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General News and Comments

MAIL SUMMARIES

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA December 22, 1972

The income for the year to date as of Wednesday shows a 11.1% increase over last year.

The mail for the first three weeks of December has been outstanding — actually a flood would be a better description. The nationwide *TV Guide* ad has reached 65,059 response. The response to the "special letter" offering the literature on sex education has reached 33,089. Broken down by status it appears as follows: Members 10,233; Co-Workers 10,922; Donors 11,934.

VANCOUVER, CANADA December 13, 1972

The income for the year to date shows a 6.8% increase. At the close of November, 1972 we had 204,300 *PLAIN TRUTH* subscribers (23.4% increase over one year ago) and 19,823 Correspondence Course students (a whopping 54.3% increase).

LETTER COMMENTS

EFFECTS OF RELIGIOUS FORMAT

Our mail shows the change to a more religious format has been generally well received. The few cancellations that have been received are mainly due to a specific doctrinal difference. "I never realized you believed that" is a common expression among those cancelling.

There are three phrases that are used more commonly than any others to describe Mr. Ted Armstrong's effect:

1. He tells it like it is . . .
2. He knows what he's talking about . . .
3. He makes sense . . .

Following are some letters showing both sides — pro and con — of the religious format:

Every Program Has Something I Did Not Know

There has been a very real change in the radio program. This is a *real* message. A vital message. It has a message from the Bible. Virtually every program has something to say that is new to me, or some new light is shed on something I did not know before.

— Allen C.,
Portland, Oregon

Finds Topics on Theology Most Interesting

I watch Mr. Armstrong on Sunday, Channel 11, 10:30 p.m. I wish he had more time and was on a little earlier. Of all the subjects he has discussed, I find the ones on theology most interesting.

— Willie C.,
Pennington Gap, Pennsylvania

Bewildered by New Format

I have been one of your viewers whenever you appeared on TV. I share your concern for the planet's people, minerals, ecology, etc., and your application of the scientific principle and dedication to the facts; the presentation of verifiable in-

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Samuel and Veronica Gillespie (Cincinnati): Greetings! At 6:16 a.m. Sunday morning the 26th of November, we received a new addition to our family. My wife Veronica had a boy and we named him *Trent Allen*. Both are doing fine. He weighed 7 lbs., 14½ oz. at birth.

Felix and Connie Heimberg (Midland, Michigan): Connie and I are pleased to announce the arrival of *Tricia Lynne* last Sabbath, December 2nd. The hairless one made the scene after an "easy" 4½ hour labor, weighing in at 6 lbs., 12 oz. We were able to have a home delivery. The baby was on time, but the doctor was late. Fortunately the nurse was there to accomplish the necessities and everything turned out beautifully. We now have two daughters.

Brian and Arlett Knowles (Pasadena): *Jon William* was born December 1, at 12:28 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19 inches long. There was 1½ hours of labor — no problems. He was almost a boy named "Sue," but in a burst of compassion we named him Jon.

Carl and Polly Koellner (Salt Lake City): Greetings from Salt Lake City! After having three boys, our little girl finally arrived. However, this little girl really has the wrong plumbing! "Yep," you're right! It's another boy — and a big one too! He weighed 10 lbs. and measured 22½ inches at birth. Polly had to labor on the Sabbath — but it only lasted about 3½ hours. December 2nd certainly was a joyful day! We're very happy with this fine little fella, *Marten David*, and all are doing fine.

John and Elaine Mitchell (Peoria, Illinois): On December 5th my wife (formerly Elaine Leonard) delivered a 7 lb. boy. This was our third child, but first boy. We were thankful, pleased and surprised. Mother and baby doing fine. We named him *Matthew John*.

Les and Pam Stocker (Pasadena): We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our second daughter, *Ester*

Ministerial

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Annette. She came December 15th with a weight of 7 lbs., 1 oz., and a length of 19 inches. We are continuing our effort with the Harold Stocker family of Chicago in populating the Millennium with Stocker girls. An added blessing was Pam's total labor and delivery time of 50 minutes! That may not be a record, but we sure feel blessed! The whole family is doing fine.

