

# Greatest PASSOVER Ever!

*The greatest Passover observance in modern times has just ended! Meanwhile, God's local churches continue to grow. Local church buildings are now almost a REALITY!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

WHILE the worst spring storms and floods in decades continue to rage across the country, God's church is still being BLESSED.

We are to be the "light of the world" (Mat. 5:16), and that light is destined to shine with increasing POWER as the end of this age approaches. So, in spite of the temporary trials and setbacks which we all have, we need to *thank God* that the overall picture is one of *blessings* and *progress* for God's Church—and for us who are used as human instruments in it!

Thousands of us were recently blessed in the wonderful Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread observed as a full eight-day festival in NINE different places throughout the world! We had reported to you last month that seven of these occasions would be held, but word has just arrived from Australia that Mr. Gerald Waterhouse conducted a full eight-day festival of preaching and Bible studies for our brethren down there as well!

And, just as this is being written, word has arrived from the Philippines that a full eight-day festival was observed in that far-off land! Also, we are certain that several ministers who have accepted God's *Truth* have held Passover services in Africa, on Formosa and perhaps in other parts of the world.

Truly, this was the GREATEST Passover ever to be held in this modern era of God's true Church!

## The Passover Observed in Australia

From the continent "down under," Mr. Gerald Waterhouse reports that the brethren there had a wonderful spiritual feast during the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. To our knowledge, this was the FIRST time that God's Holy Days have been observed by His people in Australia!

Many problems arose to hinder this observance, but God showed His blessing and power in helping overcome every obstacle to the observance of His commanded festival days. Mr. Waterhouse reports that up until two weeks before the Passover nothing suitable had opened up in the way of a hall which could be used for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread there in Sydney, Australia. However, right at that time—just in time to inform the brethren—a

very fine hall was made accessible to use during the festival season!

Mr. Waterhouse relates: "To our utter surprise, the hall was one which was totally unfamiliar to us and in clear view from my office window! In spite of all the inquiries I had made and the number of different places which I had visited, not one person even mentioned this particular hall. God surely brought these things about to let us know He is in charge of operations here and will provide for us if we will just trust Him. Just why this hall has gone unnoticed and unrented by the organizations in this vast area is beyond me unless it is just that God reserved it for us as He did the office space we use and the home in which we live."

Mr. Waterhouse writes that this hall was built by the "Australian Institute of Builders" and especially designed for lectures up to three hours' duration! It has softly cushioned, arm-supported chairs which were specially built, an acoustical system effectively installed, and very appropriate indirect lighting throughout the building with spotlights especially for the speaker's platform. It will seat up to 250 people and in an adjoining room there is a nice kitchen with a stove and refrigerator and all facilities necessary for God's festivals!

"On Sunday before the Passover service," Mr. Waterhouse reports, "I held a meeting about twenty miles out of Sydney in Blacktown to discuss baptism with several who wanted to be baptized before the service and most of whom were staying at this particular place during the festival. After going into baptism and related topics for a few hours, I found that eight were ready for baptism and we proceeded with the service. In spite of our time being limited and without a knowledge of where the baptizing could be performed, God worked circumstances out so that everything had been done and we could all return to Sydney in time for the Passover. With the addition of these eight people to the members in Sydney, 29 of us took the Passover."

## Healings and GROWTH in Australia

During the course of the festival, Mr. Waterhouse relates, God allowed several of the brethren to be confronted with various sicknesses, afflictions and infir-

mities. But in every single case God raised each person affected and not one person missed a single meeting because of any of these complications.

"It seemed God was letting the significance of the unleavened bread taken at the Passover service be impressed upon our minds indelibly," Mr. Waterhouse stated.

Mr. Frank Longuskie and Mr. Charles Hefner—both from Ambassador College and assisting Mr. Waterhouse in Australia—were a great deal of help in all of the physical work and counseling the people throughout the entire festival, he reports. In closing, Mr. Waterhouse states: "The brethren were so encouraged through the festival that they are now looking forward to Pentecost and the meetings which will be conducted for three full days. And, on beyond this festival, many are making preparations to be in attendance throughout the entire eight days during the Feast of Tabernacles and great High Day festival. In addition, we are encouraged that others unable to be here for the Passover will be here for the Feast of Tabernacles. Several have written to this effect. Too, by the time of the Feast of Tabernacles, there should be a good number added to the Church in Australia as they come to full repentance and are baptized."

