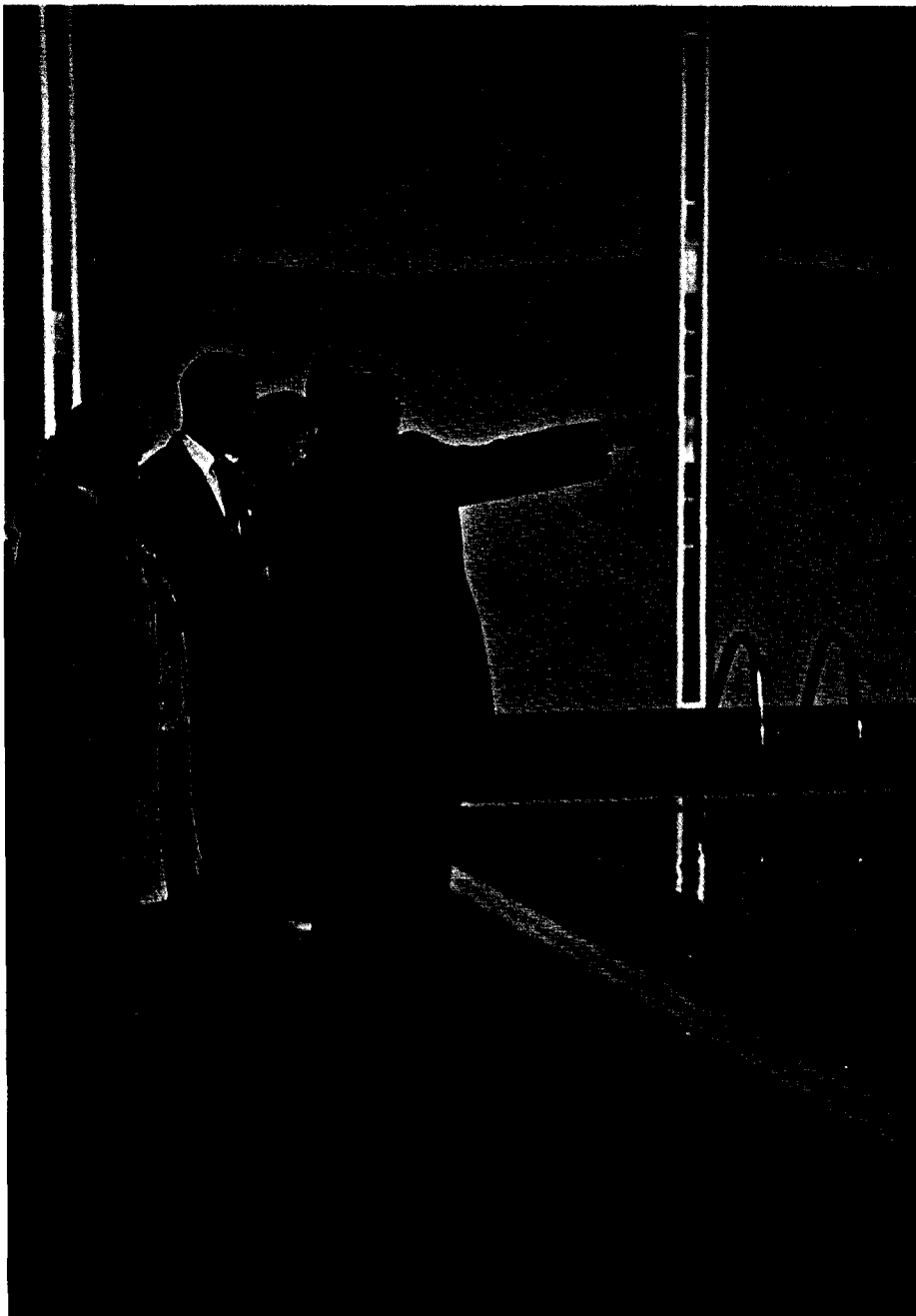


# God's UNITY Seen In Ministerial Conference

*And TWELVE new ordinations were approved—plus plans for  
SEVEN new churches to be established!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

**“W**ELL, greetings, Mr. and Mrs. Swisher! It's *wonderful* to see you again. Have you seen our beautiful new gymnasium yet?”



