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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena! Here it is nearly June, and I have been so busy that I have been unable to write you now for over a month. I certainly hope I can get more letters out during the summer, however. The Armstrongs both flew over to Texas early Sunday morning after graduation here Friday. Mr. Herbert Armstrong is flying on to Bricket Wood today, and Mr. Ted Armstrong will stay in Texas to conduct the commencement services there. Then, God willing, they may still be able to go to the Middle East next week. All of you be sure to pray earnestly regarding this Middle Eastern situation. For it is certainly fraught with a certain amount of danger and potential harm for God's Work unless He intervenes. Mr. Armstrong has asked a number of us to pray regarding King Hussein, Nasser and the other leaders that they may do as God would have them to in this situation.

We will probably know within a few days as to whether the Armstrongs will be able to fly to Jerusalem to make the first broadcast over Radio Jerusalem or not at this time. In any case, however, Mr. Armstrong will be in England for graduation there and plans to return here about the 20th of June. At that time, these giant, sculptured birds are due to be erected here on the campus between the Dining Hall and the future site of the Administration Building. They should be one of the outstanding works of art on the West Coast and attract a great deal of favorable publicity to Ambassador College.

The commencement exercises went very well indeed here at Pasadena this year. Joe Bauer did a very commendable job in his talk and Mr. Armstrong's address was one of the best ever. We had sixty-two graduates this year, and Master of Arts in Theology Degrees were conferred upon Mr. Ron Kelly and Mr. Kenneth Herrmann. Also, Mr. McCullough is due to receive his Masters Degree in a special service sometime this Fall when he completes his thesis.

A number of very fine occasions were held near the end of the year including the Senior Banquet which was held in the Eldorado Room over the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in the new Los Angeles Music Center. After the Banquet, we all adjourned to the Ahmanson Theatre to see a fine production of "Hello Dolly"!

Perhaps you have heard, but a second Dallas Church started May 13th, and a new church in Salina, Kansas, is due to begin this Sabbath.

Two bits of very sad news regarding the Negro work and our Negro brethren are that, first of all, Mrs. Harold Jackson died last Wednesday morning. She had been ailing in various ways for several years -- I think many of you realize -- but we were certainly praying for her especially at this time and are very saddened by her passing. I have talked with Mr. Jackson about it on the phone a couple of times and he is taking it very well. He realized that her body had been run down for a good long while, but we all did hope that God would see fit to prolong her life. However, he told me that she was 66 years of age at the time of her death and suffered virtually no pain at the end -- simply passing away in sleep in her chair. So please remember Mr. Jackson now -- along with Mr. Armstrong -- that God will strengthen, encourage, comfort and INSPIRE both of them to continue powerfully in His service.

Also, during the latter part of the Days of Unleavened Bread Mr. Raymond Cole joined Mr. Bill McDowell and Mr. Harold Jackson in expelling from God's Church Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Crimm. Mr. Crimm, as most of you know, was one of our Negro Local Elders. He had never been to Ambassador College -- and had had less education and intellectual ability than perhaps any of our Elders in this Church age. Nevertheless, he had seemed warm and dedicated until a "root of bitterness" began to grow in him and his wife through their cultivation of delusions of grandeur, a spirit of competition with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, and some weird doctrines which they began to promulgate among some of the Negro brethren. Mr. Jackson patiently worked with them, and finally brought it to Mr. McDowell. The two of them talked with Mr. Crimm on more than one occasion and at quite great length. When I was back in Chicago for the Chicago - Akron district conference, I joined Mr. McDowell and Mr. Jackson in talking with Mr. and Mrs. Crimm for over three hours. They had simply sold themselves on their weird ideas which make no sense whatsoever to anybody. Obviously, when we began to look behind the surface, we saw that they did have -- and Mrs. Crimm finally admitted -- a good deal of bitterness and spirit of competition against the Jacksons. So, when I arrived in New York during the Days of Unleavened Bread I asked Mr. Cole if he would be able to join Mr. McDowell and make the decision for God's Church as to whether they must be expelled from Christ's Body. I knew they would have to be if they did not repent of these things. That they did not do.

