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MAIL SUMMARIES

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

March 29, 1973

INCOME: The total year-to-date income as of Thursday shows a 6.0% increase. The general income picture is looking up, though still not back to normal — the Holy Day offerings will be crucial again this year in getting us on an even keel of income meeting outgo.

MAIL: The mail is still coming in strong. Response to the coupon in the April PLAIN TRUTH announcing *Ending Your Financial Worries* is beginning to be received and by Friday we will have received about 1,000 responses.

LONDON, ENGLAND

March 14, 1973

British/European Section:

For the first time we have *The PLAIN TRUTH* on the newsstands in four languages! The March edition allowed us to place the English, German, Dutch and French PLAIN TRUTH magazines on the newsstands. This month we sent 15,000 French language magazines to French Canada for newsstand distribution. It is the first time the French PLAIN TRUTH is being displayed on the newsstands. French Canada is also a new area for newsstand distribution. Further expansion in the circulation of *La PURE VERITE* will take place in April when Belgium will receive 4,000 French magazines for display on newsstands. The total PLAIN TRUTH mailing list from London is:

United Kingdom and Irish Republic	122,326
Middle East	3,081
West Africa	49,909
Europe	36,326
India	78,436
South Africa	72,321
West Indies	21,984
TOTAL:	384,383

Due to the Web Press being stopped by the gas dispute, the March PLAIN TRUTH has not yet been sent out. Coupled with the rail strike, this has resulted in a slight decrease in mail for this week.

West African Section:

Mr. Morton recently returned from Africa but was unable to enter Zambia because of the present border difficulties. Visit requests from Africa are rapidly mounting, especially from Ghana and Nigeria. It was anticipated that there would be sixty visit requests between January and August, but we have already received forty requests during the first two months of this year alone. There are 376 visits pending, and it is expected that there will be over 450 visits altogether by the time the next tour is planned.

Indian Section:

Once again, it has been a busy week for the Indian mail readers. The continuing flow of about 125 Radio Ceylon responses per week shows that the voice of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong is reaching an ever-enlarging audience in India. "The World Tomorrow" broadcast is beamed from the southern tip of the great subcontinent, and yet it reaches right up to the Himalayas, a distance equivalent to London/Athens, or Los Angeles/Washington.

Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Albert and Carrie Foy (Manhattan p.m.): After advance warning, yet refusing to make my wife work on the Sabbath, our second daughter arrived on February 17, 1973 at 7:05 p.m., after approximately thirty minutes labor. *Verletria* (pronounced Ver-lē'tria) *Rael* weighed in at 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19¼ inches long. The whole family is thrilled with the new addition.

Al and Suzann Kersha (Santa Barbara): Suzann and I are very happy to announce that the first fruit of our labors has been born. On March 15, 1973, *Jonathan Andrew* came into the world weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces. His length was 21¼ inches. We are both very delighted and thankful for the harvest.

Glen and Maria Salyer (Iowa City): It gives us great pleasure to announce the birth of *Beth Rachelle* on Sabbath morning, March 3. Weight 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Mother and daughter doing fine after a short but hard delivery.

Keith and Renee Walden (Albuquerque): Notice: No longer 2 — now 3 (girls). Last is *Jodie Renee* — born 1-10-73; 7 lbs. 9 ozs.; 2 hours labor.

LETTER COMMENTS

THE REAL JESUS

This week's report deals with the reaction to the booklet *The Real Jesus*. It has been one of our most requested booklets since it came off the press early October, 1972. In the six months following publication we have distributed over 130,000 copies. The overall response shows that people generally are happy to replace the old Jesus with the Real Jesus.

Not the Christ I Grew Up With

"I have just finished poring over *The Real Jesus* booklet for the second time and must tell you how thankful I am for it. It is an incredible, thoroughly eye-opening report of the 'Man from Galilee' who
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Ministerial

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Book Review

How to Parent, by Fitzhugh Dodson, Signet Books, 1970, 444 pages, \$1.25.

"To parent — v.i. — to use, with tender loving care, all the information science has accumulated about child psychology in order to raise happy and intelligent human beings" (Dodson's *New English Dictionary*).

You won't agree with everything in this book — including the above definition — but this interesting, well-written, thoughtful guide to child development has good points that outweigh the relatively few points of disagreement you may find in it.