This greeting is typical of that received by dozens of God's top ministers from all over the world. The one extending this warm and exuberant welcome was, of course, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

After years of struggle and hardship in *building* Ambassador College and this whole Work of God, Mr. Armstrong was especially delighted, this year, with the beautiful new Ambassador College Physical Education Facility here at Headquarters. He took special pleasure in giving each visiting minister attending this year's Conference a personal guided tour of the new gym.

In addition, there were many other signs of progress to be noted on the "Sixty-four Dollar Tour" of the campus. High on the list among these attractions was our huge, million-dollar Ambassador Press Building—containing equipment capable of printing *The PLAIN TRUTH*, now coming out with a brilliant *full-color cover* for February.

## Appreciate Spiritual UNITY

From the sincere warmth and affection of this first personal greeting until the last good-bys were spoken, this year's Ministerial Conference—more than ever—exemplified the spirit of warmth, co-operation, teamwork, mutual respect, and *God's* kind of UNITY.

Let's APPRECIATE this blessing, brethren!

Many, who have come out of the fighting, bickering denominations of this world need to realize and appreciate the *difference* in God's Church. Those who have "grown out" of the dead Sardis church described in Revela-

tion 3:1-6 can perhaps best appreciate the great BLESSING of having properly trained and educated ministers—and ministers' wives—who have lived, worked, studied and played together, and who, of all things, really LOVE each other!

This spirit of true spiritual unity and love pervaded all of the discussions of the Conference this year. Wonderful progress was made in many areas to promote the organizational efficiency, development and spiritual growth of God's Work around the world.

### Social Highlights

One of the social highlights of the Conference this year was the Ambassador Chorale recital presented in honor of the visiting ministers and their wives. On the Sunday night during the Conference, in our beautiful new gymnasium, they put on a very fine and balanced program. It featured an entire "production" based on "Ambassador as We Remember It" with songs showing the expectant mood of students as they arrive, and other songs showing their attitudes of joy, happiness, trials, triumphs, tears, and weddings and leave-takings through the college years.

It was certainly an inspiring and moving evening for everyone. Our new Chorale Director, Mr. Gary Prather, did a very fine job indeed, as did the entire Chorale, and it was much appreciated by all of God's ministers.

Another recreational—if not social—highlight of the Conference was a miniature basketball tournament in which teams from the Big Sandy College faculty and Student Body and teams from the lower and upper classes and faculty at Ambassador in Pasadena all played one another. It finally ended with the upperclassmen (seniors and juniors combined) of the Pasadena college coming out as the champions. But, as Mr. Armstrong said: "Ambassador College won!"

Significantly, except for the meetings themselves, all of these activities were held in our beautiful new gymnasium! So the visiting ministers undoubtedly came to "feel at home," and the building was put to very fine use during this



year's Conference, as it is during almost every single day of the entire school year as well.

### Preaching and Ordination Services

On the Sabbath before the Conference began, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse and Mr. Charles Hunting each gave a split sermon showing different phases of how Christ is directing His Work here and around the world. Then, during the all-day meetings held on the Sabbath during the Conference, we were able to hear six split sermons from the visiting ministers! It was certainly a "spiritual feast" for all of us, and was undoubtedly the spiritual highlight of this year's Ministerial Conference.

A number of ordinations were discussed during the Conference, but because Mr. Armstrong contracted a mild case of the flu which lasted for a few days, some of the planned ordinations had to be postponed. Eventually, an ordination service was conducted in Mr. Armstrong's own living room—with only the Evangelists and Pastors present. However, there were certainly plenty of them in attendance and it was a most inspiring occasion! The way it finally turned out—and let me sincerely em-

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and Mr. Meredith intently discussing the agenda for the Conference.

phasize that *no one* planned it this way or even thought about it until the decisions were all made—Mr. Armstrong and the Evangelists finally approved a total of exactly *twelve* ordinations!

