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Dear Fellow Ministers,

Greetings from Pasadena! As many of you know, the District trips I had planned were canceled at the last minute because of my daughter Elizabeth's illness. She had had the flu along with a high fever and an earache, but she seemed to be recovering and regaining her strength during the week before my planned departure on Friday. On Thursday, however, she had a relapse, and the fever returned -- but this time a mastoid infection developed, also. I canceled the District trips, although the Conferences were held as scheduled, with the District Superintendents in charge of them. On the Sabbath Elizabeth's temperature was up to 104°, but as I was preaching the sermon in Pasadena, my wife sent word that the fever broke and was down to normal. God had intervened! We were certainly thankful for that, and I want to thank those of you who knew of her condition for your concern and prayers.

I have some bad news, too, to pass on to those of you who may not have heard by now. My uncle, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, died this past Saturday night. He had been losing weight and growing continually weaker for the past couple of years as a result of the cancer that he has had for many years. He had known of the cancer since about 1955, but for years many had thought that it had gone or become inactive. However, he noticed increasing symptoms of it and was worried as both his mother and father had died of cancer. He decided to go on a prolonged grape diet to help. Although, as Dr. McReynolds said, he might have died soon of the cancer itself, the grape diet so weakened him that he succumbed last Saturday night.

At 65½ years of age he was getting up in years, and he had led a full, eventful life. Those of you who personally knew and loved Dr. Meredith -- as I did -- know that he was a humble, dedicated servant who God used in an unusual way in reaching many thousands of people through the Correspondence Course. I am writing an article for The GOOD NEWS to give a brief biographical sketch of his life, showing how he was called and how, through him, God began calling me. I won't give more details now, except to say that he was buried Tuesday afternoon at the Mountain View Cemetery, and Mr. Ted Armstrong, in the graveside ceremony, gave tribute for his outstanding contribution to the Work of God.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong arrived back here from England on Monday night. In his last Co-Worker Letter you learned of some of the interesting developments there. You will be receiving more details about that later and about his planned trip to Jordan. He gave a very inspiring assembly here yesterday about the unusual circumstances of his recent trip to Europe and how new "doors" were opening for this Work. The royal personage he met was King Leopold of Belgium! I am telling you this since many Ambassador students will be writing or calling home to tell their parents in your areas. But do not try to "broadcast" this to people in or out of the Church. It is best to let Mr. Armstrong handle it in a way that will not jeopardize our future contacts with this royal household.

Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Plache are planning a brief trip to Canada next week for the District Conference up there and to visit some of the radio stations in Canada. We are hoping that we will have our own jet by then, also. We have been renting one until our own plane with a custom-built interior is ready. It looks as if Mr. Ted Armstrong will be able to try it out right away in making this trip to Canada.

Mr. Waterhouse is also planning a trip soon. His, however, will be an extended tour of the overseas offices and Churches to show slides and give sermons wherever possible. On this tour he will visit all of the overseas offices and Churches. Those of you who he will be visiting will be notified individually, but for general interest, the following is his planned itinerary:

March	9	- - -	Hawaii
"	12-24	- - -	Philippines
"	25-April 21	- - -	Australia & New Zealand
April	22-28	- - -	Mauritius
April	29-June 3	- - -	South Africa
June	5-9	- - -	Zambia (Mr. Mwambula)
"	12-18	- - -	Jerusalem & Nicosia
"	20-22	- - -	Geneva
"	23	- - -	Zurich
"	29	- - -	Munich
"	30	- - -	Frankfurt
July	6	- - -	Duesseldorf
"	7	- - -	Hamburg
"	10-13	- - -	Paris
"	15-21	- - -	Bricket Wood & London
"	22-27	- - -	Guildford & Bristol
"	29-August 3	- - -	Birmingham & Warrington
Aug.	4-10	- - -	Leeds & Newcastle
"	12-17	- - -	Glasgow & Belfast
"	19-25	- - -	Barbados & Martinique
"	27-31	- - -	Mexico City

The Spanish Work has been booming the past few months. The first edition of the Spanish PLAIN TRUTH was printed this month! La Pura Verdad, as it is titled, began with a circulation of 4,500. Another step forward in this area of God's Work involves the possible addition of many more radio stations

In Central and South America. If these are opened to us as we anticipate they will be -- this will insure future growth of the Spanish Work and will mean that thousands more can be reached with God's Truth in this age! Ask the brethren to remember to pray for God's continued blessing on this part of God's Work as well as for the other vital needs in God's Work overall.