The promotional introduction claims this book is "destined to be to the 1970s what Ginott was to the 60s and Spock to the 50s." This is perhaps overstated. Psychologists have learned from the bitter lessons of the "Spock-marked" college rebels of the 1960s, but Ginott's compromising approach of "understanding and communication" (*Between Parent and Child*) was also incomplete and too permissive (not allowing for spanking). In the 1970s however, books on discipline are reappearing including such firm titles as *Dare to Discipline*. Dr. Dodson's book is the most balanced and complete among these. "It is impossible to raise children effectively," he maintains, "without spanking them."

How to Parent focuses on the child's first five years, including extended sections on infancy (the first year), toddlerhood (the second year), the
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paper with those in your areas in order to enhance and improve the "news" as much as possible!

Mr. Armstrong is back from his latest Asian tour; has with him a princess, a relative of the King of Thailand -- but he's keeping her out of sight (you shall not reveal the Thai!! -- kidding, of course!).

Mr. Armstrong pretty well brought me up to date on his latest trip, sermons preached along the way, and an article he was working on for the P.T. Yesterday I went to lunch with Stan Rader, and we mutually updated each other. So we're working hard on keeping all lines of communication open, even though it sometimes begins to appear impossible, with the tremendous demands on everyone's time!

By the way of quick personal notes; Charles Hunting, Dave Antion and I (along with my sons David and Matt) went with Mr. Armstrong to the Laker game against Milwaukee last night and had a nice evening. (The Lakers lost -- by one point in the final seconds.) I am going to Mr. Armstrong's home for dinner tonight with the Huntings, Raders, Mr. Gotoh and a Princess (already mentioned) from Thailand; then leaving early tomorrow morning for Salt Lake City and the campaign.

The annual racquetball tournament ended yesterday with a great upset in the very exciting and well-played match. George Geis and Virgil Williams beat Al Portune, Jr. and Jim Thornhill: 21-20, 6-21, 21-17. (We prepared a fake TV show for Jim expounding Prov. 16:18 and I Cor. 10:12. He was caught totally by surprise!)

In Salt Lake, I'll have some interviews (have already had two there last weekend) and a press conference; then the Friday, Sabbath and Sunday night campaigns -- and on to Texas for a few days rest between the two campaigns; a speech at Kilgore College (expected audience 1800) on Thursday, then Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in Dallas and on back to H.Q. for more TV on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Passover weekend.

I hope to spend Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread in Texas again this year, and will have to come right back for another week of heavy TV following.

We've arranged to lease a portable videotape recorder for the entire month of June, and will be doing a great deal of work with it on the Texas campus, and on the site of SEP so we can present many different programs on Education, Teen Problems, Agriculture, Ecology, and the like -- using much of the footage later, in connection with studio-produced programs; and a few of them shot for the full 30 minutes right on "location."

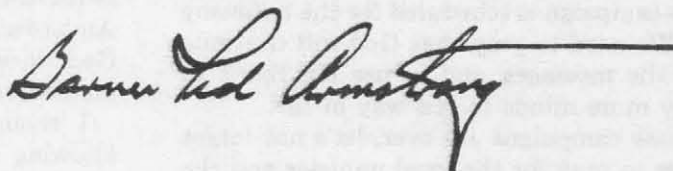
I'm scheduled to leave for England and Europe on or about

the last few days of April, and then shoot a lot of location footage, plus certain interviews with EEC officials and, hopefully, Willie Brandt and F.J. Strauss; all this prior to the Winnipeg and Vancouver campaigns, coming up on the weekends of the 18th, 19th, 20th and the 25th, 26th and 27th of May in that order!

Herr Hans Quast, of late connected with the Festival Department (and still on "loan" to them when and if needed) is arranging things for me; and I have asked Hans to coordinate all the logistical arrangements for the Personal Appearance Campaigns (reservations, halls, contracts, transportation, interviews, schedules, etc., etc.,) thus relieving Joe Bauer of all these details, allowing him to concentrate more on the musical format; the MC's job, and his very exciting classes on "Media Impact" and speech in the college. Joe is also helping coordinate the assembly and forum schedules in Pasadena; and arranging certain student field trips!