Some of the men approved for ordination were in other parts of the country or overseas. But six of these ordinations were conducted right there in Mr. Armstrong's home, and a seventh was conducted a few days later that same week up in Sacramento, California.

Those ordained by Mr. Armstrong and the Evangelists at Pasadena include: Messrs. Jimmy Young, Reg Platt, Al Carrozzo and Paul Royer as full *Preaching Elders*; and Messrs. David Bierer and Don Waterhouse as *Local Elders*.

On the Sabbath of that same week, Mr. David Jon Hill—on a flying visit—with Mr. Dennis Luker, area pastor, ordained Mr. George Kemnitz as a full *Preaching Elder* at Sacramento.

Also, Mr. Raymond Cole has informed us that he has already ordained



The Ambassador College Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Gary Prather, sang an inspiring series of songs reminiscent of College Days for the visiting ministers.

one of the other men approved—Mr. Walter Sharp—as a full *Preaching Elder* in services at New York City on the Sabbath of January 23.

In addition, Mr. Glen White of the Kansas City-Omaha area, and Mr. Ernest Williams of our church and office staff in Johannesburg, South Africa, were approved for ordination as full *Preaching Elders*. And Mr. W. C. Cowan of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mr. Guy Ames—now our Office Manager in the Philippines—were both approved for ordination as *Local Elders*.

By the time you read this article, some of these approved ordinations may already have been carried out, besides those mentioned, but those in the Philippines and South Africa await the arrival of Mr. Gerald Waterhouse.

At any rate, *congratulations*, fellow ministers of Jesus Christ! The prayers of all of us in God's Church will be with you, and we are most thankful indeed that God continues to "send forth more laborers into the harvest"!

#### Seven New Churches and Many New Bible Studies

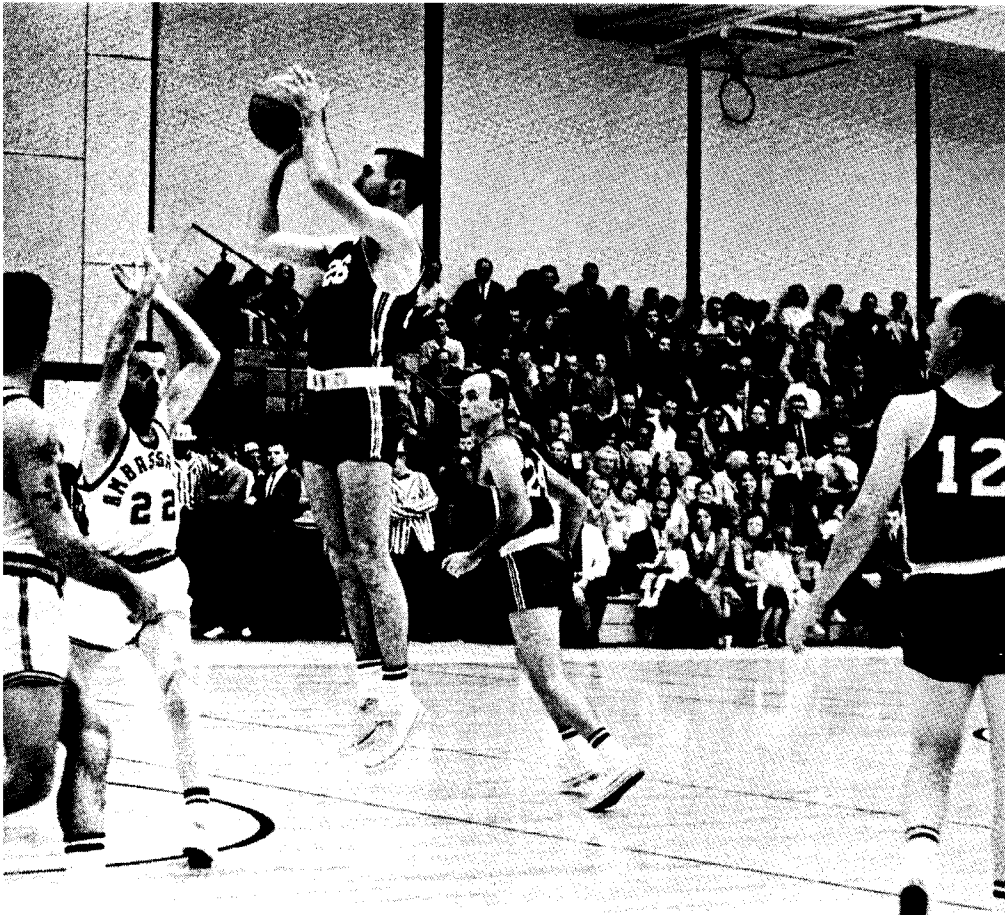
During the Conference, many hours were spent in personal talks with God's ministers from around the United States and throughout the world. There was much detailed discussion of new church and Bible study plans, problems in local church areas, prospects for growth, ideas for the foreign offices and for the three Ambassador Colleges. The over-all results and recommendations of these talks were presented to Mr. Armstrong, and we are very happy to announce that he has approved the beginning of exactly SEVEN new churches within the very next few months! These new churches will not all start at the same time, but will probably all have been established by the Passover or very soon thereafter.

