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Surprising OVERSEAS REPORT

The same Gospel that Jesus Christ preached is now reaching deep into Africa, the Philippines and around the world. Here is a surprising report from Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's office—nerve center of the English-language foreign work—on recent developments overseas.

by A. J. Portune

SEVERAL months ago a surprising report reached headquarters in Pasadena from a minister on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

This energetic man had been listening to The *World Tomorrow* Program and was asking to receive The *Plain Truth* and some booklets. His mind was opened to see that Christ's Church must be a LIVING CHURCH—full of drive and zeal—and a Church that is carrying out the commission of preaching the Gospel to the whole world as a witness (Matt. 24:14).

He felt something was *missing* and vitally wrong with the Church he was serving. He felt there was lethargy and lack of real purpose. He saw in the dynamic, pulsating articles in The *Plain Truth* and in the moving, action-provoking programs of The *World Tomorrow*, that here was the fire, the purpose, the truth, and the Spirit of the *true* Church of God.

What's Behind the Story?

This minister, Mr. Liberato Cabardo, spent several months reading and studying the articles and booklets he received from headquarters—proving all things. Finally, God lead him to see where the true Church of God is.

Mr. Cabardo is the pastor of 22 *small congregations* on the Island of Mindanao. His work in serving his peo-

ple takes him over many miles each month and involves a great deal of hard work and personal sacrifice. Mr. Cabardo has already taught his congregation many of the true doctrines of the Church of God—including the Holy Days. Mr. Cabardo also has been operating a small printing business called the "Pagadian Printing Press."

During the month of May, our representative in the Philippines, Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero—on advice from headquarters—journeyed from San Nicolas, on the Island of Luzon 700 miles away, to visit Mr. Cabardo and to make a full report to headquarters on the situation.

Here in Mr. Ortiguero's own words are excerpts from his preliminary report.

Mr. Ortiguero's Report

"Greetings from the Island of Mindanao, most southern part of the Philippines. I do believe you are very anxious to know the result of my trip to Mr. Cabardo's place. I want to give a very brief report as I cannot write a very long letter at this time.

"As for Mr. Cabardo, yes, I have been with him and with his family for eight days now since I arrived. Every day and every night God used me to give Bible studies to him and also of his household. There were about a dozen subjects already covered and these subjects will be explained in another letter when I have

time to write. For my observation of Mr. Cabardo, his capacity as a minister in the Salem Church of God is very remarkable. I saw that really God is calling him to the truth. He is so humble, respectful, and obedient to God's will and God's government in His Church. I want to say here that my heart is with him.

"He has a good printing press, run by motor, and is an overseer of 22 congregations. He is the most outstanding minister of the Salem Church of God [one of the fragments of the Sardis Era (Rev. 3:1)] here, and from my observation of his congregation, he is loved and respected. His congregation is very obedient to what he preached, and so with the other 21 congregation. He has already preached the Feast Days, the government of God's Church and the members like him very much and want to know more of the truth about this Radio Church of God.

"I preached Sabbath in his congregation and I saw the interests of the members and I say this congregation agrees to all the doctrines I have exposed. My sermons were about 'God's rule in the Church, Government in God's Church, Signs in God's Church, Truth about the Sabbath, The Keeping of God's Annual Feasts, God's Church correct name, God's Power, Health Laws, Prophecy, and growing spiritually in God's Truth.' There were 17 adults

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[in] attendance." What good news!

Rapid Growth in Last Days

As the Gospel of Jesus Christ surges around the world to bring the last-minute warning to a sinning world, more and more people are being added to His Church. Just as in the days of the Apostles, when the Gospel went in power for the first time, many were added. Now in these last days many are being called into the Church for the work that yet lies ahead.

The Apostle Paul deeply felt the responsibility toward those being called. He instructed Titus to "ordain Elders in every place" (Titus 1:5). Now, with many being called by The *World Tomorrow* Program—reaching out into every continent on earth—more reliable and qualified men must be selected to shepherd the flock of God.

The Sardis era was a dead church (Rev. 3:1). However, Jesus Christ said there would be a few in Sardis that had not defiled their garments and would walk with Him and who were worthy (verse 4). Christ is calling out those who are worthy and He is showing—by their fruits—and the ones who are capable of leading and shepherding those being called.

On to Bukidnon Province

After remaining 10 days with Mr. Cabardo at Pagadian, Mr. Ortiguero traveled to Bukidnon province to visit some brethren in that area who had been corresponding by mail. There were five families who had been hearing the truth

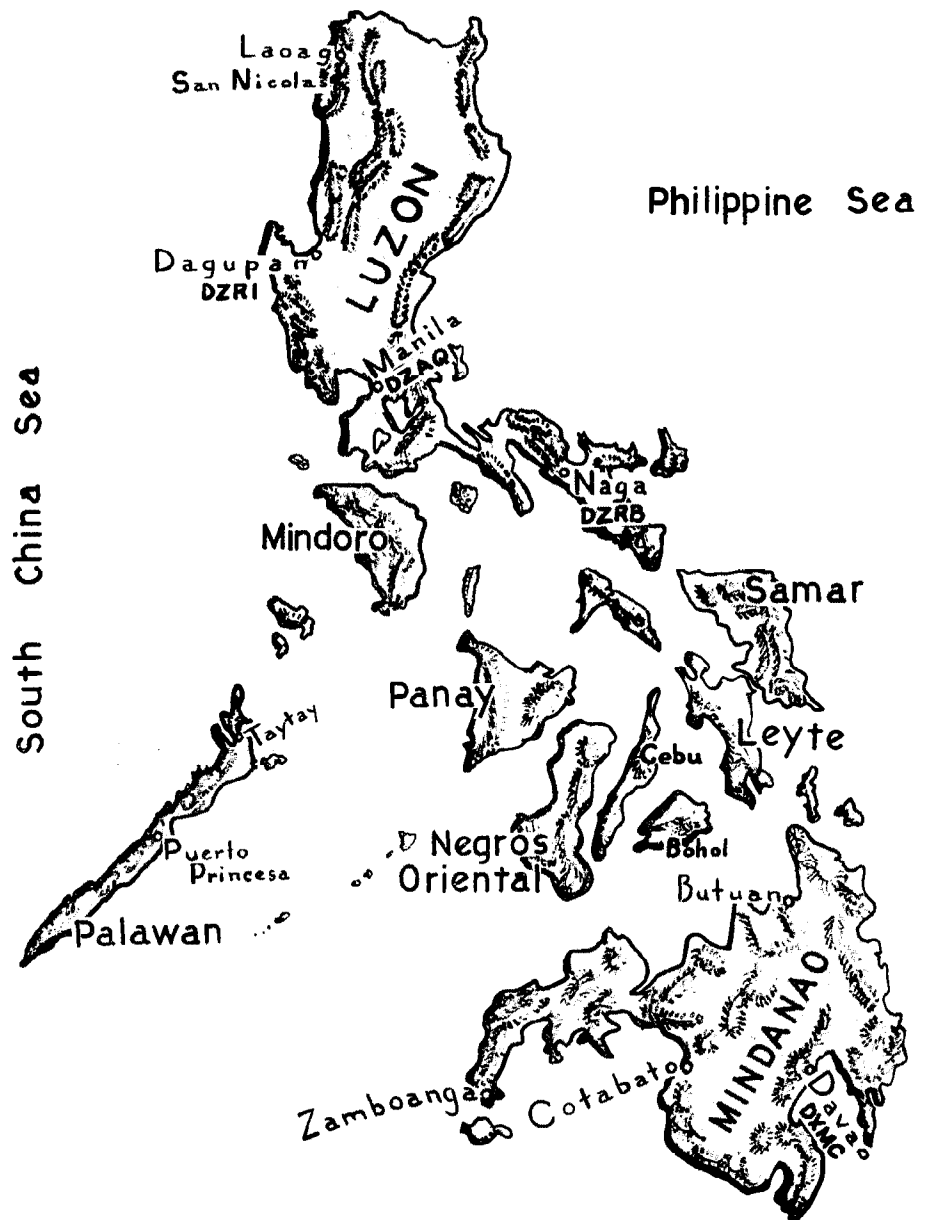
of The *World Tomorrow*. Mr. Ortiguero was able to visit them all and to hold Bible studies in their homes.