Just did 13 more of the brief 5-minute programs for Australia radio -- that is, this morning until my voice got sore, then over to TV for a program prior to lunch with Dave Antion and Jon Hill. And, now that I'm back -- I'm due in the studio in 10 minutes -- so I'll say so long for now -- keep plugging away, everyone, and you can know we're all busily doing the same thing here at H.Q.!

Your brother in Christ's service,



Church Administration

DAVID L. ANTION

Greetings from our whole CAD staff here at Headquarters!

Believe it or not, we've been having more rain here than they have in Oregon or Washington! You have never seen California greener than it is now. However, today it is rather cool and the sun is just now coming out from behind the clouds, making all the greenery glisten with beautiful fresh green hues everywhere.

Potpourri of News

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has returned from his around-the-world trip. He came in on Sunday, March 25th. You'll be hearing more news of that in Mr. Ted Armstrong's letter in this Bulletin and from Co-Worker letters and personals in *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

The Salt Lake City personal appearance campaign will be conducted this coming weekend. And the Dallas campaign is scheduled for the following weekend. We need to pray that God will continue to inspire the messages, and to use His Spirit to open many more minds to His way of life.

After these campaigns are over, let's not forget to continue to pray for the local minister and the follow-up Bible studies that have to nourish the new babes who respond to the truth. Ask God to give His ministers wisdom and tact, and to manifest His love through them to the people attending these follow-up Bible studies.

Follow-up Bible Study Reports

The question of how to report attendances for the follow-up Bible studies after each personal appearance campaign has come up. We feel it would be best if the regular Bible study attendance cards were used for these special Bible studies. However, please clarify on the cards that it was a follow-up Bible study, and also include the name of the campaign — such as: Dallas campaign, Salt Lake City campaign, etc.

Telephone Numbers

In a meeting with Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Jon Hill we decided that it would be best to use our "WATS" line (wide area telephone service) on the television programs exclusively for all information and literature.

There was thought of using the local minister's home phone for church information or church visits. However, because of the wide coverage of certain television stations which may cover five or six church areas, it was decided to use our "WATS" line for all literature and church information requests.

We also feel that this "WATS" line can be used in the telephone directories of those cities where we have churches. It can be listed as a "toll-free" number like many organizations do for their central headquarters.

We have found that most churches list the number of their church *building* in the phone book. They either have an answering service, or if the church building is open all week long, someone is always on hand to answer the phone. Since we do not have our own church buildings with caretakers or telephone answering service, by using this toll-free WATS line people will not have to try to reach the local church minister in his own home only to be frustrated when he is not there to answer the phone. They can simply call directly to Pasadena to get the information they need.

Our present toll-free number is 800-423-4444. We have already had over twenty thousand calls requesting literature and asking questions about Ambassador College and Worldwide Church of God since we started using the line on an experimental basis a few months ago.

I thought all of you would be interested in knowing the above information. So when calls come to H.Q. asking about attending church or requesting a personal visit, we will try to get the person's phone number and then give you a call or send you a memo so you may get in contact with those interested people in your own area.

Purchasing Homes

Mr. Jim Lichtenstein recently wrote suggesting a very helpful booklet giving basic information a person should consider before purchasing a home. It was put out in 1972 by the Bulletin Company, established in Philadelphia. The title of the pamphlet is "What Price House Can I Afford to Buy?" It covers a number of aspects to consider in home buying such as the life-style of the family, mortgages, amounts and terms, optimum down payments, etc. Jim said he could obtain quite a number of copies of this booklet. If any of you are interested you can write to us and perhaps we can get in contact with Jim and decide on the most effective way to distribute this pamphlet.

By the way, most of you probably know that the Lichtensteins had their third child — a baby girl.

They did discover that she had congenital heart trouble. After a period of real trial, Jim reports, "Laura is doing much better — she is gaining weight and has better color. It is still not clear exactly what the problem was that brought her into such difficulty so young, but we are encouraged by her progress and look forward to having her home (from the hospital) soon."

I know many have been praying for the Lichtensteins in this trial, and also many have for years been praying about their two boys. I just wanted to inform you of the latest news and knew that you would be glad to hear that God answered a number of prayers on behalf of little Laura.

Days of Unleavened Bread Schedule

I want to thank all of you for sending in your memos about area Holy Day services. However, we are not able to send ministers out to each and every Feast site for the Days of Unleavened Bread. I really wish we could. But we must of necessity be selective in choosing the sites where the ministers are going.

