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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena! You should have received Mr. Ted Armstrong's letter on the Passover plans and know which will be the major areas holding extra services this year and where the different ones of us from the Pasadena and Big Sandy Colleges will be coming. We're certainly all looking forward to seeing many of you fellows again! Hope you will get your questions, divorce problems, etc., ready so we can have a really fine and profitable visit while we are there. It is certainly good to organize these things ahead of time so you will think of them while a representative from Headquarters or Big Sandy is present there with you.

In view of the problems of communication and "misunderstandings" mentioned in my last letter, let's all try harder than ever to get really "close" with each other in God's Ministry -- and especially with those Ministers coming out from Headquarters or Big Sandy. If even we in Christ's very Ministry can't have whole-hearted love and warm cooperation among ourselves in this Work, then who can? But we need to exercise God's Spirit, put down pride and vanity and "aloofness" in order to achieve this most important objective.

All of us are in very fine health here at Pasadena, and the weather has been above average since we have had some cool windy days and light showers recently. Last Wednesday night the Junior class put on a very fine dance at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles -- which was actually the best of the big, convention-like hotels here in the entire area. So it was the Ambassador Big Band playing for the Ambassador College students in the Ambassador Hotel! And it was a terrific dance and everyone had a very fine time indeed.

Another recent highlight of the College year took place just last night. That was a very fine performance of the "Messiah" by the combined Ambassador Chorale and Pasadena Church Choir, supported by a professional orchestra engaged by Mr. Reiner. The program was conducted very well indeed by Mr. Gary Prather -- and it was all a very creditable performance for Ambassador College and God' Work. The Chorale and Church Choir were very well drilled and did a splendid and harmonious job overall -- and the professional orchestra certainly added a great deal as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong leave tomorrow morning for their extended trip through Southeast Asia -- by way of Tel Aviv, Israel -- and then on to Bricket Wood, England. They plan to stop off two days in Hawaii, spend about a week or ten days all together in Australia visiting the Churches there during the Passover season. Then on to the Philippines for a Sabbath with the brethren in Manila and to see the office. Then a stopover at Hong Kong for about two days and on to Tel Aviv, Israel. In Israel, they hope to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ted Armstrong and their group coming through the Mandelbaum Gate and spend several days with them in Israel before flying on to Bricket Wood. So it should be a wonderful and profitable trip for them and perhaps -- as Mr. Armstrong stated their last opportunity to see the Work of God in the Southeast Asian area and to take this much of an extended trip which is very hard on their health and certainly time consuming considering their duties in God's Work as well. But they will be doing a great deal of flying under many different types of weather conditions, no doubt, so be sure to remember them in your prayers!

Then tomorrow evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Armstrong leave for Big Sandy where they will conduct the Passover services, then on to the College in England and later to a two or three week trip through the Middle East.

Remember them as well, in your prayers, and all of God's Ministers and their wives who will be traveling throughout the country and the world at this Passover Season!

At this point, let me note that I'm enclosing a four year calendar put out by the Sheraton Hotels Corporation which I hope will be of use and benefit to all of you. On the back, you will notice that it even gives the "Jewish" Holydays for all of these years which will be an additional help through these years as well.

Now, most important of all, I will enclose in this letter either mimeographed or xeroxed copies of the "tentative field assignments" sheet which was presented to, and approved by, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Many of you have already been informed about individual changes affecting your areas, but I'm sure it will be interesting to you, and helpful as well, to see the overall picture. There are so many changes this year, obviously, that I should not even attempt to give you all the "reasons" for these assignments and changes within the field ministry. Suffice it to say, however, that a few alterations in these plans will undoubtedly have to be made plus additions. So if any of you have suggestions, objections, or advice about which you feel pretty strongly, be sure to write or call us and we will certainly give your suggestions every consideration. There is plenty of time to implement these plans, and I will be sending out a little later a schedule whereby the changes within the field ministry may be affected so that each man "overlaps" the other as we did last summer. Certainly this proves very beneficial to both the new ministers coming in to the area and to the Churches for months to come.

One of the BIG items on the list which I should comment to you about regards the starting of a new Church District with Mr. Bryce Clark as the Superintendent. This has already been discussed with some of you, but here are the details. Mr. Clark will move, probably to Nashville and take over this Church. Mr. Bob Steep will remain as Pastor of Evansville and will be able to continue to preach in Nashville from time to time when Mr. Clark has to be absent on field trips. Then, if necessary, Mr. Steep could raise up an additional Church near Evansville later if he needs a two church circuit. Then, the Cincinnati-Lexington Churches, the Knoxville-Asheville Churches, the Memphis-Tupelo Churches and the St. Louis-Poplar Bluff Churches (Poplar Bluff or Cape Girardeau will become a Church) will all be in Mr. Clark's new district.