A very interesting incident occurred while there. Here is Mr. Ortiguero's personal account of that incident.

"In Kahakan, while having been in a store (grocery), I met the municipal Mayor by accident. He stirred on me smiling, and as a return I also smiled, and we became acquainted with each other. He introduced himself as the Mayor and asked me where I came from and what is my business. I answered him I am from the Island of Luzon and

said I am a representative of the Gospel and the Radio Church of God. He was little bit interested in what is this Church and asked me many questions, leading to the exposition of some of our teachings. He was so interested that he requested me to visit.

"In the morning I went to his office and after having found a time to converse with me he asked if I can give him some reading matters and I gave him a bookler the '1975 in Prophecy.' He said he would read every word of it. He said he is looking for the right church and for the truth. He requested me to stay



THE PHILIPPINES

Map of the Philippine Islands showing radio stations DZRI, Dagupan; DZAG, Manila; DZRB, Naga; and DXMC, Davao. The Church at San Nicolas is located near the Northern tip of the big island of Luzon. Mr. Ortiguero's trip has taken him far south to the island of Mindanao.

for more days. This man was so interested that he offered himself to help establish the Church in this town."

Truth Accepted

In visiting many members of the remnants of the Sardis era of the Church throughout the area, Mr. Ortiguero found them to be open-minded toward the truth. He was invited to preach in several of their congregations. After hearing him preach and expound the truth of the identity of the true Church of God, they resolved to become *independent* and to disregard their former associations and make Christ their *living Head!*

These people are hungry for the real dynamic truth of God! Their leaders back in the United States have *let them down*. They have been feeding them "watered down" doctrines without the real meat and truth of God. God labels these ministers in Ezekiel 22: "Her priests [ministers] have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. . . . And her prophets have daubed them with *untempered mortar* [unsound doctrine] seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken" (verses 26 and 28).

Another Surprise

In another town in this same province, Mr. Ortiguero encountered a large group who are called "The Church of God." This group has no affiliation with any other group in the Philippines nor in the United States. They organized some three years ago upon the true principles they saw in their Bibles.

They believe in the keeping of the Ten Commandments, the law of clean and unclean meats, they don't smoke, they believe in divine healing, keep the Holy Days of Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost and the Feast of Tabernacles. They pay tithes and offerings in the form of rice, corn, animals and a very little money. They also observe the Sabbath strictly without cooking.

It is really a refreshing thing to encounter a group of people who have had *no bias* from the religions of the world and who simply believe in what is written in their Bibles. It certainly isn't the Bible that misleads people; it is the manner and tradition of men that twists the truth of God into a lie (Rom. 1:21-25).

This group numbers some *400 people* on the Island of Mindanao. They have



Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero (second from right) and Mr. Liberato Cabardo (extreme left) with the congregation at Pagadian, Zamboango Del Sur, in the Philippines. In the right foreground is Mr. Cabardo's printing press.

migrated from Negros Oriental, a large island some 100 miles north of Mindanao, where there are approximately *ONE THOUSAND* more of them who also follow the truth of the Bible.

Live in Booths at Festivals

This group on Mindanao has built a large "chapel" or tabernacle building which seats 500 people. Around the building are "booths" where the members stay during the Feast Days and on the Sabbath. This group has been in contact with The *World Tomorrow* Program and with the literature of the Church of God for several years. When Mr. Ortiguero contacted them and preached to them on the Sabbath, one of their leaders, Mr. Fidel Cambare, came to Mr. Ortiguero with tears in his eyes and said, "This is the Church that I have told my people many times we have been waiting so long to become associated with."

Mr. Ortiguero spent several days with this group—holding Bible studies and expounding to them all the doctrines of the true Church of God. Every subject he taught them was accepted with joy and sincerity.

An interesting side light was the determination of the Day of Pentecost. They had previously assumed the Jewish date to be correct. They did not know that the Jews do not "count fifty." In studying together, they immediately saw the error in the Jewish reckoning and accepted the Day of Pentecost on the right day—just in time to observe it correctly for the first time since they formed their group!

This group has two leaders, Mr. Fidel

Cambare and Mr. Enrique Almera. Mr. Almera is the leading minister who has led this group for the past years with the aid of Mr. Cambare. Mr. Almera was formerly affiliated with the Salem branch of the Church of God in 1948, but has had no connection with them for many years.

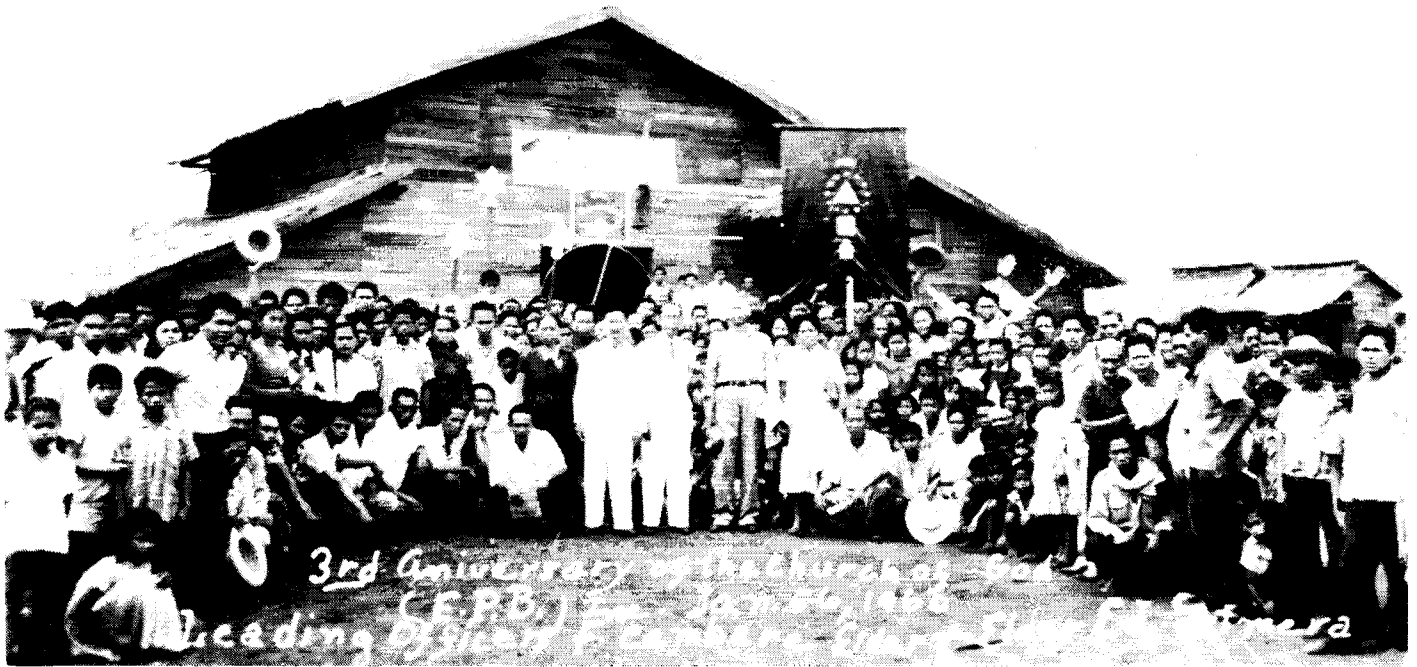
After the discussion about the Day of Pentecost, here is Mr. Ortiguero's description of the events that occurred:

