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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Headquarters! This will be a short letter, but I am able to give you news of a tremendous financial breakthrough for the Work of God which will greatly speed up our Building Program here at Pasadena!

We have been trying to obtain a "line of credit" from the United California Bank, the main banking system we are using here, based on our financial statement of assets and cash balances. We had hoped to obtain a two or three million dollar "line of credit," in addition to other financing from large insurance companies, in order to begin the much-needed men's dormitory and Administration Building. Because of our outstanding financial record in the past and our current assets, the United California Bank has offered us a 6.6 million dollar "line of credit!"

This is not an outright loan but an agreement to pay contractors for bills as they come due in the construction of our buildings. The limit that we can use in this way is 6.6 million dollars and we will pay interest only on the part of it we use up to that limit.

This means we can begin construction of the new men's dormitory immediately and as soon as plans are completed -- which will be February or March of next year -- the new Administration Building can be started! In addition, we can go ahead on the planned new Press Complex. The existing Parson's Building, which you've heard about before, is now being vacated, and remodeling will begin in December. It should be ready by April or May, and by that time, an additional 134,000 square foot building will be under way. It should be ready then by September, giving a total of 170,000 square feet for the entire Press Complex.

There is a possibility too, that the House of God, which had been planned for some time in 1969, might be started some time next year. As you fellows realize, the Building Program is a vital factor in the overall growth of God's Work, and these new developments are very exciting to us here at Headquarters! It means our effectiveness in carrying out God's Work will be greatly increased.

However, be sure to exhort the brethren to KEEP ON sending in their tithes, offerings, and Building Fund pledges. They are still very much needed -- and this "line of credit" will have to be repaid!

Right now the Transportation Department is getting ready to move into the Parson's Building Number Two which is across the street from the planned Press Complex. The Transportation Department Building, as it will be called, will have 20,000 square feet of office space in addition to ample parking areas. These facilities should adequately provide for the needs of the continually expanding Transportation Department.

Murphy House, "350," the Assembly Hall, and the two-story building in the rear of the Assembly Hall will all be torn down the last of this week. The men in 380 Grove were moved to the Grand Avenue Apartments we've purchased on the corner of Grand Avenue and Green Street. The women from Murphy House and "350" took their place in 380 Grove.

My Church History class and other classes which met in the Assembly Hall are now meeting in the Student Center so that classes are held in the main dining area as well as in the club rooms. Those new classroom buildings are urgently needed now. We hope they will be completed and ready for use by the second semester.

All over we are very crowded right now. Soon we may have to hold afternoon and morning services in the gymnasium here at Pasadena since all of the surrounding Churches are reaching their capacity. We recently transferred 300 people out of the Pasadena Church, and it is already full again.

The Work is continuing to grow very rapidly right now, except in England -- which I will say more about later. A new office is being opened and a new Church is being started in Auckland, New Zealand after the Feast of Tabernacles! Mr. Richard Plache is going from here to Australia for the Feast, and he will then conduct the first Sabbath Service there after the Feast. Mr. Graemme Marshall will be the office manager and pastor of the Church in Auckland.

Also, we'll be starting a new Church at Blackheath in Australia, the site of the Feast of Tabernacles where we already have a fine building.

Mr. Ted Armstrong returned Monday from a trip to the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri with Mr. Portune and Mr. Royer to look over a possible Feast site for next year. He reported that it looked like an outstanding area for the Feast. Within a 50-mile radius, 100,000 people could be accommodated, and within a 30-mile radius, more than we would ever want in one area could be accommodated. There are about 2,500 campsites around the lake itself, and many of the motels have very reasonable rates which would be ideal for our people.

It certainly looks as if God is opening this area for us. It so happens that an 80-acre plot of level ground near two main highways is up for sale now! Mr. Herbert Armstrong, by phone from England, authorized Mr. Portune to make firm commitments on the property.

On this trip, Messrs. Armstrong, Portune and Royer flew in a twin-pod executive jet which we are considering buying. Our own pilot flew them to Big Sandy and then up to Jefferson City, Missouri. Mr. Armstrong in England is also checking on a French-built model that might be better for us, and Mr. Ted Armstrong took short trial flights here yesterday in both this French plane and another model built by Britain. Mr. Herbert Armstrong will decide when he returns, after getting all the facts, whether we should buy our own plane or continue using commercial airlines as we have in the past.

→ There are many things to consider -- such as privacy and protection for Mr. Ted Armstrong when he becomes widely known as a result of the television program; convenience in going from place to place without waiting for airline schedules; enhanced prestige for the College in owning a private jet that might open doors for us both in radio and television; and other factors. It will cost considerably more to buy and operate our own plane, but the added expense may be more than offset by the advantages. We need God's special guidance in making this decision.