As you can see, this is the ideal location for such a new district from many points of view. It is geographical on the edge of the other districts and only takes two Churches each from the districts under Messrs. Blackwell, McDowell, Antion, McCullough and Swisher, respectively. Therefore, it does not cut too heavily into any one district and, in addition, it is in a good geographical pattern for easy driving on the fine highways emanating from Nashville.

Also, at this point, I should tell you about another new district to be established. This one will be in central California under Mr. Dennis Luker as the new superintendent. It will comprise the Churches in Oakland, San Jose, Modesto and possibly Fresno, Sacramento and Reno -- with a new Church to be established soon in San Francisco as well.

With these new changes, the various districts around the United States will all become more even in number of Churches and church population. And the jobs of District Superintendents, therefore, will be more equally distributed. But, at this time, let me extend congratulations to Mr. Bryce Clark and Mr. Dennis Luker upon their new assignments!

Another change to be noted in the assignment sheet is that Mr. Dick Ames will be leaving the Cincinnati-Lexington area to be a part time instructor on the faculty at Big Sandy and Director of the Visiting Program training the leading College men there before their graduation. Mr. McCullough, on a recent trip to Pasadena, requested that one of our leading field ministers be freed for this important assignment and it was finally decided upon or approved by Mr. Armstrong -- after much consideration -- that Mr. Dick Ames would be the best able to fulfill this job and this move would also enable his wife, Kathryn, to add to the cultural atmosphere at Big Sandy with her musical background and ability. This switch then brings up the need for a strong replacement for Mr. Ames in the very large Cincinnati-Lexington area. So Mr. Dave Albert now moves East to take over the huge area -- in comparison with the one he has recently pastored. He will be assisted, later in the summer, by Mr. Kerry Cooper coming from the College in England.

Also, you will note that Mr. Edward Smith -- now with a year of Ambassador training under his belt -- will be taking over Mr. Albert's Churches at Amarillo and Odessa. This is certainly a fine assignment for Mr. Smith and he and his wife are most enthusiastic about it!

Other special assignments of note are that Mr. Cecil Battles will be given the privilege of raising up a Church at Albuquerque, New Mexico! Also, Mr. Bob Fahey, from the Church in Glasgow, Scotland, will replace Mr. Roger Foster in the Wichita-Liberal area and thus free Mr. Foster for a semester here at Headquarters! Another assignment of note is that Mr. Ken Westby whom we hear is really growing as a preacher will move to the Kansas City area and be Mr. Dean Blackwell's "back-up man" when he is gone on District trips. And Mr. Bob Hoops will be moving to the Chicago area after first taking Mr. McCrady's Churches during the summer while he is leading a short baptizing tour through the mountain states. On this tour, he will be assisted by Bill Cowan who will then go on at the end of the summer to the Fort Smith-Little Rock area.

Well, that's enough explanation of these "special points". But, regardless of any changes which may come up, isn't that a wonderful list of men that are now available to go into the Field Ministry? Certainly, it is the largest number of men we have ever had available in this era of God's Church -- and something for which we should all be most thankful!

Now here are some other plans in which you will all be most interested! Mr. Armstrong has approved a tentative schedule of Ministers and Elders to come in from the field for Ambassador training next year. To come in for the first semester only will be Mr. Roger Foster who graduated in 1958 and so will have been out in the field over eight years before this opportunity of coming back to Headquarters. He is certainly overdue -- as are many of the rest of you, and I know many of you are looking forward to coming in when the opportunity arises. Then, Mr. Bill Swanson will be given the chance to return to College for a full year and, hopefully, to graduate at last! Also, Mr. Joseph Tkach will be given the opportunity of a years training at Ambassador next year as several of the Elders from the field have in the past. Also, we hope that one or more of the Negro Elders will be able to come in -- but this remains to be decided as to who and when in the near future. In addition, a few of the local Elders who are not employed thus far by the Church may be brought in if they are highly recommended for one year of special training at Ambassador as we have discussed with all of you field Pastors.

Another bit of good news involves a schedule for new ministerial homes. In the past, we have quite often built or bought homes for the Ministers on a somewhat haphazard basis depending on what "special deal" seemed to come up -- or, occasionally, a special need which arose. We will still take these factors into consideration, but now feel that a more businesslike approach is necessary. As it turns out, a few of our District Superintendents and leading Pastors do not have Church-owned homes whereas

others of far lesser rank or experience do.

