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Pastoral Administration

Greetings from Headquarters!

It's been a busy month since last time I sat down to write for this column. Apart from all the myriad activities here at Headquarters, we had the opportunity of flying back to Florida for a most encouraging weekend with the ministers and with the church in that area. We flew to Atlanta and picked up Paul and Mary Jo Flatt and continued on to Lakeland where we were able to enjoy the hospitality of the ministers in Florida for the better part of three days. Much of the time was taken up in discussions regarding the churches, the people, possibility for growth in the area, media improvement, etc. I needed no special preparation for the meetings since the men were loaded with questions. I found it very stimulating to get a chance to give and take with the group down there and to get their input on a multitude of subjects.

On the Sabbath, we had members from all over Florida present for a special Sabbath service in Lakeland. Fifteen hundred people came from as far away as Jacksonville and Miami. One man had driven from way down in the Keys to get there — a total drive of over eight hours! We were really impressed at the responsiveness of the brethren and with their loyalty and dedication to the Work. The membership in Florida does not seem to have been materially shaken by the ministerial resignations and termination in that area. There was, of course, no concerted effort to pull away members from the Church and that makes life much easier for all concerned.

After a very encouraging three days in Lakeland, we dropped Paul and Mary Jo off in Atlanta and picked up Burk and Billie Sue McNair and flew on to Pittsburgh to have a talk with John Pruner. Burk had already talked with John twice before, and felt sure that we needed to work out some form of termination arrangement for him. The divergence of John's opinions from the firm conviction of the Church in too many areas made it impossible for him to continue. Any pastor must be totally solid on key Church doctrines. Since he wasn't, we felt the only thing we could do was work out amicable termination, which we proceeded to do. Of course, this leaves us with a problem in Pittsburgh. Finding a replacement quickly at this time of year is not going to be easy. By now most of you will have already received a letter inviting you to consider the Pittsburgh assignment and we hope to have the decision made even before you get this BULLETIN.

There is another opportunity coming available at the first of the year that I should share with you. Thankfully, this one is not as a result of termination. Dave Albert is transferring back to the college to serve on the faculty as of next autumn. However, so that he will not be neglecting the Church while completing his doctorate, we are searching for a new pastor for the Eugene church with the transfer to take place as of January 1st. The Eugene church, of course, is the mother church of this era and it is quite an honor to serve as the pastor of that church. Dave has enjoyed it immensely but is very excited about the opportunity of serving on the college faculty.

The Eugene church is now running about 340 in attendance with 5 local church elders and 1 associate pastor. Outlying Bible studies are held in Coos Bay and Bend (each 2½-hour drives) and in Roseburg (1½ hours away). Most members live close in

and are generally blue collar workers. If you're interested, let us hear from you.

That's it for now.

— Ronald L. Dart

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Insurance Broker Address Change

John St. John, our insurance "Broker of Record," is no longer with Courier Insurance, Inc. at 251 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena. He is still handling all the Church and College insurance needs, but is now affiliated with the Carter Salisbury Insurance Agency, 1810 Fair Oaks, South Pasadena, California 91030. His new phone number is (213) 799-9557.

Please address all insurance questions to him at this new address or phone number. (This change applies to Pastoral Instructions 2.16.6 and 3.2.3.1.)

Mail Processing

Mail Activity

The week of November 19 was one of the better weeks we've had for quite some time. Right around 35,000 letters came in that week alone, a good portion in response to a renewal request sent out, and as a response to Mr. Ted Armstrong's special letter to the brethren. Our month-to-date mail totals are 45% above last month at this time, and the year-to-date total now stands at 1,895,909 letters received, which is about 4% above last year.

Response to the MNC #4 letter — which was the final letter in our series offering Mr. Herbert Armstrong's co-worker letter to current donors — has reached the 6,000 mark which is a 6% response thus far.

New Literature Catalog

For many years people have written in asking for a "list" of booklets and articles. And, although there is a special list of publications which we make available to the ministry and selected key personnel, there has not been a list prepared for the general public.

During the latter part of October a new item was printed which may help to fill this area of need. We have called it our "mini-catalog" or "literature catalog" and are now sending it automatically to all new subscribers and listeners as they write to us.

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This little catalog highlights about 17 of our more popular booklets and reprint articles, plus the magazine and the Correspondence Course. We feel the attractive appearance, the pleasing layout, the convenient size (it will fit in a #10 business envelope for easy mailing), and the written and pictorial advertisements will have an excellent appeal and impact on the recipients. Our overall purpose to motivate the mailing list toward more spiritual involvement should be greatly enhanced. Since we began mailing it, we have received a 10% response and it is still climbing. Initial results are very gratifying.

Modern Romans Booklet in TV Guide

A full-page, four color ad offering *The Modern Romans* booklet was cleared for the November 13 issue of TV Guide for the Pacific Region edition. This edition includes all of the west coast, as well as Montana, western Wyoming, Utah, and Arizona. Local black and white full page ads are also scheduled for the southeast Pennsylvania edition, the western New England edition, the central Indiana edition, the Denver, Colorado edition, and the eastern Virginia edition.

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91123

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
President and Pastor

November 4, 1976

Dear Ministers and Wives in the Worldwide Church of God--the Church of God for this era of time--which the living Christ, HEAD of the Church--raised up through me,

At the Feast of Tabernacles last month, I spoke to all attending the Feast sites in the continental United States. Also I spoke to ALL you ministers and wives attending the ministerial dinner at each site. I made a point of inviting you to write me, PERSONALLY, to tell me of your local situation, condition and growth of the Church--conditions with which you have to contend. I wanted you to tell me if you hear comments from brethren concerning any of my articles, co-worker letters, etc., whether favorable or unfavorable.

Asking you to write me is a sort of two-way street. I must apologize for not getting around to writing you ministers as a group more often--and I know there are SO MANY THINGS I ought to write you about, and which you NEED from me. I often think, as God must have thought after Lucifer and his angels--who occupied this earth prior to Adam--had completely rejected and rebelled against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. It left God--Elohim--then consisting of the "WORD" and GOD (the TWO). These two then formed the uni-plural ONE GOD. It left GOD as the ONLY Being who could be positively RELIED UPON never to turn from or rebel against GOD'S GOVERNMENT. So, as they undoubtedly had PRE-planned, God decided to REPRODUCE HIMSELF by creating humans who could in due time become begotten as His sons--actually full-BORN of God into the very DIVINE FAMILY OF THE ETERNAL GOD. What a TREMENDOUS, AWESOME UNDERTAKING lies ahead of those of us who shall become the BORN SONS OF GOD! God's purpose shall stand!