"Yes, these two ministers confessed to the congregation that they were very wrong in the time of the annual Feast and accepted God's Sacred Calendar. They related to the congregation about the world-wide work of the Church by radio broadcasting and by printing press. Both of them said that if they cannot be with the true Church and unless we can preach the gospel unto all the world and be in subjection to the only one true Church whose headquarters is in the United States, we cannot be saved. I noticed, too in the congregation the real acceptance of what their leaders said and they were very happy. This caused me to cry with joy when I saw them all raise their hands to show their acceptance of the truth.

Visiting Among the Brethren

"The whole day (Sunday) May 29, Mr. Almera, Mr. Cambare and I went visiting with the brethren and we have a very nice welcome. The brethren prepare boiled corn, roasted chicken, native made rice cakes, fruits and other things. In this day we ate *five times*, which we just tasted only a little to avoid stomach upset.

"On the evening at 9:00 we gather



The large congregation at Bukidnon, on the Island of Mindanao. Mr. Cambare and Mr. Almera are standing in the center dressed in white suits. The large "chapel" building is in the rear. The individual booths may be seen at the far right rear. The congregation numbers over 200.

in the chapel and hear Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's message on radio station DXMC, Davao City, 900 k.c. About 200 heard Mr. Armstrong, adults and children as well. After thirty minutes message, Mr. Almera and I explained to them about the message, as many of them cannot understand the English language. They were very much encouraged."

It saddened Mr. Ortiguero to have to leave this wonderful group of sincere people to return to San Nicolas—his home—on the Island of Luzon. Mr. Cabardo, and the people he ministers to throughout the island and this other large group in the province of Bukidnon now look to Mr. Ortiguero and to the Church of God for the leadership, guidance and nourishment to guide them into the Kingdom of God. Also, there are the other *one thousand* on the Island of Negros Oriental whose hearts and minds are open to the truth of God.

In the many weeks that Mr. Ortiguero has been absent from San Nicolas, Mr. Donisio O. Descargar has been conducting the Sabbath Services and visiting the brethren. Mr. Descargar is another of the dedicated and consecrated men who have given their lives completely to serve their Creator. God is beginning to use him more and more in the work around San Nicolas. He has been bringing sermonettes on the Sabbath for some time and full sermons at times on the Holy Days.

How wonderful are the ways of the

Eternal God who, along with the grave responsibilities, also provides the means to carry them out—if we yield completely into His hands.

Our Responsibility

These people that God is calling to His way of life are OUR responsibility! Jesus Christ knew that there would be *fruit* born by the Gospel being preached to all the world! He knew those He would call would need to be fed and cared for. He warned Peter three times in John 21, to "feed my lambs." With all the other heavy responsibilities around the world we must still carry out our responsibility to the flock in the Philippines.

Booklets Translated

Two translations have already been made into the "Ilocano" dialect—major dialect of the Philippines. They are "What Kind of Faith Is Required for Salvation," and "How Often Should we Partake of the Lord's Supper?" These booklets are already in the hands of Mr. Ortiguero in the Philippines for distribution. More booklets will be made available as quickly as we receive the manuscripts from Mr. Ortiguero. These Ilocano translations will be indispensable in reaching the many hundreds who are unable to read the English language.

Another Visit for Mr. Waterhouse

This rapid growth of the work in the Philippines will require additional men

to act as representatives in the various areas. These men must be carefully and prayerfully selected from among those God is calling in the Philippines—just as Mr. Ortiguero was selected. Within a few months, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, head of God's work in Australia and for the entire Southeast Asian area, will again have to fly—on a rapid trip—to the Philippines to meet Mr. Ortiguero. Together they will again cover the areas to firmly establish the work there. Men—such as God shows "by their fruits" they are ready—will be established as representatives in their local areas under Mr. Ortiguero who is the chief representative in the Philippines.

God is showing the way! God is opening the doors! We cannot back away from the commission He has given us! Every one of us should be *rejoicing* deeply for the fruit that is being borne in the Philippines. Let's all get behind the work with our earnest, *believing* prayers for our brethren in the Philippines and for ever-increasing power in His work to fulfill that commission.

More Fruit in Africa

During the past several months, the work in Africa has continued to grow and produce more fruit! The *World Tomorrow* Program, reaching out from Radio Elizabethville in the Belgian Congo and from Radio Lourenço Marques in Mozambique, is *changing lives!*

Our representative in Northern Rho-
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Thousands Observe PENTECOST!

From the United States and abroad come reports from God's ministers! HISTORY is being made! More of God's people were gathered together to observe this annual Holy Day than perhaps at any time since the days of the apostles!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

GOD'S people experienced a wonderful *blessing* in the last annual Holy Day—the Day of Pentecost!

For many, it was the very *first opportunity* to meet together with brethren of like faith, and to know the joy of personal fellowship with other begotten children of God.

As a result of the FRUIT being born at Ambassador College, and the new doors God is opening before His Church each year, it was possible to hold services over the entire week-end of June 4, 5 and 6 in many different areas. This made it possible for many to attend Pentecost services who had not been privileged to meet together before.

In this article you will see reports from many of God's ministers from various places around the world, *in their own words*, of just what took place.

From the Pacific Northwest

From Mr. Cole's Office:

"The Northwest area had been besieged by rains for many weeks, and all of God's people were praying that God would intervene and give them a beautiful day (no rain) to celebrate the sending of His Holy Spirit some 1929 years earlier. We had been having extremely beautiful weather for several days just prior to Pentecost. Early Pentecost morning the sky was just as clear as a bell, and everyone was over-joyed with the way God had answered each one's prayers. However, as we were on our way to Lewisville State Park, near Battleground, Washington, to observe this all important occasion, clouds began to roll in, and everyone was reminded of the previous weeks of rain. This was trying on the patience and faith of those who had prayed long and hard for God to supply a beautiful day. We could only wonder how can these billowing clouds help us have a beautiful day.

"By 10 a.m. nearly everyone had arrived at the park; with the aid of an efficient group of deacons and assistants, all cars were neatly parked and the people directed to the location where services were to be held. This was a well-kept clearing of several acres surrounded by tall stately fir trees and magnificent maple trees. Bordering one

edge of the clearing was the clear cool waters of Battle Creek. On the opposite border was a fine outdoor kitchen. Nearby was a group of tables and benches usable during services as well as during the meal. As the services progressed through the day we began to realize more and more why God had painted the sky with clouds for this occasion.

"Mr. Lester McColm delivered an inspiring sermonette during the morning services concerning how we should enjoy God's Holy Days. Following Mr. McColm, came Mr. Friddle's sermon.

"To supply the physical part of the Feast, all the ladies brought covered dishes from their homes. Mrs. Basil Wolverton did a splendid job of directing the serving of the meal, and she was well assisted by a group of qualified ladies.

