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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Pasadena! Since many of you have mentioned to me how much you would appreciate having firsthand news of the Work and of the events taking place in the lives of those serving in God's Work, I am planning to try to write -- with the assistance of the Church Administration Department staff -- a Ministerial News Letter every two weeks. This will be separate and different from my monthly Ministerial Letter in that it will contain reports on trips by Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong and others of the top executives in the Work, reports on District trips by Mr. Portune, Mr. Hill, Mr. Plache and myself, information on new Churches raised up, the latest record attendances, new ministerial assignments, new radio stations, the state of the finances, new building plans and the progress of those buildings under construction, personal notes about those in the Ministry and Work regarding new babies, marriages, those in need of healing, trips and other items of interest.

I sincerely hope this type of letter will be helpful and inspiring to each of you personally. It will be an aid in Bible Studies, Sabbath Services and in personally visiting with the brethren to draw them closer to Headquarters and make them feel more a part of, and more personally involved in and responsible for, the success of this Work. I would appreciate suggestions from any of you that would help in making this letter more effective. (And I certainly solicit items of news from all of you that you feel would be of interest to the other ministers serving God's people in all parts of this earth.)

This past Sabbath at the Headquarters Church in Pasadena, Mr. Herbert Armstrong spent about 20 minutes during the announcement time, reporting tremendous and inspiring advances in God's Work. He began by turning to Micah 4:1-2 and reading the first part of the first verse and the last part of the second verse, stating that the time has come for the Word of God to go forth from Jerusalem. Mr. Charles Hunting has been in Jerusalem in contact with the Arab in charge of a 200,000 watt station there. This man at first wanted to give us poor time on the short wave part of his operation, but after seeing our new "Prospectus," he offered us good time across the board on the medium wave part of his operation which covers the entire Middle East. The cost is exceedingly high (about 1/3 of a million dollars per year)

for the daily broadcasting, so Mr. Armstrong said we may start on it once a week, and see what response we get.

This is fantastic news, for which each of us should deeply thank the Living Christ! Each of you should really inspire the people in your local areas to beseech God in fervent prayers to grant us special favor with radio station managers, and guide Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong, Milt Scott, and others who represent this Work, with special wisdom, tact and discretion in dealing with them. The result will be more important and hitherto unattainable media being opened to us, enabling us to fulfill the primary commission of this Work.

After this Mr. Armstrong stated that he had approved purchases in new printing equipment that would double the size of our printing operation. These include a second giant Webb Press and a second color separator to be delivered in about a year. In addition, 8 more intertype machines have been ordered (the modern successor of the Linotype) and 4 are already in. The final item is a new photo processor for the improved finishing of our pictures.

Next, Mr. Armstrong announced the purchase of a new tract of land on Pasadena Avenue here at Headquarters, and stated that the architects had started this week on the plans for our first Church building in Eugene, Oregon. It will include a two-building complex; the first one to be built will house all-day meetings, Spokesman Clubs and athletic events. The main auditorium will be constructed later. Besides these buildings, there will be two homes on the grounds -- one for Mr. Hoyt, the caretaker, who contributed \$110,000 to the Work recently, and one for the pastor there.

The plans are nearly complete for the new academic complex on the Ambassador College Campus, which includes a new science hall and a fine arts building. Ground will be broken for these in about 30 days. Also, plans for the new Administration Building are taking shape. It will be at least four stories high, perhaps five. Mr. Armstrong hopes actual construction can begin in July this year.

What this all boils down to is a tremendous leap forward for the Work of God in power, in efficiency, in effectively warning this world and changing people's lives. After telling us all this good news about how God's Work is literally leaping ahead in every phase, Mr. Armstrong told us that the money for January fell way off. He strongly exhorted us all to be really concerned about it.

Fellows, we need to get much more serious about this ourselves and ask God for the special inspiration and power to stir up His people to beseech Him in fastings and fervent prayer to call more Co-Workers and lay it on the hearts

of more people to want to have an active part in this Work, and to be willing to sacrifice more themselves, and put the Work of the Living God before the luxuries of this life. We are not doing our part in prayer, real interest and concern, or sacrifice. We need to really shake ourselves up!

If we are really on fire for this Work, that enthusiasm and zeal and concern will carry over in our sermons, sermonettes and Bible Studies, infecting the brethren with the same fervent desire for the furtherance of this Work.

On another note, Mr. Portune just returned last week from conducting the Oakland District Conference, and going over with all the men there, and their wives, the things that were discussed and decided at this past Ministerial Conference. Mr. Hill is in Portland, Oregon at present, conducting the District Conference there. He will return Wednesday of this week, and I will fly out to Chicago for the combined Chicago-Akron Conference. I'll be looking forward to seeing many of you there!

New Churches are scheduled to begin this coming Sabbath, 2/11/67, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, under Mr. Arthur Mekarow's direction, and in San Francisco, California, to be pastored by Mr. Dennis Luker.

We had record attendances recently in Baltimore, Maryland with 442; Miami, Florida with 208; and Portland, Oregon with 588. Sabbath Services had to be cancelled the week of January 28, in Midland, Michigan and Grand Rapids; Chicago, La Grange, Peoria, and Danville, Illinois; and South Bend, Indiana because of the heavy snowstorms! As far as we know, none of the brethren have been harmed by these storms. However, you can inspire the people in your local areas to be concerned for each other, and when hearing of these storms, be sure to ask God to protect His people there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lichtenstein have a new son, David Jeffrey, born early on January 30, weighing 4 1/2 lbs. At last report, everything is fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holladay have a new son as well, born on the 22nd of January. I haven't received his name or vital statistics, but everything is OK there as well.

Some of those serving in Christ's Ministry with us have had serious illnesses recently that I'm sure you would like to know about and include in your prayers.

Mr. Raymond Cole, who has served long and faithfully in God's Ministry and has really driven himself, setting us all a fine example of zeal and dedication; has been suffering for some time now with severe migraine headaches, causing him to lose much sleep and often be in continual pain for days on end.

Mr. Al Dennis and Mr. Carl O'Beirn have both recently suffered heart attacks and have had to slow down, and reduce their work load to get more rest and relaxation.

Mrs. Glen White has been suffering for some time now, apparently with cancer of the colon. And, while she is evidently no worse, God has not seen fit to heal her as yet.

I have also recently learned that Mr. Robert Collins, the wife of our newly ordained Local Elder in Birmingham, Alabama, has been bedfast for quite a while. I am uncertain as to what the nature of her illness is.

Mr. and Mrs. David Albert's little daughter, Brigitte, recently had the German measles and now Carol has come down with them. This is especially serious, since she is in the beginning stages of pregnancy.

I know all of you will go to Almighty God and fervently ask His intercession and the deliverance of our fellow laborers from these afflictions.

Men, we are in the last days of this age, with the biggest part of this Work yet to be accomplished, yet we are the most degenerate of all the ages of mankind. We all need to really work at building vibrant good health, keeping a tranquil mind and having more real faith in relying more on God to work out the problems we face daily -- not getting so keyed up and worried ourselves, but really looking to and trusting God. Be diligent to get plenty of sleep and exercise, and avoid the modern processed foods that sludge up our systems and poison us. We need to drive and prod ourselves to accomplish, but maintain the right balance of rest, change of pace and relaxation.

That's all the news for this time -- except for what I'll give you in my "regular" letter. Keep up the good work, and remember to pray for all of us here at Headquarters as well as for each other.

Your servant in Christ,



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