But there is NO WAY I can produce more of me except as God caused Ted to be born. So it seems I just can't get around to everything I ought to do--but I am thankful God gave me my son Garner Ted, who does a lot of this for me, and keeps in better touch with you than I have seemed to be able to do.

I was just reading in the Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy. I would like to repeat some of the things he wrote to Timothy--though we live in a different time and a changed world, but GOD'S TRUTH is ETERNAL--always the SAME.

Paul had left Timothy behind in Ephesus, while Paul had taken the trip into Macedonia. He besought Timothy that "...thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine" (I Tim. 1:3). We

have just passed through a period when Satan sought to harm--or destroy--God's Church in two ways AT ONCE: (1) to get us to doubt-ing, and SO BUSY checking every important TRUTH God has given His Church so diligently, and in such a carnal, "scholarly" manner that there was little time left to GET THE JOB DONE--proclaim His GOOD NEWS of the very imminent KINGDOM OF GOD. And, (2) to cause as many in the church as possible to begin to question and to doubt--whereas our WAY into God's Kingdom is through FAITH and belief of the TRUTH which God gave us and which was proved long ago.

Paul says to the Corinthian Church, "Now I beseech you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." There were already then divisions growing in the church. That was from within. From without came constant persecutions. Paul was out traveling, giving the precious GOOD NEWS, as I am today. This thing arising in the churches made Paul's job much harder.

Along this line--according to information given to me by Mr. Rader--I am glad to say that the Supreme Court of the United States ended in a deadlock, thus upholding a lower court's decision IN FAVOR of the WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, regarding employees of companies losing jobs, compensation, or whatever (you'll get the details, I'm sure, if you haven't already) if they, newly converted, keep the Sabbath.

In your sermons, my ministerial SONS IN CHRIST, try to give the proper variety--sermons on Christian living, of course, of which the New Testament, especially, is prolific--but also on the GOSPEL--the FACT that Christ's Gospel was suppressed (Gal. 1:6-7; II Cor. 11:3-4; Rom. 1:18) (should read "hold back the truth in Rom. 1:18--some translations have "suppress the truth"--and verse 25: "who changed the truth of God into a lie,"etc.).

I am more and more impressed with the fact that the ONE THING UPPERMOST in Christ's mind is THE RESTORATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD OVER THE EARTH--and, of course, with it, THE MANIFESTATION (APPEARANCE) OF THE SONS OF GOD--that is, the FAMILY OF GOD, at Christ's coming, when, for those being, and who have been, led by His HOLY SPIRIT, this personal physical "vile body" will be changed like unto His glorious body--composed of Spirit--IMMORTAL (Phil. 3: 20-21)--for this resurrected FAMILY OF GOD shall BE and shall RULE the KINGDOM OF GOD, restoring the GOVERNMENT OF GOD that once ruled over the angels on earth before they sinned (II Peter 2:4).

The STATE OF THE WORLD is such that we KNOW that we have but a SHORT TIME to finish giving the GOOD NEWS of the imminent KINGDOM OF GOD TO THE NATIONS WHO NEVER HEARD IT.

I am now spending a few days at a spa about 2 1/2 hours drive north of Rome, waiting to see whether we can get flying clearance for South Africa. We were scheduled for a talk with Ian Smith of Rhodesia, but he is attending the Conference in Geneva, which

blocked that for now. We were warned that private planes were not being permitted clearance to South Africa, but though others failed, Captain Black came through for us, and we fly down next Sunday.

Fellows and wives, our job IS NOT EASY! I want you to know that. We need your PRAYERS, urgently and constantly. Please pray for Mrs. Rader, too, for this travel is very difficult for her, and although she is right now with her husband in Rome, she has been undecided whether to risk flying with us into South Africa. I expect another personal talk with Prime Minister Vorster. My daughter, Beverly, is going with me. Stanley NEEDS his wife, and I hope she decides to go.

Hang right in there, fellows. I have just finished a long article and a Personal for The PLAIN TRUTH from here, and telephoned in a few days ago a co-worker letter. I've had a bad cold today, but have kept ceaselessly at the typewriter anyway. It's raining, so can't get in the walking outside I really need. Would write more, but the sun is going down, (only light I have here for typing) and I am physically tired, even though I'm only 38 going on 39! I hope there are a flock of letters from many of you on my desk back in Pasadena.

With MUCH LOVE, in Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley Rader", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
President and Pastor

(At home, Pasadena, Sunday, November 28, 1976)

Dear Sons in Christ--called to God's Ministry--and wives,

The above letter was written November fourth. I'm sure you've heard most of the news concerning my trip to South Africa, including the step off the rear of the two-foot high speakers' platform into thin air--and the solid floor beneath--at Port Elizabeth. It prevented me from finishing the trip. It was a serious ankle sprain--more serious than a break.

After more than two weeks, I am still hobbling around, and push myself most of the time in a wheel chair. However, it is healing nicely. Dr. Lochner comes over twice a day to prepare a whirlpool bath for the ankle, and a massage. I think in a few more days I can wear a shoe again and do away with the wheel chair.

It would have been dangerous for me to have tried getting up and down the steps to the platform at the Auditorium yesterday afternoon (Sabbath) to preach at the Headquarters' Church, and since Garner Ted had not spoken there for some weeks anyway, he took it and I listened at home as he said, "Hi, Dad!" to me from the pulpit.

I wanted to add a few words to the above letter. Ted spoke on how we used to speak of having TWO great commissions--or a GREAT COMMISSION in TWO PARTS, but how we realize that actually there is just the ONE "GREAT COMMISSION" which God conferred on me in mid-July, 1933, when I was 40, and Garner Ted was 3.

Of course Jesus did say to Peter, "Feed my sheep." But, in reality, since as a result of the GREAT COMMISSION--proclaiming the Gospel--God does call and add brethren to His Church, that "feeding the sheep" actually is a part of the GREAT COMMISSION.

But what I want to put emphasis on is that you ministers out in the field are a definite PART of the GREAT COMMISSION. Not only do your duties include feeding the sheep--those already members and part of God's flock--helping them to grow spiritually--but also the spreading of the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD, teaching it to those who call for personal visits as a result of the broadcasts, telecasts, or PLAIN TRUTH articles, etc.