"As the broadcast penetrates the minds of more people and they are brought to repentance by the TRUTH set forth in the literature, I am confident that as the people in God's church throughout the world pray fervently for the people in this vast continent, Mr. Tony Hammer and I will have some fruitful baptizing tours later this year."

Brethren, we hope that this detailed report of how God's people clear around on the other side of the earth are observing His feast days just as we in this country are will be as interesting and inspiring to all of you as it is to us! You have already heard that Mr. Tony Hammer—son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer of the big Tabernacle in Gladewater—and accompanied by his able wife, Natalie, is being sent to Australia in June to assist Mr. Waterhouse and the work of God on the Australian continent. Will you be PRAYING that God will bless the work of His Church in Australia?

Will you pray earnestly that God will

STOP the hand of Satan and his persecutors in that area? Will you ask God's blessing and guidance for Mr. Waterhouse and the men and women who are assisting him in this "outpost" of God's work?

Now, a decision has just been made in a ministerial conference here at God's headquarters that Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Faulkner—a young married couple in God's Church who are zealous Ambassador students—are to be temporarily pulled out of Ambassador College and rushed by plane to Australia as soon as they may obtain passports and air passage! This emergency measure is being taken because of the OVERWHELMING amount of work in the Australian office and Church. The work of Jesus Christ—the living HEAD of this Church—has grown to tremendous proportions on that continent just within the last few months!

But this growth is already bringing with it persecutions by religious pressure groups in that area as Mr. Armstrong has reported to you! Be sure your fervent PRAYERS are with God's servants and His work in that continent! And let us REJOICE in the wonderful growth and blessings that God is continuing to shower upon His work around this earth in spite of every persecution and opposition of Satan the Devil and his human instruments!

#### The Passover Observed in Britain and the Philippines

Mr. Raymond McNair—evangelist in charge of the work in the British Isles—reports that our brethren in Britain had a wonderful Passover festival this spring. Starting with a Passover observance participated in by only about 15 people three years ago, the converted membership of God's Church in London has multiplied *five times* so that this year there were 75 baptized adult members who partook of the Passover service in London! In addition, 14 brethren partook of the Passover in Bristol, England.

Mr. McNair reports that there were about 120 present for the feast day and several dozen remained for regular Bible studies and preaching services during the entire period of the Days of Unleavened Bread.

The wonderful and beautiful grounds and buildings of our future Ambassador College campus there had proved to be a perfect setting for God's feast days in England! Mr. McNair states that our brethren in England are feeling continually closer and more a part of God's work from headquarters here in the United States, and they send "greetings" to all of you brethren here.

Let us remember our brethren in Britain in earnest prayers of thanks-

giving for the many blessings God has granted His church there—and supplication that He will continue to bless, strengthen and keep them unreprouvable until the day of Jesus Christ's coming!

From the Philippine Islands, Mr. Pedro Ortiguero reports that they had a full quota of daily preaching services during the Days of Unleavened Bread. A total of 23 baptized adult members of God's Church in the Philippines partook of the sacred Passover service. Most of these remained throughout the entire eight-day period for a spiritual feast of daily preaching and Bible study. Mr. Ortiguero was assisted in conducting these services by Mr. Dionicio Descargar—a dedicated servant of God who has proved an able assistant to Mr. Ortiguero in ministering to our small congregation in the Philippines.

Mr. Ortiguero reports: "I surely believe that the Church in the United States was mentioning us many times in their prayers during the feast that we might experience a very wonderful time. For this we are here sending our thanks to all of you who have remembered us in prayers during the spring festival."

Let us all, brethren, pray more fervently that God will guide and bless those who yield to Him in the Philippine Islands and other men in scattered areas throughout this earth who are beginning to see His truth and walk in it—and teach others as a last witness before the end of this age.