We will be starting two new Churches this coming Sabbath-- in St. Joseph, Missouri, as I mentioned in my last letter, and in Lufkin, Texas. Mr. Dale Schurter will pastor the new Lufkin Church, and he will of course, continue as the Director of the Farm Program at Big Sandy as well.

Here are some birth announcements that have come in since my last letter -- all boys!

Mr. and Mrs. Rowlen Tucker announced the birth of Richard Frank on January 21. He weighed 7½ pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witte named their son Jade Fitzgerald. He weighed 6½ pounds and was born on February 1.

Finally, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fahey down in Australia announced the birth of Jonathan Thomas on February 7, weighing in at 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

All mothers and sons are doing well at last report. Congratulations to all of you!

Well, that about winds up the news for this time. We hope to be in the new classroom complex -- the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center -- within the next couple of weeks! You will be hearing about it afterwards, I'm sure.

Now for some INSTRUCTION:

In the handling of ~~divorce and remarriage cases~~, if the District Superintendent feels that a separation is necessary, go ahead and inform the individuals involved of the decision. We just don't have the time to double-check all of these cases here at Headquarters, but we will back up the decision of the District Superintendent in such cases. Please send in the write-up for our files, however, as you have always done, and the District Superintendent should continue to send us the difficult cases which he cannot make a decision on. We will review these and send out the decision as soon as possible. In this way the clear-cut decisions can be finalized more quickly, and this will lessen the strain which is always present in a divorce and remarriage situation.

As a reminder, when you ~~request Spokesman Club Certificates of Merit~~, be sure to designate which club the prospective graduate is in. Many of you have more than one club, and this information is needed in order to print the certificates.

Also, some of you have been receiving your expense allotments late because we receive your expense books late. The Business Office must have these by the tenth of the month, which means that they should be in here by the ninth at the latest. Please send your expense books in with the first Ministerial Report each month, and this problem will be eliminated.

A similar situation exists with the Monthly Hall Rental Information Cards. In order for the checks to be made up by the first of the month, we must receive the cards by the twentieth of the month. For special meetings for the Passover and during the Days of Unleavened Bread, however, be sure to use the Ministerial Second Tithe Requisition Card -- not the regular hall rental card. Be sure to use these cards as well to request a check for supplies and other expenses during this time.

I realize these seem like trivial details, but nevertheless they are important for the proper functioning of the overall organization. I would appreciate your continued cooperation in these matters so that we can better serve all of you in this Work that God is blessing in an ever-increasing manner. I now have some very IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS for those of you in the United States in regard to new procedures in the collection of second and third tithe. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY.

Since second and third tithe is now administered from Headquarters, and because of monumental bookkeeping problems caused by collecting these funds locally, Mr. Armstrong has now decided that the brethren should send all second and third tithe donations directly to Headquarters. Beginning immediately, DO NOT ACCEPT second or third tithe donations in your local Church areas. Please ask the brethren to send these in to Headquarters with their regular tithes, offerings and Building Fund contributions.

Also, we will no longer maintain local third tithe holding fund or local second tithe accounts, as emergencies necessitating the immediate availability of such funds are now few and far between. Should such a genuine emergency arise we can easily get the necessary monies to you within 48-72 hours, or you could temporarily borrow the amount from your local Love Fund until the check from Headquarters arrives to cover it. If you have a local third tithe or second tithe account, please close the account by sending in a check to Headquarters as soon as all your checks have cleared and your books are balanced. Each Church or each two-Church area, however, should have a local Love Fund account. On the local third tithe accounts, we had required that Mr. Ted Armstrong's signature be on record for each account as well as your own, and this is also necessary for the Love Fund account. Should you need to bank additional local monies such as social fund, library fund, etc., this should all be kept in the one Love Fund account, but designated separately on your books. We do not want to proliferate bank accounts for insignificant amounts of money.