So Mr. and Mrs. Crimm are completely OUT not only of the ministry but of God's Church! Be sure that you all realize this and warn any of the Negro brethren, especially, regarding this if they are in any area near Chicago. But, on the other hand, we should certainly pray earnestly that God will grant them both real REPENTANCE if they are willing. For, in actual fact, as Mr. Jackson would certainly agree, their situation is far more dangerous than that of Mrs. Jackson who died in the faith.

Now for some GOOD NEWS -- this time regarding field assignments for our graduates from Texas. From the Big Sandy campus, Mr. Roy Demarest will be

going out full-time as an assistant to Mr. Bob Steep in Evansville. Mr. Don Samples will be sent to St. Louis to assist Mr. McCrady there. Mr. Hugh Wilson will be going to Mobile to assist Mr. Bob Dick and Mr. Joel Lillengreen will be sent to Memphis to assist Mr. Carl McNair. Also, last but perhaps most important of all, the Student Body President Mr. Daryl Reedy will be remaining right at the college as an administrative assistant to Mr. Les McCullough.

Texas Juniors sent out for summer's training include Otto Lochner who will be going to Atlanta, Georgia; Joe Mills, who will be going to Pittsburgh; Bob Persky who will be going to Grand Rapids - South Bend; Dale Haynes who will be going to Little Rock - Fort Smith; Mark Salyer who will be going to Minneapolis - Duluth; Jim Ribb who will be going to New York; and Bob Ellsworth, who will be going to Birmingham.

Also, our campus at Bricket Wood, England is sending over four full-time graduates to the U. S. field ministry and one to Australia as well! Mr. Doug Taylor is being assigned to Detroit, Michigan, under Mr. Art Mocarow. Mr. Ozzie Engelbart is being assigned to Dallas, Texas, to assist Mr. Ken Martin in what is now become a two-church city. Mr. John Cheetham is being sent to Manchester, New Hampshire to work under his former Student Body President Mr. Reg Platt. Mr. Richard Frankel is being sent to the Baltimore - Richmond area to work under Mr. Guy Engelbart -- a Bricket Wood alumnus himself. And Mr. Karl Karlov is being sent to Australia to work under Mr. Wayne Cole in the Letter Answering Department there.

That is certainly a fine list of assignments, isn't it? That represents, with the men from Pasadena, BY FAR the largest number of men God has ever privileged us to send into the field at this time of the year! For that we can be thankful and all of you receiving these men should do everything you can to organize yourselves, prepare for them and really train, teach, work with, inspire and use them to produce all you can while they are with you, arrange to help them to get the true "feel" of the field ministry by keeping them busy. If you cannot take them visiting arrange for one of your Elders to do so or else work out a system where they can really be of help in your office and clerical responsibilities or in mowing the lawn, repairing the fence of the Church home, etc. Of course, we do want to stress how important it is, in balance, to allow them enough time for prayer, study and regular sleep. But, apart from these necessities and a certain amount of needed recreation and personal time, keep them busy and use them in this tremendous work we've all got to do.

As you all know, because of Mr. McCrady's remarriage to his true wife, three field switches have already taken place in the United States -- McCrady to St. Louis, Meeker to South Bend and Baird to Milwaukee. Now, I am happy to announce a few more switches for our minister within the field which would be profitable to God's

Work and to everyone concerned. First of all, we are going to bring in for a semester at Ambassador College Mr. Carn Catherwood and Mr. Ron Reedy! Mr. Reedy will be replaced by Mr. John Bald, who in turn will be replaced by Mr. Burk McNair, who in turn will be replaced by Mr. Arthur Craig coming out from his semester at Ambassador College! It was tentatively decided to replace Mr. Catherwood with Mr. Dave Bierer and allow Mr. Bob Steep to take over Cape Girardeau. However, because of the help it would be to speak at least a little French, we have now found that Mr. Dean Wilson may have someone in mind for this. So hold your hat, Mr. Bierer! We will let you and everyone know within a week or two as to the final decision.