A question comes in from some of the ministers who pastor congregations in smaller cities or perhaps smaller churches. It is, "Why don't we ever have a guest speaker from H.Q. come to our Holy Day services?"

It is true that most of the ministers who have gone out usually go to the areas where the largest congregations are gathered. Therefore certain areas may seem to be visited over and over again.

We definitely plan to take this suggestion into consideration for next year's planning, and perhaps even in planning for this Feast of Pentecost. We will check to see if some of our men can go to smaller areas that have not been visited as often by someone from one of the colleges.

If a guest speaker has been scheduled to visit your particular area, then you should have already been contacted. If you haven't been notified, then you should plan to take the Holy Day services in your area.

Regional Director Services

The office of Regional Director has been established as a service to all of God's ministry. Please feel free to contact that office for any questions, troubles in your area, etc.

In fact, we would like to urge all of you to call the Regional Director on all matters, except emergency cases which I will outline here briefly. The Regional Director should be the one to advise you to call Headquarters, or he should call Headquar-

ters himself if he cannot give you the answer to your question.

Of course, there are cases where you may have to call Headquarters *immediately*. There may be emergency situations where you need an answer immediately, but cannot contact the Regional Director. There may be other emergency cases which directly involve Headquarters such as threats, etc. If such emergencies come up, please *don't hesitate to call Headquarters immediately!*

However, if it is a routine question about Holy Days, questions on doctrine, etc., please do call the Regional Director or write to him.

In fact, in planning for Pentecost services, I would suggest that you write directly to the Regional Director as to area arrangements and your desires to have a speaker from Headquarters, or one of the colleges.

We Need Your Experience

In our Pastoral Administration class we would like to cover the subject of demons — how to deal with them, how to spot them, what the Bible says about them, and some practical experiences of God's ministry today.

We would like to have a crisp, succinct, brief, but thorough writeup of your experiences along this line.

Have you come into contact with demon-possessed people? Did you ever cast out a demon? How did it react? What did you do? Was it your first experience? etc.

Could you give us the details of some of these questions and send them in to me marked for the Pastoral Administration class.

We have also been toying with the idea of putting together a fairly lengthy book on the many unusual or outstanding experiences of our ministry. Perhaps we could compile some of the most unusual, dangerous, funny, warm and emotional experiences our men have had over the years. I'll be contacting you along these lines as we get prepared to tackle this task.

Due to moving my office location within the Hall of Administration today, I will have to make this column short. A number of other office moves are taking place along with the one involving me.

Mr. Raymond McNair is moving into Dr. Hoeh's old office on the first floor of the Hall of Administration. This puts him in direct contact with all of the administrative offices for the college. Dr. Hoeh is moving to the third floor to be inside the editorial area next to his writers, and other editors.

Mr. Les McCullough has moved into Mr. Dart's old office in the Foreign Educational Service area.

Dr. Germano is moving to the first floor as well, into what used to be Mr. Elliott's old office. Mr. Raymond Cole and I are moving into the suite of offices which used to be occupied by Mr. Meredith and Dennis Luker. Mr. Wayne Cole will move into the office that Raymond Cole is now using, which used to be Ron Dart's old office.

So, I will be very busy today and tomorrow making the physical move from one location to another.

I want to again express my gratitude for the warm reception that we receive every time we go into the field. And we certainly do appreciate your loyal support and prayers. We want most definitely to be of service to all of you in any way we can to make the job of God's ministry one of *service* and *dedication* to His people. We also want to make it the most pleasant and rewarding work that it can possibly be.

May God richly bless all of you who are dedicated to Him in service to His begotten children! □

BOOK REVIEW

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"first adolescence" (the third year), and the pre-school years (ages 3 to 5). In addition, there are two chapters on discipline, two chapters on how to teach your child "school at home," and a chapter and five appendices (totalling nearly one third of the book's length) on proper selection of books, toys, and records — a veritable encyclopedia!

The weakest chapter is "Your Child and Violence," in which he disputes the potentially harmful effect of media violence on children's behavior. However, even when you disagree with his conclusions, it is still interesting to read his process of reasoning leading up to those conclusions. It will help each of us to thus examine our child-rearing practices, right or wrong.