#### Passover Observed at the Big Tabernacle, near Gladewater

Here in the United States, the largest single gathering for the Passover took place at our own big Tabernacle near Gladewater and Big Sandy, Texas. As usual, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong were present to conduct these important services which lasted throughout the entire eight or nine-day festival.

A total of 792 baptized adult members took the Passover and about 1500 people, including children, attended the feast and most of these stayed throughout the entire period for the preaching and Bible studies! Lending valuable assistance in the preaching and counseling were Mr. Jon Hill, pastor this semester of the churches in Gladewater and Minden, Mr. Allen Manteufel and Mr. Richard Prince, who are respectively pastors in the San Antonio-Corpus Christi and Dallas-Houston church areas. Also, Mr. Tony Hammer and Mr. Cecil Battles assisted in bringing helpful and inspiring sermonettes during the services.

Mrs. Armstrong stated that she felt that this was undoubtedly the best spring festival which has ever been held at the Tabernacle, and many commented that the ministers there gave especially help-

ful and powerful sermons on everyday Christian living.

It was noted that Mr. Tony Hammer showed tremendous growth and potential in preaching, and he will undoubtedly be of great help to Mr. Waterhouse in God's work on the Australian continent.

#### Passover in New York City and Pittsburgh

This year, for the second time, the Passover and a full eight days of services were conducted in New York City. The attendance there was nearly double that of last year since a local church has now been established. A total of 150 adult members partook in the sacred service of God's Passover, and about 220 were present for the feast.

Mr. Raymond Cole, evangelist and supervisor over the field ministers in the United States, flew back to New York to help conduct these services. He was joined by Mr. Carlton Smith, pastor of the New York church, and for part of the festival by Mr. Wayne Cole, his brother, who is pastor of God's churches in Pittsburgh and Akron. Mr. Cole reports that the church in New York is strong and enthusiastic and that they had a most inspiring eight days of preaching services during the festival of Unleavened Bread.

Before coming to New York, Mr. Wayne Cole conducted the Passover services in our church at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with 168 baptized members partaking of the Passover there. Also, Mr. Bob Hoops, who is acting as assistant pastor in these two churches, conducted the Passover service in Akron, Ohio, with 45 adults partaking. With both churches joining together for the feast in Pittsburgh on the first Holy Day, there were over 400 in attendance.

#### The Passover in Chicago

Another full festival with eight days of preaching services was held in Chicago, Illinois, with Mrs. Meredith and me flying back to join Mr. Dean Blackwell, pastor of the churches in Chicago, Milwaukee, and El Paso, Illinois. We were ably assisted by Mr. Frank McCrady and Mr. Harold Jackson—both ordained local elders in this area. Also, outstanding sermonettes were given by Mr. Arthur Mokarow—a zealous member of the Chicago congregation, and Mr. Richard Pinelli and Mr. Richard Plache—both advanced students in Ambassador College who were visiting home during this season.

A total of 383 adult members partook of the Passover service and about 650 people, including children, attended on the first Holy Day. There were three to four hundred present throughout the entire eight days for preaching services

States, and on into the east. Mr. Ronald Kelly, accompanied by Mr. Carl McNair, is traveling across the United States down into Texas and Louisiana, and will be baptizing many dozens of people in the deep south. These men will be meeting hundreds of different personalities, meeting adverse weather conditions, be in perils on the highway, perils from antagonistic, unconverted mates, and will have to *drive* themselves day and night, oftentimes losing meals and sleep—in order to serve God in this way.

They desperately need your PRAYERS! Keep this article *with you!* Don't forget the baptizing tours!

### Helpers for the Churches

It has been the policy in the past year or so to send advanced and older Ambassador College students to become "assistant pastors" in some of the local church areas around the United States.

This year, due to the increased burdens on the shoulders of many of our local ministers, and the growing church attendance, we have had to send an unusually large amount of men to some of the local pastorates.

Messrs. Richard Pinelli and Clarence Huse, both senior students of Ambassador College, will be assisting Mr. Carlton Smith in the large New York City Church, visiting and counseling with various of the members there during the summer months. Mr. Ronald Dart and his wife have been sent to Chi-

ago, to assist Mr. Dean Blackwell in the Chicago, Milwaukee and El Paso, Illinois churches. Mr. Armstrong reported the astounding number of about 700 in attendance in the Chicago Church for Pentecost! Chicago is now the second largest Church of God on the face of this earth—and certainly needs a great deal of help!