And, by the way, these latter moves are scheduled to take place around the first of August -- so there will be plenty of time for everyone to get ready.

Also, before I forget it, I want to give all of you a schedule as to the arrival time set for the men coming out from Pasadena and from Texas for field assignments. Following are the dates on which we feel they should arrive in your area to serve-- unless they have been given special permission to arrive later for some good reason. The Juniors going out from Pasadena for the summer should arrive by the 1st or 2nd of June. The full-time ministers and second men coming out should arrive by the 5th or 6th of June. Any bridegrooms will be given a little longer for a wedding trip along the way and should arrive by the 7th or 8th.

From Texas, the Juniors going out for the summer should arrive by June 8th or 9th. Full-time men should arrive by the 12th or 13th of June, and bridegrooms by the 14th or 15th at the latest.

We have told all the men from here to be sure and meet this schedule, and I know that the ministers in Texas will instruct the men going out from there accordingly. Therefore, if a man being sent under you does not arrive in time be sure to find out why, talk to him about it, and send us a report.

By the way, one other switch in the field is that of sending Mr. Dave Roenspies back to help Mr. Dave Antion at Akron from Omaha, and replacing him with Ben Leonard -- graduating this year from college.

* More GOOD NEWS involves nine ordinations performed during the Passover! All of them involved ordinations to the office of Local Elder. The men involved were Mr. Paul Freeze of Salt Lake City, Mr. Gil Goethals of Tacoma, Mr. Mike Hechel of Eugene and a graduate of the Texas College, Mr. James Kidd of Huntsville, Mr. Robert Ludwig of Toledo, Mr. David Mills of Lakeland and a graduate of Ambassador in Pasadena, Mr. Tracey Rogers of Medford, Mr. Ivan Sell of Detroit and a graduate of Pasadena. Also, Mr. John Halford, originally from England and a graduate of our Pasadena Campus a year ago, was ordained a Local Elder on the last Holy Day in the Civic Auditorium and soon after left for Australia with his wife! Mr. and Mrs. Halford

will be replacing Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huse in Melbourne, and Mr. and Mrs. Huse have already returned here to the Pasadena Campus for work and a semester in Graduate School next Fall.

Additional ordinations were performed on the Sabbath after graduation here in Pasadena. Ordained as Local Elders were Mr. Durrell Brown -- the second Negro graduate of Ambassador College. Mr. Fred Brogaard, an older student from the Milwaukee Church who just graduated was ordained. Mr. Keith Crouch, originally from Australia by way of Bricket Wood was ordained, then married on Sunday, and is now on his way to assist Mr. Wayne Cole in the Sydney Church and Office back in Australia again! Mr. Jim Chapman -- formerly from the Sacramento Church area -- was ordained and will continue in college one more year. Mr. Bill Gordon -- long-time member of the Pasadena Church and now a leader on the Visiting Program -- was ordained and sent to the Bakersfield Church area to be the full-time Local Elder there.

★ Then, climaxing the service, Mr. Bill Swanson and Mr. Don Lawson were both ordained as Preaching Elders! Mr. Swanson, as you know is to take over the Knoxville, Tennessee Church and also start a new congregation in Chattanooga a few weeks later. And Mr. Don Lawson is to become Pastor of the churches in Amarillo and Liberal.

That certainly is a very fine group of ordinations and increases the preaching, anointing and visiting power in God's Church considerably. Congratulations, all you new ministers and elders!

Further news includes Pentecost plans -- and who will be going out from the colleges as visiting evangelists and pastors in various areas. Mr. Plache will be going back to his old church area in Greensboro to visit. Dr. Zimmerman will be going to the Portland area as a visiting minister. Mr. Portune will be going to New York for Pentecost and perhaps on to the Poconos for business there, and Mr. Royer will be going to Pittsburgh and then join Mr. Portune in the Poconos. Mr. Carrozzo will be going to Oakland and Mr. Frank Brown will be going to Phoenix. From Big Sandy, Mr. Leroy Neff will be going to Atlanta, Georgia, and perhaps Mr. McCullough will be flying out -- but that decision is still pending.