It is true that God always has worked primarily through ONE MAN, such as Moses, Elijah, Elisha, etc.--and Peter was leader of the original apostles, and Paul among the apostles to the Gentiles.

And God has put only one apostle in His Church in our present era.

But these individual leaders always have been backed up with OTHERS, who formed part of their COMMISSION. Moses had under him leaders over thousands--leaders over hundreds, over even tens. And, primarily Moses had Aaron as his right-hand man. But, when Aaron and Miriam wanted "democracy"--or even rank in authority with Moses, and spoke against him because of a woman he married, "the anger of the Eternal was kindled against them." And Miriam, especially, was punished.

You all know well of the other case regarding Moses when Korah rose up against him, with 250 princes of the Assembly (Church), and how God stood back of the ONE MAN that HE had chosen, and how "the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up." This pertained to Korah and his family--"those that pertained unto him." As for the 250 princes, "there came out a fire from the Eternal, and consumed the two hundred and fifty."

Elijah had three colleges--with young students and ministers (sons of the prophets). The original apostles had all the CHURCHES backing them. When Peter and John had been thrown in prison overnight, and THREATENED against preaching further, they must have been frightened, somewhat unnerved surely, and they went to the brethren of the church for ENCOURAGEMENT (and how often do you suppose I need encouragement?) and the brethren PRAYED, and God answered by shaking the house where they were praying, and gave the apostles FAITH and CONFIDENCE to carry on THE WORK with even more boldness.

Yes, I need encouragement and "bolstering up" once in a while, fellows--for I am human just like all of you, and carrying on when many (MOST?) would have "retired" long ago.

But God has given me this GREAT COMMISSION. He has preserved my health (except for a rare thing like this ankle sprain, or a rare case of flu). He has given me vitality, energy, and the drive of YOUTH, just as He has done with others He chose and committed a WORK to do through the millennia. Take Moses, for example. At age 120, his natural force and energy had not abated. I know God is able to keep me in a condition of youth and vitality as long as is necessary to GET THE JOB DONE!

I want to ENCOURAGE all you men. I THANK GOD for you--I rejoice that God has called you to give me the HELP so this mightiest job in almost 1,900 years may be DONE. Without you I could not do my part.

We are a TEAM, and must pull together 100%--for GOD IS BACKING US, and will restrain Satan enough that we shall be able to go on to FINISH the Work He has given us to do.

And finally, you dear wives--I thank God for you, and for giving your husbands the companionship not only, but also the LOVE, AFFECTION, WARMTH, ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSPIRATION to HELP them as God intended.

God richly bless you all.

With deep LOVE and PRAYERS, in Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
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GARNER TED ARMSTRONG
Executive Vice-President

December 2, 1976

To all ministers and supervisory personnel,

Greetings from sunny headquarters!

I suppose the BIG NEWS all of you are talking about, and perhaps wondering about, is the announced consolidation of our two magazines, obviating the need for the GOOD NEWS, and altering the content of The PLAIN TRUTH somewhat.

I know you will all be as enthusiastic about this improvement as we are here at headquarters when you see the new format coming out beginning with the February issue.

My father has already written three articles--including the lead article titled, "What Do You Mean Mr. President: Born Again?"--for that particular issue, and together with one article from me, plus the "Speaks Out" column, we will also have Gene Hogberg's regular feature of the "World Watch" section, plus at least one article or so on the "human survival" theme, and, of course, other articles besides.

As we presently envision it, this ONE magazine will fulfill all that was being accomplished by BOTH magazines previously.

Thus, with strong emphasis on current happenings, world conditions and trends, but always in the light of Bible prophecy, PLUS a continual number of articles on strong, basic doctrinal themes and biblical subjects (baptism, repentance, salvation, the resurrection, pagan doctrines, pagan holidays, Christian living, etc.) we believe we will be accomplishing our task of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God as a witness in an even more efficient manner! All doctrinal subjects will be treated with a modern, fresh non-sanctimonious approach, appropriate for newsstand distribution.

As you can well imagine, having to consider the separate needs of those peoples in countries all around the world, such as Britain, countries in Europe, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, etc., etc., the decision to consolidate our publication into just ONE magazine was by no means an easy one.

Thus, with regard to foreign content, we fully intend encouraging our overseas contributors to write powerful articles concerning current news trends and conditions in their areas of the world

with appropriate biblical prophetic content, and guaranteeing that we will continue to make The PLAIN TRUTH as "cosmopolitan" in nature as possible! We will always be cognizant of the need to run articles contributed by those of you in the foreign offices, and in churches from other nations around the world!

As a matter of practical fact, Mr. Hogberg's position as "News Editor" will mean that he continually will be responsible for those sections of the magazine having to do with international trends and conditions--so that The PLAIN TRUTH will never become just oriented toward the United States alone.

Obviously, we had to keep in mind its appearance and format, for our various newsstand projects--not only in the United States, but in Britain and elsewhere. If you were to research the last few copies of The PLAIN TRUTH, you would find (in December for example) articles which are quite biblical in nature AS WELL AS articles concerning world trends and conditions!

In upcoming issues of The PLAIN TRUTH you will see a distinctly sharpened focus of the same type of material contained in broadcasts, telecasts, sermons, in campaigns, and as you have seen in The PLAIN TRUTH in years past, plus as you have been seeing in the pages of the GOOD NEWS!

We must speak out with a CLEAR voice, which cannot be misunderstood and WARN the nations of this world of the impending national calamities Bible prophecy says are sure to come!

And the time is NOW!

Even as I write, newspaper articles are appearing here in Southern California which show that already into the month of December we are having such a dry autumn and early winter that there is very SERIOUS concern about drought for the second year in a row in California, which could prove devastating to tremendous percentages of the national vegetable crops, plus additional blows to the already staggering economy by causing further rises in food costs!

At the very time when record-breaking droughts are striking Europe, Britain, much of the United States and Canada, we cannot waste our efforts in the pages of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine by giving "helpful household hints" as if we had the next three decades to bask in the affluence of this modern society!

NOW is the time of increased earthquake activity; NOW is the time when growing despotism, anarchy and dictatorships are emerging around the world; NOW is the time when both the British and American economies could slide into an ever-deepening recession, and within any given 90-day period, the entirety of the world could find itself slipping into the midst of a GREAT DEPRESSION!

We simply cannot wait until all the prophecies of Matthew 24 and the first portion of Revelation 6 become accomplished FACT before

we shout a clear warning to the nations of this world that such will occur!