Dick and Darlene Wiedenheft (Mt. Pocono): It's Thursday, December 7, 1972, 6:15 p.m. Mike Swagerty (visiting from New Jersey) and I are about to enjoy dinner with some members. The phone rings, "I'm in labor dear, hurry home." It's 45 minutes to home and another hour to the hospital. Mike says, "You can drive." We arrive home at 7:15 p.m. and I find Darlene in the bedroom — in hard labor. "We're going to have the baby right here," she says. And 10 minutes later, *Marlene* (mar-lānă) *Jane*, 8 lbs., 20 inches, lay kicking and crying on the bed — with "Dr." Wiedenheft in attendance, and "intern" Swagerty boiling water and phoning the doctor. Half an hour later "nurses" Mrs. Swagerty and Mrs. Bragg arrived to help clean up. There's no place like home!

Book Reviews

The Living Bible (Paraphrased), Kenneth Taylor, Tyndale House, Wheaton, Illinois, 1971, \$9.95.

The Living Bible originally appeared in seven consecutive books and booklets beginning with *the Living Letters* in 1962. No doubt many of you

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Church Administration

DAVID L. ANTION

The weather is still beautiful here in Southern California as I dictate this to you. There is a warming trend right now with atmosphere very clear and unlimited visibility. It really is inspiring to see the mountains so clearly.

Unfortunately, not all of you are privileged to have the same type of weather. However, the snow is beautiful, too. Every now and then I get a craving to see the snow, to feel it, and to be in it. However, whenever I think of shovelling it, driving through it — putting on chains in it; then I am very thankful for Southern California weather.

A Potpourri of News

Here's a comment from Louis Winant about the response from the San Antonio campaign. He says, "To date [December 14th] we have received a total of 90 mail responses to the San Antonio appearances. Sixty-one are the program tear-out-slips, and 29 are "worth-writing-for" cards. The donations have not as yet been processed.

"It is still somewhat early to get a full picture regarding phone calls and visits. Roy Holladay reports that as the result of the television specials aired before the appearances, he received seven calls and five requests for visits. Since the San Antonio appearances he has received nine calls for a total of sixteen, and has made an additional eight visits, for a total of thirteen visits."

Mr. George Meeker reports on Mr. Armstrong's trip to our Lake of the Ozarks Festival site in Central Missouri. He says, "Even though the weather was very bad, 3,252 people met to hear Mr. Armstrong at the Lake of the Ozarks Festival site. Some area churches were cancelled so that they could attend."

Mr. Armstrong told me that the building was without heat, but I was very happy to hear that in spite of the cold weather, there was certainly a very warm response to his appearance.

Mr. Armstrong left for Europe last week and is visiting the English campus at the present time. He took Drs. Meredith and Germano with him. I am sure they are having profitable meetings with our men in England. One of the objectives of their going was to establish closer communications between the campuses. I am sure that we all realize

in a work of this size that close communication, brotherly love and cooperation are constant needs which are absolutely essential to the success of God's Work.

Banned Toys

I recently received from Dr. Farrow two booklets published by the Food and Drug Administration, and its "Bureau of Product Safety." These booklets list quite a number of toys that have been banned because of being considered unsafe. It would take me too long to elaborate here on all the toys that have been banned. However, I feel that our members should know what has been done along this line.

Here's what the booklet says: "The child Protection and Toy Safety Act of 1969 authorizes the Food and Drug Administration to remove and keep from the market toys and other children's products with electrical, mechanical or thermal hazards. It amends the 1960 Federal Hazardous Substances Act by extending the authority of the Secretary of Department of Health, Education and Welfare to ban by regulation 'toys and other articles intended for use by children' which contain 'an electrical, mechanical, or thermal hazard.'

"This is the current listing of all banned toys and other banned articles that had been intended for use by children. Supplemental lists will be compiled, published, and distributed monthly.

"Each entry includes the name and location of the responsible firm, means for identifying the banned article, date of banning, and the hazard presented by the article."

If you or any of the members of your congregation would like to have these booklets, you may write to: Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Food and Drug Administration, Bureau of Product Safety, 5401 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, 20016.

CAD — PCD Interface

In order to more effectively help the ministers in the field in visiting prospectives, PCD would like to hear from you with regard to what you consider to be a profile of a Prospective Member.

We will shortly be sending out forms which will ask a number of questions about prospective members. We will want to know, for instance, how much exposure to the truth you think a prospective member should have had before he is contacted by the minister. We will also ask what percentage of PMs you think actually come into the Church after you visit them. A number of other questions will be asked as well. So be thinking about some of these things in regard to PM visiting.