Then, since Mr. Kelly, Dr. Dorothy, Mr. Neff and others will be gone from Big Sandy, Mr. David Jon Hill will come by there for Pentecost returning to Pasadena. I say "by" because he will be returning from a trip to Sweden to see some press equipment and his trip is being completely paid for by the company concerned. Therefore, he will have the opportunity to see the Big Sandy campus which he has not done for some time. Margie and I will be flying back to Denver for Pentecost to see Burk and Billie there at least once before they leave their long-time home in the Rockies.

Also, we are suggesting to Mr. Bill McDowell and Mr. David Antion that they "switch" for Pentecost if they wish -- giving them each a change and each area a visiting minister in the process!

One final bit of GOOD NEWS which suddenly comes to mind which perhaps should have come first regards the UHF television program. As you should know, we are now on once a week on Thursday nights at 8:30 on Channel 22 here in Los Angeles. Although the program, as Mr. Armstrong has said, does not have a lot of viewers on that particular channel, nevertheless Mr. Ted Armstrong has done a really splendid job in this new series on television! It is alive, interesting and stimulating in every way, yet properly relaxed and not "stiff" or overly formal through fright, fear or inexperience. These "preparation" programs are certainly going to increase Mr. Ted Armstrong's ability and stature as a television broadcaster once we go on full-time on many stations perhaps a year or two from now. So be praying earnestly for him and for the entire TV Production Staff and the success of these pilot programs! I think we all realize what a BIG thing they represent for God's Work in the next few years.

Now for some INSTRUCTIONS:

You will notice the two enclosures in this letter. First of all be sure that you make two or three special announcements about the Summer Educational Program and exhort the brethren to get in applications for their children immediately! We are very late getting all of this set up this year, and it will certainly help -- as stated in the enclosure -- if you local ministers are able to give proper advice right there on the spot regarding member's plans for their children to attend SEP. So read this enclosed memo regarding SEP carefully, and encourage and exhort the members to make their plans and send in applications right away.

You will find enclosed the moving schedules for the men coming out from Pasadena. We have found that it saves literally thousands of dollars for our own moving vans to move our men whenever possible. So try to cooperate with this schedule in every possible way, be sure your things are ready if you are involved, help the new man when he arrives to find a place to live and all this type of thing. You local ministers who are to receive and Elder or second man to help you, please have some of your own Elders or Deacons scout around the area and come up with at least a few possible places where the arriving man might wish to live. Then this will give him an idea of what is available and will speed up the process of his getting moved in, settled and beginning to PRODUCE for God's Work.

Since summer is almost here again, start planning right away with your club leaders to recess for about eight to twelve weeks sometime between June 1 and the Feast of Tabernacles. This will give your men the right kind of break, and will enable you and your visiting leaders to catch up on any back visits and make outlying tours during the summer months.

Also, as stated earlier, be sure to keep your assistants and second men busy in balance and be sure that every full-time man gets in the equivalent of at least twelve to eighteen visits a week. If a man is able to visit completely on his own and does not have too many other responsibilities, he can, of course, get in more like eighteen to twenty-five visits per week in a church area where not too many long trips are necessary.

In this regard also, reread the Office Visiting system manual before the second men arrive as they have had a thorough lecture on it here at Headquarters. Remember, you should know more than they do and have your system in top shape!

X In your visiting and Bible Studies, please ask the brethren to jot down and give you their personal and Bible questions to answer right there in the local area. Many Bible Studies have too few questions as it is, and this should make them even more interesting, personal and practical. We are continually receiving various Bible and personal questions from Church members who live in local church areas! This is probably their own "problem" -- they're trying to get the answer they want or something -- yet it does take many hundreds of dollars for us to answer all these questions which could probably be better answered by you and your assistants in the area who understand the surrounding factors and express needs of the individual members. So let the Church members know that we do NOT want them to be writing all these things into Pasadena if they can be handled locally.

However, you should not discourage outlying brethren from writing in if they are unable to attend services or meetings regularly. Many times, they need answers and encouragement and we are glad to be of assistance to them in this way.