Therefore, Mr. Armstrong has approved making out an orderly schedule of homes we feel we can afford to build during any given year. The down payment can usually be made out of third tithe -- thus not hurting operating expense, and the local Minister will pay the monthly payments as rent.

First of all, two special exceptions have already been approved for this year. They are Mr. Prince and Mr. Kunz. These exceptions are being made because of the very tense racial situation in the neighborhood Mr. Prince finds himself. In his case, it is simply exchanging one Church home for another anyway. In Mr. Kunz's case, it is a matter of mushrooming land values and rents in what is certainly one of the fastest growing areas in the United States there in Florida.

The normal scheduled homes for 1966, then, will be one for Mr. and Mrs. Dean Blackwell, one for Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDowell, and one for Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Clark -- when they arrive in Nashville.

In 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Friddle, Mr. and Mrs. Art Craig and -- depending upon the Canadian situation -- perhaps Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wilson can all look forward, tentatively, to being able to purchase or build Church homes that will suit the needs of the area in each case.

I thought all of you would like to know this -- and the reasons why. And we should certainly thank God for these blessings He gives so many of us in so many and manifold ways.

At this point, rather than having them print three entire separate sheets, I have decided to simply list the field assignments for all of the Ministers and second men -- including field changes -- for this summer. Nearly all of these will be for summer -- unless you are informed otherwise, and a regular schedule of these changes will be sent out from Headquarters within another month or so.

TENTATIVE FIELD ASSIGNMENTS

Lakeland - Miami	Darryl Henson
Danville - Indianapolis	Bruce Gore - Sept. 1 (Summer program first)
Dallas - Fort Worth	Ken Martin and John Stanciu
Jackson - New Orleans	Ron Slocum and Mr. Bass (Negro Church)
Joplin - Springfield	Arch Bradley
Fort Smith - Little Rock	Bill Cowan - In August (Baptizing tour first)
Harrisburg - Philadelphia	Paul Zapp
Des Moines - Omaha	Dave Roenspies

Evansville - Nashville
Pittsburgh
Cincinnati - Lexington

Oklahoma City - Tulsa
Corpus Christi - San Antonio
Milwaukee - Richland Center
Charleston - Wheeling
Buffalo - Toronto
Asheville - Knoxville
Columbus - Dayton
Amarillo - Odessa
Big Sandy - Shreveport
Duluth - Minneapolis
Detroit - Midland - Toledo
Portland - Salem
Brooklyn - Manhattan - Manhattan

Negro - Newark - Paterson

Memphis - Tupelo
Akron - Youngstown
Phoenix - Tucson
Columbia - St. Louis
Long Beach
Seattle - Tacoma
Eugene - Medford
Fayetteville - Greensboro
Oakland - San Jose
Albuquerque
Kansas City, Kans. -
Kansas City, Mo.
Grand Rapids - South Bend

Liberal - Wichita
Chicago - La Grange

Houston
Mobile - Montgomery
Birmingham - Decatur
Los Angeles
Edmonton
Vancouver

Bryce Clark and Carl Franklin
Don Billingsley
Dave Albert and second man,
(Kerry Cooper)

Larry Walker
Larry Neff
Bill Freeland
Lyndel Wornat
Greg Sargent
Earl Roemer
Eugene Noel
Edward Smith
Dick Ames
Karl Beyersdorfer

John Pruner
Fred Brogaard (summer)

Mr. Turner (and John Mitchell
for summer)

Mr. Cowan, Sr. (full time)

Don Hooser
Lambert Greer
Ken Mattson
Wayne Phillips (summer)
Bobby Boyce (summer)
Harold Lester (summer)
Doug Taylor
Al Portune (and Bob Jones for summer)
Cecil Battles

Ken Westby
Bob Hoops (for summer while
McCrady on tour)

Bob Fahey
Don Samples (summer and Bob Hoops at
end of summer)

Malcolm Martin
Bob Dick
Richard Rice
John Halford
John Karlson (summer)
Richard Wilding

Again, that is certainly WONDERFUL news that we can have so many men
going to the field this year, isn't it?

Now for some INSTRUCTIONS:

First of all, in sending in your expense books each month with receipts, please send them inside of your regular Ministerial Report but in a separate, unsealed envelope with receipts enclosed. Be sure that your name and date is on the outside of the envelope.

★ At the end of each month, please let us know the number of new prospectives in your area still unvisited! This will give us a much better idea of the need for more help, etc.