Visiting Teen-agers

I'd like to pass along a suggestion that came from one of our men in the field. He says, "Following the defection of one of our member's teen-age daughters to marry outside the Church, I realized that I had not taken the time to get to know our young people as I should have. So for a couple of weeks we concentrated on visiting as many of our teen-agers as possible. I visited them without their parents being present, which helped them to express their feelings freely. Though I let them do most of the talking, there were some key things I wanted to know. I asked questions to determine what they thought were the keys to avoiding the 'generation gap.' I got their views on what the teens expect of the Church, the ministry, the other members and their parents.

"One caution that I might point out is keeping the kid's confidence. If they feel that you are either going to correct them or get them in trouble with their parents, they will not confide in us.

"This exercise was very profitable for me and for the kids. It provided good material for a couple of sermons. Our kids feel that they can't talk to their parents, which unfortunately is the way many of them feel, and they think the local minister isn't willing to take the time to listen to them."

I feel these are very helpful suggestions for all of our church pastors. I would like to point out that the local minister ought to encourage the teen-agers to have closer contact with their parents. We ought to also encourage the parents to get closer to their teen-agers.

We cannot rear other people's children for them. The most we can do is to help bridge the gap that lies between parent and child. We have a commission that says, "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers" (Mal. 4:6). This is our duty. This is what we must strive to accomplish.

Visiting the teen-agers is one way of knowing what their problems are and how to help the parents go about doing their part in correcting those problems. But I want to emphasize that we must be careful we never get *between* parent and child. We must try to get them together, *bridging* the gap.

The Ministry and You

One of the most beautiful things there is to behold, according to the Bible, is "A word fitly spoken." The Bible says it is "like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov. 25:11).

Not everyone can speak words which are fitting — words spoken properly, correctly, appropriately, judiciously and timely!

Verse 12 continues, "As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is a wise reproof upon an obedient ear.*"

Now all reproof is not given in the beautiful manner described in Proverbs 25:12. Not every reproof is done wisely. But when it is, it is like an earring of gold or some piece of fine golden jewelry upon the ear of the obedient hearer.

This principle can be applied in many ways by those of us in the ministry. We give much advice, correction, and reproof. We visit and talk with many people about many problems. The way that advice is given, the sensitiveness of the reproof and the structure of his words can be a "golden jewel" upon the ear of those who wish to obey.

On the other hand, reproof can become disastrous — a calamity!

Only wise reproof brings about the desired good results!

A person is usually reproofed because he needs to change some bad habit or some fault. He needs to be set straight in his life, concepts, ways of thinking or acting.

Reproof therefore becomes a means of changing this person. But is that all we want to accomplish?

Do we merely wish to *change* the person? Is that the only thing we have in mind when reproofing him?

Many kinds of reproof — wise or not — can bring about *changes* in the actions or thinking of people.

But what are the side effects of unwise reproof?

It can bring about discouragement, resentment, a defeated attitude. Although the desired changes are effected and the faults are eradicated, there is left a lifeless spirit and a defeated feeling — a depression!

This is not at all beautiful! This is not a golden piece of jewelry upon the ear. This is not "apples of gold in pictures of silver." The aftermath of WRONG reproof is not pretty — it is VERY UGLY!

The wise reproof knows *how* to correct without discouraging. He knows *how* to bring about the needed changes in a person's thinking, habits and actions to conform to God's Word and His commandments WITHOUT the unpleasant side effects.

We want all of you to be wise reprovers. We want you to work on your sensitivity to other people's feelings. To this end, we will be periodically sending certain instructions to help you be a wise reproofer.

Ask God for wisdom and understanding to help you be the kind of wise reproofer described in His Word, so that your words will truly be fitting as "apples of gold in pictures of silver." □

THE DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY

The Department of Theology is fulfilling duties brought about by the college's increased size and development. Their major responsibilities are in *co-ordinating* all of the college's many theology courses. Another duty is to supervise the Master of Arts program. We presently have five candidates for that advanced degree, while many others have already begun the program.

Dr. Martin has had extensive experience with our archeological expedition in Israel and has taught theology courses at our Bricket Wood campus. But this last summer Dr. Martin vacated his Dean of Faculty post in Bricket Wood and has now taken on the directorship of the Theology Department. But Dr. Martin is not alone in this new job. He is assisted by a staff of highly qualified Ambassador-trained men such as George Kemnitz, Gunar Freibergs, and Lester Grabbe. As you know, Mr. Kemnitz joined the faculty after a number of years in the field ministry. Mr. Freibergs, another alumnus of Ambassador, has worked in the Düsseldorf office, assisted Dr. Hoeh in history and theology areas, as well as earning a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Grabbe holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Ambassador and is currently working toward a Doctor's degree at Claremont College. You have probably seen articles by Les from time to time on his specialized subject of ancient languages.