"After that we again gathered for the afternoon services. We were blessed with a pleasant surprise from the Portland Church of God. About 40 people, under the direction of Mr. Fraunfelder of Hood River, Oregon, sang two selections. For the second number, "The Diadem," Mr. Fraunfelder turned to the audience and asked them to blend their voices with the choir — the air was literally filled with words hailing the power of God. At the completion of these songs Mr. Hal Baird delivered a sermonette with the admonition to stay close to God lest we lose the power of His Holy Spirit. Following this sermonette, came Mr. Cole's sermon.

"At about 4 p.m., when the sun began to sink below the tree level, God swept the clouds away from overhead so the air could be warmed. What a blessing weatherwise; no one got sunburned—no one was rained upon—no one suffered from the heat. It was a pleasant day—God *did* answer our prayers. If we had been sitting at the controls, we would have brought so much sunshine we would have suffered from the heat—some would have been sunburned, but God knew what we needed—He showed the power of His Spirit.

"During the morning services 801 people were present; in the afternoon 744. The angels in heaven were shouting for joy when 7 who had repented were baptized for the receiving of the Holy Spirit."

That is the end of Mr. Cole's report. What a *wonderful* feast this must have been!

We felt by quoting this complete report of the observance of the Day of Pentecost in that area many of you scattered brethren could rejoice *with* those who were able to enjoy such magnificent surroundings on God's Holy Day.

California Churches

At the Headquarters Church in Pasadena, so many of God's people were in attendance at the Shakespeare Club on the Day of Pentecost that every seat was filled, and many dozens were forced to either sit in the lobby, or remain standing!

All-day services were held, on the Day of Pentecost *only*, with a morning sermon by Mr. Norman Smith, who is the manager of our radio studio, and also an ordained evangelist in God's Church. A huge, colorful, varied and abundant meal was served on the old tennis court just at the side of the library building at noontime, with all of the one thousand and more people relaxing on the spacious expanse of the magnificently landscaped college campus. It was a colorful and beautiful sight to see the green lawns, the beautiful, stately palms and other trees, and the rushing, babbling brook being enjoyed by so many hundreds of God's people.

In the afternoon, all returned to the Shakespeare Club for more *spiritual* food, in the form of a sermon by Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, on the subject of the real spiritual *meaning* of the Day of Pentecost.

Mr. Herman L. Hoeh conducted services in the Fresno Church, and, as is nearly always true in the smaller Churches of God, many people from all northern California and Nevada enjoyed the wonderful, friendly, "family-type" feast. Mr. Hoeh was assisted by Mr. John Bald. One person was baptized and several others made plans to be soon after the Festival.

The usual afternoon Bible study in the pleasant surroundings of a beautiful park on the outskirts of Fresno has been outgrown, as about 275 were in attendance! Services were held in the Hall where the Church regularly meets.

All-day services were held in the San Diego Church. Morning services were held in the Vasa Club Hall with nearly 200 attending. Mr. Albert Portune brought the message explaining the meaning of the Day of Pentecost and the overall perspective of God's annual Holy Days.

After the morning services, the whole Church met in a lovely little park on a hilltop, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Here in the shade of many stately and peaceful pines and oak trees a family style "pot luck" lunch was spread out on picnic tables. Everyone enjoyed an abundance of home-cooked food, including some delicious Mexican dishes prepared by some of the Mexican families in the Church.

After the physical food, a very lively Bible Study was held in which many questions were rapidly answered by Mr. Portune, Mr. Don Billingsley and Mr. Ron Kelly. At times the tables were turned and some of the brethren were asked to answer questions. It was a very enjoyable and profitable day.

Mr. Charles Dorothy conducted services at Redlands, California, just a little more than sixty miles east of Pasadena. All-day services were held, with a varied and tasty "pot-luck" type family lunch served at the small hall.

The Redlands Church, while still comparatively small, and among the congregations raised up in recent years, has among its members some of the really long-time Christians in God's Church.

At Long Beach, California, the all-day preaching services, conducted by Mr. Leroy Neff, were highlighted by an ordination service!

Mr. C. F. Williams and Mr. James D. Bald, both formerly attending the Headquarters Church in Pasadena prior to the establishment of the Long Beach congregation, were ordained as Deacons. Mrs. Bald, who, together with her husband, has been faithful since the very earliest years of the establishment of God's work in California, was ordained as a Deaconess.

The Long Beach congregation enjoyed inspiring spiritual food, with a relaxing lunch served at noon time in the hall.

Denver, Colorado

Mr. Burk McNair, pastor of the Churches in Colorado and Garden City, Kansas, reports: "There were people from twelve states *besides Colorado* present at the Feast of Pentecost." There were brethren representing the states of "California, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Wyoming!"

Mr. McNair reported the amazing attendance of 268 for the Sabbath's afternoon services, and the remarkable number of 400 brethren on the Day of Pentecost!

Mr. McNair outlined in his report the sermons brought by himself and Mr. Kenneth Swisher, who was assisting in the Denver Church over the week-end.

Sermons were brought on the *laws* of God, the dangers of *judging*, warnings against the evils of false doctrines, exhortations on *Bible* study, and expounding the meaning of the Feast of Pentecost! Mr. McNair wrote, "We had a very great blessing in having Mr. and Mrs. Swisher and Mrs. Battles with us during this Feast. A wonderful and cooperative spirit prevailed during the entire Feast. Eight were begotten into the body of Christ. . . ."

Springfield, Missouri

Mr. Bryce G. Clark, Pastor of the Springfield Church reported a wonderful attendance on the Holy Day of 485! Mr. Kelly Barfield, senior student at Ambassador College, assisted Mr. Clark in bringing sermonettes and counseling. Mr. Clark brought sermons on the doctrinal proof of why we keep the Day of Pentecost, and God's universal plan to give the world of His Holy Spirit!

Illinois and Wisconsin Churches

From the Pastor of our Chicago; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and El Paso, Illinois churches comes the report of inspiring all-day services held on Pentecost, Monday, June 6 in Chicago.

Brethren from the Milwaukee and El Paso Churches came to Chicago for the full three days. As a result of alteration in plans, my father Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, instead of being at the big tabernacle in Texas as was previously announced, was able to meet with brethren in Chicago on the Day of Pentecost.

Mr. Armstrong was really *surprised* to see the TREMENDOUS growth of the churches in this area! The astonishing number of 655 were present for Pentecost services, and fully 515 were present for the Sabbath services of two days before.

Mr. Armstrong brought sermons on the past history of the Church and present plans, with an afternoon service on the significance of the Holy Days, the over-all plan of God and the purpose in human existence.

Mr. Dean Blackwell, assisted by Mr. Frank McCready on the weekly Sabbath and by Mr. Jackson, brought sermons through the three-day services.

Later, Mr. McCready journeyed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he conducted services on the Day of Pentecost.

Pennsylvania and Ohio Churches

The Pastor of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Akron, Ohio Churches, Mr. C. Wayne Cole said: "We had a very fine three-day series of meetings here in Pittsburgh with the Akron Church attending services here the entire three days.

"For the joint services on the weekly Sabbath we had about 325 in attendance . . . on Sunday the attendance was about 300, and on the Day of Pentecost we had a very fine attendance of 400.

"Several who have attended the Church for a few years said this was the warmest and most spiritual Festival of Pentecost that they have attended. The spirituality of the meeting was very encouraging to me and I know that God inspired all with His Holy Spirit.

