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NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from God's Earthly Headquarters! Things have really been moving rapidly the last few weeks here, and all of us have been going at a frantic pace. Last week, with the incoming students, the Orientation and the Faculty Reception -- plus final meetings with Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong before they left for Texas -- we were really busy nearly every day in formal meetings and conferences and had little time in our own offices. Now, the new classes all seem to begin at once and problems resulting therefrom with certain changes, student problems, homesick girls, etc. But, this year certainly seems to be getting off to a good start!

We have accepted nearly 195 new students here at Pasadena! This includes 99 single men, 15 husbands and 81 women. The old "Grove Terrace" has been torn to the ground! That corner is now vacant -- awaiting the future construction of the men's dormitory. Also, the super structures of the new classroom buildings of the academic complex behind Ambassador Hall are now up and the buildings are coming along very well. Completion date is now sometime in March, I understand. They will be beautiful buildings and add a great deal to the complexion of Ambassador College when completed. The back row of apartments behind Mayfair are now being used as women's dormitories this year. We now own all but a very few of the apartments there, behind Mayfair, facing Orange Grove -- which I think you have all seen. In addition, some of the older buildings on Olcott Place are temporarily being used for men's dorms. We are crowded but happy!

After the week of Orientation and Faculty Reception, the Armstrongs both left for the beginning of college in Texas. Before leaving, however, Mr. Armstrong brought what I hear is the most powerful sermon for the incoming freshmen he has ever given!

Many of the students were moved and inspired by it, and I think that it must have gotten the college year off to a zealous beginning. After being in Texas for a few days, Mr. Armstrong plans to go on to England for the beginning of college there. Actually, he will leave Texas tomorrow, Thursday, and spend one night in New York at the airport en route to Britain. He plans to be there a few weeks to accomplish some business matters as well as start off the college year before returning.

Also before leaving, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong made a number of telecasts ahead. The television program is really turning out very well -- and Mr. Ted Armstrong has recently put more personality, vibrancy and humor into the program than ever before. I sincerely wish that all of you could see these programs. But GOOD NEWS is available on this! We have now contracted to go every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., I understand on a station in San Jose, California. In addition, we will now be on twice each week here in southern California on Channel 22. Also, we are going on twice each week on a regular commercial channel in Tyler, Texas! And somehow a station has come to us once a week on the island of Bermuda. So this should give us a rather good sampling of the populus and be a good springboard for this "experimental" series of programs to use to gain experience and proficiency.

✕ Before returning to Pasadena, Mr. Ted Armstrong plans to fly to the Lake of the Ozarks to inspect a very probable Feast site for the fall of 1969. It really looks good according to Mr. Portune and Mr. Royer who have both been there. So God's Work in this area continues to grow.

Dr. Hoeh is back at Headquarters after his tour of Soviet Russia. It lasted 38 days and covered almost 9000 miles inside the country itself. You will be getting a first-hand report and pictures of this trip very soon in The PLAIN TRUTH.

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse is here, also, for a brief visit before continuing his tour of Churches around the world. Since January of 1966 he has visited 12 overseas Churches and 123 Churches here in the United States and Canada, plus outlying Bible Studies and Feast sites.

We have received many letters from brethren in the field expressing their thanks for his sermon and slide presentation which has given them a better perspective of the scope of this Work and focused their attention more on Headquarters. It has helped a great number to feel, for the first time, that they are truly a VITAL part of this Work of God as it lays the groundwork for the World Tomorrow.

When we got the report from England three weeks ago on the building of the Jewish temple, you may have noticed that it came by Telex message. This is our own private telegraph line to Bricket Wood, operated by Western Union, which enables us to establish instant communication with the English campus. Soon we hope to have Telex installations in all our offices around the world, providing a much-needed communications link-up of all the offices with Headquarters. Special news reports can be relayed at once directly to Headquarters, or instructions from here can be forwarded instantly to foreign offices. Also, Mr. Armstrong's Co-Worker letter can be transmitted for reproduction and distribution overseas. This communication system will be valuable in further advancing the coordination and overall organization of God's Work.

Another step forward in increasing our efficiency here at Headquarters is being tentatively planned for early next year. That is the acquisition of a larger central processing unit for our Computer. You have read reports about the great savings in time and manpower that this new 360 Computer System has already effected, but by installing a larger central processing unit, its capacity can be multiplied five times. The current Model 30 Unit has a core storage of 64,000 units while the Model 50 would give 260,000 units of core storage. This would enable the Computer to carry out several different jobs at the same time.

This 360 Computer is a sophisticated, highly complex, intricate device, and like any new piece of equipment, the "bugs" must be gotten out before it really works properly. Even though we have had far less difficulty than most companies with Computer operations such as ours, we still have problems. At times we have had costly breakdowns that greatly hinder the Work. Please ask the brethren to pray, in particular, for this Computer. We know God answers these prayers -- even for inanimate machinery, as Mr. Hill can testify after many experiences with the Web Press.