Also, Mr. Hill has asked me to inform all of you again that more Good News articles are needed from the Field Ministers! I hope many of you will try harder than ever before to write up some of your Christian Living sermons in Good News style articles if you possibly can. If you simply feel that you cannot -- or have proved through the instruction of Mr. Hill or Dr. Hoeh that you cannot write -- then perhaps you can send in an outline on the subjects that you feel would be helpful to be written up for The Good News. Even these ideas for titles and topics that need to be covered -- with a sermon outline you may have given on the subject -- would be of great help in getting these articles written for God's people world-wide.

And thank you men who have sent in such articles -- even though all of them may not have been used as yet!

Another matter regards the Ministerial Report deadline. Thus far, we have instructed you that under the new system your Ministerial Report should be sent in not later than Monday noon. A few Ministers, however have given us definite reasons why this would pose a slight inconvenience in some areas because of the fact that Sunday is the best visiting day and they may definitely be "caught" on some emergency case Monday morning or need to finish certain office and filing work that morning before making out the report. Therefore, to give you every benefit of the doubt, and still put the right type of "prod" on you and expedite God's Work -- we will now change this deadline to Monday midnight!

★ Certainly, if you will just simply plan to set aside the needed time either Sunday or Monday morning to finish your report under the new, simplified system, then you are certainly bound to have time to get it in the mail before Monday midnight! And, perhaps, you will even want to use Monday afternoon and evening as your "half-day off" each week after making out your reports and doing your office work that morning -- unless another day proves more convenient for local reasons.

Another very important matter we want you all to know about involves any possible plans for Ministerial vacations at or near Orr, Minnesota, where the Summer educational Program will be held this summer.

Mr. Ted Armstrong has stated that there are many inherent problems in this that you should be informed of, and act accordingly. HOUSING: No extra housing exists for anyone -- we may not be able, financially, to build the chalets this year. It would be impossible to move our teaching and supervisory staff out of their bungalows and move visiting Elders and Ministers in. ACTIVITIES: We cannot open up our facilities wholesale to smaller children where fishing, swimming, canoeing and water skiing are concerned. We aren't set up for it -- it would deprive many others who are PAYING for the time there on the property! FOOD: Visiting Ministers could eat in the little cafes in Orr, of course, but WOULD they? Probably, they would want to eat in the dining hall. All of these factors might be especially aggravated if several families arrived at once.

Frankly, fellows, in many of these instances -- and others -- it would throw a definite "monkey wrench" into the Summer Educational Program for a lot of Field Ministers to plan to drop by or to spend their summer vacation at the Summer Educational Program site this year. A very few of the leading Evangelists or Pastors from Headquarters may take trips to Orr -- but nearly always on BUSINESS. Mr. Ted Armstrong, Mr. Portune and others are personally and definitely NEEDED to be there from time to time to be sure that the financial and building arrangements are all carried out properly. But none of our Field Ministers have any such business there!

Therefore, we would advise all of you to feel free to come to the general vicinity of the summer camp on a trip which does not include Orr as your final resting place or destination. You might stop, even for a couple of days, in a local motel -- or in a nearby town. You might wish to look in on the Summer Program -- even eat a few meals there, and, if possible during the time when the faculty would not be using the skiing and only if it does not cut into the program, it might be possible to do a little water skiing yourself. Then, continue on to another destination during your vacation period or trip. For we simply cannot take the responsibility of feeding, housing, protecting and keeping busy all of the many families among the Ministers and leading church people who might like to come to Orr. I'm sure that this is understandable to everyone, but thought you would all rather know about it now and be able to make your summer plans accordingly.

That about winds up this letter. It is now four days since I began it -- and have had many interruptions, special conferences and both of the Armstrongs have left after final meetings, etc., in the meantime. So all of us should especially at this time get close to God, prepare for the Passover, and all of you who have someone from Pasadena or Big Sandy coming should make a list of things to go over with the man from Headquarters so that you can use the time as profitably as possible during his visit.

Remember, only baptized members should partake of the Passover! I put this in as a final statement because one or two questions have come in about it. Unbaptized

children and relatives should not normally be sitting in the same hall where the Passover Service is administered -- although they certainly may be allowed to rest, wait and visit in another room within the same building. Be sure to remember to pray for Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong on their trip -- for all of your brothers and sisters in God' Work and for protection from Satan and his demons at this time of year especially!

Your servant in Christ,

Rodrick C. Meredith

1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the position of the various groups of the population. It is a very interesting and informative study of the social and economic conditions of the country.

2. The second part of the report deals with the political situation of the country and the position of the various groups of the population. It is a very interesting and informative study of the political conditions of the country.

3. The third part of the report deals with the economic situation of the country and the position of the various groups of the population. It is a very interesting and informative study of the economic conditions of the country.

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