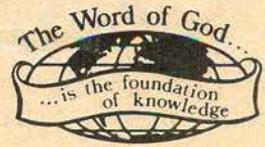


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And NOW—The PLAIN TRUTH Being Set Back on Track*

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Since last May I have been moving swiftly to set the Church of God back on the track as GOD'S CHURCH. I have set the radio and television programs back on GOD'S track. Secularism and the leaven of modern intellectualism and Ph.D.ism had turned Ambassador College into just another of *this world's* colleges.

To set it back on the track I have had to start all over again, as in 1947, with one single undergraduate freshman class. I have put back in charge those who were taught God's REVEALED KNOWLEDGE under me in the earlier years. I hope that and my personal very frequent taking of the forums will, within the year, set Ambassador College back on the track as GOD'S COLLEGE.

In all this, I deeply appreciate and am grateful from the heart for the loyalty and the standing solidly behind me of all you in the ministry in this difficult task.

But now, I am moving just as vigorously to set *The Plain Truth* back on the track.

I have just written a 32-page typed memorandum for *The Plain Truth* staff, titled "A 'PLAIN TRUTH' DIRECTIVE." I am having a meeting with my *Plain Truth* staff Thursday [Sept. 7]. I give you here a synoptic extract from that directive:

A 'Plain Truth' directive

At this point I consider it necessary to succinctly review the PURPOSE, policy and state of *The Plain Truth* and its future.

God forcibly called me to His service in 1926, later to commit to me Christ's GREAT COMMISSION — to announce over

all the world the soon-coming KINGDOM OF GOD — an entirely NEW civilization of GOD'S making.

In 1927 God inspired me with the vision of publishing GOD'S magazine. Jesus had divine TRUTH by saying, "Thy word [the Holy Bible] is TRUTH."

God had been opening my mind to understanding of His truth. I had been experienced in magazine and newspaper writing. God put it in my mind to publish HIS magazine, making His TRUTH — the Bible — PLAIN, CLEAR UNDERSTANDABLE, INTEREST-GRIPPING, DYNAMIC.

In 1927 I had a commercial artist design a front cover for this magazine, to be called *The Plain Truth*.

It was seven years before God opened the way to actually start producing it — and even then as a virtual no-cost mimeographed "magazine."

Jesus Christ, living HEAD of God's Church, used me in raising up the present era of that Church — the parent Church starting with 19 members in August, 1933.

The Work of God — the GREAT COMMISSION — started as an infinitesimal operation — a virtual mustard-seed beginning — as God starts activities through human instruments. But, also, like the proverbial mustard seed, it GREW — at the unmatched rate of 30 percent a year over a 35-year span.

What Christ called me to — what He started and has built through me — is the WORK OF GOD, not of MAN. It is not of this world. God called me out of this world, and He has called others out of this world and its ways to assist me in HIS Work.

Christ's message in print

But as God has prospered His Work and it has grown to worldwide operations — and in going TO this world, a multi-million dollar organization — those who have been brought into the Work are prone to assume it to be just another of *this WORLD'S organizations* — where the actuating attitude and motive is the GET way instead of God's GIVE way — and where it is operated with the approach of this world's carnal and intellectual secular concepts.

That has happened to *The Plain Truth*.

I am deeply sad to say, the same spirit of carnal secular intellectualism that infiltrated God's college has also infiltrated HIS MAGAZINE — Christ's MESSAGE IN PRINT to a deceived world!

I see now articles on child rearing whose approach is the carnal psychology of Satan's higher education and slanted contrary to God's PLAIN teaching in His truth — the Bible!

I see articles, and also booklets now being produced, with a bibliography of source materials of up to 16 secular "authorities."

Let me state my personal evaluation of the situation. I believe the managing editor to be sincere, loyal, desiring to do the right thing — which is GOD'S and not his own thing. I believe he simply needs more cooperation and guidelines from me.

Basic policy outlined

Therefore, I am here outlining some basics, policies, guidelines and directives.

What I had in mind was articles dealing with world conditions and human interest problems — but always in the main content of the article, approaching that problem and dealing with it from the BIBLICAL revelation — so that in fact it was actually making plain the TRUTH — derived from revelation, not from science or secular scholarship of behavioral science and university-brand psychology.

Today we live in the day of man (enslaved invisibly by Satan) — and *civilization* that in fact is the world of *human nature* — Satan's world! The PLAIN TRUTH was envisioned and brought into a publication that proclaims the WORLD TOMORROW — an entirely different civilization — GOD'S CIVILIZATION.

Now this is of SUPREME IMPORTANCE — because *The Plain Truth* was founded under God's leading to be one of the two — and perhaps even the No. 1 medium for carrying out the GREAT COMMISSION. Some might think radio and television to be our No. 1 means of proclaiming Christ's GOOD NEWS but, without THE WORD OF GOD IN PRINT, radio alone could never have built the Work — and actual records show that daily half-hour radio broadcasting has far outweighed television — though the latter, if properly used, may be very effective.

You know, I really died, just over a year ago — though by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation they brought me back in 30 or 45 seconds — or perhaps 1½ minutes. God brought me back from death because HIS CHURCH, HIS WORK, HIS COLLEGE

vealed knowledge, informed of the KINGDOM OF GOD and by offering, with it, booklets and the correspondence course.

This basic program was supplemented by monthly co-worker letters from me, semi-annual letters to PT subscribers and a



'PLAIN TRUTH' NEWSSTAND — A reader examines a copy of *The Plain Truth* at a newsstand in a bookstore. Herbert W. Armstrong discusses the future of *The Plain Truth* and expansion of newsstand circulation in the accompanying article on this page.

AND HIS 'PLAIN TRUTH' had gone secular — and God had been virtually booted out the window.

And now I must move as swiftly and decisively to get *The Plain Truth* back on the track as GOD'S MAGAZINE! Utterly UNIQUE! Totally unlike this carnal world's magazines.

Now, back to the BASIC POLICY and PURPOSE of *The Plain Truth*. I have already stated it — to make plain God's revealed TRUTH as it is in the Bible. To make the Bible interesting! To make it understandable! To make it come ALIVE as a NOW Book!

What built the Work?

What built the Church and the Work? The central hub of the Work was daily half-hour radio broadcasting working with *The Plain Truth*. The broadcasting and later telecasting and even advertising space in mass-circulation magazines and newspapers added subscribers to *The Plain Truth*. *The Plain Truth* was then used to open minds to re-

LETTER ANSWERING DEPARTMENT (LAD, later PCD) along with a growing and dedicated ministry.

The whole concept of every branch of this Work was to GIVE God's truth to the world and to SERVE (GIVE TO) the brethren God continually added to His Church.

This plain, simple, direct program worked! I remember how Bill Tilden used to say, "Never change a winning game — always change a losing game."

I am taking steps immediately to restore a qualified and experienced Letter Answering Department, such as we used under Dr. [Clint] Zimmerman and Wilbur Berg. I may have to find time (how, I do not know) to do new daily half-hour radio broadcasting.

We reach people 10 times more effectively through the eye than through the ear. True, TV offers both, but TV in the past has not been comparatively productive — partly due to the secular, documentary-type program. (See 'THE PLAIN TRUTH,' page 6)

COMING:

SPECIAL FEAST ISSUE scheduled to be in your hands in early October.

- Inspiring articles
- Helpful hints
- Map of churches
- List of Feast sites
- Festival dos and don'ts

sharing...

Pruning for growth

During Christ's 3½-year ministry on this earth, He gave many analogies — very descriptive analogies that revolve around farming or gardening in the more agricultural rural setting of that time.

One such analogy is found in John 15. Christ said, beginning with verse 1: "I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman [farmer, gardener]" — God the Father — "Every branch in me that bears not fruit, he takes away, and every branch that bears fruit he purges [prunes] it that it may bring forth more fruit." He says, "Now you are clean through the work which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me."