Again, as I have done so often in the past, let me tell all of you men in the field how much we feel you are a PART of the one great commission going out to all the world (as my father mentioned in one of his letters) right on the firing line with us in accomplishing God's Work, and let me once again encourage any and all of you to send in articles that you feel are especially valuable in helping get the message out!

I know some few have felt defeated or frustrated because they may have sent in articles in the past and didn't get to see them in print, but please give the editorial staff the benefit of a doubt in knowing how to select those articles of the very best quality and the most important current need.

FIVE-MINUTE RADIO: I have already given our agency the word that I want to begin trying to place five-minute broadcasts on stations all over the country as soon as we are able! Hopefully, by utilizing material given me by Gene Hogberg from the News Bureau, I will try to carefully organize my opening remarks on the broadcast so that, by marking the studio clock, I can concentrate on capsulizing my remarks as if an opening or introductory remark to a 30-minute program, but coming to a definite conclusion by showing the true meaning of these events in the light of Bible prophecy, plus advertising either the magazine or one of our other publications, and then, with only the briefest pause, and not even changing the subject, going right on throughout the 30-minute ad lib program!

In this way, our audio department can edit the first five minutes out and make it a separate radio broadcast. I have already been asked for an audition tape by one of our representatives who has among his clients network "o and o's" (owned and operated).

Pursuant to these and other developments, I want to announce that I have appointed Mr. Benjamin Chapman as a "media analyst" to assist me in COORDINATING many of our efforts here at headquarters so that we more efficiently streamline the many methods by which we are reaching the general public. Without going into great detail, I will merely mention, that while Mr. Chapman will continue to teach his classes here at the college and fulfill his ministerial duties, he will also be responsible for correlating and tabulating information from our Subscriber Services, radio and television departments, booklets, Correspondence Course and the magazines, and to continually give me input which will help in determining what TYPE of broadcasts, telecasts, articles, etc., are the most effective in stimulating white mail and bringing people along toward greater and greater understanding and knowledge of God's truth, and, hopefully, ultimate involvement in God's Work!

For example, if I am planning a television program which will not be released for another two months on a certain subject, it will be Mr. Chapman's responsibility to let the people in the booklets

department and those who are writing articles for The PLAIN TRUTH know that such is being planned so that articles can be prepared in advance to be released by that same time, so that radio, television and our publications will all be coordinated closely together!

Incidentally, Mr. Dart has already asked Mr. and Mrs. Don Lawson to cut short their Sabbatical year here in the college classes and take up the pastorate in Pittsburgh.

Mr. McCullough is currently in Puerto Rico--I had earlier very much expected and hoped that I would be able to be there for at least one day of the meetings with all the Caribbean area ministry, but because of a sore throat and voice infection which took me out of the radio broadcasting for about 10 days, and the desperate need for new broadcasts, plus catching up with the television schedule and the introduction of the new five-minute radio programs, I felt I just could not be away from headquarters at this time.

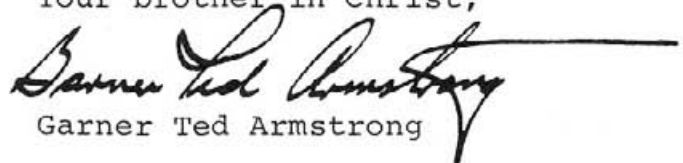
I am slated to be present for the National Y.O.U. Conference to be conducted in Big Sandy from December 25 to December 29th, however, but this will not affect radio broadcasting appreciably, since we have a radio broadcasting studio right on campus in Big Sandy.

My wife and I are planning on taking my father and sister, Beverly, out to dinner tonight, together with the Darts--so it will give us an opportunity to spend a little bit of time with Mr. Armstrong before he is off again on the second part of his interrupted journey. I understand his ankle was actually cracked instead of just sprained, though I do not believe this will mean any more protracted period of recovery than would the sprain have required. Other than being handicapped by the ankle problem, my father seems to be in very good health, and good spirits. He is writing a great deal, and, of course, is very enthusiastic about the changeover in The PLAIN TRUTH magazine.

That's about it for now, I'm on my way to the television studio in a few moments--have already finished one television program this morning, and barely got to the radio studio following the telecast, with one minute to go before broadcast time for the half-hour radio program today.

Thanks again for your continued prayers and support!

Your brother in Christ,


Garner Ted Armstrong

GTA:lc

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Greetings to all BULLETIN readers:

I was asked to begin writing up information for the BULLETIN about those things taking place in community relations which involve the College and Foundation that would be of special interest to our readers.

Since the College and Foundation have received a great deal of favorable publicity in the last few years, I had wondered (as many of you probably do) why the campus had not been shown on television before or during the Rose Parade. Often the networks (mainly NBC) will show an aerial view of the city and highlight certain points of interest. I decided to find out why we hadn't been mentioned and how we could be.

I talked with officials at the Tournament of Roses and they suggested I call someone at NBC in Burbank, California. So I called and after being transferred several times, I was able to speak with Mr. Chuck Smith, Production Manager for Special Events. He had only vaguely heard of Ambassador College, but was very interested and we ended up talking for about 20 minutes. At the end of the conversation, he assured me that he would come visit the campus when the head man from New York was in town in about a month.

One week later I received a call from Mr. Smith asking if he could bring Mr. William Dannhauser, Director of Special Events, out to look at the campus. Les Stocker and I showed the gentlemen around, and needless to say they were thoroughly impressed. Mr. Dannhauser was so impressed that he wants his 17-year-old son to request an application for admission.

These gentlemen explained to us that they are very interested in filming a special 45-minute pre-Rose Parade Special on the campus which is filmed a couple days before the parade and then shown the morning of the parade on nationwide television. This show would include name entertainers and marching bands. NBC had already decided to do this year's program at their studios in Burbank, but now are even considering using our campus this year. This would certainly give us fabulous publicity. We will try to let you know if they decide to film here for this year's parade, so that you can inform your churches about this segment of parade activities.

There are many other interesting things going on here, but will have to save the details for a future BULLETIN.

— Bob Haworth

ESQUIRE ARTICLE

The December issue of *Esquire* magazine carries an extensive article on Garner Ted Armstrong and the Work. You might want to take a look at it.

Esquire is a sophisticated magazine of 1,200,000 circulation. Its readership expects to be entertained by humorous/satirical type articles — and consequently its readers have learned not to believe everything they read.

