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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Pasadena! Again it has been quite a while since I last wrote. I have wanted to write you more often to keep you abreast of the latest developments here at Headquarters but I just have not been able to. Now that the press of responsibilities at the end of the College year has eased somewhat, I hope to write you a newsletter every two weeks so that you will have the current news of God's Work, to appear a loss to be a state of the contract of the con

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In spite of seemingly serious setbacks, God's Work is moving ever ahead by setting the stage for the work yet to be done. We are in the midst of another "austere year." having cut our departmental budgets by three percent, and the new Administration Building has been delayed at least six months from the planned starting date in August. Now, Mr. Armstrong has announced that television will be delayed by at least a year. It will continue on the small-scale production in which we are currently engaged, but network color television has had to be postponed. But these are not really setbacks, however, as we have explained before. They are only preludes to tremendous growth. The proper foundation must be laid in order to complete the work that is yet ahead a converse the secretary is seen so get the deal of the deal typics of the

Fellows, we can be extremely thankful God has called us and given us a responsibility in this great Work He is carrying out! Exhort the brethren to throw their whole hearts into the Work of God as never before. The days and weeks and months are rushing by, hurtling us toward the awesome events that will end man's rule on earth. In the time remaining, we--as one body-must work together and pull together to finish God's Work! င်မီးက နှံ့နှင့် မက ရည်းမှ အရာနှင့်မှ ရက်မောင်မြောင်း မျှတွင် အ<mark>မြောက်မောင်</mark> အမောင်အမြောက်မှ မည်း ကျွန်းမှ မကျွန်း

We have had a good response from the semi-annual letter. Over 100,000 have responded already, and we expect many additional returns this next week. Since Mr. Armstrong explained in the letter our policy about visiting people, we expected to have an increase in visit requests. We have had an increase but not as large an increase as we expected. It will be a couple of weeks, though, before the completed forms are returned to us. anakan katiku, ingkinga da danakan kanakan baran katika dan kanakan baran kanakan bisa da baran dan baran katik

The PLAIN TRUTH, as you know, passed the 1,000,000 mark this month. And the July issue itself is outstanding in every way. Notice that again almost all the photographs were taken by our own photographers. This issue, and last month's, too, especially depicts the age in which we are living, laying bare

and revealing just where the world is headed. Mr. Ted Armstrong, on the broadcast, is now speaking plainly and specifically about the events to occur in the near future. In stronger language than I have ever heard him use, he is "crying aloud" to warn the people of Israel about what is coming.

The new book, America and Britain in Prophecy is now coming off the presses. It is fully illustrated and will be over 200 pages. Not only does it expand the former booklet, giving more evidence and proof of the identity of Israel, it goes further, showing what is going to occur and why. We expect this book to have a tremendous impact on the Work as a whole, just as "The Wonderful World Tomorrow" booklet has had.

While the Gospel is going out in ever increasing power reaching the world, God's Church is also fulfilling its second commission to feed the flock.

*Before the end of this month, seven new Churches will have been raised up since graduation, with others planned for August.

In Abilene, Texas on June 10, a congregation of 137 were startled when Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong appeared unexpectedly to give the inaugural sermon. The new Church at Salina, Kansas began June 3 with an attendance of an even 200.

July 1 marked the beginning of three new Churches. The second Cincinnati Church had 256; the second Seattle Church had 343; and Columbia, South Carolina began with 162 in attendance.

The Washington D.C. Bible Study is now a Church. Located in Alexandria, a suburb of Washington D.C., it began with an attendance of 276, but the potential for growth is tremendous. Services are held in a school auditorium with a capacity of 500, and that is a high population area. Washington itself has a population of 800,000 and there are 2 million more in the suburbs.

The seventh new Church will be Chattanooga, Tennessee beginning July 22.

Two Bible Studies have begun this month also--at Findlay, Ohio and Flagstaff, Arizona.

Both Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong are back at Headquarters now. Mr. Herbert Armstrong returned from England two weeks ago to put the finishing touches on his new book, and Mr. Ted Armstrong returned last Monday from Orr, Minnesota. Before that he was in Big Sandy for graduation there.

Dr. Hoeh is now on his way to Russia. Since he was able to take his wife this time, it should be a fine vacation for them, as well as profitable for the Work. They left last week on a special historian's tour that will enable them to tour and see areas of Russia in a way that regular tourists cannot. He will have the opportunity to meet and talk to historians in various cities, getting an entirely different perspective of Russian culture. To provide communication with the common people, he took along Victor Kubick, a Ukranian-speaking sophomore student at Pasadena, who is also an experienced

photographer Some of the cities that they will visit are Kiey, Yalta, Leningrad, Moscow, Taskent, and the area of Siberia. Dr. Hoeh said he was expecting the "Red" carpet treatment.

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Mr. Dibar Apartian and Mr. Leroy Neff have been on a baptizing tour of the West Indies. The area, normally verdant and beautiful, is now in the grips of a severe drought. They spent one Sabbath in Martinique with an attendance there of 120. This is the last week of the tour, and Mr. Apartian will be back at Headquarters next week.

In Canada, Mr. Dean Wilson is on a tour of the Maritimes in Eastern Canada, assisted by Lyle Greaves on a summer assignment from Pasadena.