The book's greatest selling point — to ministers and members alike — is its compelling readability. Dodson credits writing expert Rudolf Flesch for inspiring this book's "informal conversational way, as if the two of us were chatting over a cup of coffee." While the appendices overwhelm the reader with detail, the main text is so enjoyable that you'll not want to put the book down. He does *not* include an index for that very reason (it would encourage "backward" reading).

Of course, many parents will be reading this book *too late*. If your children are already past five, this will be a history book. But for any newlyweds or young marrieds, this book would be both interesting and helpful.

Why just the first five years? Because "the first

five years of your child's life are the most important years — the formative years." Approximately 50 percent of your child's intelligence ("ability to mentally manipulate and process the information he acquires") is developed *by age four!* Even as a newborn, "your baby acquires his basic outlook on life. He is forming, from a baby's point of view, his philosophy of life . . . whether a basic sense of trust and happiness about life, or one of distrust and unhappiness."

For an excellent summary of the first 13 chapters, read pages 321 to 323. For immediate and continual reference, Dodson also reviews hundreds of other books about children and for children — along with toys, records, and other child-rearing tools. Add these to the foundation we have in the Bible (especially Proverbs) and our own *Plain Truth About Child Rearing* book, and you can see that "parenting" is the least expensive, but most expensive, 24-hour-a-day occupation on earth! □

LETTER COMMENTS

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really did walk this earth! The Christ of the Bible certainly isn't the 'pusilanimous pansy' or the 'putrescent put-on' I grew up accepting.

"Thank you, sincerely, for putting in booklet form a powerful outline of the tip-of-the-iceberg biography (John 21:25) of the real Jesus Christ. What a contrast from the Christ 'who never was.' Your ability as a detective could easily rival that of Sherlock Holmes!"

Alex R. L.,
Fresno, California

Old Concepts Bit the Dust

"My mind has been boggled by *The Real Jesus* booklet. A lot of concepts of what He was and is were smashed and bit the dust. My thirst for truth has been stimulated to such an extent it is hard to believe, and I hope you can send me additional material to further bury concepts and replace them with facts. More power to you in your light-shedding pamphlets."

Ronald B.,
Randolph AFB, Texas

What a Contrast . . .

"I have found the booklet *The Real Jesus* by Garner Ted to be very interesting. It sure has helped me to understand what Jesus was really

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Foreign Educational Service

LESLIE L. McCULLOUGH

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you men in the Foreign Work who have sent your warm congratulations and sentiments welcoming me to the Foreign Educational Service. It has been quite a while since I have been involved with the Foreign Work, and it is very gratifying to see the good steady progress that has been made over the years.

My wife and I certainly are looking forward to meeting as many of you men as we possibly can this coming year, starting with the Canadian ministers this next week. We plan on being in Vancouver for the Canadian Conference which will be in full swing by the time the rest of you men read this Bulletin. Tentative plans call for a trip to Australia and New Zealand in the next month or two, and we look forward to meeting with as many of you men as possible at that time.

I do wish to bring to all the ministers' attention an urgent telex I received from Colin Adair in the Philippines this past week, the 21st of March. The telex reads: "Greetings. Due to drought, the land of many of our people in Mindanao has dried up — brethren have lost crops and money and are in starving condition. Wells are drying up and water shortage is near. Any emergency fund you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Our fund here is low. Had to request help years ago for the same thing. Please remember them at this time."

Needless to say, we immediately wired \$5,000 from the emergency fund and hope this will in a small way alleviate some of the terrible conditions that our brethren find themselves in. Obviously your prayers on behalf of the members in Mindanao are greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

This past week we have spent quite a bit of time assigning the graduating seniors to their field responsibilities. We have 30 ministerial trainee positions available. Seventeen of those positions are in Canada, two in England, two in Germany, one in Paris, two in Africa, four in Australia, and two in New Zealand. We also have a need for two mail readers — one in Canada and one in New Zealand. This means the Foreign Work will employ 32 graduates from the campuses this year.

As soon as we finish 1973 assignments, we will begin to work on the needs for 1974. We would like the foreign offices to submit a projected manpower need from the graduating class of June, 1974 as we hope to inform the colleges before they begin their 1974 year of the projected needs in each of the foreign areas and of the projected number of graduates we will use in the Foreign Work.