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit. For without me you can do nothing." In verse 8 He says, "Here is my father glorified." The Father (farmer) is very pleased, very happy. "That you bear much fruit, so shall you be my disciples."

Without some knowledge of pruning it's easy to read an analogy like this and not fully understand its meaning. Since coming to Southern California, I think I appreciate more the full meaning of what Christ said here, because the growing season is virtually year-round. We have plants around our home that just don't stop growing. You have to just keep clipping them off.

I often take my family to Descanso Gardens in La Canada, Calif., on Sabbath mornings to get away from some of the concrete and asphalt and see a little more of God's creation. About 50 acres of camellias there bloom from about January through May. A tremendous contrast to the late spring when the gardeners go through and severely prune back those camellias. It almost looks like somebody has gone through there with a machete. One wonders if they will survive what has been done to them. They are severely pruned.

But the gardeners who prune those camellias know what they are doing! They have in their minds the vision of what those plants will look like when a new year rolls around, and they begin to bloom again.

A trial is a pruning

You can see the spiritual analogy. A trial or a test is a pruning. Sometimes God allows us to be severely pruned. We shouldn't be surprised, because Christ said that Christians are going to be pruned. John 15 says, "Every branch that bears fruit."

God is the husbandman or the head gardener. He knows the exact form and shape that He wants us to have.

But just like a plant needs time to develop into its ultimate form or to fully bloom or to bear fruit, so it takes time for an individual

This issue's column was written by Ted Gould, director of the Work's Personnel Department in Pasadena.

to develop godly character. God didn't create instantaneous character. The reason for our pruning is to bring forth that ultimate shape and form that He can so clearly see, but that we sometimes have difficulty ourselves in seeing.

A knowledgeable gardener understands that the best way to produce good fruit and a lot of it is through proper pruning. He knows that by cutting away certain branches you let light through to an area that you want to grow, and the light accelerates the growth. God cleans away some of the debris or the older branches that get in our way, accelerating that growth that He wants in us.

Maintenance pruning

I read a manual that explains how to prune almost everything. It outlines an important lesson. A good gardener develops a conscientious pruning routine for the maintenance of his trees, shrubs and woody perennials. Maintenance pruning throughout the growing season keeps plants beautiful and productive. He says there is not a plant that cannot benefit from regular pruning, even if it's only removal of faded blooms and thinning out. Plants kept in prime condition seldom fall prey to pests and disease. Furthermore, plants kept shapely by fairly regular pruning seldom have to be severely overhauled and thus made unattractive for the year or so that it takes them to recover.

I thought that tied in beautifully with 1 Corinthians 11:31-32. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged, but when we are judged we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." In other words Paul is saying if we would examine, if we would judge ourselves, if we would take care of some of the correction, some of the pruning we need in our own lives, then God would not have to do the severe pruning needed to get that ultimate form and shape He wants us to have.

In the manual on pruning it says not to work blindly. Get firmly in mind what you want the finished product, the pruned shrub, to look like — then begin to cut. Occasionally walk around the plant. A plant pruned only on one side looks awful. Strive for balance and uniformity.

If we are going to do a certain amount of maintenance pruning as Paul admonishes in 1 Corinthians 11, we can begin by getting an overall view of shape from Galatians 5, seeing what the fruits of God's Spirit are. If we find we are coming up short somewhere, maybe we need to clear away some of the debris to let the light develop one of those particular branches that may be short.

Let's be thankful that God is the master pruner, the master gardener who is working with each one of us whether we are a tender new plant in God's Church or maybe a mature shrub that has been around for 10 or 20 years. God knows the end results that He wants. He knows the beautiful form and shape that He wants in our character in His Kingdom.

China awakens—with a fury!

PASADENA — For the moment all eyes are riveted on the Camp David summit conference between President Jimmy Carter, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Menachem Begin, prime minister of Israel. The outcome of their talks will undoubtedly determine whether

begin learning English — perhaps the most dynamic sign that China's days of self-isolation are over.

The Chinese revolution is so thorough that Peking, believe it or not, is considering a whole new politico-economic system. Chairman Hua and his advisers are seriously

out Tokyo's assistance.

The peace-and-friendship treaty that China signed with Japan on Aug. 12 — just days before Hua headed west into Europe — virtually guarantees Japanese priority in China's redevelopment. Reported the Aug. 18 *Wall Street Journal*, "The treaty . . . cases into being a potentially potent combination of China's 950 million people and resources with Japan's unparalleled manufacturing, technological and marketing energies."

Another news source, a private American newsletter, added, "Add the vast Japanese scientific and industrial achievements to the important resources of China — its intelligent, industrious ingenious people and its immense wealth in unexplored oil, tungsten, coal and other valuable minerals — and there is the potential for a formidable merger of giants."

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Worldwatch

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

there will soon be a round five of the Middle East struggle — with untold consequences for the rest of the world. The western democracies linked to the region's pivotal oil supplies are watching the summit anxiously.

China's pragmatic revolution

The Camp David conclave, an open-ended affair with no predetermined concluding date, is just beginning. We'll have to wait a while before we can analyze the results, if any.

In the meantime it would be best to take note of the changes sweeping China — changes of a magnitude unbelievable only two years ago when Mao Tse-tung, China's leader throughout its communist era, died.

China's bold breakout of the isolations imposed by philosopher Mao will have great bearing on prophecy — and perhaps even upon the Work of God in this age.

The new pragmatic leaders of the world's most populous country are determined to modernize China and make it a genuine world power by the year 2000. This enormous undertaking will require the expenditure of at least \$350 billion.

As one news analyst put it: "What we are witnessing is the beginning of a new era in world relationships. This will be the China Era. It's just beginning. Today China is a relatively poor, developing nation. In the next 15 or 20 years it will be a major world power."

On the diplomatic front China is seeking new allies of any political color who can provide the help she needs to strengthen herself against her No. 1 foe — Soviet Russia. As evidence of this witness Chairman Hua Kuo-feng's historic trip to the Soviet Union's Balkan backyard two weeks ago.

Waves of Chinese students will soon descend upon universities in western Europe and the United States. Chinese delegations with long shopping lists are scurrying around the western world seeking everything from oil rigs to computers to advanced weaponry.

Downgrading Mao's thought

On the home front the Chinese are being told not to take the once-venerated Thought of Mao and the fabled Little Red Book [*Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung*] too seriously; that Mao's thought merely represents a guide for life, not holy writ. Already it has been discovered that construction workers inspired by the prospects of cash bonuses — another new innovation — are doing their jobs faster than previously, when they were imbued only with the Thought of Mao.

In education and the arts the winds of change are blowing equally strong. Intellectual life is loosening up. Novelists can actually write simple love stories once again instead of tired ideological polemics. (The rampaging Red Guards unleashed by Mao in the mid-1960s persecuted and even tortured China's poets and novelists.)

China's new leaders have also advanced another ambitious program. This autumn, all of the country's schoolchildren, 10 and older, will

considering adopting, with modifications, the Yugoslav self-management form of communism in order to improve worker efficiency.

Japan the key

One nation more than any other will be the key to China's bold new policy: Japan. In fact, it is highly unlikely Peking could succeed with-

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

I know and believe that we Christians do not go to heaven when we die, but I would still like to know why the Bible sometimes speaks of the Kingdom of Heaven instead of the Kingdom of God.

Member California

There is certainly no support for going to heaven in the usage you mentioned. Instead it is traceable to the Jewish belief that the name of God — YHWH in Hebrew — was too holy to be pronounced. As a substitute for YHWH many used the word *heaven* as being the location of God's throne and the seat of His ruling conduct of the universe. In deference to the sensitivities of His hearers, Jesus presumably followed their custom, and Matthew at any rate did so in writing the gospel account, which was designed most specifically for the Jewish population.

