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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Pasadena! I have just returned from a trip to our Summer Educational Program facilities at Orr, Minnesota. Also, I took the opportunity to make the trip more worthwhile by combining this trip with a field visit to the Minneapolis area Churches. It was very good to see Mr. and Mrs. McMichael again and the others in the area, Mr. and Mrs. Prunkard, Mr. and Mrs. Beyersdorfer, Mr. Russell Brown and Mark Salyer, there for the summer from Big Sandy. Over that first weekend, then, I was able to discuss questions relative to the Church area with Mr. McMichael, preach in both Minneapolis Churches in their usual hall and see them in the normal Church situation, attend a Church picnic and evaluate a combined Spokesman Club.

It was a very profitable visit in every way, and the Minneapolis area Churches are certainly growing both spiritually and in numbers as well. They certainly have beautiful weather up that way during the summer months.

Arriving at Orr just before noon on Tuesday, I was able to spend the rest of that day going through the various student dormitories and overseeing various of the camp activities. The students there are extremely exuberant and enthusiastic! It certainly did me good to see their happiness, joy and responsiveness to the Summer Educational Program. Everyone seemed to be in very good health, and I found that there were campers there from all but 11 of our 50 states.

Later, I was able to travel several miles to another nearby lake and see where the local canoe trips end up and where entire units of young campers are taken for overnight camping on these trips. Mr. Ray Johnson, on our staff at Big Sandy, goes over there each evening to greet each canoeing party and leads them in a "Sing-Along" just as the sun is setting. So it is really a wonderful experience for these young people--and affords them opportunities to learn and experiences they will remember the rest of their natural lives! Since I was staying over for the entire Sabbath, I was able to conduct a regular Bible Study Friday evening for the entire camp, then bring a sermon the next afternoon as well. Many of the students expressed their appreciation for the sermons they have been getting there this summer from Mr. Ted Armstrong, Mr. McMichael and Mr. Prunkard. They really seemed to be responsive and this program focuses the minds of scores of these

young people more directly on the Kingdom, on God's Work, and on Ambassador College than anything else ever has. So it is doing a fine job, and I hope that we will be able to afford this opportunity to even more campers next summer--if Mr. Armstrong approves--and give additional hundreds of young people this opportunity and inspiration to live God's way.

Now that I am back at Headquarters I want to rush this latest NEWSLETTER off to you. I'm going to try to keep you men aware and up to date, as much as possible of what is happening in God's Work. As you receive this information, I'm sure that you will pass it on to the brethren in Sabbath Services, Bible Studies, and Spokesman Clubs. This NEWS will help keep them stirred up about God's Work. It will also show them how God is answering their prayers and will make them aware of new areas where much diligent PRAYER is needed!

Here is an example of an area where we MAY have let down on prayer at the worst possible time. It appears that after many delays, vacillations, and bickerings, English Parliament has at last passed a law which will cause the cancellation of the radio ship stations. As you know, these ships have been the major door God has opened to take the Gospel to the people of Ephraim. Now, from all outward signs, it looks as though that door is closed. There is, however, a slim chance that the public will raise such a hue and cry that the officials will be forced to reinstate them. Officials of Radio 390 have mentioned that they may go to the coast of France, reanchor, and begin transmitting again into the British Isles.

Nevertheless--for the time being--The WORLD TOMORROW is still reaching brother Ephraim daily in full POWER! Now, perhaps more than ever before, our prayers should be with Mr. Armstrong in the huge responsibility that he has been given. This message of warning must go BOLDLY without fear of what puny man might do to try to throttle it.

Soon, Mr. Armstrong may take that opportunity to announce to the public at large other stations where The WORLD TOMORROW Broadcast can be heard. Radio Amman will reach the British Isles, and soon Radio Jerusalem may be ready to go full blast. In addition, another door is being opened in Germany. Radio "SAAR," a very powerful station that will reach England with a strong frequency, has offered us time in both the English and German languages. Though the cost will be very high, it will, nevertheless, be much less expensive than the combined cost of the radio ships.

For several weeks, The WORLD TOMORROW has been telecast weekly on Channel 22, a small UHF station in Los Angeles. As a result of a change in management at the station, we will now be able to have two telecasts per week with only a slight increase in cost. The time will remain the same--8:30 P.M.--on Monday and Thursday nights. For the time being, one of the programs will probably be a repeat of the previous one, but we hope eventually to be able to produce a new program for each telecast.

For these telecasts, Mr. Ted Armstrong is now planning a new series based on the theme "Does God Exist?" With the help of illustrations and special effects, he will be able to dramatize the vastness of the universe and some of the marvels of God's Creation.