A new church will soon be established in Des Moines, Iowa, with Mr. Glen White raising it up—under Mr.





ABOVE: Some joint sessions were held for ministers and their wives. BELOW: Packed stands in the new gym watch a Big Sandy-Pasadena Faculty game.



Bryce Clark's over-all direction and pastoring it with Omaha. In Richland Center, Wisconsin, Mr. George Meeker will begin holding church services and pastoring this new church along with his present congregation in Milwaukee.

Mr. Jimmy Young—transfer minister from England—will assist Mr. Carn Catherwood in raising up a new church in Dayton, Ohio, and co-pastor it with Mr. Catherwood, who continues as senior minister in the area.

The Oakland, California, Church will "enlarge" to give birth to a new congregation in San Jose. Mr. Dennis Luker, area pastor, will take charge of this new San Jose congregation along with Oakland, and continue as senior minister in the Central California area. This will, however, leave Mr. George Kemnitz—recently ordained Preaching Elder—in charge of the churches in Sacramento and Reno.

Working under the direction of Mr. Jimmy Friddle, Mr. Roy Holladay will assist in raising up a new church at Wheeling, West Virginia, and perhaps co-pastor this congregation with Mr. Friddle, who continues as pastor in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Under Mr. Raymond Cole's direction as Area Superintendent, Mr. Guy Engelbart will become pastor of the new congregation in Baltimore, Maryland, and continue also to pastor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This will leave the congregations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Newark, New Jersey, under the immediate direction of Mr. Walter Sharp. Then, Mr. Raymond Cole will be free to raise up another "enlargement" of the New York Church by expanding to include a new congregation in Brooklyn, New York, perhaps by Pass-over time.

These seven new churches certainly constitute a tremendous BLESSING for hundreds of God's people! I am sure you will all rejoice with us in these opportunities God is giving increasing hundreds of His people to meet together. Also, I'm sure all of you can readily see how the new ordinations tie in with and make possible many of the above new churches. So we can certainly give God *thanks* for providing