Mr. Richard Plache, also a senior student at Ambassador College, and his wife are in the Seattle-Tacoma area, assisting Mr. James Friddle in the pastoring of those two large and growing churches.

Mr. Burk McNair, who was deprived of the help of Mr. Roger Foster, who is now leading a baptizing tour, will be assisted during the summer months by Mr. Frank Simpkins, an advanced student of Ambassador College. Kelly Barfield, another advanced Ambassador College student, will be assisting Mr. Bryce Clark in pastoring the St. Louis and Springfield, Missouri Churches.

As was previously mentioned, Mr. Hal Baird will be helping Mr. Cole take care of the heavy responsibilities of the churches of Salem and Eugene. Accompanying Mr. Baird for the summer is Mr. Tommy Blackwell, who is Mr. Dean Blackwell's brother.

As you can see, God's work is constantly *surging ahead—growing—BURSTING* with new energy and strength, as each local area grows in numbers, as new churches are raised up, many hundreds of new members being bap-

tized, and the harvest becomes greater and more multiplied!

All of these men really *need your prayers!* These experiences of the coming summer months, of helping to visit, counsel and baptize the converted ones who are being called of God, will be vitally important in forming a real part of the basic foundation of the spiritual character in these men.

### Evangelistic Campaigns in England

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith and his wife Margie, now on board ship en route to London, England, are scheduled to hold a series of vitally important evangelistic campaigns in England this summer!

I know most of you brethren have already heard of these approaching campaigns—but we need to be constantly reminded of the all-encompassing, world-wide scope of this wonderful work of God!

Mr. Meredith will be assisted by Mr. Ernest Martin as song leader and assistant counselor, and Miss Ruth Myrick, Ambassador College's own "piano virtuoso" as pianist. Mr. Meredith and the others arriving in England will be going to a veritable "Bee Hive" of activity.

Mr. Armstrong, who will be in England during the coming summer months with Mr. Benjamin Rea, who is to be the "principal" (Dean) of Ambassador College in the United Kingdom, will be constantly busy with the overall decisions in the establishing and the management of this fabulous new British addition of Ambassador College!

Furniture is being delivered, buildings being altered, the painting and papering crews working feverishly, gardening crews busy, library books being ordered, study desks, tables and chairs being purchased, the catalog being prepared and printed, entrance examinations being made up, and all the myriad other chores necessary for the almost fantastically difficult task of establishing a whole *college* are being accomplished during these summer months!

Here is another major project of the work of God for this time—and certainly needs your constant attention and your earnest and prevailing prayers! Be sure not to forget the work over in England, as all of us in the United States, Australia and elsewhere may know that our English brethren are not forgetting us!

### Australian Work Leaps Ahead

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, manager of the Australian office, and pastor of the Sydney Church, was very gratified to meet Mr. Dexter Faulkner, together with his wife, Shirley, at Sydney's Mas-



Mr. Waterhouse's office and conference room in Australia. A close-up of the right wall may be seen on page 11 of this issue.



In Australian office the master tape for each broadcast—sent from Pasadena—is being dubbed for the 15 Australian stations we are on. Six broadcasts every week per

station mean almost 100 copies each week of the daily program are being made by Mr. Charles Hefner.

cor Airport recently. Dexter and Shirley, both former students of Ambassador College, have been sent as a husband-wife "team" to assist Mr. Waterhouse in the many heavy responsibilities in the growing work in Australia.

They will both be serving in the large Sydney office, which has recently had to double its office space. Dexter as assistant to Mr. Frank Longuskie, who will be handling most of the responsibilities of managing the Sydney office, and Shirley, his wife, as a stenographer.

Also, as previously mentioned in this article, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer will be arriving in Australia prior to the time you receive this article. Tony, having recently been ordained, will be able to assist Mr. Waterhouse in taking some much needed baptizing tours in various other parts of Australia, and, as God leads and opens the way,

perhaps establishing even other Churches in Australia in the future.