As with many other areas of God's Work, we have found that we need to begin to plan these things way in advance due to the many technical difficulties that can arise. In times past, for example, we have always assumed we could select a ministerial assistant to go to Canada and two days later, he would be on the job. However, Canada, like the United States, has now developed a rather closed-door policy toward immigration. It can take anywhere from two to six months to receive permission to immigrate to Canada. Therefore you can see the need to begin making selections early and advising the candidates who need to apply for visas. I would appreciate you office managers sending me a report of your projected manpower needs for 1974 so that we can begin to get this process under way.

We know many of you have wondered about the Pistorius family in East Berlin. You might recall that we mentioned in the Bulletin and also *The Good News* that the Feast in East Berlin was interrupted by the Communist police and that their private lives were being investigated. We have recently received a letter from John Karlson, bringing us up to date on this particular situation. I quote from his letter:

This past Sunday I was in East Berlin and met Mr. and Mrs. Pistorius and their daughter, Hella. Mr. Frostl was also there from Austria. A lot has happened since our discussion on the phone. First of all, on Thursday, February 1, Mr. Pistorius was called in by the police to hear the results of their investigation of our literature. The head of the detective department, Mr. Baumann, and a man from the national security service (similar to our FBI) were there to talk to him.

It became apparent at the start of the conversation that the men were only interested in the political articles in the PTs they had, and that they were not at all interested in the booklets or CCs. The man from the security service opened a PT to an article on Viet Nam and told Mr. Pistorius sternly, "These magazines are most dangerous!" Mr. Pistorius explained that the article on Viet Nam would naturally be slanted toward the West because it was written by an American who was unfamiliar with the Communist standpoint, but then proceeded to show him various articles where we were clearly showing flaws in the Western way of life (pollution, pornography,

crime articles, etc.). He showed that we were not out to force our ideas on others and that we do not proselyte. The proof of this fact was that we only had seven members in all of East Germany.

By the time the conversation was over, the two men seemed sure that there was no political connection with our literature and that we were in no way a danger to the East German regime. Nevertheless, since the literature is not printed in East Germany and is therefore forbidden, they said that the censorship of the mails would be even stricter in the future.

Mr. Pistorius said that by the time he left, he was on quite friendly terms with Mr. Baumann. It doesn't look like there will be much more trouble from all this, but Mr. Pistorius is sure he will be watched very closely for the next few months.

John also mentioned at the close of his letter that he and the East German brethren have been helped and encouraged by knowing that the ministers at Headquarters and the members around the world are concerned for them and are actively taking part in helping them through prayers with their trials. It is really encouraging to know that all over the world, members of God's Church are praying for seven other members who live behind the Iron Curtain.

That's about it for this Bulletin, but let me close by saying once again that I am looking forward very much to meeting as many of you as is possible in the months ahead and assisting and helping you in any way I can.

P.S. As we go to press we have additional information from Colin Adair in regard to the Mindanao brethren:

We want to thank headquarters very much for responding to my telex about the emergency fund help for the brethren in Mindanao. They really seem to be in a bad way. I had a letter from one of our leaders, Mr. Benitez, last week, and also his brother, and they give the picture of things right now. Here are extracts from their letters:

"In my previous letter I mentioned about the drought which hit Mindanao, damaging one harvest. Up to this time we haven't had any rain. The San Isidro Ranch has caught fire and burned the cattle grazing land. Cattle by the hundreds are starving. The abaca plantation in Maramag has all withered and according to estimation they have lost millions from the time of planting to the destruction of the crop.

"I discussed with brethren if I will buy sacks of corn grits and give it to them but they said they prefer the cash [we had already sent some money to them —CA] and will be responsible for buying corn grain for several good reasons. It will be cheaper and the chaff will go to the chickens and other animals for feed.

"There is no other way except to ask Almighty

God on our knees to rain manna from heaven for his people. You could not find dew in the early morning but dust all around. The government is shameful to ignore these things and robbery in Don Carlos is rampant. Last Sabbath five chickens of my brother were stolen. At night a guard is organized to prevent robbers. Almost every night there are houses ransacked by robbers and most of the stolen goods are sacks of rice."