Plans have recently been completed for the first CHURCH building in this era of God's Church. It will be built for the "mother" Church at Eugene, Oregon. It will probably be the finest and most beautiful Church building in Eugene, although it won't look like a "church." The main auditorium won't be built right away, but a smaller, less-expensive, multi-purpose building will be constructed first which will seat the present congregation for Church Services, with a kitchen, two Spokesman Club rooms and counseling rooms. After the main auditorium is built, the smaller building will still be used for Church socials, Holy Day meals, and other activities. As financing permits, we hope to construct other Church buildings of this type around the country.

In a recent Bible Study, Mr. Armstrong mentioned that our official name might be changed to "Worldwide Church of God." When we were first incorporated, the "Radio Church of God" was the only descriptive name that really applied to the Church as a whole, although that has never been completely acceptable. If we cannot use just "The Church of God"--as we would like to--then the second choice would be the "Worldwide Church of God." We are still checking on the legal problems involved, but perhaps at some later date, the name can be changed to one or the other.

Architect's plans have also been completed and approved to start the NEW Press Building in the already existing Parson's building which we have purchased. We will remodel the 70,000 square feet that is there now (which is 50 percent larger than our new Administration Annex Building). Another 100,000 square feet will be added on, making 170,000 feet in all. More property may be added later.

We have been blessed in receiving a \$200,000 loan on the new Administration Building at our Feast site in the Pocono Mountains. The furnishings and plans for that building have been approved also. It will be ready for the Feast this fall. We could easily accommodate 15,000 people there. However, there is a possibility that we may purchase a huge tent which would hold 30,000 people, making it perhaps the largest in the world!

Fellows, these are fantastic blessings that God is giving to His Work and Church. In this NEWSLETTER alone we have announcements of plans for several new, much-needed buildings. We should be deeply grateful for them. But, as Mr. Armstrong wrote recently in the Member Letter, there is cause for concern also. Because of the LACK in donations for the Building Fund we are forced to postpone for six months the start of the Administration Building here at Headquarters. And there is a desperate need for this building. Also, the new wing on Ambassador Hall for the Home Economics Department has been delayed. Actually, there has been a substantial decrease in the amount of money we have received for the Property Fund this year, even though our membership has increased as usual. Remember to exhort the brethren to pray about this and to do their part in God's Work.

On Sunday, July 30, Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Ruiz flew from Los Angeles to Mexico City to explore the possibilities of opening an office there. They were met in Mexico City by Dr. Dorothy who flew down from the Big Sandy campus. Since we now have Mr. Pablo Gonzales at the Texas campus broadcasting the Spanish version of The WORLD TOMORROW

program, we have purchased time on quite a few Spanish stations throughout Latin America. The office in Mexico City will be able to handle the incoming mail from that area.

We may soon have a new office opening up in New Zealand! Mr. Wayne Cole informs us that a new office there would save the Work about \$1,000 per month. Restrictions are being tightened up in New Zealand which make it very difficult to exchange funds from there with the Australian Office. This office will be a great help in reaching the people of New Zealand more effectively.

The returns from our ads in Women's Weekly have been somewhat disappointing. At last report we had received only about 700 letters in response to our first ad. We all need to be praying that these ads will be an effective instrument in waking up the sleeping nation of Australia.

We have been reaching the Bombay area since March 1, 1967, via "Maldiva Radio" which is located on islands off the southern coast of India. Now "All-India Radio" (100 percent government controlled) is going to start some commercial broadcasting. It just so happens (?) that an official from that station will be studying for a while in Australia, and this will give our agent there, Mr. Keith Harris, an opportunity to talk to him about The WORLD TOMORROW Broadcast.

Our offices in South Africa have had problems in receiving literature from the United States. This has been due, in part, to the Suez Crisis. Therefore, they are now making plans to print all black and white literature, L.A.D. Letters, Co-Worker Letters, etc., in that country. They also plan to have a folding and stuffing machine. In addition, they will be able to rent extra floor space in the building in which they are already located to make room for the printing equipment.

We have received recent news on Dr. Hoeh's trip through the Soviet Union. According to reports, he has already been through Kiev and Volgograd (Stalingrad). He took a six-hour trip down the Volga River to the Volga-Don Canal and went up one set of the locks. Then he visited the Defense Museum and saw the Battle of Stalingrad reconstructed. From Stalingrad he flew to Yalta. From there he will travel to Odessa, Leningrad, Moscow, Tashkent and other Asiatic cities. Dr. Hoeh has decided not to come back through Japan, but will return instead, through Amsterdam and will visit Bricket Wood for a while before returning to Headquarters.

Mr. Dibar Apartian and Mr. Leroy Neff have returned safely and in good health from their baptizing trip through the West Indies. In a heart-rending sermonette here at Pasadena, Mr. Apartian told of the utter poverty and misery in those islands. But in spite of these handicaps, many people there are being called into God's Church through The WORLD TOMORROW Broadcast and literature. He stated that on the island of Barbados we are on the ONLY station that can be heard. Nearly everyone there listens to the Broadcast. Mr. Apartian hopes that it will soon be possible to begin a new Church on Barbados. On this tour Mr. Apartian and Mr. Neff met a total of 64 people, plus many friends and relatives of the islanders. Twenty-one of them were baptized, and 14 people who had requested baptism

were missed, probably due to the distance they had to travel.