"Mr. Bob Hoops was very good assistance in preaching sermonettes and half-sermons as well as counseling and praying for some health disorders . . . The sermons for the entire three-day festival dealt with the subject of the Holy Days or were related to the annual Sabbaths."

And from the South!

Mr. David J. Hill, who has been pastoring the churches at Gladewater and Minden, La., wrote of the three-day services held in the big tabernacle building near Big Sandy.

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith and his wife, together with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Martin, were able to be in Gladewater over these days while en route to New York for their departure for England.

Mr. R. Lusby, Deacon in the Dallas Church, and Mr. Buck Hammer, local Deacon at the Tabernacle, together with Mr. Cecil Battles, ministerial assistant to Mr. Prince, all brought sermonettes.

Mr. Hill reports: "Subject centered around the *use* of the power of God's Holy Spirit . . . its practical application in everyday Christian overcoming . . . examples of prophets and other servants of God before us. . . . God's spirit was surely present with us, bringing harmony and love that was marred by no problem or unpleasant incident."

Mr. Richard Prince, minister of the Dallas and Houston Churches, wrote: "For Pentecost the Houston Church went to Victoria for a combined meeting with the Corpus Christi and San Antonio churches. It was worth the effort as everyone was edified spiritually and many had a chance to renew old acquaintances. We expected about 250-275 but there were 334 total including children. Because of this we were very crowded and somewhat inconvenienced

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The *Truth* about CHEMICAL FARMING

Many say that insecticides and water-soluble chemical fertilizers are necessary in agriculture. Others claim both are harmful. What are the facts? This problem—directly or indirectly—affects us all.

by J. W. Robinson

ORIGINALLY our land was so rich that it produced abundant crops every year. Farmers had no insect worries. Then production lagged and insects began to destroy crops. Why?

Man soon used chemical fertilizers and insecticides but insects became worse. Plant diseases appeared and took their toll of our prosperity.

What caused our *first* onslaughts of insects? What brought our crop diseases upon us? We know that insects and diseases were not just recently created, because ". . . the works were finished from the foundation of the world" (Heb. 4:3).

Is Chemical Farming the Solution?

Farmers and gardeners have generally assumed that chemicals have become so necessary that they would be lost—that they could not live—without using them. Many believe the land has become irreparably wasted and can no longer produce *naturally*. This concept is based upon a misunderstanding of the facts before us and doubts concerning God's promises.

Many farmers recognize that chemical fertilizers and insecticides are *harmful* and would like to stop using them, but are afraid to do so. They believe that without water-soluble chemical fertilizers they would produce very little, and that without insecticides, the little they grew would be consumed by the insects driven to their farms by their neighbors' insecticides.

Even when they see God's promise of protection from "the devourer"—insect devastation—in Malachi 3:11, many are afraid to *step out on faith*. It is time to *quit deceiving ourselves* and to *make changes*. The solution with plants, as with man, is *not* reached by administering poisons. We can eliminate harmful farm practices *without fear of failure!*

Man's Natural Responsibility

God created our natural resources in a proper balance and intended that man should keep it so. When a man farms a piece of land, he assumes a responsi-

bility. He obligates himself to farm it properly, maintaining its natural health so that the land will produce food of good quality.

Men have been able to raise good crops without insecticides for many centuries, allowing nature to keep its balance. New insecticides have been used extensively for only about twenty years, in which time man has wrought havoc with our living resources—our God-given wildlife of all forms. Dr. George J. Wallace, Michigan State University zoologist, states that the current widespread use of insecticides is the greatest threat to animal life that North America has ever faced—worse than deforestation, illegal shooting, or drought.

How Do Insecticides Upset Nature's Harmony?

When the soil is allowed to produce the microorganisms it needs, various fungi among these organisms provide the plant with antibiotics to protect it against disease. Other organisms manufacture plant food. Man has corrupted this *natural* balance by wasteful farming practices. Insects increased and man applied insecticides. Some of the poison was absorbed by the produce and consumed by man. A portion of the poison was washed off the plants and into the soil, where it destroyed earthworms and microorganisms.

After these organisms have died, they can no longer maintain the health of plants. Plants become puny and infested with diseases and insects. It appears that diseases and insects were given to us by an all-wise God to cull out inferior quality and to encourage us to produce only quality crops. Scientists admit that healthy plants resist disease and insect pests. The chemical farmer says, "Ridiculous: you can't tell me that a bug will leave a bean alone just because it is grown organically, and eat another one that is grown with chemicals and sprayed with poison. If a bug wants a bean, he will eat the one that is grown organically as readily as he will eat any other, just as you or I will do."

This is the common way of reasoning. But is it logical? Does a bug *reason*

as a man and *decide* what he should eat? or does he eat what his God-given instinct directs?

The whole theory of comparing ourselves to insects is absurd. To know what an insect will eat, we must observe the behavior of insects under different conditions. Various experiments have proven that insects normally eat plants that are starving for minerals but do not damage neighboring plants, of the same variety and age, that receive a good supply of minerals. Insects usually select plants that are pale and sickly in appearance. See *Make Friends With Your Land*, page 54.

Leading college professors and doctors have presented proof that, when insecticides have been used, insects have increased. Crops that first received only one spraying per year are now receiving *six* or *seven* sprayings per year and have *more* insects than formerly. They have also shown that insecticides are absorbed into the human system and cause many diseases. See chapters 1 and 2 of *Our Daily Poison*, by Leonard Wickenden (a well-known professional chemist); published by the Devin-Adair Company, New York.

When man removes crops without returning cover crops to the soil—and allows the topsoil and organic matter to wash away—and fails to replace minerals he has drawn from the soil, nature becomes unbalanced and insects increase. A few years of organic farming will cause these insects to go elsewhere seeking plants that are *good* for insects and *bad* for man.

The worm, by instinct, desires a certain quality, which God designed *his body* to need. Man should, by use of his mind, *learn* to choose that quality which *his body* needs. The worm, contrary to popular opinion, cannot react like a man. It is tragic that so many men in this world insist upon reacting like worms.

In Chapter 9 of *Our Daily Poison*, Mr. Wickenden gives the results of extensive and accurate tests conducted with insecticides in the state agricultural departments in Washington and South Carolina, to determine the linger-

ing effects of poisons. The tests conclusively proved that some poisons were still deadly after being in the soil for five years! They further proved that land which has been poisoned produces much less than land that has received no poison. The degree of influence varies with the crop and with the poison. Rye, that received 20 pounds of DDT per acre for five years, for instance, produced one-fifth as much in its fifth year as land that had not been poisoned at all.

Poisoned soil has effects that are more far-reaching than many have realized. It destroys life forms that appear to be far removed from the danger. Here is one of many measured and recorded examples of the aftereffects of poisoning: In 1954, Michigan State University sprayed its elms with DDT for protection against bark beetles. When their leaves fell to the ground in the fall, earthworms dined upon them. After the spring thaw of 1955, the earthworms were eaten by birds, mostly robins, and the birds died of DDT poisoning. That year only one nest of young robins could be found on the 185-acre North Campus, which had produced 370 young robins during the previous spring. (*Reader's Digest*, June 1959, page 65, in the article "Backfire in the War Against Insects" by Robert S. Strother.)

Mr. Strother and many other writers have shown evidence which proves that insecticides destroy beneficial as well as harmful insects, and also hawks, owls, and foxes that eat rodents that have picked up food in sprayed areas. When these natural rodents' enemies are destroyed, the few rodents that remain increase rapidly, which is one of the reasons for the recent invasions of field rats and orchard mice that we have read about in various areas. God had a reason for creating natural enemies to keep rodents in check.