Mr. Benitez's brother writes:

"The brethren at this time are suffering not from malnutrition but from hunger because they don't have anything to eat. This drought now is more severe than the time Mr. Docken visited us. Wells and rivers have become dusty ground. Our community is depending on our well. Yesterday I watched nearly one hundred people surrounding the well to get water. I went back at 8:00 p.m. in the evening and saw that the water was just at the hip of the well. It is a sign of a dying source. If this will continue as it is, we will be forced to vacate the place and scatter ourselves and maybe fight for survival. What a terrifying danger we are facing now! The drought began after the Feast of Tabernacles. When it was planting time in the month of October, Mr. Benitez visited my cornfield and all was dried up. I lost almost ₱2,000 — no way of escape. Last Saturday I told my wife to give the last ₱30 for tithes and trust God for the rest of our lives."

So you can see that things are not easy in Mindanao. On top of this I received a telegram from another leader stating that the Muslim rebel army was in a nearby town, Carmen in Cotobato, and were advancing to the province of Bukidnon where our people are located. They are being pursued by the Philippine Army and are in defeat, but like all defeated groups they are killing and burning as they retreat. The leader was worried and wanted to know what to do. I telegraphed him to get the people out to safety if they were really threatened. But we are hoping and praying that, as two years ago (when they were threatened by marauding bands of outlaw Muslims and "Christians"), they won't have to leave and that the danger will pass before it reaches them. Don't get the impression that Mindanao is a war zone. A few Muslim rebels and Maoist guerrillas are trying to buck the martial law administration, but are losing out. Most of the Muslim population is against them, as President Marcos is making a lot of reforms which will benefit the Muslim population. In fact, many citizens have offered to join forces with the army against the rebels. But like all such areas innocent people get in the way. □

LETTER COMMENTS

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like when He lived here on earth. What a contrast from what is taught in the churches."

Mrs. Helmut B.,
Mequon, Wisconsin

Kind of Jesus I Can Believe In

"The real Jesus, as described in this booklet, is the kind of Jesus that I can bring myself to believe in. Fairy tales and myths are things that I have never been able to accept, but real facts were disclosed about the life of Jesus in this booklet and they are facts that I can believe in."

Gail B. M.,
Tarboro, North Carolina

This Jesus Is Believable

"Received *The Real Jesus* booklet yesterday. It makes sense. *This Jesus* is believable. Amazing how man will read *Life, Look, Playboy, Time, etc.*, and take *their* articles as the gospel truth, yet brand the Bible as a 'fairy tale.' No wonder this poor ol' world is so botched up with man running it, instead of God."

Mrs. Jay B. G.,
San Diego, California

Didn't Know About Him

"The copy *The Real Jesus* was most interesting. I knew the pictures of Jesus were just the artist's conception of Him. I have read Isaiah 53:2 and believed Jesus working as a carpenter must have made Him a rugged, vigorous individual, but I didn't know many other things about Him until I read *The Real Jesus* and did further Bible study."

Mrs. Willa C.,
Northville, Michigan

In Those Days

"I appreciate my booklet *The Real Jesus*. I had the idea that people lived in caves and so forth in those days."

Mrs. Andrew J. C.,
Nashville, Tennessee

Not Just a Desert Traveler

"It was an eye-opener to me and a real *lift* to know Jesus was not just a desert traveler as we have long heard."

Aileen J. W.,
Loma Linda, California

Billy Graham Said . . .

"In the booklet *The Real Jesus*, page 8, I am pleased to read the line, 'Jesus looked like any other normal Jew of His day.' Do you have any booklets on this? I listened to Billy Graham on TV one day, and he made the statement, 'Jesus

was a composite of different colors and nationalities,' and I would like to read anything you may have on this. I always believed Jesus was a Jew. I am not Jewish myself. Thank you."

Agnes S.,
Hampton, Virginia

Visualizes Jesus

"I just finished reading *The Real Jesus* and it's the first time I've been able to visualize Jesus the way He really was here on earth."

Mr. & Mrs. W. L. W.,
Crystal River, Florida

CRITICAL COMMENTS

Overall, very few critical comments have been received concerning this booklet. Here are a few:

How Dare You Insult Woman

"I received your pamphlet *The Real Jesus* and found it the most ridiculous, disgusting piece of literature I have ever read.

"How dare you insult woman so blatantly by your references to her 'being under man's authority' and being so adamant in claiming Christ (the so-called 'Real Jesus') was not the least bit 'effeminate.' After all, who could accept a God who was not an all-big, proud male? Who could accept a God who was the least bit 'like a female'??? I could!!!