The brethren should be encouraged to continue to give to the local Love Fund, and the old donation receipts can be used until we replace them with new ones designed only for the Love Fund. DO NOT SEND COPIES OF THESE TO HEADQUARTERS! Since the amount contributed to the Love Fund by any one person is generally very small, 80 percent or more of those contributing should probably not require a receipt. However, receipts should be given to those few individuals who request them. Those who want their Love Fund donations recorded on their annual receipt at the end of the year for income tax purposes should save these receipts and send them to Headquarters by December 15 each year, with a note to the effect that they want the total added to their annual receipt. We will send you a reminder to read to the

congregation in this regard at the end of November, but the responsibility is the individual's -- not the Church's. Those requests that are received later than December 15 will not be included on the annual receipt.

These new procedures will save you time, and the Work will be saved thousands of dollars each year in increased efficiency and accuracy in recording donations. At the end of this letter, we have included an announcement you should read in Church to explain these new procedures to the brethren.

~~Please continue to send in the Monthly Love Fund Report~~ as you have been doing, disregarding the Third Tithe Holding Fund Report which will no longer apply. Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping us make this changeover as quickly and smoothly as possible.

Should any minister have good reason to suspect that a member is not tithing because of financial reverses, continual indebtedness, failure to find and hold a good job, etc., he may request that a strictly confidential check be made by the 360 Computer on the member's tithing record. This should be done through the Church Administration Department here at Headquarters. Frankly, fellow ministers, we have good reason to suspect that many of our "members" are NOT paying a full tithe! Without becoming snoop or "picky," keep your eyes open to this probability and all of you try to bring a strong sermon on God's command to tithe if you have not done so recently. Collectively, this may result in multiple thousands of additional dollars for God's Work!

Now before closing, let me ask all of you to ~~send in your exact plans for the spring festival season soon~~. Let us know how many of your Churches will be together, where and for how many days. Many of you have already responded, but many haven't! Some of us from Headquarters will be coming out, but need a nationwide picture of Feast plans before scheduling our trips.

Also, relative to ordaining many of your College-trained ministerial assistants as deacons, be sure that the other deacons and the brethren understand that they immediately take precedence over the other deacons. Their status with the brethren will greatly be determined by the respect you show your own assistant before others -- beside the weight he personally carries as an individual.

That's it for now. We're all in generally good health here and things are certainly booming in the Work. We hope to see many of you soon at the various spring festival locations.

Your brother in Christ,



Roderick C. Meredith

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ANNOUNCEMENT: To the Churches of God in the United States

Greetings from Headquarters,

In order to keep more accurate records of your second and third tithe donations and in order to streamline the operation of collecting these donations, we are asking all of you who are in your third tithe year to send your third tithe directly to Headquarters instead of giving it to your local minister or deacon. Excess second tithe donations should be handled in the same way whenever any of you have excess second tithe to turn in.

In order to provide you with an accurate annual receipt each year, we are asking your cooperation to help us properly record your donations. You can do this by carefully listing and labeling the amount of each donation. This is very important! The best way to do this is to write the amounts and label them right on your check or money order. For instance, list your tithes and offering, your Building Fund contribution and if you send in third tithe, please designate it clearly, also, so that we can record each amount properly.

Donations to the Love Fund, however, will not be sent in to Headquarters. This is for those in your local area who are in need of temporary help. Please continue to give these donations to your local minister or deacon as you have done in the past. For those of you who desire receipts and want your contributions to the Love Fund added to your annual receipt from Headquarters at the end of the year, ask your minister for a receipt when you contribute and save the receipts. Then prior to December 15, send all of your Love Fund receipts to Headquarters with a note to the effect that you would like the total added to your annual receipt. Those received later than December 15 will not be included on your annual receipt.

Thank you very much, brethren, for your cooperation in helping us properly record your donations and helping us streamline the operation of collecting these donations. The direct benefit to you will be annual receipts that are on time and correct, instead of late and in many cases inaccurate as in the past.

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The following is a list of the names of the members of the American Medical Association who have died during the year 1918. The names are arranged in alphabetical order of the surnames. The dates of birth and death are given in parentheses. The names of the members who died during the year 1918 are marked with an asterisk.

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