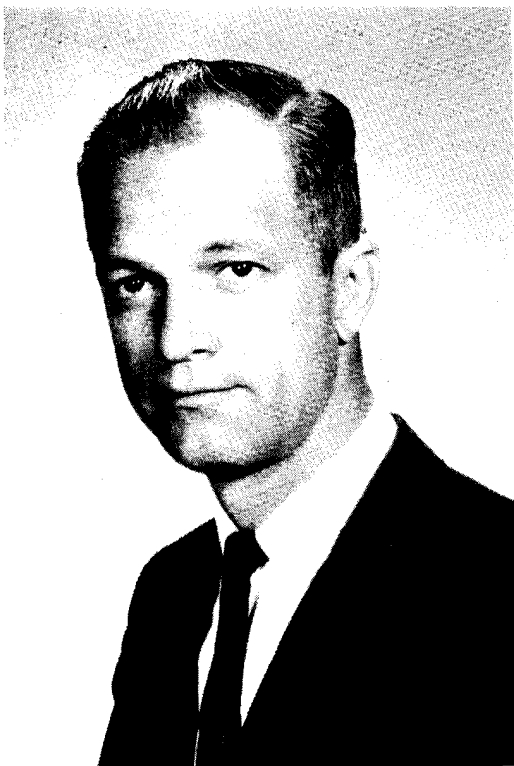
Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Raymond McNair counsel with Mr. Armstrong at a break in the conference sessions.

these additional laborers for His harvest continually.

#### New Bible Studies Listed

In addition to the above new churches, it has been approved to begin monthly Bible studies in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with Mr. Keith Thomas of Phoenix and Mr. Dave Albert of Odessa sharing and perhaps alternating in conducting this study. A monthly

Mr. Paul Royer, handling the many knotty Feast problems, is now a full Preaching Elder.



study is also planned for Abilene, Texas, to be conducted by Mr. Albert.

Another monthly Bible study is to be established at Knoxville, Tennessee, to be conducted by Mr. Carn Catherwood and Mr. Jimmy Young. A monthly study is to begin very soon at Columbia, South Carolina, under the direction of Mr. Richard Plache and Mr. Gary Arvidson. Another monthly study for this southeastern area has been approved to

Mr. Al Carrozzo, serving under Mr. Meredith in the Los Angeles Church, elevated to Preaching Elder.



Mr. James J. Young, from Edinburgh, Scotland, now a Preaching Elder.

begin soon in Jacksonville, Florida, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Swisher, District Superintendent of this entire area.

A monthly Bible study has also been approved to begin soon in Waterloo, Iowa, to be conducted by Mr. Glen White. And a twice-monthly Bible study is approved to begin in Paducah, Kentucky, under the direction of Mr. Bob Steep.

Also, in Central California, new *monthly* Bible studies are slated to begin soon in Santa Rosa under the direction of Mr. Dennis Luker, and in Chico and Modesto under the direction of Mr. George Kemnitz.

With these new churches and Bible studies, brethren, it becomes evident that we are almost *blanketing* the entire United States with opportunities for God's people here to meet together regularly! Are we *truly thankful* and GRATEFUL for these blessings for which many have waited so many years?

But at the same time let us not fail to remember in *earnest prayer* the needs of our fellow Israelitish brethren in the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian countries who have *yet to be reached* with anywhere near the same kind of effectiveness with which God's Church has thus far reached the United States and Canada! REMEMBER—in

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Mr. Sharp, serving in New York; Mr. White, in Des Moines; Mr. Platt, serving in the New York area also; Mr. Kemnitz, in the Sacramento-Reno area—all now Preaching Elders.

bags, they braved the unbearable elements to drink in of the Word of God.

"Of course, the brethren here in the Land of the Midnight Sun are relatively new in the Truth, and are 'babes' who are hungering for the Word. As I suspected, there was considerable vocal competition from the *literal* babes, but my few years of speaking practice made me the master of the situation!

"There's nothing especially dignified about the group here with their big, clumsy parkas, coats and boots (no room for female vanity to express itself, for even some of the women wore trousers), but I feel there is good potential since the attitudes of all seem to be *very good*.