This brings the number of Ambassador College personnel now serving in the Sydney office to a total of seven! (Remember the amazing pattern of twelves Mr. Waterhouse wrote of in a recent issue of *The Good News* magazine?)

The Australian Plain Truth mailing list is leaping ahead, and now the Plain Truth is to be, beginning with the month of July, PRINTED IN AUSTRALIA! Mr. Waterhouse has located a large printing plant in the chief seaport and second largest commercial city in all Australia, Melbourne. The printing of *The Plain Truth* in our own Australian edition will cost less than the money now spent in air mailing the heavy *Plain Truths* in bulk shipments to the Australian office.

Almost everywhere we look—the

world over—God's work RACES AHEAD!

#### Report from Oregon

Here is more good news which we were unable to find room for in last month's report by Mr. Meredith.

Mr. Raymond Cole reports additional ordinations in God's churches in Oregon. All the churches there are growing continually—with the Eugene church being completely revitalized and now having an average attendance of about 80 members each Sabbath!

The largest church in the area, of course, is in Portland. This church has grown a great deal within the last two years and more deacons have been needed. Two men there have yielded themselves to God and qualified to become deacons in the Church of God. On March 26, 1960, Mr. Allen Stark and Mr. Dale McDaniels were ordained  
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## 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!

# Greatest FEAST Ever!

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after the Feast. Ordained to the rank of Preaching Elder, Mr. Kelly and his wife, the former Norva Lee Pyle, also a graduate of Ambassador, are now busily serving this growing two-church area.

It was especially heart-warming to all the members of the Headquarters Church, to see the ordination of Mr. Charles Hunting to the rank of Local Elder in the Pasadena Church. Mr. Hunting, though an older man, having been called of God after years in the service and subsequently in private business, is now a Senior at Ambassador, and Student Body President. His office as an Elder in God's Church will enable him to serve much more effectively in the frequent counseling he must do, and in praying for the sick in the Southern California area.

One member wrote, "I am writing to let you know that I really enjoyed the Feast of Tabernacles. I was so thrilled. I just can't find words to express the enjoyment I did receive by attending the Feast. This was my first year to attend. I enjoyed all the service. The singing was beautiful. The chorale just can't be beat. I have never heard such beautiful music in my life. The ordination of the young ministers was a great thrill . . . the order and quietness of such a large crowd, the good behavior of the children, the smiling faces and pleasant associations with God's people, the delicious food, with the beautiful grounds on which the Tabernacle is located drew me closer to God and gave me a glimpse of the soon-coming Kingdom of God. After being in the midst of seven thousand people with the same mind, same trials and tests, it gave me a broader vision and I don't feel in a little world alone with God and with all the trials and tests to bear . . ."

This heart-warming letter is only one of many dozens we have received from those attending for the first time. If there could be ample space, I know each letter would be equally inspiring to all of you—seeing the real  *blessings*  God pours out upon us and the happiness they bring.

## The Feast in England

Mr. Armstrong was able to remain at the big tabernacle near Big Sandy, Texas for only four days. Then, in the middle of the Feast, he had to fly from Dallas to New York, and on to London, so he could be with those meeting on our own Ambassador campus in England. Mr. Armstrong brought sermons before the congregation assembled in

England for the last two days of the Feast, and on the eighth day, picturing the Great White Throne Judgment.

With many of God's ministers, including several families and students from Ambassador College in Pasadena, and with the brethren from Britain and continental Europe, the atmosphere in England was one of a warm, family-knit group.

Mr. Roderick Meredith, having completed three successful evangelistic campaigns in England, resulting in the raising up of three new churches, delivered inspiring messages on the  *meaning*  of the Feast, the picturing of the Kingdom of God. Sermons were brought by Mr. Raymond McNair, who is an evangelist in God's Church, and has been in charge of the work in England for about two years; by Dr. Benjamin Rea, former head of the Spanish Department of Ambassador College in the United States, who is now principal of the college in England; by Mr. Ernest Martin, who will be teaching in the college; and Mr. George Meeker, who has been assisting in the churches and office in England for many months.

With nearly 250 people in attendance on our own grounds, it was truly an inspiring and uplifting Feast of Tabernacles.

