there at 10:30 p.m. It was good to have a hot shower and tumble into bed. Actually, this trip was better than the one I made last year as far as conditions go. We didn't have much rain, although the road bore the water and mud of rain just passed, and we had no mechanical trouble or punctures at all. Mr. Roque is an excellent driver and did very well.

Canada

Our final news item comes from Canada where the Abbotsford Church began last Sabbath with 191 in attendance, while the Sudbury Church

had 93. Penticton is scheduled to begin August 19th, and Winnipeg a.m. on August 5th.

Harry Walker, Preaching Elder from San Jose, is transferring to Toronto to assist Mr. Gary Antion with his responsibilities. □

EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND

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There are 435 people now receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* on tape and 308 receive the Correspondence Course. Although we have very little to offer in braille (5 booklets), a braille edition of the new church hymnal is planned for our blind brethren.

Hugh Mauck continues to supervise this department along with his other duties in the Mail Processing Center. Most of the taping has been done by Jim Bettis, while some recording is also being done by Joe Bauer on the Big Sandy campus.

The department recently purchased an Ampex CD-200 for duplicating tapes. However, our capacity is still quite limited. Nevertheless, we have come a long way since the days of using scratchable, breakable records!

If you have any special requests regarding help for the blind, please direct them to Education for the Blind, Box 111, Pasadena, California 91105. You may include any such envelopes in your mail sent to CAD.

FLOODS — HURRICANE AGNES

Thought you might be interested in knowing how our members in the Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and surrounding area fared during the recent flooding caused by hurricane Agnes.

No member suffered substantial damage to his personal property. One member's building was in the water, but he was only renting — and on the second floor. Another, who lives in a garden-type first floor apartment had water lapping at her front entry-way — but that was as far as it came — her neighbor's apartment had water on the floors. A few members had water in their basements.

A number (perhaps around a half dozen) are out of work temporarily because their places of employment went under water. The store front one member was renting as a workshop went under — he'll make out O.K. with a state grant. The only person in this area (the only one having had any connection with God's Church, that is) to suffer substantial damage is a disfellowshipped woman — her home was in 4 to 6 feet of water.

God certainly watches over His people.

— Dick Wiedenheft