As the reports in past newsletters have shown, the Work is continually going forward in every facet. So far in 1967, we have received a total of 1,065,098 letters here in the United States or an average of 133,137 per month. This is a 29 per cent increase over this same period last year. And at the same time, the "white" mail has increased by 24 per cent this year which means 299,843 people have written in for the first time since January. About half of these requested a subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH.

The income for the year is holding up well, too, with a 26.5 per cent increase in mail receipts alone. This does not include Holy Day offerings and other income which does not normally come in through our mailing address.

Mr. Armstrong's book, The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy, was largely responsible for the good mail count we have maintained. The immediate response to this book has exceeded that of any other publication we have offered. After the first printing of 200,000 was used up, another 100,000 was printed, and of these, 50,000 have been sent out. A total, then of 250,000 copies of the book has been distributed, including those sent out here in the United States and those shipped overseas.

Besides the gigantic task of printing and binding this book, the Press has just finished another important project. The 1967 ENVOY is now off the presses and the binding has been completed. As we did last year, we had to send The ENVOY out for binding since our bindery cannot handle books of this size. The first copies were available at the beginning of this week, and although yours won't be mailed right away, you should be receiving it soon.

In spite of the loss of the ship stations in the middle of the month, income in Britain is still up 101 per cent over the same period last August. The mail count, however, is only up 14 per cent and very little new mail is coming in now. One station -- Radio MANX -- is still on, bringing in a few new letters. Many are writing in telling us how much they miss the program since the ship stations went off the air.

I gave you a report last time on the records set for July in Canada and Australia. South Africa also had a record-breaking month in July. The Johannesburg Office received 12,366 letters -- a 575 per cent increase -- and income was up by 118 per cent over July 1966.

Since graduating from Bricket Wood this summer, Mr. Dan Botha has returned to South Africa to serve full time on the Visiting Program there. Two other men are being sent from Bricket Wood, also. Mr. Michael Bousfield, who is a local elder, will assist in answering letters, and Mr. Johanne Jacobs will assist in the office there.

After the Feast of Tabernacles a new Church will begin in Utrecht, Holland. It will meet only once a month at the beginning, with 30-35 in attendance, but we hope it will grow as more people are reached in this area of Europe. Mr. Frank Schnee will go up from Dusseldorf to conduct the services which will be in the English language.

About the same time, a new Church will also begin in Zurich, Switzerland. It will meet every two weeks with an expected attendance of around 20.

The Church in Crestview, Florida, began August 19 with 85 in attendance. The potential for future growth is good, however, and

we expect the attendance to be over 100 soon. The District Superintendent, Mr. Kenneth Swisher, was there to give the first sermon.

A new Church was started two Sabbaths ago in Findlay, Ohio. This brings the total number of Churches to 161, with 130 in the United States. The attendance of 157 included several visitors from Toledo, but the weekly average should be around 115. Mr. Dennis Pyle will pastor the Findlay Church along with the Toledo Church in the burgeoning area.

Los Angeles will have its own Bible Study, beginning Friday, September 8. Actually it will be held in Pasadena -- at the Shakespeare Club, where the Pasadena Church met for many years. I will be taking the Study whenever I can, but Mr. Hill and some of the other ministers here will fill in when I can't be there.

We've had several reports of births in the past few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. David Mills announced the arrival of their daughter, Polly Anna, on August 10. She weighed nine pounds and eight ounces.

On August 16, Mrs. Richard Wilding gave birth to a boy -- Eric Tracy -- who was a healthy six and one-half pounds.

Mrs. Carl McNair went into labor at Church services on August 19, and ten minutes after arriving home she gave birth to a girl.

After three days of labor, on August 23, Mrs. Bill Cowan gave birth to Michelle Ann, weighing seven and one-half pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gore announced the birth of their son, Daniel Scott, who weighed seven pounds.

Mrs. Jim Chapman gave birth to a girl on August 24. She weighed seven pounds and fourteen ounces. From the reports we received, the babies and mothers are all doing fine.

Late FLASH: We just heard this morning that Mrs. Ken Martin gave birth to a healthy baby boy! I don't know the weight or details yet, but I understand that both mother and child are doing fine!

Well, fellows that about winds it up for the newsletter this time, but I'll try to get out a regular letter with further instructions and guidelines very soon. We're all doing real fine here at Ambassador College in Pasadena, and I appreciate the tremendous work and effort you are all putting into your responsibilities there in the field. Certainly, the growth of the local Churches, Church Districts and the spiritual growth of God's people is something for which we can all be thankful. But let's keep on, and do even better so that we may be worthy of the tremendous calling and responsibility Christ has given us!

Your brother in Christ,

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