Though obviously and overtly “antagonistic,” there are some interesting aspects to this article which only an appreciation of its background coupled with a careful reading can reveal.

First of all, *Esquire* traditionally presents verbal caricatures of America's leading personalities from Presidents to sports figures. So immediately we're into “the big time” — this is indeed emphasized by the length of the article alone.

Next, the author, being irreligious and obviously opposed to traditional Christianity, presents a fairly objective view of our doctrinal beliefs (with some exceptions, e.g. disfellowshipping) whereas oftentimes religious-oriented authors have twisted and distorted our doctrines and beliefs. Note that a good deal of the author's criticism is directed at all religion in general and is only assumed to apply to us — i.e. “guilt by association.”

Then, there are some very interesting observations hidden amidst the humor and ridicule (of which I have been apportioned a fair share). In addition to frequent compliments for GTA, look for the following phrases.

“They'll grow though.”

“We believe in the Bible not in a sanctimonious way.”

“A sincerity few people have doubted.”

“From the beginning he [HWA] preached a literal reading and belief in the Bible. He always supported whatever he said with Scriptures, just as his son does today. He insisted on the validity of the Old as well as the New Testament, insisted that Old Testament Law be kept just as faithfully as that of the New . . . Surely the odds must have been greater against him than against Henry Ford. At least Henry's idea had wheels on it.”

“It was reported that what emerged from the meeting was the spectacle of a clannish cult coming to the kind of maturity that might result in a *real influence on American religious thought.*”

That last comment is enormously significant considering the source and the audience.

The author concludes the article with a discussion (rather accurate!) of our belief in the second and third resurrections which he contrasts

(perhaps vulgarly) with his traditional religious upbringing's conception of an eternally burning hellfire, concluding that in the Worldwide Church of God "you find every possible hope, every chance for the worst among us... where could they buy hope any cheaper."

Please don't get me wrong. The article was not written by our PR department. That is obvious. It is not a "good" article. It is not a bland report. It surely tries to ridicule and slam — and often is grossly inaccurate. But, nonetheless, there is "something" in this article, "something" the author senses and tries to express. It is a profound feeling that we have *something* unique, *something* worth thinking about.

— Robert Kuhn

Y.O.U. UPDATE

Things are really beginning to get hectic right now in Y.O.U. and will stay that way for about the next six weeks. The eleven Talent Contest finalists and their parents are due in town tomorrow (the 24th) for a week of activities surrounding the Talent Contest Finals. This year's talent appears to be even better than last year's, and we're expecting an overflow crowd.

We are also bringing out all of our Y.O.U. festival coordinators for the finals and for a series of meetings. We'll be discussing what happened at the feast this year, as well as ways to make the festival Y.O.U. program even better next year. We have gotten a lot of comments on how the extra emphasis on Y.O.U. at the feast this year helped solve many problems with the young people. We want to extend a special "thank you" to Sherwin McMichael and his entire staff for their help and support both physically and financially. Without their help and cooperation it certainly would not have been possible.

We would also like to thank all the young people in the church who set such a fine example at the feast. (At the end of this column is a note we received from one of the businesses at Hampton.) It is very gratifying to hear so many good reports on our youth, and we appreciate the attitude and the example that was set very much.

Youth Conference

The first annual Y.O.U. International Conference is nearly upon us, and everything is starting to firm up very nicely. We will have young people at the conference representing all fifty states and *at least seven* foreign countries. It should be a fantastic opportunity for all involved.

Mr. Ted Armstrong plans to tape the sermon he will be giving on the Sabbath at the Youth Conference. We will probably tape certain other segments for possible future use, too. Mr. Ted Armstrong is as excited about the conference as the rest of us. He is scheduled, in addition to the sermon, to handle a couple of the conference sessions and to play at the dance Sunday evening during the conference.

We have a very fine schedule of speakers for the conference. While we were unable to get, for a variety of reasons, most of the personalities we were originally pursuing, we feel those we have will be very exciting. For the Sports and Christianity area we have James Butts, the 1976 Olympic silver medalist in the triple jump. We'll also have Bill Sharman there and George Foreman may drop in. To discuss youth crime we will probably have Joseph Wambaugh.

Immediately following the conference we'll be having a series of meetings with our Y.O.U. regional coordinators to discuss the Y.O.U. program and changes, additions or deletions we may need to make. If any of you have ideas or input for Y.O.U., either get them to your regional coordinator or else send them to us before the conference. Any and all input will be welcome.

Summer Educational Program

We had our first planning meeting with past S.E.P. staff personnel this week to discuss ways we can improve the camp and make S.E.P. more successful. The meeting was very worthwhile and we got a lot of good ideas from the students. We will be making several modifications which we feel will improve the overall effectiveness of camp, and the enjoyment for everyone.

One of the changes we are planning to make is a necessary one in the financial set-up. Currently, and every year for the past several years, we are carrying a balance in the accounts receivable area of several thousand dollars.

The Church puts into the S.E.P. budget almost two dollars for every dollar the camper's family pays. As a result we simply cannot continue to carry that much money on the books. However, to enable as many youth as possible to attend, we will be set up this summer to accept payments through both BankAmericard and Master Charge. Hopefully, by planning ahead, most families will still be able to afford to attend camp. The fee for camp will be the same as last year.

Another change we will be making this year is the addition of some new activities. One of these will be basketball, in our own gymnasium. We will

also be updating and improving the equipment and facilities for many of the other activities. There will be more details on this in a future issue of the BULLETIN.

Local Coordinators

Most of you have appointed local Y.O.U. coordinators in your area. We really appreciate the help these men have given the program. We're planning a series of training sessions for them at some date in the future. Until then, we would appreciate it if you extended our public thanks to them and appreciation for their hours of service and help. Without their efforts the program would be crippled.

Any of you who haven't yet appointed a local coordinator and sent his name to us, please do so as soon as possible.

Income Picture

We have all been extremely gratified by the results of the youth donations to the church. As you all know, this is the basis for the Y.O.U. budget. To date, donations have exceeded all expectations. This shows beyond a doubt that the youth in the church are interested in the church and their programs. Please extend our thanks to all of them. Until next time,

— Jim Thornhill

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CONGRATULATIONS YOUNG PEOPLE

The Roll "R" Way Skating Rink wants to thank your young people for the tremendous turnout and excellent conduct this feast. Everything went beautifully without one problem! As a result, Mr. Moore, the manager, has extended his offer of FREE admission to any Y.O.U. or Jr. Y.O.U. Member *Year Round!!* And he is looking forward to next year with the *same offer* of FREE admission to all Y.O.U. and Jr. Y.O.U. members!