The *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, page 54, gives an example of this Jewish practice: "In 1 Maccabees God is not mentioned once directly, but is usually referred to as *Heaven*, e.g., It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends, but strength comes from Heaven (1 Maccabees 3:19). With this we may compare the way in which the Jewish writer Matthew in his gospel constantly uses the phrase *the kingdom of heaven* instead of *kingdom of God* as in the other gospels."

You say that the Ten Commandments have got to be kept by Christians. Also that they are a law of love. But I can't see how it could always be showing love to obey the Commandments. I can think of any number of hypothetical cases where it would be almost the worst thing possible to strictly obey, especially the Ninth and maybe the Seventh commandments.

Member California

The equation of the law of God with love is not just our idea, but is an important biblical theme. Matthew 22:37-40: "Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind [Deuteronomy 6:5]. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself [Leviticus 19:18]. On these two commandments hang [depend] all the law and the prophets."

If John 5-6 reiterates: "And now I beg you, lady, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after [follow] his commandments."

You question whether this is always true, evidently reasoning that nonadherence to the command in specific cases might spare someone some hurt they would otherwise have to suffer. To accept this premise is to surrender to fallacious human reason. Because faithfully adhering to God's ways takes into consideration that a human being cannot always know or anticipate how or if someone may get hurt, or when and if a little hurt now, triggered by obedience to the commandment, may spare someone much greater hurt later on. Obedience is the truest form of love.

Only God can know all the facts. Therefore He has laid down absolutes that work no hurt nor harm on unsuspecting victims. Our obedience to His laws is love because we exercise control of ourselves in living, active, godly faith.

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The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING

Part 5

Did God raise up the medical profession for our day? What is the God-intended BALANCE between relying on God and trusting in medicine?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

IN THIS SERIES we began at the beginning. Some, it was explained, say God raised up the medical profession for our time. Some say they believe God *could* heal, but they don't know whether it's His will. *But what does GOD say?* To answer, we turned to the BIBLE.

Jesus came in person with a dual ministry. He went about the cities and villages in Judea and Galilee preaching the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God. But also He healed the sick among the public as He encountered them.

He trained His original apostles, and after His resurrection they continued in the same dual ministry. The Church of God was founded on the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 31.

But soon a fierce, violent and organized persecution set in. Immediately after A.D. 33 the Babylonian mystery religion appropriated the name *Christianity*, proclaimed a false Christ and by A.D. 59 the proclaiming of Christ's Gospel was **SUPPRESSED!** Another and counterfeit gospel was being accepted (Galatians 1:6-7).

Neither the KINGDOM message nor healing of the sick, had any part in what from then became traditional Christianity. For 1,900 years the world has not heard Christ's Gospel message. It has been *deceived* by false gospels about a false Jesus.

But both Christ's true Gospel message and miraculous healing have today been restored in God's true Church. Only today healing is within the Church — not public healing of the sick encountered by God's apostle.

In Part 2 of this series, I stated that I could best bring this truth to the reader by relating my own personal EXPERIENCE in discovering this truth about healing.

It was very shortly after my conversion, baptism, and receiving God's Holy Spirit. This had occurred in the spring of 1927. In August of that same year I experienced a most miraculous healing of my wife from four fatal simultaneous diseases. I then KNEW God heals the sick, and thereupon I let the living Christ teach me from His *written Word* the full scriptural UNDERSTANDING of this vital subject. Hundreds have since been healed from my prayers.

Part 3 of this series covered that biblical revelation of God's truth from both Old and New Tes-

taments. Part 4 covered FAITH.

What about medicine?

But now, what about medicine?

Let's review briefly again the teaching of the apostle Paul in his instruction regarding the Passover to the Church at Corinth.

In regard to taking the bread — symbol of Christ's body beaten with stripes to pay for us the penalty for broken laws governing physical health, the inspired teaching is: "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily. . ." [the RSV translates it, "eateth and drinketh in an unworthy manner"] "eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" — that is, His body was broken or beaten with stripes, paying the penalty we suffer in sickness or disease. "That is why" [RSV] "many of you are weak and ill, and some have died." (1 Corinthians 11:29-30).

Some in the Church lacked the FAITH to BELIEVE Christ paid for us the physical penalty of sickness, disease — or even the first death.

This is important. UNDERSTAND the meaning of what was written here! Taking the broken unleavened bread means we ACCEPT Christ's beaten and broken body (prior to being taken to the cross) that WE MAY BE HEALED. How does His broken body make our healing possible?

It is IMPORTANT that you UNDERSTAND the answer to this — because some have been falsely teaching there is no such thing as physical sin. I John 3:4, properly translated from the Greek, says, "Sin is the transgression of LAW." It does not refer to — or say — the spiritual law of the Ten Commandments. Yet it is referring to LAWS INSTITUTED BY GOD — not transgressing man-made codes.

As made clear in Part 3, GOD formed the human body out of matter (Genesis 2:7). God so designed our physical bodies that they function according to definite PHYSICAL LAWS. The digestive system, the eliminative system and the circulatory system, for example, were designed to function together — and this functioning is a LAW OF NATURE — physical LAW. Eating improper food, neglecting elimination or polluting the lungs with tobacco smoke, prevent those laws from perfect functioning — definitely transgress laws that God set in motion and that operate in

the human body. This definitely is TRANSGRESSED PHYSICAL LAW! It is a law GOD designed and set in motion. This TRANSGRESSION OF LAW, definitely, according to God's definition (I John 3:4) is physical SIN! Its penalty is sickness, disease or debility.

The RSV translates I John 3:4, ". . . sin is lawlessness. . ." — without regard to WHAT LAW GOD instituted.

Now back to our important question — although it was made clear in Part 3: how does Christ's broken body make our healing possible? I answer with another question: How does Christ's shed blood — His DEATH — make possible the forgiveness of spiritual sin — transgression of the spiritual law — the Ten Commandments? Simply by having PAID THE PENALTY IN OUR STEAD — THAT'S HOW! His beaten body paid in our stead the PENALTY we are suffering when the physical laws in the human body have been transgressed and have brought on the PENALTY of the sickness, disease or whatever — sometimes the first death!

To say there is no such thing as physical sin, as has been said by self-professing intellectuals, is NOT intellectual — it is rank STUPIDITY, IGNORANCE or WILFUL PERVERSION OF PLAIN, SIMPLE TRUTH!

Some lack the FAITH!

The important point here, however, is that some in the Church of God at Corinth *did* lack the faith to be healed — or else carelessly took the broken bread at Passover in an unworthy manner.

And WHAT WAS THE RESULT? They were physically weak or sick or had died. THAT WAS THE PENALTY. They did not in faith accept Christ's broken body as payment of the penalty, which, if they had, would have been by a God-given miracle removed from them, and they should have been HEALED!

But now it is IMPORTANT that we note carefully that the RESULT of this lack of sufficient faith DID NOT DISFELLOWSHIP them from the Church! Disfellowshipment is the penalty for causing divisions and offenses. (Romans 16:17-18). That is important!

If one in the Church of God today lacks the FAITH that he *should* have, the penalty is NOT disfellowshipment. The penalty is that he still PAYS THE PENALTY in the form of sickness, disease or even death. He himself pays it!

Too bad — when Christ already had paid it FOR HIM. But he should be *helped* to receive faith — not disfellowshipped.

The crackers-and-cheese diet

Back in 1927 or 1928, when I had only recently at the time learned God's truth about healing, I heard a most apt example of this.

We did not yet cross the Atlantic in airplanes in those days. A man was sailing to Europe in a trans-Atlantic steamship. He felt the meals aboard ship would be too expensive. So he packed in a suitcase a full supply of crackers and cheese. After three days' sailing, he was becoming truly fed up on crackers and cheese. A steward had noticed that this passenger never went into the ship's dining room and asked him about it.

"Oh, I can't afford to eat in there," replied the passenger. Then he learned that MEALS WERE INCLUDED — no extra charge!