## Large Number Meet in Africa

Mr. J. E. Mwambula, our representative in Northern Rhodesia, Africa, reported that the number attending the first Holy Day of the Feast was 250. However, from a color slide Mr. Mwambula sent to us while we were at the Feast, we are almost certain Mr. Mwambula must have counted only the adult heads of household, for there appeared to be fully more than 600 or 700 people in the picture! Mr. Mwambula said the number increased until there were 475 attending the meetings during the middle of the Feast.

During the Feast there, the District Commissioner wanted Mr. Mwambula to halt the meetings because the Church had not been "registered" at that particular town of Kitwe. Mr. Mwambula, however, showed him the letter for registering the Church at Lusaka, the capital of Northern Rhodesia, and he was allowed to continue with the meetings—showing how God does intervene for His people!

Mr. Mwambula has been working diligently in translating much of the literature, and is going to send some of his translations to be reprinted in this country very soon. He said, "People

are very much pleased to hear that they will receive books in their own languages."

## From the Philippines!

Mr. Ortiguero reports: "A full eight-day festival was observed from October 6 to 13. Four provinces were represented. San Nicolas, Pangasinan with three representatives, Lanao, Davao, Bukidnon with about 430 people. We had evening, morning and afternoon services for the first, third and eighth day. While for the other days there were evening and morning services only. The afternoons were free for all. There were indoor baseball, volley ball, hiking, sightseeings around Kiara in the woods and farms of the brethren.

"On the first day there was only 43 brethren who attended the first day's services, but after the first day to the last day many come. On the third there were 329 adults and some children. On the fourth day to the last day still the number increased, and the last day 444 adults were counted and about 150 children."

Mr. Ortiguero concluded his letter, after describing the subjects of the sermons and all that took place by saying: "There were no troubles or confusion made during the Feast and all of us were greatly blessed. After the 13th, many began going home, while Mr. Descargar and I were left in Kiara to keep the Sabbath. Thank/you for your prayers and we felt the presence of God and that there was a very happy and joyous occasion."

## Work Booming in Australia!

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, assisted by Mr. Tony Hammer, conducted services in a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles in the land 'way "down under," in Australia! Mr. Waterhouse reported an attendance of 103 on the first day, with the largest attendance of 104 on the eighth day.

During the Feast of Tabernacles in Australia, there were  *fifteen*  baptized and added to God's Church!

Mr. Waterhouse wrote: "God kept the people well through the festival—not one had to miss because of illness (some were anointed and raised up quite rapidly) . . . as was the case for the entire time of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, God gave us almost perfect weather for the full eight days. Twice, reports came over the radio that the weather was going to turn bad—neither prediction materialized, we are quite sure God saw to that.

"Mr. Hammer and I gave the best sermons of our ministry as a result of extra help extended by God. In each sermon we could feel power that we

just don't normally have to the same degree on the weekly Sabbath. We know this resulted from the many prayers offered up for us in each of the other congregations throughout the world. This help enabled a very remarkable change to be evidenced in the lives of many who were in attendance for the first time. One would hardly believe that people could learn so much about doing things in an organized and harmonious manner in just eight days of proper guidance from the Word of God and through the help of God's Holy Spirit.

"The distance some of the brethren traveled to attend this historical Feast of Tabernacles [perhaps the first Feast of Tabernacles in all of history in Australia] was staggering—some flew two or more thousand miles!"

"One of the highlights of the festival transpired on Tuesday, October 11th, when fifteen people were baptized. This number, supplementing the *nine* we baptized of the local people on September 24th, brought the number of those baptized after the Feast of Trumpets through the Feast of Tabernacles to 24.

"The number who were members in Australia before the Feast of Trumpets was 35 (5x7) and with the inclusion of 7 of us from the United States, the number was 42 (6x7). These figures not only reveal some interesting numerical patterns but also show that God added more than 50% to His Church in Australia in the short period of time between the Feast of Trumpets and the end of the Feast of Tabernacles."

And now, on the heels of this wonderful news of the Feast of Tabernacles in Australia, comes truly inspiring word from Mr. Armstrong that, as a result of his recent visit to Australia, plans have been approved to add a total of THIRTY-NINE NEW RADIO STATIONS IN AUSTRALIA!