"Why do men persist in thinking that just because they're men this makes them rulers of the world? — and women! Long live 'the liberated woman!'"

Jean S. (Feminist),
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Why Change Present Concepts

"Do you really think you can change the thoughts of people about the life-style of Jesus with just a few pages in a book? To me you are destroying any real belief people have had. You sound like He didn't live in poverty or struggle on earth as is said His father intended. If I thought Jesus lived a life of any kind of luxury it would truly change my whole outlook on Christianity of any kind.

"If people want to believe Jesus was a poor man, conceived by the Virgin Mary, why try to make something that sounds so completely beautiful into something that after centuries is not true."

Mrs. Sharon R.,
Bronx, New York

From a Book Burner

"I've read *The Real Jesus* and I think you should be taken to the woodshed and taught a thing or two. The Bible says 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.'

"Garner Ted mentions that Jesus drank alcoholic beverages. *That is false!* Alcoholic beverages are the ones allowed to ferment. At the feast, Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine would have to be pure, sweet wine as is used for sacraments. That wine couldn't possibly have been alcoholic and I am going to burn that book. I just cannot believe that he would write such nonsense. He has undone all the good he ever did with that one statement. Shame on you. Who is he to accuse Jesus Christ and that is what he has done."

Mrs. Mary K.,
Council Bluffs, Iowa

My Jesus vs Real Jesus

"Please discontinue *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and any other books I ordered. I read the one about the real Jesus and it doesn't glorify the Jesus I know in my heart."

Becky L.,
Titusville, Florida

CAMPAIGN COMMENTS**Church Teen-agers Attend Campaign**

"Thanks!!! Thanks!!! Dropping a line just to say thanks. Why? I found your personal appearance here at the Mosque February 9, 10, and 11 a big success. I had always heard you on radio and seen you on television, but I had never met you in person, so to speak. There seems like a change has come over me, just by listening to you. Listening and understanding.

"I will never forget the last night you were here in Richmond (Sunday, February 11). You asked all the ushers (teen-agers for the first time) to meet you in a back room where you could talk to us. Believe you me, we were all thrilled and really excited when we heard that you wanted to talk to us!! I was in the third row at the end, and just couldn't believe it. Your words to us, as teen-agers, will always ring in my mind. You told us that you knew what we were going through. You expressed your knowledge of the persecution we must face in, for example, refraining from going to football games (and the like) on Friday nights. At the same time, you encouraged us. You said, 'Kids, stick to

your guns.' *Stick to your guns.* Wow, that means more than you can believe. You must understand, and I am sure you do, that it means so very much to us teen-agers that someone really understands, and CARES TO UNDERSTAND, how we feel, and why we feel the way we do. Sure, our parents (and the ministers) understand, but it's different when someone of high-rank (put that in quotation marks) can say, 'I care.' Thanks again."

John L.,
Richmond, Virginia

Members' Impressions

"I just want to tell you how much my husband and I looked forward to the coming of Mr. Garner Ted to Richmond and now he has come and gone! It was a wonderful three nights to say nothing of the joy of having him and Mr. Dart with us, in our own local church, on the Sabbath! The boys and girls in the band and the chorale were so friendly and they added so much to the meetings with their lovely music. We just wish it could have all been of a longer duration, but all good things come to an end! We just want to thank you, through God's guidance, for selecting Richmond as one of the cities to send them to! It was just wonderful!"

Mrs. Louis P. H.,
Richmond, Virginia

"I must write you a few words to tell you I went to Richmond to hear you and I enjoyed it so much. I learned a few things about what kind of a city Richmond is. I knew there were lots of crimes over there, but didn't know it was Number 1. How awful this old world is getting to be.

"I was glad you told the young folks a few things too, they need someone to talk to them. I don't think they get much advice at home any more. Please come again."

Mrs. W. McC.,
Colonial Heights, Virginia

"I am almost heartsick because I will not be able to attend your talks. To go out at night alone in New Orleans is impossible. They knock down elderly women in broad daylight. And, in front of the church.

"We lived about 32 years in Los Angeles, and came back home because of that very thing, only to find things are as bad or worse in New Orleans."

Mrs. Edwin E.,
New Orleans, Louisiana