How many in God's Church today are on a crackers-and-cheese ration, when HEALING IS INCLUDED! JESUS CHRIST PAID FOR YOUR HEALING!

Why do YOU go on PAYING THE PENALTY or else paying the DOCTOR BILLS or probably BOTH, when Jesus Christ paid it all FOR YOU?

The weak in faith HELPED, not condemned!

Now notice the important teaching in Romans 14.

"Him that is weak in the faith receive ye" — do not condemn or disfellowship — "but not to doubtful disputations." Or, "not for disputes over opinions" (RSV).

Verse 2 (Romans 14), although one believes (has faith) to eat meats, another, weak in faith, eats only vegetables. But the very fact he has *not yet* received FULL FAITH from God does not bar him from God's Church. Rather this chapter in Romans teaches, RECEIVE HIM — HELP the weak in faith. The ministers should teach him more about the WAY to achieve more faith.

And so with the member of God's Church who has not as yet achieved full FAITH to BELIEVE GOD'S PROMISES for the physical healing. He *should* have that faith! He may pay himself the penalty of the sickness or disease if he lacks faith to believe Christ paid the penalty for him — to rely on GOD'S PROMISE to heal.

So therefore, if a member has

not yet grown in the FAITH OF CHRIST to absolutely KNOW he can rely on God's PROMISE of healing — and if this member does call in the doctor or go to the medical profession for help, God's Church does not condemn him — but rather, God's ministers should encourage such a one to GROW IN FAITH until he can rely on God instead of relying on MAN.

Once more to the question, Did God raise up the medical profession for our day?

EMPHATICALLY NO!

Remember, God sentenced Adam's world to being CUT OFF from Him for the 6,000 years now almost ended. God said, in effect: "You, Adam, have made the choice for your human family. You have REJECTED me. GO, therefore, and form your own governments, your own religions, your own human concepts of the gods you will serve and worship — develop your own fund of knowledge." God, however, reserved the prerogative of calling to His service such comparative few as He should choose for some missions to which God called them.

To those whom God *has* called, He has revealed IN HIS WORD to them that HE is *Yahveh-Rapha* — their HEALING God — the God who HEALS those who believe.

What is the medical profession?

What, then, is the medical profession? Remember it is only one of several of the so-called healing arts DEVELOPED BY MAN. My parents, when I was a young boy, used a homeopath doctor. There are osteopaths — although they now also practice medicine and are accepted by the medical profession. There are chiropractors — and I personally knew the founder of chiropractic, B.J. Palmer of Davenport, Iowa.

But the medical fraternity is by far the largest in number. They have allotted a very huge sum of money to operate a LOBBY in Washington, D.C., to influence government legislation. The medical profession has become so powerful that an MD could quarantine even the President of the United States and enforce his virtual imprisonment in the White House. In such an instance, the medical profession has even MORE POWER than the President of the United States!

It is well to UNDERSTAND this! The medical profession has the GOVERNMENT on their side!

A well-meaning, Bible-believing man and wife (*not* members of the Worldwide Church of God) had an 11-year-old son with diabetes. They had been administering insulin as prescribed by medical

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"And this Gospel shall be preached..."

Matthew 24:14

Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

The Good Samaritan

If you combine all of God's laws (as Christ did), all of God's laws and prophets come to two great principles — love toward God and love toward your neighbor. But there's a problem. If you don't know who your neighbor is, how can you love him?

Reading in Matthew 22:37: a lawyer came to Christ, and he said, "Which is the greatest commandment?" And Christ answered, "You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind — this is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Who is your neighbor?

We take it for granted that we know who our neighbor is. But there have been times when people didn't quite know. It seems some of us in the Church of God don't know either.

Interestingly enough, the first part — love toward God — is misunderstood by humans as a whole because man doesn't know God. How can you love someone you don't know? The Church of God should know who God is, so perhaps we can love God more than someone in the world. But it seems some in the world know who their neighbors are better than we do.

I want to show you who your neighbor is. I John 4:20-21 in effect says, "If you don't love your neighbor, you cannot love God . . . for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he hasn't seen? And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also."

Now of course you say, "Well, you're talking about a brother, not a neighbor." But you see, there's our problem. Oftentimes we think only our brother is our neighbor. We don't realize that people in the world — others, strangers, enemies — are also our neighbors. We should have toward them the same attitude that we have toward our brothers.

Some of us do things to help someone only when asked to, not spontaneously as a Christian should. Why? Because we pretend sometimes (just as I'm going to show you now) not to know who the neighbor is.

Throughout my ministry I've had people ask me questions not to understand but in hopes of justifying their not doing whatever it is they don't want to do. Would you believe a lawyer who knows the law would do the same thing in asking Christ the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

Lawyers always have good questions, but they sometimes pretend they don't understand. So in Luke 10:25 another lawyer came to Christ. He wanted to put Christ to the test, so he said, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Put yourself in the lawyer's mind. Now this man knows the law. He also knows that he's talking to a master — he calls Him master or teacher — he says, "What shall I do? You tell me; I'll do it."

So Christ answered him: "Well, after all, you're a lawyer. What does the Book say?"

The man showed his knowledge, he said (verse 27): "Well, it's written, You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Christ liked the answer. Christ said, "You have it right — perfect."

But the second problem is in verse 29: "But he, desiring to justify himself. . . He knew the law, but he didn't want to love his neighbor, so he said, 'I just don't know who my neighbor is. How can I love him?' Good old human nature, pretending.

Now if you were Christ, how would you have an-

swered him? Don't forget people then had their racial problems just as we have today, their own laws and religions. The Jews only considered their own people to be neighbors. So Christ began to give a parable, which you have heard hundreds of times.

The Samaritan's neighbor

Verse 30: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed leaving him half dead." Now what would you, a Christian, do if you came along and saw this man?

Verse 31: "Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him" — look what it says — "he passed by on the other side." Now why did he do that? Would you say he pretended not to see him? Possibly. Would you say that maybe he was busy? Possibly.

You might say, "Well, maybe he said a short prayer in his mind." Maybe he did. What good is that? There's a man there dying, and you say, "Well, God, take care of him, would you? I'm quite busy right now!" And you just go by!

Verse 32: "So likewise a Levite. . ." He also is supposed to be a man of religion. He should know the Old Testament and how to "love your neighbor as yourself." Did he say a prayer in his mind, too, as he passed by? Sometimes we act this way in the Church; we'll let someone else do certain things.

Verse 33: "But a Samaritan as he journeyed came to where he was." Now, from a historical point of view, the Samaritans and the Jews were enemies. The Jews dislike the Samaritans because the Samaritans were of a slightly different race and certainly not pure Israelites. They even considered their hybrid religion to be worse than paganism. Samaritans and Jews didn't talk or have any relationship with each other. But here's a man who has enough courage; he stops. Why? "Because he had compassion" (verse 33).

When you have compassion, action follows. Verse 34: The Samaritan "went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own beast and brought him to the inn and took care of him."

This Samaritan was not ignorant; he knew how to take care of the injured. He must have been busy. But he stopped whatever he was busy doing, because to him the half-dead man was much more important.

He stayed at the inn with the person, took care of him all night. Afterward he gave money to the innkeeper, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Fantastic!

Christ said (verse 36), "Which of these three do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" Of course, the lawyer could give no other answer than a grudging "The one who showed mercy."

And Christ said, "Go and do likewise."

As you can see, only a stranger — one outside the true religion — knew how to love his neighbor as himself.

Could you or I be guilty of priest or Levite reasoning in our activities? Do we sometimes just pray about someone who is in need when actually we can do something for him? We should pray. But sometimes we can do much more. After you pray, if there is something else you can do, you better do it.

Proverbs 3:28 shows the same principle: "Do not say to your neighbor, Go and come again, tomorrow I

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will give it — when you have it with you."

Living the Golden Rule

Actually it is much harder to love our neighbor as ourself than to love God. It takes much more conversion because sometimes that neighbor hates you, is your enemy, maybe doesn't deserve it.