"So, all in all, the results of the second Alaska Bible study were definitely satisfactory. There were five other adults who live about one hundred miles away who would have been there, but did not have transportation, so I feel that we can expect the number we had this time and even more in future Bible studies. I also know that it will grow both spiritually and physically."

### Don't Lose Your First Love

*What a report!*

Honestly, now, how many of YOU,

Mr. Ernest Williams in far-off South Africa will have to await Mr. Waterhouse's return for his ordination to the rank of Preaching Elder.



## Ministerial Conference

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fervent prayer and service—the Work *yet to be done!*

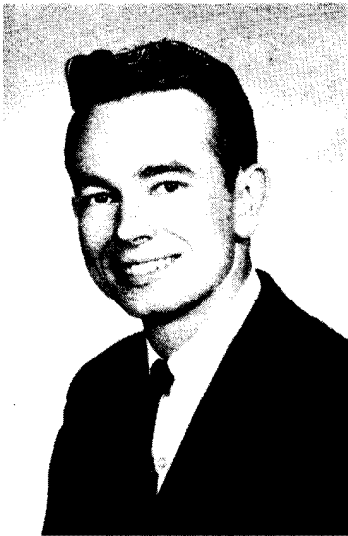
### Alaskan Bible Study

At this point, I would like to relay to you a recent report regarding one of our "far-flung" Bible studies. Mr. Carlton Smith recently returned from conducting the *second* bimonthly Bible study in Alaska. He stated that his trip was a very gratifying one—especially considering the fact that so few had been able to attend the first study.

Let me share with you his own description of the conditions of his trip and the "atmosphere" of the Alaska Bible study: "I boarded a Pacific Northern plane at 5:40 a.m. Sunday and arrived in Anchorage about 8:30

which was about thirty minutes before sunrise. We were still surrounded by a clear moonlit night at the time of arrival. [Remember? Alaska is the "Land of the Midnight Sun" in the summer with exceptionally long nights in the winter!] Upon departing from the plane, I was greeted by a blast of fresh, invigorating, 'shirt-sleeve' weather (for an Eskimo, that is)—a cool seventeen below zero.

"But in spite of the cold weather, most of the Alaskan brethren who were able to be there at all did put forth the effort to attend. Some traveled distances up to two hundred miles over icy roads and temperatures as low as thirty-five below zero. With children wrapped in blankets and in sleeping