Congratulations young people for your *Good Example!*

— The Management

MAIL PROCESSING

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The first responses are beginning to come in. So far we have received approximately 1,400 phone and mail requests for the booklet.

Television Spot Ads

As mentioned in the last issue of *The Bulletin*, we anticipated a good response to the recently sched-

uled 30 second TV "spot commercials" which advertised *The Modern Romans*. Certain prime television markets were selected and 12-13,000 responses have been received so far. Studies definitely show that this "spot advertising" of our literature is one of the lowest cost-per-response methods available through the electronic media.

That's the news for this time. Hope to have more good progress to report next issue.

— Richard Rice

LETTER COMMENTS

RESPONSE TO SPECIAL GTA MEMBER LETTER

Many brethren expressed a degree of alarm at learning of the Work's cash flow problem, but thanked Mr. Ted Armstrong for informing them of the situation. Some apologized for not sending in tithes and offerings sooner; others revealed the various financial burdens they are presently experiencing. Overall, the comments were of an encouraging nature, revealing a willingness to sacrifice so that the Gospel does get out.

"The emergency letter was most distressing. As I myself have become more and more aware of the Church's role in getting out the 'advanced news' and our primary purpose in being called now to help finance this undertaking, it is most distressing indeed. Here's a small offering to help get things turned around.

"I can imagine how Garner Ted feels about having to bring us this news. I wouldn't want his job for anything. He deserves much credit for not holding back and telling us the truth, no matter how unpopular it may be. Right on G.T.A.!"

— Richard Subbot
Modesto, CA

"Thank you for letting us know of the critical need right now in God's Work. We *must* push ahead and we will. I've been really excited to hear of the new PLAIN TRUTH U.S. newsstand programs, and am praying that we can substantially increase the impact of the magazine here that way."

— Jeffrey Charles
Cleveland, OH

"I received your emergency letter today and although I have already sent in my tithes, I am sending a little more from my emergency car repair fund. I only wish I had more to send, but I
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For Your Interest...

INTERVIEW WITH WCG MINISTER

(Editor's note: The following interview with Mr. Al Mischnick, who lives in Beaumont, Texas, appeared in the Beaumont Enterprise on Saturday, November 6, 1976.)

Worldwide Church of God teaches the Bible literally

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 19th in a series of articles about the history, structure and doctrines of various denominations. This week, Alfred Mischnick, pastor of the Beaumont church, discusses the Worldwide Church of God.

By LILLA ROSS
Staff Writer

Q. What is the Worldwide Church of God?

A. Jesus Christ said, "I will build my church..." He did and it has never ceased all down through history to today. That church has been scattered and persecuted but it always remained. From apostolic days God has chosen his representatives to direct his church. Jesus Christ is directing that church today with Herbert W. Armstrong as the human director or pastor general.

Q. Is the church Protestant?

A. No, Protestant means one who protests. We prefer to take the objective view of teaching the Bible strictly as it was inspired by God.

Q. Do you believe the Worldwide Church of God is the only true church?

A. That question seems somewhat academic. Suppose we turn it around. Would anyone openly admit they truly believe they do not belong to the one true church? Certainly one of the basic fundamental precepts of our great nation is the freedom to believe we are associated with the one true church.

Q. What are the major differences between the Worldwide Church of God and the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

A. The major differences are the views of the afterlife and in the observance of the sabbath.

Q. What do you believe about salvation?

A. A person gains eternal life by repentance, baptism, the laying on of hands and then going through the process of converting from his old sinful ways to God's ways so that he can be resur-

rected and become at one with Jesus Christ in the God family. Then he will, strictly speaking, be saved. In this life a person is preparing for salvation after death.

Q. What do you believe about the person of Jesus?

A. We believe Jesus is the son of God, literally born of a virgin begotten by the Holy Spirit. Christ divested himself of his divinity, became a human being, died and was resurrected by the power of the Father and remains our high priest today and is head of the Church of God.

Q. Do you believe in the Trinity?

A. No, we believe there are two individuals in the Godhead, the Father and the Word who is creator and spokesman. When the Word became incarnate this eliminated the possibility of a third person because the physical birth was through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Q. What do you believe about the Bible?

A. We believe in its original inspired form it is the true and irrefutable word of God.

Q. What day do you worship?

A. Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath." He, as a physical man, observed the seventh day as the weekly sabbath and observed the other annual sabbaths regularly. God said, "I gave them my sabbaths to be a sign between me and them."

Q. What are the other sabbaths?

A. There are seven annual sabbaths in addition to the weekly sabbath that God says make up the one sign that would designate his chosen ones. These sabbaths are commonly known as the Jewish holydays. They are the First Day of Unleavened Bread (the day after Passover), the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, the Day of Pentecost, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, the First Day of the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day.

Q. Do you observe the traditional holidays such as Christmas and Easter?

A. No, we don't observe these because their origins are not Biblical.

Q. Do you observe any ordinances?

A. We keep the holydays, baptize by immersion, have laying on of hands for the begetting of the Holy Spirit and the Lord's Supper is observed annually during Passover.

Q. Does laying on of hands for the begetting of the Holy Spirit mean you have the pentecostal or charismatic experience with such things as speaking in tongues?

A. No, our understanding of speaking in tongues was that the disciples were speaking in languages.

Q. What is the relation between the church and the political process and government?

A. We don't make any recommendations politically but we do honor the rights of citizens and the country.

Q. Do you have any dietary restrictions?

A. We teach the matter of clean and unclean meats that is listed in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. We permit drinking alcohol in moderation. Christ drank wine. Drugs are allowed for medical purposes. But we condemn the misuse of drugs. We don't advocate smoking.

Q. Do you teach tithing?

A. Yes, we teach tithing as a Christian obligation. This, of course, cannot be strictly enforced, but most people do tithe. Our people are also encouraged to set aside a festival tithe in addition to their regular tithe so that they may attend the Feast of Tabernacles when we gather in convention centers all over the United States. Everyone attends as they are able.

Q. What is your relationship to the Roman Catholic Church?

A. That was the church of the Holy Roman Empire set up by Constantine as the universal church of the empire. We teach it as a break away from the apostolic church.