While Mr. Apartian and Mr. Neff were in the West Indies, Mr. Colin Wilkins was leading a baptizing tour through France and Belgium. He was accompanied by Mr. Philippe Sandron, who is the first French student to be used directly in the Work of God. Writes Mr. Wilkins: "We have traveled over 2,700 miles in just over two and one-half weeks. God blessed us with a very fruitful tour. We were able to baptize 10 out of the 72 actually met. In addition, six have been invited to attend the Paris Church and 21 others to the Feast of Tabernacles!"

Mr. Dean Wilson and Mr. Lyle Greaves have returned to Vancouver from their tour of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. They visited a total of 64 people on that tour. Twenty-two of them were already Members, and 42 were Prospective Members. Seventeen of the Prospectives were baptized, and 20 of the others should be ready for baptism by next year. Seven people were baptized in Newfoundland, five of whom were graduates of St. John's University. These men were baptized after being counseled for 11 hours!

By the way, Mr. Wilson just phoned in a report that the Canadian Work has had its largest month ever. Returns for July have already reached \$90,000 and may go as high as \$98,000. That shows a fantastic increase of 80 percent over July 1966. The previous record month was \$85,000 in December 1966.

This is certainly a very encouraging report from our booming Canadian offices!

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong recently announced that plans were being made to bring the Bricket Wood Chorale to Headquarters for the Ministerial Conference next January! The Luton Choral Society will be flying to Pasadena with them. At the same time, the Big Sandy Chorale will be coming out from Texas. All three choral groups will then be combined with the Pasadena Chorale in performing Handel's "Messiah" and, on another evening, Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah." Each of these performances will be given twice, so the Pasadena Civic Auditorium is being reserved for January 9, 10, 14, and 15. Dr. Abbott, director of the Bricket Wood Chorale, will conduct the concerts. This should be a very memorable occasion and one which will certainly boost the prestige of Ambassador College in this area.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has made plans to fly up to Orr, Minnesota to visit our Summer Educational facilities. This will be Mr. Herbert Armstrong's first visit there. He plans to be at Minneapolis for Sabbath Services on August 5. The Minneapolis A.M. and P.M. Churches will meet together, and many brethren may be able to come down from Duluth. Services are planned to be held in Minneapolis at a large hall which is to be rented for this special occasion.

As I mentioned in my last regular Ministerial Letter, it had not been decided where Mr. David Bierer would be transferred. At first it appeared that he would be going to Ottawa to replace Mr. Carn Catherwood who is here for a semester at Headquarters. But since Mr. Richard Wilding will be going there to work with the French-speaking people, Mr. Bierer will be going to New York to fill an urgent need there for a Preaching Elder.

He will assist Mr. Raymond Cole in that area.

Mr. Frank Simkins, Jr. and Mr. Clarence Huse are back from Australia and will be at Headquarters for at least one school semester.

On July 15, Mr. Carrozzo and I had the privilege of ordaining Mr. Tom Hall to the office of Local Elder. This brings the total number of elders in God's Church to 229, with 158 Churches around the world. Mr. Hall is an older married man who will be a senior here at Pasadena this fall. As a leader on the Visiting Program, he has done a fine job, and he has been valuable assisting me with the Negro brethren in the Los Angeles area.

The new Chattanooga Church met for the first time July 22 with an attendance of 130, but we soon expect to have about 175 attending regularly. The District Superintendent, Mr. Bryce Clark, was there to give the first sermon. ~~Mr. Bill Swanson is the local pastor over both the Chattanooga and Knoxville Churches in this area.~~

The Church at Danville, Illinois will soon be moved to Champaign, Illinois, since the latter is more centrally located and has a greater potential for growth.

Here is some good news from the Philadelphia area! Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sharp have been blessed with a baby boy. Richard Stephen weighed in at a strapping nine and one-half pounds! From Seattle, Washington we hear that Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Terhune have a baby girl. Tamara Rose (Tammy) was born at 9:40 A.M. on July 14. And we have just received word that Mr. and Mrs. Don Hooser, Local Elder at Akron and Cleveland, have a new baby also. Congratulations to you all!

We are starting a new Bible Study in Rosales, Pangasinan in the Philippines. There should be an average of about 57 in attendance. Also, we have a new Feast site there at Baguio City. Mr. Docken writes that it is very beautiful and calls it a "Filipino Squaw Valley." This will be a very inspiring location for our brethren in the Philippines.

Mr. Armstrong has already approved an organizational chart for the entire Work of God. This will streamline the Work and add greatly to our effectiveness. Details will be forthcoming soon! More than ever we all need to be looking to Christ as the real Head of this Work in earnest and prevailing prayer, that His will may be accomplished.

Your servant in Christ,



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