The Department of Theology has introduced some new classes to the college's curriculum and is administering several others that have come into existence since many of you graduated. We would like to mention just a few to whet your appetite if you are coming in soon for a sabbatical, or for the first time.

Early Church History, taught by Gunar Freibergs, is one of the newer courses. It proceeds through many of the philosophies which form the foundation of traditional churchianity. This class has proven to be quite an eye-opener on the origin of most "modern" doctrines and has given students much added insight.

Biblical Prophecy, taught by Dr. Martin, is the newest course on the agenda. It reviews and examines the most basic principles of prophecy. It, too, is taught on the graduate level and explores biblical history in the context of prophecy.

New Testament Greek and Biblical Hebrew are both offered, with Lester Grabbe teaching. Some of the subjects you see discussed in Mr. Antion's "The Ministry and You" column are from lectures

he has already given to his Pastoral Administration class. This course has been especially provocative to those men with field experience who are in for further study. A class on the same subject is offered on the undergraduate level and is called Introductory Pastoral Administration. George Kemnitz instructs this class in addition to several others.

Dr. Martin would like to introduce yet another new class next year. That is a course in Biblical Geography. We are sure it would be as successful in augmenting our traditional Bible classes as these others have been.

The Theology Department offices are located on the second floor, northeast corner, of the Hall of Administration. There are six employees, and like so many other areas of the Work, it is a pioneering effort. Designing new classes, improving and administering the present program, and fulfilling many other unscheduled projects is quite a challenge. Perhaps this department will be able to provide *direct* services for you field ministers in the future. Right now these men are "snowed" with work and the good results are already apparent.

— Les Stocker

BOOK REVIEWS

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bought most or all of these installments before the recent volume "put it all together" at one third the cost of the combined components.

Most members of God's Church have rightly understood that this book is to be "perused," not studied, since it captures the story flow but not the literal word-by-word accuracy of a translation.

One of Mr. Hill's "Twelve Rules for Bible Study" is: "Don't establish doctrine with Bible helps." In the final analysis, *The Living Bible* is no more than a "bible help," not a translation. It is a paraphrased rewrite of the Bible, leaning to the biases of what one sincerely deceived man thinks the Bible is trying to say.

Another rule for Bible study is "Don't put vague scriptures first." By making vague scriptures "come clear," *The Living Bible* gives undue ammunition to the twig-twisters and loose-brick artists you might have in your flock. Many don't realize the Bible is *literally* cryptic in many passages. It is not always "King James euphemisms;" it is often high Hebrew literature. Many parables and prophecies were written to cloud the meaning to the masses, as we know, so beware when a deceived man tries to "uncloud" them. Don't assume

every scripture is meant to "pop to life" in "straight-from-the-shoulder, hard-hitting, crystal-clear" modern prose. After all, Peter DID say Paul was "hard to be understood." So don't trust all of Kenneth Taylor's "easy to be understood" version of Paul's complex sentences.

Taylor's constant reference to Christians "going to heaven" shows blatantly his Protestant bias, and it probably fools none of the members. But other mistaken concepts are more subtly written. If a prospective member had ONLY this "Bible," chances are he could not come to understand God's true doctrines. In fact, there are many doctrines which only come clear through the unique accuracy of the King James version! In total effect, it is still the most accurate translation.

Therefore, be careful when you read publicly from this book or advocate it in sermons. There is a danger that some few members will begin to rely on it as THE Bible. It should not be their "lap Bible" which they bring to church, trying to follow the sermon while you read the King James version or another accurate translation. Members should leave *The Living Bible* at home along with their other bible helps.

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times" (Psalm 12:6). After the centuries of human blood invested in this refining process, don't let one man's paraphrased version of part dross and part silver lead any member astray. The worst result may not be false doctrines or twiggly arguments, but rather a lazy approach to Bible study, and a lack of awe for the *purified* Word. *The Living Bible* is meant to be read and relished, but only by MATURE Christians versed in the meat of the Word.

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NOTE: The following quotations were taken from the preface to the final two volumes (*Living Laws of Moses* and *Living History of Israel*). They graphically demonstrate the Protestant bias of the author.