Comparis et Prairie Service L From the Philippines, Mr. Ortiguero writes of the summer baptizing tour: "We expected to meet 235 people but only 86 met us. This was caused by financial conditions, bad roads and no available transportation, etc. Some probably were not really ready for baptism so that we did not hear from them. However, 67 were baptized after all."

We have established a new Detroit District in the United States with Mr. Arthur Mokarow, a graduate of Ambassador College and a former successful businessman, as the new District Superintendent. Mr. Mokarow has been the pastor of the Detroit area Churches for four years and has set a fine example of dedication, zeal and service that has contributed considerably to the tremendous growth of this area. The district will start with six Churches, including Detroit, Toledo, Midland, Grand Rapids, South Bend, and Ann Arbor. New Churches in Findlay, Ohio and in Flint, Michigan will be added in August, making a total of eight. Since most of the Churches comprising the new district were taken from the Akron District, we have changed the two Cincinnati Churches from the Nashville District to the Akron District to help make up for the loss.

Besides Mr. Carn Catherwood and Mr. Ron Reedy, whom I mentioned in my last letter, there are 11 men coming in to College this fall for a year or two of training for further service in God's Work. They include:

Mr. George Lee from Toronto; Mr. Paul Meek from Midland; Mr. Bill Quillen from Denver; Mr. Don Kayser from Indianapolis; Mr. Ben Wesley from Chicago; Mr. James Oakley and Mr. Maceo Hampton from Greensboro; Mr. Ed Faulk from Wichita; Mr. James Rosenthal from Boise; Mr. Gene Scarbrough from Danville; and Mr. Robert Flores from San Antonio.

Mr. Harold Jackson will get some much needed help when Mr. Leslie Schmedes, a Negro deacon from the Kansas City area, moves to Chicago.

As a result of bringing men in to College, certain other changes will have to be made. Mr. Richard Wilding will replace Mr. Carn Catherwood at Ottawa. He will then be replaced at Kelowna by Mr. Charles Bryce. He in turn will be replaced by Mr. Ron McNeil, who has been doing a fine job in the Letter Answering Department here at Pasadena. Mr. Bill Dankenbring has returned to Headquarters to work in the Letter Answering Department. He had been assisting Mr. Luker in the Oakland-San Francisco Bay area since January when we sent him out temporarily for field training.

In case some of you have not heard, we have selected the Student Body Presidents for the three campuses. They are: Mike Swagerty for Pasadena; Jim Ribb for Big Sandy; and Robert Mitchell for England.

Also, Mr. James Lichtenstein wrote that his son David is doing much better. His head had been growing very rapidly (as a result of hydro-cephalus), but now it has subsided somewhat, and for the past few weeks there has been no appreciable increase.

We have learned that Mrs. Earl Roemer is recovering quickly from her recent childbirth complications. She had developed toxemia in the eighth month of pregnancy, and when she went into labor, the doctors did not think she would survive. The baby was given only a 50-50 chance. The situation was grave for awhile, but God healed her and the baby. The doctors were amazed!

Last Monday we had the official "unveiling" of the towering five-ton sculpture of the Egrets here in Pasadena. The fountains were turned on for the first time in a ceremony presided over by Mr. Armstrong, along with the sculptor Mr. David Wynne. It truly is a remarkable sculpture, a work of grace and beauty, that brings a new atmosphere to that area of the campus. It will be even more impressive when the other two buildings are completed and that whole block becomes a shallow lake. The Los Angeles Times the next day carried a picture of the sculpture and an interview with Mr. Wynne. When asked if this was really the <u>largest</u> sculpture on the West Coast, he was quoted as saying, "Judging from what I've seen out here, this is the <u>only</u> sculpture on the West Coast."

Already we can see that it will be fine publicity for the College. Everyone has to admit it is indeed an outstanding piece of art. It will attract many people to the campus, and will serve to boost the prestige of the College. You will be seeing it soon, no doubt, in The GOOD NEWS or The PLAIN TRUTH.

√The Feast of Tabernacles is not far away. Everything is coming along fine for this year, but we need continued good weather in the Pocono area so that the paving and construction can be completed on schedule. Remind the brethren to pray for God's help and guidance in this coming Feast—that He will bless our efforts in organizing it and be with us in every facet of preparation. Also, we are concerned about finding a new area for next year. The Festival Office is looking for a site in the general area of Des Moines, Iowa. We will have to wait for God to open up just the right location—to set His name at the site He chooses.

Fellows, I hope these bi-weekly newsletters will help us all pull together more effectively. In the future I will try to keep you better informed about what is happening here because I know this is a vital need.

It is vital, too, that all of you realize the <u>importance</u> of giving us your <u>full cooperation</u> here at Headquarters, as <u>Christ</u> is perfecting the organization of His Church. This is <u>God's way</u>. And only through <u>teamwork</u>, directed by Headquarters, can we finish this great crusade we are called to be a part of. I am asking you to diligently continue—more than ever—to follow the procedures as we have outlined in the various manuals and the special instructions you have been given from time to time. With 182 men visiting full time now, even minor errors—when multiplied—slow down and hinder the overall organization.

We are very much encouraged by the tremendous growth God is giving, in new Churches and Bible Studies, and in every facet of His Work. Let's use these opportunities God has given us and dedicate ourselves even more to accomplish the work set before us.

Your servant in Christ,

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