Q. Do you believe in British-Israelism?

A. Yes, we believe the United States and the British Commonwealth were descended from the 10 lost tribes of Israel.

Q. Do you believe in an afterlife?

A. Yes, we believe we are to become members of the God family through resurrection.

We believe there will be two resurrections. One is the resurrection of life and the other is the resurrection to damnation or condemnation.

Those in the first resurrection will become immortal and death will have no further power over them. After the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on this earth, there will be a literal physical resurrection of the vast majority of all mankind who will be given a chance to obey God as they never did in their first life. Those incorrigibly wicked who refuse to obey God after all that will experience the second death which obviously can only come after a second life.

Q. What is the church's attitude toward blacks?

A. We don't discriminate against any kind of minority. And we have a variety of people of different nationalities in our churches.

Q. What is the status and role of women?

A. God is no respecter of persons. We believe there are basic areas of operations and we should

operate within them. Women are not allowed to teach in the church.

Q. What is the attitude toward homosexuals?

A. We don't cater to that at all. The Bible says they are given up to "vile affections" and that it is against nature and thus are given over to "reprobate minds." We definitely condemn homosexuality but I have personally baptized former homosexuals. When they repent and change they are as completely acceptable as anyone who repents of any sin.

Q. What is the attitude toward abortion?

A. Spontaneous abortion is a sad tragedy but induced abortion is taking human life.

Q. What is the attitude toward divorce and remarriage?

A. God never intended people to divorce. Yet man makes mistakes and God allows divorce under certain mistaken marriage conditions such as adultery and fornication. Once people come to the knowledge of the beauty and sanctity of marriage, there should never be reason for divorce.

Q. What is the governmental structure?

A. Herbert W. Armstrong is the pastor general and his son, Garner Ted Armstrong is executive vice president. Over all the churches there is an executive vice president in charge of church administration. Then there are area coordinators over groups of churches and senior pastors over smaller groups of churches. Over the local church is the pastor who is paid from headquarters in Pasadena, Calif.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY IDEAL

With more youth oriented Bible studies being conducted, it might be profitable to share some ideas that seemed to have brought a good response from the kids. At a couple of our recent studies we got good response from the use of the "Dear Abby" column in the local paper. I saved a number of the columns which featured problems the youth might identify with. We discussed the causes, how the problems might be avoided, what the best solutions might be and whether we agreed with Abby's advice in every case. It proved to be a practical vehicle for the discussion of a number of biblical principles.

— Dick Aitkins
Tacoma, Wash.

BOOK REVIEWS

On Death and Dying by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. Macmillan Publishing Co. Inc., 866 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.

Death, to a dying man, is as welcome as sleep to a weary one. Unfortunately, this is not always understood in our society, where heroic and extreme measures are often undertaken to prolong the agonies of the terminally ill. *On death and dying*, by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross gives extraordinary insight into the plight of those whose life expectancy has telescoped down to perhaps, at best, a few weeks, days or hours. While helping a dying person to maintain a cast-iron faith that God is capable of healing him, even at the last moment, it is unrealistic and insensitive to deny such a person the opportunity to unburden himself of the many worries that go through his mind during the endless solitary hours of his last days and nights. It is also a great comfort to both patient and relatives to know that, once the various necessary emotions are worked through, there comes acceptance and real peace.

The author has spent many hours interviewing and listening intently to the terminally ill — something that in most medical institutions is impossible, either through lack of personnel, or due to very strong inhibitions on the part of those same people. However, this is decidedly a part of a minister's responsibility, for not only is he expected to serve the one directly concerned, but also to help the relatives at his bedside to conduct themselves with intelligence and compassion.

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The Alcoholic In Your Life by Jo Coudert Warner. Paperback Library, P.O. Box 690 New York, N.Y. 10019.

Perhaps one of the most common problems encountered by the ministry is that of alcoholism. While there are many effective organizations to aid the alcoholic, there is still a great need for a more sophisticated understanding of the role of the co-alcoholic. Without realizing it, many husbands and wives of alcoholics actually lessen their own chances of leading a normal life and let this terrible burden destroy them and their families.

The Alcoholic in Your Life, by Jo Coudert shows how a mate can "change the climate for the drinker so that he can change himself." The author also shows how "hope" — surprising as it may seem — can be a wretched trap for the co-alcoholic. This is a book that will help a minister give more than superficial advice to all those who are in close relationship with an alcoholic. In addition, since it is a very readable book, it might be good to pass it on to such people.

— Sylvia Wilkins
Quebec City, Canada

FACTS ON ALCOHOLISM

(Editor's note: Following are some interesting facts about alcoholism from the National Council on Alcoholism, Inc.)

Alcoholism is the most neglected health problem in the United States today. It ranks with cancer and heart disease as a major threat to the nation's health. Deaths from cirrhosis of the liver, one of the many known physical conditions which are part of alcoholism, have increased 67% in the last 20 years.

Alcoholism is a complex, progressive disease in which use of alcohol interferes with health, social and economic functioning. Untreated, alcoholism results in physical incapacity, permanent mental damage and/or premature death. The onset of the disease varies widely and may develop from the first to the twentieth year of drinking.

Some 100 million persons over the age of 15 in this country are consumers of alcohol. Of these, there are an estimated 10 million suffering from the disease of alcoholism.

There is no "typical" person with alcoholism. Among men, drinking problems occur most frequently in their early 20s, and among women most frequently in their 30s and 40s. Each year, about 100,000 drinkers develop alcoholism. The number of known women alcoholics has doubled since World War II. Less than 3% of the people with alcoholism are found on Skid Row.

Between six and 10% of employees have alcoholism. The total cost to the nation is 25 billion dollars a year due to absenteeism, health and welfare services, property damage and medical expenses. Lost work time alone, because of alcoholism, has been computed at 9.35 billion dollars annually. The human loss to individuals, families and communities is incalculable.

Of all fatal accidents occurring on the roads today, 50% involve alcohol. Two-thirds of these fatal accidents involve an alcoholic. 53% of fire deaths, 45% of drownings, 22% of home accidents, 36% of pedestrian accidents, 55% of arrests are linked to misuse of alcohol. Alcoholism accounts for 37.4% of admissions to state and county mental hospitals.

Violent behavior attributed to alcohol misuse accounts for 64% of murders, 41% of assaults, 34% of rapes, 29% of other sex crimes, 30% of suicides, 56% of fights or assaults in the home and 60% of child abuse. When alcoholism is treated, associated violent behavior is known to decrease.