In Isaiah 58:6-7, God says, "Look, what do I care about your fasting if you don't have the right attitude?" What does He care about your praying if you don't do what lies in your power? But what does God want? "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the homeless, poor, into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

How often in the Church when you have heard from the pulpit that there is a need for something or someone have you actually volunteered?

Church people used to say, "Well, you only have to love the brethren, no one else." It was, of course, misunderstanding, but we had the attitude of looking down upon people in the world. Our love toward our neighbor was limited. I hope we know better today.

Christ says, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them" (Luke 6:32). He's putting us right on the same level as sinners. That's an awfully strong statement to us.

"And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?" (verse 34). The good Samaritan had no idea who the man was. He had no expectation the man would ever repay.

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return" (verse 35).

You might add, expecting evil in return sometimes, but help even if evil is returned for your good. He concludes, "[then] your reward will be great."

In Luke 14:12 Christ explains another principle: "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid." There is nothing wrong with having your friends. What's wrong is the last part — "lest they invite you in return." Invite because you want to help — that's a different story.

So He says in verses 13 and 14: "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

So when you find someone who needs help, who cannot help you back, you know who your neighbor is.

Looking at the outside

Now let me tell you an old European story about a Turkish priest named Hoja, who must have been a philosopher. One day he is invited to a banquet, and he goes, but he wants to see if people like him or like him for what he is. So he goes with very poor clothing, unannounced. And people look at him. No one talks to him and finally they push him into one corner. He says: "I see now they don't like me. They like greatness; they like power."

So he goes out, changes his clothes, gets a big fur coat and comes in again. They all look at him and they say, "Oh, sir, please come in." They give him the place of honor, then begin serving him. Do you know what he does? He takes his fur coat off; he says to it: "Eat. That food is for you, not for me. I came, nobody even paid attention to me. But you, fur coat, because of you I'm being served. You deserve it, I don't deserve it."

James 2 shows the same example: "My brethren, (See GOOD SAMARITAN, page 5)

Director discusses '78 Festival

BIG SANDY, Tex. — The Feast of Tabernacles is important to you and your family!

Tabernacles is the highlight of Church activities for the entire year! It is the opportunity for Herbert W. Armstrong and leading ministers to address, inform and inspire all of us concerning the Work, its goals, aspirations, direction and our participation in the most important activity on earth. It is a week-long experience representing the wonderful world tomorrow, the restitution of all things, the time of world peace, prosperity, happiness and salvation eventually available to all mankind!

This year has been hectic. Even though we planned for three new sites we have in fact ended up with five as a result of the disaster to our convention center at Mount Pocono, Pa., and the assumption of the Squaw Valley (Calif.) Blythe Arena by the United States Olympic Committee.

The Festival Office immediately following one Feast of Tabernacles begins to prepare for the next. After receiving reports from each Festival coordinator, we begin to plan the changes and adjustments necessary to make the next year's Festival even better. This involves site selection (vital because of the impact of the environs on the Festival and its families); delicate negotiations with each chamber of commerce, city fathers and in some cases state officials; securing and negotiating housing contracts for 75,000 people; preparing an all-new brochure for each Festival site including feature stories, advertising, listings of motels, restaurants, historic sites, national parks, maps, etc.; much communication to members, ministers, chambers of commerce, city officials and others involved in preparing for this mass meeting; and working with the Festival site coordinators to make the finite arrangements for the eight-day Festival itself.

The Worldwide Church of God

This article was written by Sherwin McMichael, the Work's Festival Department director.

Feast of Tabernacles is now the largest annual convention on earth and requires the assistance of virtually every department in the Work, every minister, his local congregation and each member family if it is to be successful.

Support appreciated

Brethren, thank you for your wholehearted support of the Festival this past year! It takes a combined effort on all our parts if the Feast of Tabernacles is to be a success from year to year. We have noticed a renewing of support for the administration of the Festival through the Festival Office over the past two years. We appreciate the many letters you have sent us regarding your impressions of past Festivals, suggestions for improvement and gratitude as a result of your own personal experiences at the Feast.

Not only have we received many letters of this kind, but have been thankful to see the financial support through title of the title for the first time in five years! We have made every effort to improve our services in the Festival Office to try to be deserving of this financial support. We look at title of the title as a sort of trust fund sent to us by member families to provide services for them that they could not provide as well for themselves. These services include site selection, auditorium contract payments, negotiations with chambers of commerce, local and state officials, production of the brochure, distribution of financial support for the other Festivals during the year, assistance to international sites, procurement and distribution of Festival housing, distribution of assistance to needy members, development of a strong speaking

schedule at each site and many other attendant responsibilities including the administration of the Festival at 10 sites across the United States.

Again, brethren, thank you for the enthusiastic financial support — up 16.1 percent this fiscal year over the previous similar period. Our latest reports show this increased support is continuing into the autumn as well.

Also, thank you for returning your Festival applications so promptly. Due to the several complications in the Work last spring, our mailing schedule was set back over a full month. We are sorry for that as it may not have given each family as long a period of time to consider their application before returning it this year.

Speaking schedules considered

In recent meetings with Mr. Armstrong and Wayne Cole, the speaking schedule for the coming Festival has been an important topic of discussion. As you know, Mr. Armstrong is now personally involved in every facet of the Work. Concerning the speaking schedule, he has set the basic outline of what he feels needs to be covered at the Festival, will be involved in the preliminary development of the speaking schedule

and will ultimately make the final decision concerning this year's selection of speakers.

Again this year, Mr. Armstrong wants several of the evangelists and other ministers to travel between sites for the opening and closing sermons.

In addition, this year we plan to schedule a Bible study one evening at each site. We pioneered the program last year and found the demand so great for in-depth studies that they are now a part of our regular schedule. These programs will not replace a regular service, but will be a second service on the schedule that day. Please watch for the announcement of the Bible study — everyone is invited!

Mr. Armstrong's schedule

On the Sabbath of July 22, Mr. Armstrong videotaped a complete Festival sermon for the first annual Sabbath and a shorter keynote address for the opening session the previous evening. These two messages will be transferred from the videotape to 16-mm. film for showing at each site. It will not be quite the same as his usual visit at the Festival, but will enable everyone to receive the specific message he felt necessary — and in living color. These two programs are being made available to the international sites as well.

In addition to this, Mr. Armstrong

is presently planning to visit three of the sites in person. To avoid the possibility of encountering inclement weather late in the autumn, these will be southern sites. Mr. Armstrong's schedule for this year will include St. Petersburg, Fla., Tucson, Ariz., and Big Sandy.

Impact of the Feast

The impact of the Feast on the Church and the community is tremendous. In the first place, there is nothing to compare with it in the cities in which we are meeting. Not only is its combined attendance the largest annual convention on earth, but in most cities it is the most significant single influx of people all year long!

Following the Feast of Tabernacles, city officials (some state officials too), businessmen and residents have had reaffirmed to them the identity of the Worldwide Church of God and what it stands for through the lives of thousands of members.

This year fully one half of all U.S. Festival sites — Savannah, Ga.; Norfolk, Va.; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Fresno, Calif.; and Seattle, Wash. — are brand new. People in these cities, undoubtedly familiar with Mr. Armstrong, the Work and the broadcast/telecast are now in the process of becoming acquainted with the Worldwide Church of God through-

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FEAST TIME — Herbert W. Armstrong greets a longtime member, Mrs. Eddie Eckert, at the Tucson, Ariz., site during the 1976 Feast, left, and addresses Feastgoers in Big Sandy, Tex. Mr. Armstrong plans to speak at three sites this year and will be seen at each site on 16-mm. film. (Photos by Klaus Rothe and Scott Moss)

Good Samaritan

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show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, 'Have a seat here, please, while you say to the poor man, 'Stand there or Sit at my feet, have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?'