Also, Dr. Zimmerman has informed me that they are continually receiving requests for Dr. Meredith's Satan's Great Deception and my own thesis on the Reformation. An announcement that these are NOT being published at this time would assist us and keep the brethren from writing in so much about it. I will tell you privately, however, that within a few months I may -- with Mr. Armstrong's approval -- condense my thesis on the Reformation somewhat and we could make it into a booklet available to members, co-workers, and people who are strong enough to receive it. But let the brethren know that these are not available at this time.

One thing you could help us a great deal with is better communication. One Holy Day service was cancelled awhile back due to a blizzard, a woman died right at the Passover in another area, and in yet another area over 150 people got sick with the flu and we heard NOTHING about any of these things except through the "grapevine." Please let us know about these things in your regular reports and the "additional comments!"

Regarding your gasoline expenses and car maintenance, I am happy to pass on the following suggestion from one of our local ministers. He has found that his neighborhood Standard Oil Dealer was "happy" to give him a five percent discount on ALL gas,

oil, washings and services if he let him know that he would be a "regular" customer. He said that many gas stations will do this in order to compete with these discount stations and others of this type. To get this discount in many cases, you just have to ask for it! So if all of you do this it might save God's Work a lot of money.

And, by the way, any more suggestions like this? If there are, please send them in as they come to you from time to time!

Also, we were thinking about sending our emergency flares for your cars as part of our standard equipment. But this has been found to be impractical and it is better that you buy your own flares locally. But it would be a good idea to get some and they are rather inexpensive and easily obtained. Yet they certainly would be extremely helpful in case of an accident or some other emergency in your automobile -- especially in bad weather or at night.

Many questions have come in from different ones of you about how to handle housing, meals for the ordained men and second men in our employ and for all Local Elders not employed by us. From now on, WE plan to take care of these things for all of you!

Since it is imperative that we know just how many of you are to be in each Feast location, all of those who wish to change areas from your normal assigned Feast should send in the change of area card provided in the new Festival Brochure for our approval.

I want to make it clear that this is not a suggestion for all of you to change areas! Normally, it is better for each minister to be where his "own" people are for the Feast for obvious reasons. But if every few years you would enjoy a change or it would give you the opportunity to be with relatives you have difficulty seeing then you may request to be changed in area for The Feast of Tabernacles and we will probably okay it.

Local Elders not employed by us who are saving their second tithe have been somewhat of a problem in the past. We now suggest that since we will pay for their meals and lodging at the Feast and will take of all of this that after they pay their traveling expenses, entertainment and incidentals they turn in their excess second tithe to us to help the widows and others.

* Finally, but VERY IMPORTANT, I want to instruct all of you to take time to visit prospective students for Ambassador College NOW! Please put this at the very top of your list of priorities unless there is some absolutely emergency situation. We are going to train these young people for leadership in God's Work -- we are going to feed, house, and cloth them for three to five years. Therefore, every bit of information we can get about them ahead of time is absolutely VITAL. We are now

going over the applications and need everyone of you to get in your evaluation form on each prospective student in your area IMMEDIATELY -- if not sooner! If that proves a little difficult, then be sure you get out and visit these people during the very next few days and send in your evaluation to us AIR MAIL. You can't imagine how necessary and helpful it is for us to know if there is some kind of psychological problem, unnamed physical handicap or "ginky" appearance or mannerism in these young people that simply does not show up in their regular application forms. We need to know whether they are balanced, intelligent and potential LEADERS in God's Work. Please let us know about this and send in these forms SOON!

Well, that's about it for this time. I sincerely hope all of you continue in good health and are getting in regular Bible Study and prayer every day and taking time for proper sleep and exercise as well. I'm sure you're eating! Certainly we have much to be thankful for, so let's continue to thank God for the blessings and ask Him to be with all of our fellow servants as we press through the summer in this spiritual "harvest season" and utilize the tremendous opportunity Christ has given us to prepare for His Second Coming.

In Jesus' Royal Name,

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