But many of the laws recorded here are obsolete, now that Christ has come. So why read them? One reason is that we can rejoice in being free from them! For Christ has set us free. Well does the old hymn remind us: "Free from the law, oh, happy condition!..." do not only think "Oh, boy, I'm glad I'm free from having to follow all those weird rules!" But also think, "What was the purpose of those rules?" (Preface, *Living Laws of Moses*).

I too am horrified at the God-ordained slaughter you will read about in the early pages of this book. As a pacifist, I am devastated that God is a God of war and judgment and vengeance... From reading these books I came very close, I fear, to a spiritual collapse (Preface, *Living History of Israel*). □

LETTER COMMENTS

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formation was your forte. But of late you departed and went into theology — have you been working too hard? Sir Isaac Newton went into theology after his nervous breakdown. Your opinions are now given as facts; information drawn from a book translated at least four times and verifiable only from that same source; have you abandoned your old format? I understand your past drives, but this!? — to accomplish what?

— Andrew E.,
San Pedro, California

Broadcast Has Become Too Religious

As I am an agnostic, and you are now leaning over backwards trying to convert your readers to Christianity and to believe the Bible literally, I do not care to watch your program any longer. Under the guise of Christianity, more wars have been fought and more lives have been lost than from any other source. To make the world better, you will have to change your basic concepts.

— Edgar G.,
Yuma, Arizona

GENERAL COMMENTS

Healing

Each week we receive around 10 letters telling of healings. Following is one of the letters received this past week:

Yes there is a God who is very real, who hears us and who *heals* today. Please let me tell you of a wonderful healing that has happened to me this week.

Four weeks ago I had a terrible pain around my uterus and right side. It was so painful I couldn't stand up straight. When I would lie down I couldn't turn from one side to another.

I went to the doctor for an examination. He said I had ulcers around my uterus and suspected cancer and that I would have to have an operation to remove my uterus. He told me to come back to him in two weeks after my tests for cancer came back and he would talk about when I would have the operation.

That Sabbath I asked the minister to please anoint me then before my test got to the hospital. Well, the week following I was worse than ever. But I trusted God to take care of everything and to *heal* whatever the problem was. Come Tuesday

and it was time to go back to the doctor. *No pain* — it had left all at once and completely! I told the doctor I was feeling fine. He examined me again and couldn't find any signs of ulcers or cancer and he was amazed and he himself said he was so thankful. But I am the one who is the most thankful and give God all thanks and praise for this healing.

— Mrs. John F.
Charlottesville, Virginia

From Voice of Free Korea

We are much interested in *The PLAIN TRUTH* you recently advertised in a Korean language weekly, the "Weekly Chosun," published in Seoul.

The Voice of Free Korea, overseas service of the Korean Broadcasting System, broadcasts every day in 7 languages toward all corners of the world with daily news of Korea and items of general interest. Especially, the Europe-American Section produces daily programs in 4 languages such as English, French, Spanish and Russian.

Any information available from the issues you publish, even though its contents are not directly related to Korea or VOFK broadcasting, will be a great help for furtherance of the informative functions of Euro-American Section staff.

I want to know if there is any possibility to get your publications regularly (in English, Spanish and French), free of charge. We would appreciate any help that we can obtain from you. Waiting for your splendid help.

— Kim Tae-sok,
Chief, Euro-American Sections,
Voice of Free Korea,
Korean Broadcasting System,
Seoul, Korea

God Works In Mysterious Ways . . .

Several months ago when I was weighing in my mind the subject of tithing, I was thinking there are so many churches and organizations that claim to be God's Work, how could I know where my tithe should go? Oddly enough since coming to Alaska, my left foot would peel most of the time as though sunburned or just dry. Nothing I put on it seemed to do much good. So in prayer I asked God: if Ambassador College was truly where His tithe of my earnings should go, why not show me by clearing the skin problem on my left foot. That wasn't much to ask. I knew He could do it if He wanted to. You know, in a few days the skin on my foot was back to normal. A small thing for God,

but no less a miracle than any of the many told in the Bible.

— P. J. G.,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Thanks

I want all of you who are involved in publishing *The PLAIN TRUTH*, GOOD NEWS and booklets to know how thankful one of your readers is for all the articles that are full of wisdom, knowledge, correction, guidance and delight that you have put into these magazines. I'm grateful for all your efforts, the long hours of research and the prayer that go into each article. To the men, both young and old, who work day and night at their jobs to get God's Word out to all peoples, I give my thanks. And surely there are many more who give thanks daily to God for the work you put out.