"Listen, my beloved brethren, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith? Suppose God had called us because we had fur coats, because we were rich, because we were intelligent. I'm sure that most of us would not be here. God looks at the inside. But we tend to look at the outside rather than on the heart.

"But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you; is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the honorable name, which was invoked over you?" You see, the more you have this type of wealth, the more you find that type of attitude rather than the one who really is close to God.

'As you love yourself'

Your neighbor is anyone who is in need of help. And Christ says you have to love him as you love yourself. Which means what? It means you have to go all the way as though you were the one in need.

The Old Testament principles are still true. Leviticus 19:13-15, for example: "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him." That includes paying the full amount of whatever you owe him. "The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

"You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling-

block before the blind." This is loving your neighbor in its simplest form, doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

"You shall do no injustice in judgments." If you have to decide something, don't be a respecter of persons. "You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor."

That's Old Testament? No, it's very much New Testament. But so far, it's easy — a passive religion. What makes it difficult is that you are to love your enemy, and you are to love him as much as you love yourself.

How can you do that? Romans 12 can show us. Verse 14: "Bless those who persecute you." If someone says something bad to you or about you, what do you answer back? Well, answer something nice. Don't return evil for evil.

Verse 15: "Rejoice with those who rejoice." That is, participate. If someone has problems, sit down with him, help him. If need be, "weep with those who weep." Love is something of which you can never have less by giving more.

Christ says be a light (Matthew 5:16). That means that you are to be a neighbor. To help someone, to encourage someone, to give him hope, to set him an example, to cause him to turn to God.

"Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble . . . live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, Vengeance is mine. I will repay." The moment you begin to want to get even, you don't love your neighbor as yourself. You don't even know who your neighbor is.

No longer unprofitable servants

Now let's see another hard statement. Peter came and said (Matthew 18:21-22): "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times? Christ said to him, I do not say to you

seven times, but seventy times seven." If you have this attitude where there is no limit on forgiving, you're bound to be having love.

Because Christ forgave and kept on loving, He gave His life. And even as they were killing, torturing, mocking, making fun, Christ said on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Stephen, as he was being stoned to death, prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:59-60). Would you honestly have this thought if you were being stoned? Do you realize that unless you would, you won't make the Kingdom of God?

When Christ comes in His glory to separate His sheep from the goats, He will say to those on His right, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom." There's a reward based on the very story of the good Samaritan, believe it or not. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me" (Matthew 25:34-36).

The interesting part is that His hearers have no idea what He is talking about. They never saw Christ hungry, naked or thirsty.

Then He will tell all the goats, "Depart from me," because "I was hungry . . . and naked . . . and thirsty. . ." And they will say the same thing, "We never saw you that way." No, but they saw their neighbor that way and turned away.

Your neighbor is anyone who is in need at any time. And you are supposed to give him help. But it's still not sufficient until you go over and above like the good Samaritan did.

So look what Christ says to you and to me, Luke 17:10, "So you also, when you have done all that is commanded of you, say, We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

The Plain Truth About HEALING

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doctors. Then a "divine healer" came along. I know nothing of the credibility of this healer except what I read in the newspapers — he certainly was not a minister of the Worldwide Church of God.

This "divine healer" anointed and prayed for the lad, and the parents took him off the insulin. The parents, according to news dispatches, were staunch in faith — but after removing the insulin the boy died. The parents were arrested and taken to jail, charged with manslaughter. I did not learn of the final legal disposition of this case in the courts.

I cite this, however, as a PRECAUTION! I might mention, too, that insulin is not a drug or medicine, but a substance or hormone that the human body should normally generate. Medical doctors prescribe insulin in cases where the body is not of itself generating this substance.

In the case of the illness of a child, God does heal — but remember Jesus said, "According to your FAITH be it unto you." If faith is lacking — or if in any case the child dies, the parents certainly run the risk of criminal prosecution if they have failed to call in a doctor.

In the case history described above, I do not know all the facts. Press reports indicated the parents had "supreme faith." But was the healer a fake or a self-appointed healer uncalled and unused by God?

Again, God says, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22). The press stories on this case would indicate that the parents were not "commandment keepers." But, on the other hand, God says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). If the parents had not known the command to keep God's Commandments, God would not have held this ignorance against them. Also it is a question, in the case of administering insulin, as to whether it was possibly not right in God's sight that it be supplied — since instead of being a drug, it was a substance supplying what the

body itself normally should generate and supply.

I do not judge, in such a case as I have mentioned — because I do not know all the facts. I MERELY CAUTION THE READER — if a sick child dies, and a doctor has not been called, the parents may find themselves in trouble with the law!

What is God's will?

God's Church does not judge or condemn those who, through lack of faith, utilize the services of the medical profession. God's Church merely says to you, HEALING IS INCLUDED — Christ already has PAID for it — it is a PROMISE of God (with conditions of obedience and faith) and it is one of God's BENEFITS that is INCLUDED in the gift of His grace!

Speaking of God's BENEFITS reminds me of a case in point. I had been called to the bedside of an elderly lady for anointing and prayer for healing.

"If I anoint you and pray for God to heal you, will you believe — will you be sure that you will be healed?" I merely wanted assurance that she BELIEVED GOD. "Well," she replied, "I know God can heal me — if it's His will — but I can't be sure of His will."

"Well," I responded, "it's too bad that you don't know whether it is God's will to forgive all your sins so you might be saved."

"Oh, I know it's His will to forgive my sins and give me salvation," she hastened to reply.

"Oh yes," I continued, "you know you can rely on God's promise in Psalms 103 — which I will read: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities...' You really KNOW His will from that scripture, do you?"

"Yes, I can rely on that promise with no doubts whatever!"

"Well," I pursued, "will you read, with your own eyes the rest of that SAME SENTENCE?" I handed to her my Bible, opened to Psalm 103, verse 3, and she read aloud, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

"How does it come," I asked

with a smile, "that you really believe the first half of that verse, but not the last half?"

"Well, I guess," she said, "I just never noticed that God's promise to HEAL is given right alongside His promise of forgiving sin."

The woman then believed. She was healed.

One of God's benefits

Notice, HEALING is one of the BENEFITS God gives us along with salvation. Like the meals on the steamship, IT IS INCLUDED — no extra charge. Jesus already PAID FOR IT! And God wants His people to learn to rely on Him!

One intellectual writing on healing said, "It is quite evident that God is not healing today in the same manner or to the same degree that He did in early New Testament times."

That intellectual is simply IGNORANT of the Word of God, the promises of God, the power and the will of God! He had had no experience in healing. He was studying the subject carnally and, rationally, as a scholar — as one, like Job, who said, "... therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not... I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear..." — but Job had not yet come to really KNOW God (Job 42:3, 5). But when God revealed Himself to Job, he said, "... I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6).

This same scholarly and erroneous teaching continued, "It is equally evident that the physiological and medical expertise of the end of the 20th century is far advanced over that of the middle of the first century."

The above was sent out to ministers, UNAUTHORIZED, in an attempt, craftily influenced and inspired by Satan, to DO AWAY WITH THE BASIC TRUTHS JESUS CHRIST HAD PLACED IN GOD'S CHURCH! It was sent out with the UNAUTHORIZED statement that this erroneous teaching MUST BE REACHED — and that it superceded... past teachings and earlier understandings — which Jesus Christ, the LIVING HEAD of God's Church, had, through His apostle, made the very FOUNDATIONAL TEACHINGS of Christ in God's CHURCH!

It is part of a whole new, erroneous and corrupt teaching encouraging faith in MEN and doubt in God. (Romans 14:23) — subtly prepared and distributed to ministers without the knowledge of Christ's apostle — though it was falsely represented to have had his approval. The one responsible for this entire comprehensive effort to replace CHRIST and GOD'S TRUTH with carnal pedantic scholarship and FALSE TEACHING has been excommunicated — and this entire UNAUTHORIZED teaching made null and void by JESUS CHRIST through His apostle!