This will bring the total number of radio stations in Australia to about the same number as in the United States!

Truly the blessings of God are so incomprehensible, so greatly beyond our wildest expectations, that they are overwhelming!

#### The Feast in the West Indies

Mr. Leo H. Joseph, whose picture has been run in The GOOD NEWS magazine, wrote a brief report of the Feast of Tabernacles in the island of St. Lucia and said: "I am indeed happy to say though it is the first year we began to have the full knowledge of the festival, we had a very wonderful Feast of Tabernacles. The brethren were not fully prepared for the seven days festival because we did not know anything about

the saving of a 'Second Tithe' for that purpose."

Mr. Joseph then described the services and hymn singing during the Feast and said: "My main sermon was 'The Promise of the Holy Spirit.' There were 40 in attendance, the first service was ended at 1:15 p.m. We enjoyed the delicious meal that was prepared by the sisters. The afternoon service was continued with hymns and different speeches by the brethren, until the sun was set. It was indeed joyful. The time was too short. We did not have any booths made this year, the brethren have decided to go to the forest next year to cut wood to build a big tent for the Feast of Tabernacles of 1961. The hall was decorated in coconut palm branches and flowers. There were arches made in the doors and windows decorated with ferns and flowers, it was very beautiful.

"We can never have enough praises to give to the Almighty God for all the wonderful opportunities he has given us.

"We remembered you all during the days of Tabernacles, I am sure the presence of the Holy Spirit was with us all.

"Remember us always in your prayers. With best Christian wishes to you from the brethren. . . ."

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trine. But afterward my mother took all the literature away from me and tore it up. Please cancel my subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH and the Correspondence Course because the truth should be sent where it will be properly cared for. I am 16 and still under my parent's jurisdiction."

Boy from Texas

#### What Relatives Think

"There are certain relatives which think I am foolish to go to your church at Akron, Ohio. That's 30 miles from where I live. But I don't care what they think. They say we have other churches near here in Canton which I could go to. I am not going to let these people change my mind. My brother [has] just [become converted]. I told him about your program about two years ago, and he wound up with you before I did. Yet, we have listened to your broadcasts for about 2½ years now."

Man from Canton, Ohio

#### New York Church Swells

"The New York Church of God is doing very well and growing by leaps and bounds. No doubt our meeting room will have to be changed to accommodate the 'swelling' crowd. Mr. Smith gets more wonderful as the months pass, and Mrs. Smith grows more sweet. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are two lovely, lovely people and are highly regarded by all."

And so, from *around the world*, comes news of a truly heart-warming joyous, wonderful Festival of Tabernacles!

#### Serious Problems Ahead!

But, brethren, I wonder if we all are beginning *now* to realize the tremendous responsibilities God is shouldering upon us?

As God adds such marvelous GROWTH to His Church, He expects each one of us to *grow*, in like measure, *keeping pace* with the work He is doing!

Actually, by way of analogy, we might say God is showing us we should be growing 30% spiritually stronger every year! We should be increasing by one-third in EVERY direction!

Now to some serious matters.

Regardless of whether we are able to supply a newer and bigger building for next year's *meeting* place at the Feast of Tabernacles, REGARDLESS of whether we are able to arrange a tent, additional building, or temporary structure with closed circuit T.V., or WHATEVER measures we take to accommodate the 9,000 some people we are beginning to expect for next year—we MUST do extensive building!

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Woman from New York

#### Blind Couple Not Misfits

"I received the first set of your records and I sure did enjoy them. Before I received them I felt that life wasn't worth living and I felt that I was a no-good and that I was in the way of everybody. After reading those records I knew that God loved me and I felt ashamed of myself for feeling that God didn't love me.

"You see, Brother Armstrong, I thought all the time that I was just born in the world as a misfit for everybody to pick on. My people made it plain that they didn't want me and I left them and married a blind man like myself for he told me that his people felt the same way about him. However, we have a few friends that come to see us and they are good to us. And we have also gained other friends since we have read your records for they like to listen too."

Couple, McHenry, Mississippi

(Editor's Comment: We send records on a two week loan basis only to those who are blind.)