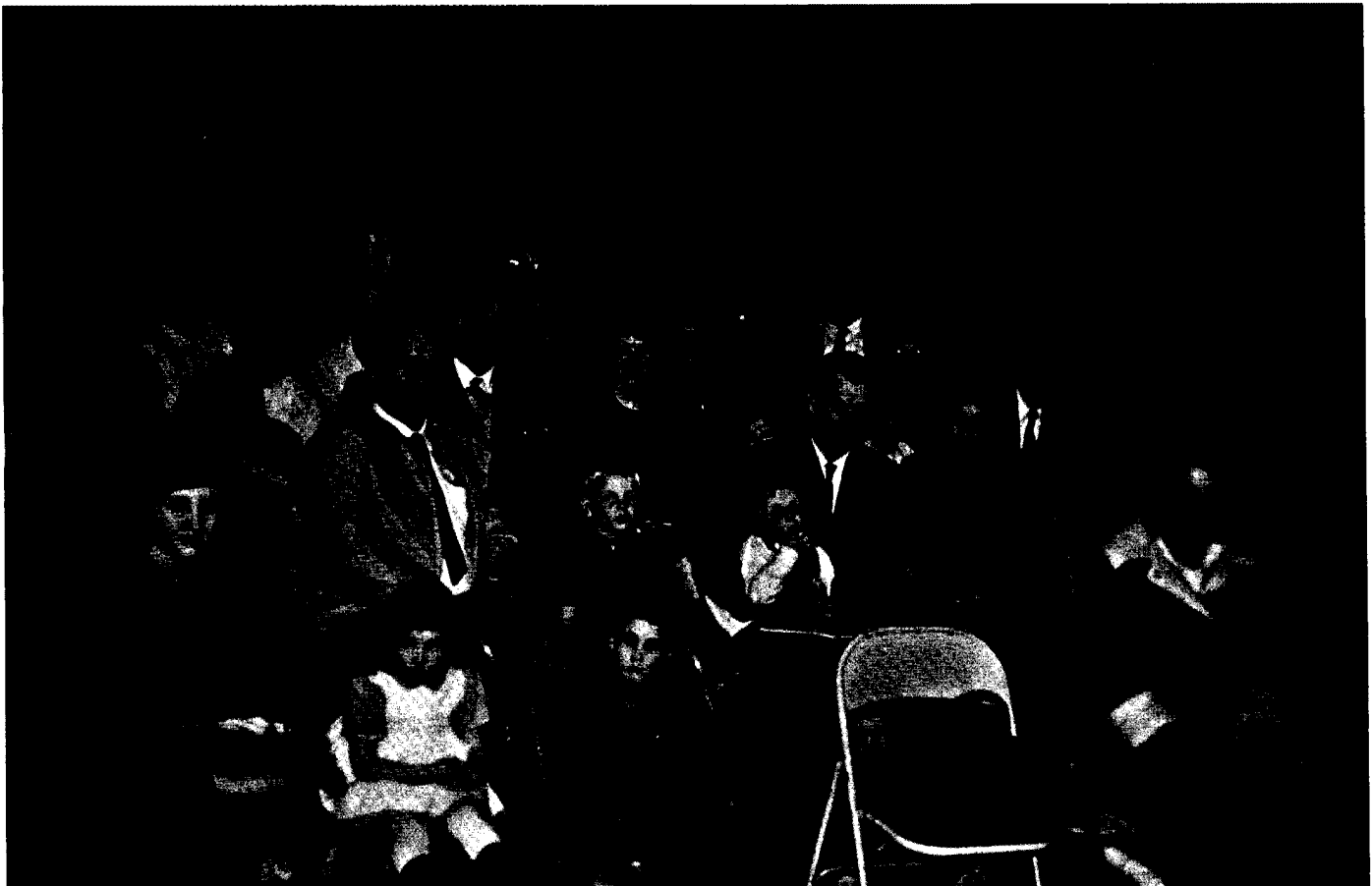
From left to right, Messrs. Ames, Waterhouse, Bierer and Cowan—all ordained as Local Elders in God's Church.

brethren, would brave thirty-five degrees below zero weather and travel two hundred miles over icy roads in order to attend a Bible study conducted by one of God's ministers? When taking into consideration the above factors, you know that when Mr. Smith says the Alaskan brethren are "hungering for the Word" that he is speaking the TRUTH!

In the midst of the growth of churches and Bible studies and other blessings God has given us, let us never *take for granted* the opportunity to meet together and drink in of God's Word. Remember Jesus' warning to the Ephesian Church in Revelation 2:4: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because *thou hast left thy first love.*"

Although we discussed continually the *blessings*, the *growth* and the *spiritual progress* of God's Church and His Work, if there was any one *spiritual* theme underlining this year's Ministerial Conference, it was the warning NOT to lose our first love—as the Ephesian era of God's Church—and NOT to think we are "rich and

The brethren from the Alaska Bible study send a warm greeting from their cold country!



increased with goods"—as the Laodicean Church.

Both in *effectiveness* and *power* in God's Work, and in personal spiritual *growth* and *maturity*, we all have a LONG WAY TO GO!

So, while we give God sincere *thanks* for what *has been accomplished*, let us put our shoulder to the wheel and "*press forward*" toward the tremendous GOAL. With even greater *effectiveness* and *zeal*, let us each do our part in reaching this *entire earth* as a witness. And let us become far more *like Christ* in every phase and facet of our own personal lives!

## Are YOU Concerned?

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cost you time. It takes real effort and concentration, but it pays off in huge dividends. Try it today!