GOD is still on His throne and Jesus Christ is there with Him — and THEY will not leave nor forsake the true CHURCH of GOD!

As shown by the quote above, the entire APPROACH to this false teaching was the secular, carnal concept that perhaps God, like the professor emeritus, may have once done splendid things, but now has grown old, senile and lost His power. Poor God!

God is the same!

But God tells me He is THE SAME, yesterday, today and forever! He is today the SAME GOD, with the same power He had in the first century — and has had eternally.

Today Christ does not lead His apostle or any in God's Church to heal indiscriminately the sick encountered among the general public — as Jesus did, and the first apostles did until SUPPRESSED by worldly powers.

The great commission and ministry for God's Church today is in Jesus' prophecy concerning it in Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then

shall the end come" (of this age). The proclamation worldwide of Christ's KINGDOM message was the sign Jesus gave by which we might know when the end of the present world was imminent. But HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT HEALING GOING OUT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!

Rather, what we do find in the New Testament is in James 5:14-15: "Is any sick among you?" That is, among you brethren in God's Church. "Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of" — meaning by AUTHORITY OF — "the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

God's will expressed

This carnal scholarly Theology Project attempts to refute this plain Word-of-God PROMISE of healing in God's Church. With the very cunning inspired by Satan, this comment is made to cause DOUBT in the definite WORD OF GOD: "Although this one statement appears to be written without qualification, the condition 'if it be God's will' was no doubt tacitly understood."

On reading that, I was absolutely flabbergasted! NOWHERE IN THE BIBLE DOES GOD SAY "IF it be God's will!" This very verse; along with many others I have given you, EXPRESSES God's will!

Notice that sly, subtle IF. That is Satanic! When Satan was trying to overthrow Jesus Christ in His greatest temptation attempt — after Jesus had fasted 40 days

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'La Pura Verdad'

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the Spanish area centers in Mexico where the Work has an office in Mexico City. A recent 21-day trip by Bob Flores Jr. throughout northeast Mexico reached 81 people.

According to Mr. Dickinson Mexico "is soon going to be in my opinion the strongest nation of all the Spanish-speaking nations economically and every other way. As it grows we feel it will become more or less the springboard financially to assist us in some of the other areas."

Colombia, another active area, has four major Bible studies along with a church and office in Bogota. According to the Spanish Department the country has given an excellent response to the Work's programs.

Venezuela and Central America follow in order of activity, with some response now coming from Brazil.

Besides the Mexico City and Bogota offices, the Spanish Department manages an office in Puerto Rico to serve Spanish-speaking people in the Caribbean.

'La Pura Verdad'

The main vehicle for the Spanish Work is *La Pura Verdad*, the Spanish version of *The Plain Truth*. The subscriber list, not counting the 45,000 copies going for newsstand distribution, stands at 93,133 representing readers in 82 countries as of August.

The largest portion of the magazines, nearly 30,000, go to Mexico. Colombia follows with some 24,000 subscribers and the United States with 11,500. The remaining subscribers are scattered throughout a large portion of the world inhabited by 350 million Spanish-speaking people.

Spanish-speaking brethren will be going to one of six Feast of Tabernacles sites this year according to Mr. Dickinson.

Mexican brethren joined by American brethren will hold the Festival in Oaxtepec about 55 miles outside of Mexico City. Other sites are Bogota, Colombia; Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina; Lima, Peru; La Heradura, El Salvador; and Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The PLAIN TRUTH

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It must become the No. 1

QUALITY magazine, as a vigorous, dynamic, interest-grabbing magazine that literally makes God's truth COME ALIVE!

When my mind was first opened to God's TRUTH, I found it the most interesting, absorbing thing that had ever entered my life. I could hardly tear myself away from the Bible. The things that fill most minds in this world became ridiculously unimportant and boring. That interest has never waned. We must allow that same intense interest in the mind and heart of the MILLIONS!

We have the MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

We have, if presented so, the most interesting and absorbing material for any magazine.

We must at once set it back on the track as GOD'S magazine,

sparkling with His living TRUTH. We must find, somewhere in the Church of God, the writers who themselves FEEL and EXPERIENCE the fascinating, glorious LOVE of GOD'S TRUTH and who can make articles come alive with vigorous Holy Spirit INSPIRATION!

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THINK ON THIS!

We are the ONLY voice in the wilderness of today's evils, frustrations, discouragements, with the world's ONLY HOPE — and it's one SURE HOPE of happiness, abundance and eternal life!

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MORE — AND MORE — AND MORE OF THE SAME!

THE GREAT COMMISSION is our uniqueness, our WONDERFUL CALLING, that must pervade clearly every issue of *The Plain Truth*.

But of course, first, it must pervade our own lives, until we become HUMAN DYNAMOS FOR GOD'S TRUTH!

THIS ORGANIZED SPIRITUAL ORGANISM, the Worldwide Church of God, is not just another worldly, routine human occupation.

IT IS THE CHURCH OF GOD, and we are in the WORK OF GOD. And it should be the most intriguing, inspiring, zestful Work being done by any humans.

WHAT A GLORIOUS PRIVILEGE — we can be the inspired instruments of the LIVING GOD giving His wonderful TRUTH to a dying world in its LAST DAYS!

'78 Festival

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out this year through the impact of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Residents, city officials — anyone listening to the broadcast or watching the telecast — may initially view the programs with a critical eye thinking it is just another media religion. However, when they see Church

members, Church families living in their communities for eight days in the autumn and associate that with the Work — suddenly the Church takes on an entirely different image and meaning.

However, this Festival occurs only once each year. And for us to properly keep this Festival, we must encourage others in our congregations to prepare to participate in the best Feast ever. Brethren, it is important

to remember that a part of our witness to the world lies in our personal conduct at each Festival site.

The best ever?

We can do our part in the Festival Office hopefully improving from year to year, but in reality isn't success dependent on the attitude of those attending? In other words, if this Feast is to be successful, it is the responsibility of each parent to pre-

pare his/her family spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically to participate successfully. It is our responsibility as members to focus on the future — revive any sagging spirits, rally each other for the Work and times ahead — and renew our loyalty toward and support of Mr. Armstrong as the human leader Christ has provided.

Let's point toward the Feast of Tabernacles, 1978! If this Feast is to

be successful for every member, now is the time to prepare for it. Get into the spirit of the Feast of Tabernacles and develop a Feast attitude.

Now is the time to renew the Feast to your family in vivid terms, prove its obligatory attendance biblically and prepare yourselves to attend enthusiastically with the excitement and expectancy due the most wonderful, God-ordained family occasion of the entire year!

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ALABAMA
WYDE, Birmingham — 850, 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

ARIZONA
KFMM-FM, Tucson — 99.5, 6 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KIKX, Tucson — 580, 9:35 a.m., Sun.
KTUC, Tucson — 1400, 1 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

CALIFORNIA
KINS, Eureka — 980, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KFRE, Fresno — 940, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m., Sun.
KIEV, Glendale — 870, 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KCMS-FM, Indio — 103.1, 8:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.
KLAC, Los Angeles — 570, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun.
KGAB-FM, Oxnard-Ventura — 95.5, 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:30 a.m., Sun.
KGUY, Palm Desert — 1270, 6:15 a.m., Sun.