Alcoholism is treatable. Effective business and industry employee alcoholism programs show

recovery rates of 65-80%. Air Force and Navy rehabilitation programs report 70-80% recovery rates. Leading clinical therapists report recovery rates of 50-70%.

Alcoholics Anonymous has an estimated 900,000 world membership. 79% of the people sober between one and five years will remain in the AA fellowship. Of the people sober more than five years, 91% will not drink and will remain in the fellowship.

Education, early detection, research efforts and community treatment facilities are the greatest forces operating today for the prevention, control and reduction of alcoholism.

"OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES"

Here's something that might be of some interest and humor from a child's eye view of the Work.

This Sabbath, after having read the "Bulletin," my husband and I were discussing how terrific it was that already over 800 "Plain Truths" a day were moving from the Atlanta airport.

Our 11-year-old daughter, overhearing our conversation, said, "Well then, they should spell the 'Plain Truth' 'Plane Truth,' because it's read on a plane, and it is the truth."

— Jon & Anna Gum
Eugene, Oregon

LETTER COMMENTS

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live from payday to payday and have very little extra. My prayers are continually with you, your father, and this Work of God."

— Barbara Carte
Alameda, CA

"We received your 'emergency' letter yesterday. Naturally we were very upset that these conditions have occurred. But we are optimistic when we read that 100 new stations are now airing God's warning, and even more optimistic with your promise to add more stations as they are made available. We know that God will back up that kind of attitude."

— Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hahn
Rockfield, KY

"Thank you for sharing this emergency with all of the brethren. I am sorry that I cannot do more on my limited income. But I do know and recognize that God's Work comes first. Our prayers will be with you, that God's Spirit stir up each and every one of us to do our part. Here's my offering of \$25.00. Thanks for allowing me to help."

— Mary Stein
Columbus, OH

"I really appreciate your frankness of the problem, and you always do keep us informed. I'm behind you all the way. I'm a student here at Big Sandy, and many of the students wish they could give but they simply don't have the money."

— Thomas Melear
Big Sandy, TX

"I was surprised to receive your letter, but I know it must be a hard time of year for the brethren. As for myself, I lost a week and two days pay. I'm sending this little sum along, and my prayers too, that the trend will change as I feel things may speed up with the election over."

— Robert Kelley
Salem, NH

"Mr. Friddle read the urgent letter in Church concerning the finances. It is truly a shame that we must be prodded like children to do what we should.

"My prayers will continue, and hopefully more fervently to help you and your father withstand the burdens you are enduring at this time."

— Patsy Stonebreaker
Carlsbad, CA

"Perhaps here are many families like us. My husband is a teacher and does not get paid when we go to the Feast. He normally gets paid on a 12 month basis, but when he takes off, he is docked on a 9 month basis. We are \$462.00 behind now. We are not complaining, but it does mean less tithes for the Work and a little struggle for us for awhile. Am enclosing a little extra offering and our prayers."

— Mr. & Mrs. David Rambsel
Glouster, OH

"Your letter hit me right on the head — I'm sorry to have delayed my tithes and offerings. I hope my little can be of help."

— Virginia Perkins
Spring, TX

"We just received your most urgent letter. Upon reading it I realized I had not sent in our tithe for the past two weeks. It's so easy to get caught up in this crazy society that we often forget our responsibility we have pledged our lives to. We are going to tighten our belts another notch."

— Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Smith
Cape Girardeau, MO

"My husband is disabled and gets a small monthly check from Social Security, and I work as a nurse's aide in a convalescent hospital; so our income doesn't go very far with two teenage

daughters. Therefore, I can't send much. Nevertheless, here is \$10.00. I for one don't want to see this Work slow down in any part of it."

— Mrs. William Bingham
San Juan Bautista, CA

"What a jolt to read about the emergency situation yesterday, after hearing such good news at the Feast in Tucson and of such good increases in holy day offerings. But sacrificing is our calling to the end, and it never turns out to be really sacrificing anyway."

— Robert Curry
Arlington, VA

"Thank you for letting us know the situation in the Work. We will be praying about it. My husband is laid off right now and it's about all we can do. We hope to send in a large offering once his unemployment comes through."

— Terry Yunker
Wrenshall, MN

REACTION TO CHURCH

As the broadcast and literature bring people into contact with the Church, a change takes place in people's lives that is always gratifying to read of. The following letters are typical of many we receive describing the changes and observations made by these newer persons regarding the Church.

"I received all your letters and all said was understood. Another big news was that a minister is to stay with us here in Nigeria and the Church to be established soon after the coming Feast.

"Another more news is that the man who had known much of our problems is to be our minister, Harold L. Jackson. Thanks to God and to those whom He is using to serve His people."

— Mr. Celestine Nwokeji
Lagos, Nigeria

"My wife and I went to our first Sabbath meeting two weeks ago. I went back last Sabbath and I loved it. I did not even know there was a Worldwide Church congregation until I met your minister in Blountville. The people truly are the friendliest and warmest along with their minister. I love them all.

"I have found that other people do not understand at all — you would think that I had joined a faction to undermine the nation's morals than the True Church of God."

— Johnny Duncan
Bristol, VA

"I have attended three Sabbath services already, and shall attend one tomorrow.

"The people are all very friendly and helpful to me and I no longer feel as though nobody believes as I do. The minister came to see me at my request, and asked some of the kind folks of the church to call me, which they did and invited me to Bible study meetings, etc. I love them all."

— Mrs. Ester Weil
Freedom, PA

"For all practical purposes, I gave up the search many years ago for an organized religion with its priorities in order. I sincerely believe I have found that church now.

"Of course, I would like to see all the hungry people of the world taken care of. I've been hungry and will never forget either the experience or what it does to the mind and 'spirit.' But I believe the work of the Worldwide Church of God is doing far more important work than anything being done by any other organization that I know about."

— Mrs. Catherine Jones
Bay City, MI

"I recently attended the Bible study in Albion, Indiana. The study was just great and I have never seen so many happy people at one time; not forced smiles but just filled with joy and purpose in life."

— Mr. Franklin Hicks
Ligonier, IN

"I am new to the Worldwide Church of God. I used to be Catholic. In that religion I knew I was missing something. I just couldn't understand what they taught me. I went to one of your services and I never felt so at ease before. I could actually understand what was meant for all of us to know. I see where the Catholics are misusing what was written for us to know. I am 17 years old."

— Richard J. Cortez
Zachary, LA