Are Chemical Fertilizers Harmful?

Before we can compare the values of the various fertilizers, we must understand the basic differences in the chemical composition and reaction of the two major types of commercial fertilizers. One type is made up of minerals in their natural state, such as rock phosphate, potash mineral, and limestone. This type of fertilizer is not dissolved by water—it is gradually changed into plant food by the action of carbonic acid, nitric acid, and other organic acids that are formed by the decomposition of organic matter. This natural rock mineral, even when ground to a powder, is used up so gradually that soil tests taken 15 years later show traces of the mineral still remaining. See *Organic*

Gardening and Farming, November 1959, pages 70 and 71.

The other type is water-soluble chemical fertilizer which has been processed in a factory by unnatural methods. This is the type which is commonly sold on the market and advertised for quick results. Most farmers use it every year and feel they could not get along without it.

The usefulness of any particular fertilizer must be considered on the basis of its effect on the soil, as well as the amount and *quality* of agricultural products temporarily produced. Our goal must be to produce the quality that will build into our bodies the health that God intended them to have. The land *originally* produced the needed quality of its own accord, because God, who is perfect, was the first farmer. He created the land in *perfect organic balance*.

When our farming and gardening operations are patterned after God's *natural* growing processes, they are organically correct. But when man looks for short cuts, and deviates from the natural way, he invents new systems that are usually perverted. Let us further analyze the quality of a fertile, organic soil and come to a better understanding of our responsibility toward the land we work.

Where Does Health Start?

If we want good health, we cannot look to a scientist's test tubes to develop it and sell it to us in bottles. We must look to the soil, from which all food is ultimately derived. Only those who learn how to maintain health in their soil can get health out of it.

Some claim that a plant will select out of the soil all the elements it needs, and in the proper balance, even if the soil is unhealthy. This simply is not true. *Plants cannot take out of the soil anything that is not there.*

Look at the natural soil of a weed patch or a hardwood forest floor that man has not touched for years. Here you will find God's way of farming. That topsoil is literally filled with earthworms and smaller organisms, many of which are visible only under a microscope. These are the microorganisms that live by the millions in every handful of healthy topsoil.

Earthworms and microorganisms eat humus (decaying vegetation), and mix it with the soil's natural minerals to produce plant food that grows healthy plants. Minerals, by themselves, are not a balanced ration for plants. They have no life till living organisms or *natural* chemical actions change them into organic plant foods.

When our earthworms and microor-

ganisms are not hindered in their work, they continuously enrich our land. They maintain a porous loamy texture in the soil which enables it to absorb and hold rain water. A good porous silty loam forest topsoil can hold up to half its volume in water. (*Water, Land, and People* by Bernard Frank and Anthony Netboy, page 33.)

But when man adds to his land a chemical that destroys the essential organisms, the natural organic balance is upset. Without the earthworms and other organisms, the dead vegetation and the minerals are not readily converted into plant food. The dirt becomes hard and dense. No longer will the land absorb and hold a good supply of rain water to last through dry seasons. The land dries out rapidly and produces poorly. *Man makes his own drought!*

What Chemicals Are Destructive?

Tests have proven conclusively that the fertilizers that are highly soluble in water are destructive to earthworms and microorganisms, without which no soil can be healthy. Land which does not have these organisms becomes an almost-sterile mineral bed. The natural minerals cannot be changed into a balanced plant food without these microorganisms.

How do the water-soluble chemical fertilizers destroy our essential organisms? Their destructiveness works two ways. The rapid dissolving of the chemicals produces in the soil a solution that is *so highly concentrated* that the soil's organisms cannot live in it. Another fault of the highly soluble chemicals is that they are composed of unnatural combinations of minerals forced together in factory processes. When they are put into the soil they dissolve and seek *natural combinations* with other minerals.

Some of these new combinations go into the plants and glut them with unnatural, unbalanced one-course meals of inorganic minerals. Others of the new combinations remain in the soil, usually in the form of poisons. When sulphate of ammonia is used as a fertilizer, the ammonia is taken into the plant while the sulphate, left free, joins itself to hydrogen in the soil and becomes sulphuric acid, a poison that is deadly to the natural organisms in the soil.

Use of nitrate of soda brings similar results. Plants use the nitrogen and reject the sodium, which then joins with carbon dioxide to form *sodium carbonate*, which is *washing soda*. This compound is likewise poisonous in the soil. Other chemicals used as fertilizers follow the same pattern in adding various pollutants to our soil. (See *Make Friends With Your Land*, by Leonard Wicken-

den, pages 63 and 117.) Is it any wonder that earthworms disappear when chemical fertilizers are used? It is impossible to produce a nutritionally balanced chemical fertilizer. Even a slight disproportionate mixture has been known to give plants a dangerous overdose of certain elements. Feeds poisoned in this way have killed many cattle. Yet men claim that chemical fertilizers have brought great increases in production to the farmers. They quote authoritative-sounding figures to support such claims.

Do not allow a wrong application of figures deceive you. Men have hidden part of the truth and have warped records to suit their own desires. From 1940 to 1947 the United States produced almost one-fifth more corn per acre than in 1920 to 1927. Gains in other crops were similar. Some have erroneously attributed this increase to the great increase in the use of insecticides and chemical fertilizers. This is deceptive reasoning: many other factors have added their bit to this increase.

Reduction of corn acreage has eliminated much of our low-yield land. U. S. Weather Bureau records show that during this period of better production, the weather was more favorable to corn than it had been in the earlier period. Many new, heavier-producing varieties of corn have helped to raise the yield. Almost no acreage was planted in hybrid varieties in the twenties, but about nine tenths of all corn acreage was planted with hybrids in the forties. Hybrids are given credit for increasing the yield per acre by 20%. See Chapter 10 of *Make Friends With Your Land*. With all these factors adding to the increase, we should have *doubled* productivity, instead of adding only a 20% increase in productivity. These records make it abundantly clear that chemicals have not been a blessing to the farmer.

Organic Farming Produces More

The reason our farms *appear* to produce more after applying chemical fertilizers is that the soil has already been rendered *practically sterile* by chemicals and erosion. This soil produces poorly just after discontinuing the use of chemicals if no organic matter and natural minerals are put into it. But if these *natural* materials are disked into the topsoil, the yield is actually increased after discontinuing chemical fertilizers. See *Make Friends With Your Land*, pages 22 and 23. Many people have successfully tried this experiment.

Both the richness of the soil and its ability to hold moisture are increased if shallow cultivation is used in order to keep the organic matter in the surface soil. This organic matter will be

teeming with earthworms and microorganisms. The acids produced by these organisms will *seep downward* and convert underlying minerals into plant food. Such a system imitates God's method of enriching a forest floor. This is thoroughly demonstrated by the experiments of Edward H. Faulkner, as described in his book, *Plowman's Folly*.

A careful study of this method was made on Iowa experimental farms by U. S. and Iowa state soil experts. According to *Time Magazine*, February 28, 1944 issue, the Iowa tests proved that this method increased production, saved labor expense, greatly reduced erosion, and seemed to keep weeds down better.

Chemical fertilizers that dissolve rapidly do not increase the yield above what can be obtained by organic farming. They only increase the yield above what could be obtained in soils which have been robbed of minerals, organic matter, and living organisms.

But what about the soils that are deficient in certain minerals. Will organic farming put those minerals into the soil? No, but there are ways of putting minerals into the soil naturally *without killing the helpful organisms* in it.