The *third point*? Make sure you know how to pray fervently, effectively. This is extremely important. Don't neglect to reap the benefits of real earnest prayer in spiritual growth. Read, digest, and apply every one of the important keys to prayer as expounded in Mr. Roderick C. Meredith's article in the November, 1964, issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, "Vital Keys to Success in Prayer."

As much as you are able, mingle with and fellowship with others in the church. In taking part in all church-sponsored activities, in doing your part to make them a success, you will be applying this *FOURTH*—very important—point in becoming more concerned with God's Work.

A *fifth important point* is: know God's servants as personally as it is possible to know them. (Read I Thes. 5:12-13.) The broadcast helps you to know the mind and personality of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong. Through articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *The GOOD NEWS*, you rub shoulders with the wise in God's great Work (Prov. 13:20; 17:24).

But, many miss a vital tool that is available to all. How is it that so many seem to know so much about younger men (and women) who become vital

cogs in God's Work? They own and study *The ENVOY* where descriptive material concerning future servants for the church are displayed for all who want to see. You, too, can own an ENVOY of your own from which you can gather vital information for fervent *concern* in God's field of labor. These are the potential laborers of the future who will broaden the scope of your concern as they go into action afield.

Point six: with this background, it is imperative that you become familiar with the areas of the world to which God has called His laborers. A knowledge of the geography, culture and nature of the people in the portion of the world where these are thrust, will increase interest and deep concern.

A *final point*—last but not least—is to step up *financial support* for the mighty final push toward the cataclysmic close of this age in the Work of your fellow servants. At this point, many carnal minds clamp shut. Yet your concern envelopes every stage of development: broadcast (worldwide and increasing), publishing (a growing million-dollar plant with shifts working around the clock), baptizing tours, Ambassador Colleges, new churches, and new Bible studies. This tremendous global activity consumes undreamed-of sums of money. God supplies as the need grows. The point is, God works through human agencies. God has *called YOU* to support, to the best of your ability, this vast Work as a *Co-Worker with Christ*. You *NEED this relationship!*

In the face of racing, fulfilled prophecy, Ezekiel reminds you, "They [those who treasure up wealth] shall cast *their silver in the streets*, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord . . . it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity!" (Ezek. 7:19). Note that God loves a *cheerful giver* (II Cor. 9:7).

The way to real fervent *concern* for all that points toward God's soon-coming Kingdom, the way out of lethargy, is the way of your treasures. Christ said, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where

thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart [your deepest *concern*] be also!" (Mat. 6:20, 21.)

These seven points are seven solid prods that you need to stir up concern.

Here we are, just barely commencing the greatest CRUSADE—the *crusade* of those *concerned* with the future of all mankind. We have witnessed miraculous growth on every front, showing us without a doubt that the end *is nearer even than we have thought!*

You *know* this is God's great Work! No man could have conceived it, designed it, and brought it about. So the big question that remains, in the face of God's tremendous invitation to you, is whether you will ". . . grow in grace and in the knowledge. . . ."

Here are the keys—the rest is up to you. Do these things, and do them now!

## Balanced Budget

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*what* IS RIGHT. You will know that you have done what you are able to do and may even be pleased to find that you can give more than you ordinarily do.

Then, too, you can always draw on your savings and still give that little *extra* you might like to. This one aspect of the second tithe-type budget has given me a great deal of joy. I now am SURE that I am giving according to my blessings. The whole budget would be worth it here alone to me.

*Pocket money* is another category you need to have in your budget. It seems minor, but it can give a lot more trouble to a budget than you might ordinarily expect. You probably would be surprised if you knew how much money you spend on totally *incidental* items—hair oil, toothpaste, haircuts, newspapers, to mention just a few. This division of the budget may not need to be large, but if you do *not* include it, both for you, and your wife and children, this one point of itself can wreck all your efforts.

These seemingly unimportant items