— Mrs. Charles N.,
Seward, Alaska

Well — it's been exactly a year now since I started listening to "The World Tomorrow." My, what I've learned during that past year! Blissful ignorance replaced with knowledge. Well, not really very much of the ignorance was "blissful" — a lot of it was shameful to me and I sought for the *truth*. From you I've found it.

Have had several immensely profitable visits by Mike Weber, your representative in this area. He certainly "knows his stuff." I will soon be requesting another visit from him and his assistant.

I know you're busy and lack time for this lengthy blather, so I'll close down now. But I am deeply grateful for the information and knowledge you've led me to, and wish to offer my thanks. Somebody out there *is* reading and studying your well-authored and well-printed literature, and believing every word of it.

— Donald S.,
Hastings, Nebraska

Your literature kept me alive when I could find no help — of the kind I needed — anywhere. Thanks again.

— Sister Nora S.,
Newton, Massachusetts

I wish to thank you for the literature you sent me recently. In my fifty years of adulthood I have never heard any minister discuss the many things you do. I have often wondered why.

— Leslie S.,
Monona, Wisconsin

This World Needs Help

Please send me the booklet *Why Were We Born?* I ask myself a million times "Why was I born?" Been so lonely married to an alcoholic; I know it is a sickness. All I can do is try one day at a time.

— Mrs. Thelma L.,
Vermont

From The PLAIN TRUTH?

I also notice that *The PLAIN TRUTH* often covers major problems a little before *U. S. News & World Report* covers the same issue even though it's *weekly* (I would think an advantage). I actually believe they get some of their ideas from *The PLAIN TRUTH*. THANKS for doing such *great* work.

— Lyle B.,
Des Moines, Iowa

Willing to Listen

Please put me on your mailing list. I don't believe or agree with *everything* you say, but then again this world would be an odd world if everyone did agree.

— Mrs. Betty C.,
Danville, Illinois

Sees Truth But Will Not Obey

Just got your monthly Co-Worker letter and would like to discuss a problem that I have with you. As you said in your letter, it is the Christmas season of the year, and I have your book on Christmas. I've checked in the encyclopedia and it is true that Christmas is mostly pagan. Members of my family don't go along with that. They say I'm taking what you say too seriously. I believe the Bible. I believe in Jesus Christ; that He is going to come back and rule this earth just as you say. It's just that I can't go along with you about Christmas. Not that I don't believe you. It's just that I don't feel it's possible for me not to go along with Christmas. Sir, even though I don't know you, I respect what you teach. I know I'm a hypocrite, but I'm going to have to ask you to take my name off the Co-Worker list. I'm going to still take *The PLAIN TRUTH*, at least for a little while longer. Also, I'll take the Bible Correspondence Course at least up until the twelfth lesson. I'll write you then and tell you whether I'll continue or not. Thank you.

— Steve R.,
Dallas, Texas

Talk About Being Closed Minded

I've just received the December copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and have already thrown it in the waste basket. I'm a Methodist and am *very proud* of it and *nothing* that I would read would change *my* way of thinking and believing. No, not even the Bible. I feel that I'm right, and naturally you believe that your way of thinking is the only way, so that's that.

— Mrs. Gerald G.,
Reseda, California

Let's Hope This Helps!

Please send the "Missing Dimension in Sex" to my home. I do appreciate it, as I have 13 children.

— Pat W.,
Wadesville, Indiana

Some People Take a While

I've listened to your radio program for almost four years now and I am ashamed to admit that this is the first effort I've made to obtain your literature.

— Steve B.,
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Would you please send me *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and some literature. I enjoy your programs and have been listening since 1961, but have never got around to writing.

— Joseph L.,
Portland, Oregon

I have been listening to you twenty years, and this is the first time I've written you. Keep up the good work.

— Mrs. G. D. M.,
Pleasanton, Texas

New Radio Station

A new station in Puerto Rico began broadcasting sometime in late October or early November. The station is drawing many comments of thanks, such as the following:

I finally heard Garner Ted on the air here in Puerto Rico! It is a great blessing for us and for the island. Thank you so much and thank God for hearing our prayers. You chose the right radio station. WHOA is listened to by not only Americans but by Puerto Ricans alike. In the months to come you will see the fine results that this will bring.

— Mr. & Mrs. Luis M.,
Santurce, Puerto Rico