Another decision involving hundreds of thousands of dollars was made recently when television equipment was ordered. Mr. Armstrong gave the go-ahead for the purchasing of full-color cameras and equipment which will be delivered some time next year.

There have been several birth announcements the past couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zaph announced the birth of their daughter, Katrina Ruth, on August 24. She weighed 7½ pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Albert announced the birth of a daughter, Molly Ruth, weighing 7 pounds, on August 30.

The Colin Wilkins announced the birth of a daughter, Suzanna Fay on September 2. She weighed 6 pounds 12½ ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foster announced the birth of their son, Rodrick Verne, weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces, on September 7.

All mothers and babies are reported to be doing fine. Congratulations to all of you!

For those of you with second men, thank you very much for the evaluations you sent in on them. Now we need all of you to send in your recommendations for potential elders to be ordained during the Feast. Please send these in as soon as possible!

Recently, our hearts were warmed by a memo from Rowlen Tucker, which read as follows: "Would greatly appreciate having my monthly expense allotment cut to \$65 per month. I find the present \$85 I receive to be too much for local area expenses. Thank you."

Many of our men on expense accounts could well write the same kind of memo with only a little effort at cutting down on certain unnecessary expenses. The most common overage in this regard is that of overeating, and charging the expense to the account. Those times when lunches might have been packed and weren't add up into many additional dollars of expense.

Some have expressed slight anxiety at how small their expense account seemed to be -- compared to a year ago. There is a great deal of buying power hidden in the Chevron-Standard credit card! Counting credit cards, most expense accounts run to \$200 per month -- considerably more than the average prior to the issuance of the credit cards.

Overall, there seems to be no gigantic problem with the "Minex" system. Just a few minor ones here and there. But as you continue to be diligent in sending your reports in on time and continue to strive to stay within your budgets and live within the proper means -- neither too lean nor too fat -- even those little problems will be ironed out.

→ Now before I close, there is a serious problem which I want to remind you of so that you can explain it to the brethren. As you know, the ship stations in Britain have now gone off the air. For the first time in 14 years, The WORLD TOMORROW cannot be heard in Britain. God's warning to the British people has now been, for all practical purposes silenced!

While we are excited and encouraged by recent developments here at Headquarters, we are gravely concerned about the Work of God in Britain. I feel closer to the British people than most of you because I was there as Director of the British Work in late 1956 until after Passover in 1957. I was there again in the summer of 1960 to conduct evangelistic campaigns in Bristol, Birmingham and Manchester, and I stayed until after the opening of the College in that first year. So, I feel a special kinship for the British people and fervently desire to see them reached with God's warning before it is too late.

For years after God raised up His Work, England was not reached at all. Then, it was only on Radio Luxembourg once a week, and later twice a week. In 1959 we began running ads in the Reader's Digest, reaching many people in this way for two years, but that door closed in 1961.

Twelve years after Radio Luxembourg provided a tiny crack in the door to Britain in January of 1953, Radio London -- the first ship station -- opened to us in January of 1965. By December of that year, we were reaching Britain in full power -- twice daily over Radio 390, along with Radio Caroline and Radio City. Others were added later. Now, Mr. Ted Armstrong's voice cannot be heard over any of these -- not even on Radio Luxembourg.

The 55 million people in Britain must be warned! God has said (Hosea 5:9 and Isaiah 9:9) that His message will be made known to Ephraim! They will know in no uncertain terms! But this has not yet been accomplished.

As never before, God's people need to realize the seriousness of the times in which we live and the importance of carrying out the commission God has given us in getting this Gospel to the world -- and now especially to Britain. As never before they need to personally be concerned about our British brethren and the fate of God's Work in Britain.

Ask the brethren to join us in fervent prayer -- and fasting -- that God will open another door to reach the British Isles. We need their prayers here at Headquarters, also. We need, as I said, God's guidance in decisions that have to be made -- about the airplane, which involves a considerable investment, and the new Feast site He is opening up. I hope they will remember, too, to pray for the safety of Mr. Herbert Armstrong as he returns to Pasadena and the other ministers of God who are traveling at this time just before the Feast.

I hope to write you another letter before the Feast, if I have time. Meanwhile, continue to put God first in all things as you serve Him, and both you and the brethren under you will continue to grow and produce fruit.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roderick C. Meredith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Roderick C. Meredith

P. S. Several have asked about using the Standard Oil credit card for automobile expense during the Feast. All expenditures for gas, oil, small repairs, etc., in the fleet automobiles should always be taken care of by using the Standard Oil credit card.

1. The first part of the document is a letter from the President of the United States to the Congress, dated January 3, 1863. It is a very important document, as it contains the President's message to the Congress regarding the state of the Union and the progress of the war.

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