Natural minerals already mentioned can be applied to soils that have deficiencies. These natural minerals do not destroy earthworms or microorganisms. Crushed limestone will supply any lack in alkali. Finely ground rock phosphate supplies the necessary phosphorus, without the detrimental effects of superphosphate. Potash mineral supplies potash and also many trace elements. Potash can also be added to soil in the form of wood ashes and, in some areas, by use of ground native rocks. If these minerals are not available in your area, they can be ordered from companies who advertise in magazines that teach organic farming principles.

When we consider that these natural minerals do not have to be added more often than once in several years, they are much less expensive than the chemical fertilizers that many farmers use every year. Before buying minerals, however, one should purchase an inexpensive soil testing kit and test his soil to see which minerals are needed in the various fields.

Men have been *afraid to obey God*; but *no one seems to be afraid to rebel!* As a result, we have brought upon us the curses of Deuteronomy 28:15-24—*the curses that have taken away our productivity AND our health!*

Why Fear to Obey?

A Christian should not be afraid to change to *good* farming methods: *we* should fear only to disobey. Our crop failures have been brought upon us by

our disobedience (Amos 4:9). God promises to *rebuke the devourer* for the sake of those who *obey Him* (Mal. 3:11). Can *you* trust God? Others have done so.

Those brethren who have taken God at His word, and have discontinued the use of insecticides and water-soluble chemical fertilizers have found that there is *no need to fear insects!* *God has kept His promise and has protected their crops!*

A member in Colorado used insecticides two years on his alfalfa and noticed a disappearance of ladybugs and earthworms, both of which are very helpful. He gave his land a year of rest and discontinued the use of poisons. After the year of rest, he worked the volunteer growth into the topsoil. Both ladybugs and earthworms returned to his fields in abundance. Alfalfa weevils did not seriously injure his crop, but invaded the fields of many others, in the same neighborhood, who used poisons and chemical fertilizers. *The organically farmed fields produced about 1½ times as many bales of alfalfa per acre as the adjoining neighbor's field, where poisons and chemical fertilizers were used!*

A member in the Texas Panhandle organically farmed land that, in the previous year, had been poisoned with insecticides and with anhydrous ammonia fertilizer. He grew alfalfa and several grain crops without insecticides, and used steer manure for fertilizer. He noticed his land became more porous and loamy and held water more effectively. Insects were *no problem* with him, but did serious injury to the crop of his neighbor who used insecticides and harmful fertilizers.

A member in Florida worked natural growth into her soil and added natural minerals that were lacking. She then grew truck crops without insecticides and found them to be disease resistant. People who had been allergic to strawberries and tomatoes found they could eat, without ill effects, those she grew organically.

Let Us be Doers

Let us not be guilty of conforming to the world's corrupt practices. God is training us to *appreciate quality*. When we produce food, we should concentrate upon building health. Only by seeking perfection in our daily activities can we become fit for God's kingdom, where *only perfection* will be permitted. In Deuteronomy 28:1-6, God promises to give us health, productive crops, and prolific livestock if we obey Him.

Men who produce unhealthy food-stuffs when they can more easily pro-

duce that which is nourishing are, without realizing it, forcing others to violate the command implied in I Corinthians 3:17, which states, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit of God.

OVERSEAS REPORT

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desia, Mr. Joseph E. Mwambula, a native African who has been ministering to the small flock in Lusaka, has been receiving more and more letters from areas into which the program reaches. So many letters and requests for help arrived from the Province of Kitwe—the copper belt of Northern Rhodesia—that we felt it necessary for him to make a special trip into this section to see firsthand the needs for the area.

In his report to us, we find the situation is even more pressing than originally thought. Many people are migrating to this rich copper-producing area of Northern Rhodesia. They are hearing the truth of God on The *World Tomorrow* Program over Radio Elizabethville, the Belgian Congo. Here, in Mr. Mwambula's own words, are excerpts from his recent report.

"I want to briefly give you the results of my trip to Kitwe. I left Lusaka and arrived in Kitwe the same day. I intended to spend one week in Kitwe, but as a result of the pressure from my hosts I was compelled to spend another additional *two weeks*. People there, both Africans and Europeans, urged me to remain with them for some days in order to ask me as regards the work of God. I was very pleased to find people so interested in the Radio Church of God, as some of them are radio listeners. While there my time was so occupied that I could not spare any time to compile my weekly ministerial report."

Another Helper

Several months before, Mr. Mwambula had been in contact with an old friend in Kitwe who also had been listening to The *World Tomorrow* and who has been a faithful and dedicated servant of God for some time. Because Mr. Mwambula was unable to go to Kitwe very often, he asked this man, Mr. L. M. Sakala, to help any of the people there who needed advice or guidance. On arriving at Kitwe, Mr. Mwambula found that Mr. Sakala had been working diligently and faithfully—giving of himself in his off-work hours to help as many as he was able. Here is Mr. Mwambula's comment.

"At Kitwe, I found Mr. Sakala was

doing very good work by visiting families and explaining them about this Church. He also tell them that there is a representative of this Church in Lusaka who can explain about this Church more fully. He took me around to those families he used to visit, both African and European. All these families I reached expressed their support to this Church and that they would no longer follow another Church rather than the Radio Church of God."

Racial Strife a Problem

Personal travel for natives as well as Europeans is becoming more and more hazardous in Northern Rhodesia. Mr. Mwambula is in danger of his life as he travels in the service of the Church. Here, in a recent letter from Mr. Mwambula, is a comment on the situation.

"You may have heard of the conflict between Europeans and Africans here in Northern Rhodesia. As result of this, there is rioting, because the Federal Government here does not want African to have freedom of speech. Many African people are killed as wild animal. Police was given full power to do what they can—they just attack anyone they wish. They don't care who you are as long as you are an African. Police was given all power to attack and shoot if they found African holding any meetings at any place. If they find African holding meetings, they just shoot as they shoot wild animals.

"The most shocking incident is one which took place in Kitwe (right where Mr. Mwambula was visiting). An African, cycling home from work, was stopped by three Europeans driving in a car and shouting 'freedom.' They set on the lonely African and assaulted him with a bicycle chain. The African died in Lewellin Hospital, Kitwe, from wounds received in the assault.

"The European hooligans there have launched a terror campaign against Africans in the copper mining towns. Africans walking or cycling in the street of Kitwe, Luanshya, Ndola, Mufulira, Chingola and Bancroft, have been deliberately knocked down by European drivers. Numbers of Africans are killed each week."

Booklets in African Dialects

Two translations of our booklets on faith are now in process into two of the most prominent African Bantu dialects, the "Chinyanja" and the "Cibemba" dialects. These will soon be available for mailing and distribution to these truth-hungry people of Africa.

As the work grows in Africa, more consecrated representatives will be needed to care for the flock of God there. In Africa, as in the Philippines,

God is also providing the leaders for the flock He is calling.

Jesus Christ knows our works (Rev. 3:8). He knows the work we must be doing and what lies ahead for us. Are we ready for these responsibilities? Are we *sacrificing* in these few remaining years that lie ahead of us that this Gospel may go around the world, and that those whom God is calling into His family may have His precious truth?

Progress in the West Indies

For almost two years, Mr. Leo Joseph, a former minister in the Sardis era of the Church, has been faithfully studying, praying and qualifying himself to serve his people in the West Indies, on the Island of St. Lucia. Besides the responsibility of working 9 or 10 hours a day at very *hard work*, Mr. Joseph has been traveling many miles on foot and by bus, in his off hours and on the Sabbath day, to visit and teach the brethren.

The *World Tomorrow* Program reaches into the West Indies from 50,000 watt WLAC in Nashville, Tennessee, over 2000 miles away.

Now, after two years of faithful study and obedience to God's instructions from headquarters in Pasadena, Mr. Joseph has been designated our *official representative* in the West Indies. He now goes *full time* into the work of God.

For the first time the brethren will have the help and guidance they need in order to really grow. Now, the ground work is set up for future growth and progress in the West Indies.



Mr. Leo H. Joseph, recently appointed representative of the Church of God in St. Lucia, West Indies. Two years of diligent study and faithful service have qualified him to more fully serve God and his people.



Mr. Joseph E. Mwambula, shown with his wife and two of their four children. Mr. Mwambula's oldest daughter attends college in Springs, South Africa.

Yes, The *World Tomorrow* Program is bearing fruit in this troubled world! We must be ready to do *our part*. God's work needs *your* prayers! This is not just the responsibility of those here at *headquarters* alone, but for all of us in the Church of God. Wherever we are, this is *OUR* work. Are you praying for your brethren in Africa, in the Philip-

pinas and around the world? They need our prayers—some for their very lives!

God's work is rapidly growing in **POWER** around the world. But this is only the beginning! Are we going to be ready to fulfill the demands God will place on us next year—five years from now? Our hearts and our lives must be wholly and completely in God's work if

we are going to be able to carry out *our* job until Christ returns.

As God opens the doors in these foreign countries, we *must* be ready! This is a vital part of the commission of this Church which you and I have been given to do. Let's all pray Jesus will be able to say to us when He comes: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

PENTECOST

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but everyone took advantage of the opportunity and demonstrated that they had grown spiritually and were able to exercise self-control. . . . It was about the hottest I had ever experienced in a public gathering—the air conditioning equipment was not large enough to handle so many people. God was helping us though because at noon when most had to go outside so the tables could be arranged, He sent clouds over the sun, making it bearable outside. . . . The deacons and deaconesses did their jobs sufficiently, making the physical part of the Feast enjoyable too!”

Mr. Allen Manteufel, Pastor of the San Antonio and Corpus Christi churches said: “. . . Let me mention again the excellent cooperation from everyone in spite of the crowd, especially during mealtime. A number of new people, not from any of the three churches, who received the letter from Headquarters were there.

“A final note: Mr. Adolf Romike, Deacon in the Corpus Christi Church, is the father of twin boys as of last Friday. All, including a dazed Mr. Romike, are doing fine.” [Mrs. Romike is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of our Fresno Church.]

New York City

Mr. Carlton Smith, Pastor of the recently established New York City Church, wrote: “We had a very harmonious and successful series of meetings here in New York City. . . . There were brethren in attendance from the New England states as far up as Maine. Also there were others from upstate N.Y., Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and Delaware.

“There was a good attendance for the whole period of time reaching a peak of 240 (including children) Monday afternoon.

“The theme of the sermons, of course, was centered around Pentecost. . . . Between the two services on Pentecost, we had a wonderful physical feast which everyone seemed to enjoy immensely. Also, there were many comments from individuals as to how much they profited from the whole series of meetings, and how they were reluctant to see it come to a close. Everyone showed forth a great deal of friendliness, warmth and enthusiasm.”

From Far Away England!

Mr. Raymond McNair, Pastor of the London Church, wrote of the wonderful meetings experienced by more than 109

of God's people over in [to us in Pasadena] far away London, England. Services were observed during all three days, with Mr. George Meeker assisting Mr. McNair by bringing sermonettes and in counseling.

Also, London members enjoyed hearing a 15-minute talk by Mr. David Wainwright, outlining some of his experiences through his brief year spent here at Ambassador College in Pasadena.

From the Philippines

Mr. Pedro Ortiguero, our representative in the Philippine Islands wrote: “On the Day of Pentecost, we have evening, morning and afternoon services. Right on the evening service at 9:00 p.m. we tuned in the ‘World Tomorrow’ broadcast and heard Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong’s message. It was about ‘The end of the world.’ We heard him on DZAQ Manila, 620 kc., and after the 30 minutes message I made an explanation [in the native tongue] of the subject. There were 120 people who attended this service. In the morning and afternoon services I spoke solely on God’s annual Festivals, emphasizing specially on the truth and history of the Pentecost. In the morning service there were about 450 adults and about 150 young people and children.”

And From the Land Down Under—

Mr. Waterhouse, Pastor of the Sydney Church, in Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, wrote: “The week-end went exceptionally well and everyone seemed to profit tremendously. . . . The people took correction well . . . and are becoming quite stable and sound.”

Mr. Waterhouse brought sermons through the three-day services on our high calling in this era of the Church of God, prophecy, as a proof of the true Church of God, and the meaning and explanation of the Day of Pentecost.

And Even in the West Indies!

Mr. Leo H. Joseph, our representative in the West Indies, wrote: “Now the Feast of Pentecost was observed on the 6th June 1960. Sunday night, [as God reckons time] we all assembled at the place of worship after the going down of the sun, several hymns were sung, and a short prayer was offered. Then I stood and addressed the congregation and I thanked God for revealing His truth to us. On Monday . . . I began to preach sermon on the ‘Feast of Pentecost.’ There were two [services]. The first one began at 10:30 and ended at 12:00 noon. There were dishes served by the sisters. . . . We continued from 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. in singing and rejoicing in the Lord. . . . The last [service] began at 3:00 and ended at

4:00 p.m. All the members were present, including four visitors. In all my life, I never had such a happy time with my brethren like this.”

Special Important Flash Bulletin— Extra!

And here is some additional GOOD NEWS! God has blessed His Church with *two more local congregations*, raised up on the 18th of June!

Mr. Jon Hill, together with Mr. David Antion, has started the new churches in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Hill writes: “There are some unusual ‘coincidences’ in the establishing of these two churches that I want to pass on. . . . I believe they put God’s stamp of approval indelibly on these two new churches. Bullinger says of the number 7: ‘It is the number or hall-mark of the Holy Spirit’s works. Seven is stamped on it [God’s word] as the water mark is seen in the manufacture of paper . . . and seven is the number which regulates every period of incubation and gestation in insects, birds and man!’ The *BIRTH* of these two churches is marked by sevens! [Here is why]. . . .

First attendance in Tulsa was 77 adults! And the total attendance for Oklahoma City . . . is 147 (or twenty-one 7’s). And Oklahoma is the *fourteenth* state in which the Philadelphia Era of the Church of God has established a Church. (There were 7 visitors from the Dallas Church at Oklahoma City).”

Isn’t this remarkable? You may well remember the amazing system of 12’s Mr. Waterhouse mentioned in a recent article concerning the establishment of God’s work in the land “down under” in Australia.

Mr. Hill reported over one hundred were in attendance for the first services at Tulsa!

Brethren, surely this is reason for GREAT REJOICING!

Yes, from AROUND THE WORLD come the reports of the very people of God observing the same annual Holy Days observed by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and by His early New Testament Apostles!

It should do our hearts *good*, and literally *fill* us with gratitude and appreciation to read of these wonderful developments from around the world.

We surely need to be thankful to God for the ministers He has chosen, the men He is calling in the far-flung corners of this earth, the new churches He is raising up, and the wonderful spiritual growth and development in all of His true children!

Don’t forget to be PRAYING for all of your fellow brethren—and especially these far-flung and scattered ones of whom you have read in this article!