KFBK, Sacramento — 1530, 11:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 p.m., Sun.
KTOM, Salinas — 1380, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KCKC, San Bernardino — 1350, 12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.
KDIG, San Bernardino — 1240, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KFMB, San Diego — 760, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KNBR, San Francisco — 630, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 11 p.m., Sun.
KUNA-FM, San Luis Obispo — 96.1, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

CONNECTICUT
WRCQ, Hartford — 910, 5:25 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WRC, Washington — 980, 9 a.m., Sun.
WTOP, Washington — 1500, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

FLORIDA
WAPE, Jacksonville — 690, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WCMG, Jacksonville — 1090, 12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.
WINZ, Miami — 940, 12:05 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WIOD, Miami — 610, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WKIS, Orlando — 740, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

GEORGIA
WPLO, Atlanta — 590, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

HAWAII
KKON, Kealahou — 790, 6 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

IOWA
KIOA, Des Moines — 940, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
KXEL, Waterloo — 1540, 11:45 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

ILLINOIS
WTWC-FM, Champaign — 103.9, 6 a.m., Sat.
WMAQ, Chicago — 670, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., Sun.
WMBD, Peoria — 1470, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

KANSAS
WIBW, Topeka — 580, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

KENTUCKY
WHAS, Louisville — 840, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WKLO, Louisville — 1080, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

LOUISIANA
WGSO, New Orleans — 1280, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

MARYLAND
WPOC-FM, Baltimore — 93.1, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.

MASSACHUSETTS
WITS, Boston — 1510, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun.
WSPR, Springfield — 1270, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.

MICHIGAN
WDEE, Detroit — 1500, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WTRX, Flint — 1330, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun.

MINNESOTA
KTCR-FM, Minneapolis — 97.1, 6 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

MISSOURI
KMBZ, Kansas City — 980, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 p.m., Sun.
KIRL, St. Louis — 1460, 6 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m., Sun.

NEBRASKA
KRNK, Kearney — 1460, 10 a.m., Sun.

NEW MEXICO
KCB, Albuquerque — 770, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KCOB, Roswell — 1020, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m., Sun.

NEW YORK
WBEN, Buffalo — 930, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WOR, New York — 710, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., Sun.
WHAM, Rochester — 1180, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Sun.

NORTH CAROLINA
WWNC, Asheville — 570, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WBT, Charlotte — 1110, 9 a.m., Sun.
WSOC, Charlotte — 930, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WNCT, Greenville — 1070, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

OHIO
WSLR, Akron — 1350, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 8:30 p.m., Sun.
WCKY, Cincinnati — 1530, 11:30 p.m., Mon. and Sat.; 8:15 p.m., Sun.
WBBG, Cleveland — 1260, 11 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WNNI, Columbus — 920, 5:15 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
WONE, Dayton — 980, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

OKLAHOMA
KTOK, Oklahoma City — 1000, 5 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
KVOO, Tulsa — 1170, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.
KXOX, Tulsa — 1300, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

OREGON
KLIQ, Portland — 1290, 12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
KWJJ, Portland — 1080, 9 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9:30 p.m., Sun.

PENNSYLVANIA
WHP, Harrisburg — 580, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WSBA, Harrisburg — 910, 9 a.m., Sun.
WRCP, Philadelphia — 1540, 6 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 11 a.m., Sun.
KQV, Pittsburgh — 1410, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m., Sun.
WGSU, Selinsgrove — 88.9, 7 p.m., Sun.
WARM, Wilkes-Barre — 590, 7 a.m., Sun.

RHODE ISLAND
WEAN, Providence — 790, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
WGNB, Providence — 550, 9 a.m., Sun.
WJAR, Providence — 920, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

SOUTH CAROLINA
WKSC, Kershaw — 1300, 1:15 p.m., Sun.
WSPA, Spartanburg — 950, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.

TENNESSEE
WDEF, Chattanooga — 1370, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 p.m., Sun.
WMPB, Memphis — 680, 6 p.m., Sun.
WREC, Memphis — 800, 11:06 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

TEXAS
KRLD, Dallas — 1080, 11:30 p.m., Mon. and Sun.
KPRC, Houston — 950, 10:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 p.m., Sun.
KVWG, Pearland — 1280, Sun.
KTLU, Rusk — 1580, 10 a.m., Sun.
WOAI, San Antonio — 1200, 10:15 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sun.

UTAH
KSL, Salt Lake City — 1160, 11:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 5:30 a.m., Sun.

VIRGINIA
WCPK, Chesapeake — 1600, 12:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.
WHNE, Norfolk — 1300, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
WZAM, Norfolk — 1110, 8 a.m., Sun.
WRVA, Richmond — 1140, 11:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

WASHINGTON
KGRG, Auburn — 89.9, 12 p.m., Sun.
KAYO, Seattle — 1150, 9:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.

WEST VIRGINIA
WCAW, Charleston — 680, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m., Sun.
WKEE, Huntington — 800, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
WKEE-FM, Huntington — 100.5, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.
WVVA, Wheeling — 1170, 5:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sun.

WYOMING
KTWO, Casper — 1030, 9:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 9 p.m., Sun.
KYCN, Wheatland — 1340, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

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ALABAMA
WAPI, Birmingham — 13, 7 a.m., Sun.

ARIZONA
KGUN, Tucson — 9, 10 a.m., Sun.

ARKANSAS
KARK, Little Rock — 4, 10 a.m., Sun.

CALIFORNIA
KMJ, Fresno — 24, 7 a.m., Sun.
KTTV, Los Angeles — 11, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
KTVU, Oakland — 2, 10:30 a.m., Sat.
KQVR, Stockton — 13, 11 a.m., Sun.

COLORADO
KKTU, Colorado Springs — 11, 8:30 a.m., Sun.

CONNECTICUT
WATR, Hartford — 20, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WTTG, Washington — 5, 7 a.m., Sun.

FLORIDA
WKID, Fort Lauderdale — 51, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

ILLINOIS
WCIU, Chicago — 26, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WFLD, Chicago — 32, 7:30 a.m., Sat.
WRAU, Peoria — 19, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

INDIANA
WKJG, Fort Wayne — 33, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WISH, Indianapolis — 8, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WSTB, South Bend — 22, 10 p.m., Sun.

KANSAS
KGLD, Garden City — 11, 4:30 p.m., Sun.
KARD, Wichita — 3, 4:30 p.m., Sun.

KENTUCKY
WLEX, Lexington — 18, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WLKY, Louisville — 32, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

LOUISIANA
WAFB, Baton Rouge — 9, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WVL, New Orleans — 4, 7 a.m., Sun.
KTBS, Shreveport — 3, 9 a.m., Sun.

MAINE
WGAN, Portland — 13, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

MARYLAND
WBFF, Baltimore — 45, 12 p.m., Sun.

MASSACHUSETTS
WHYN, Springfield — 40, 9 a.m., Sun.

MICHIGAN
WUHQ, Battle Creek — 41, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WXON, Detroit — 20, 10:30 a.m., Sun.
WJRT, Flint — 12, 8 a.m., Sun.

MINNESOTA
WTCN, Minneapolis — 11, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

MISSOURI
WDAF, Kansas City — 4, 12 p.m., Sun.
KMTC, Springfield — 27, 6 p.m., Sat.
KDNL, St. Louis — 30, 9 a.m., Sun.

NEBRASKA
KCNA, Albion — 8, 8 a.m., Sun.
KWNB, Hayes Center — 6, 8 a.m., Sun.
KHGI, Kearney — 13, 8 a.m., Sun.
KSNB, Superior — 4, 8 a.m., Sun.

NEW MEXICO
KGGM, Albuquerque — 13, 7:30 a.m., Sun.

NEW YORK
WTEN, Albany — 10, 8:30 a.m., Sun.
WUTV, Buffalo — 29, 9:30 a.m., Sun.
WOR, New York — 9, 10:30 p.m., Sun.

NORTH CAROLINA
WRET, Charlotte — 36, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WNCT, Greenville — 9, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

OHIO
WAKR, Akron — 23, 11 p.m., Sun.
WLWT, Cincinnati — 5, 11:30 a.m., Sun.
WSPD, Toledo — 13, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

OREGON
KPTV, Portland — 12, 11 a.m., Sat.

PENNSYLVANIA
WSBA, Harrisburg — 43, 7:30 a.m., Sun.
WIBC, Pittsburgh — 11, 11 a.m., Sun.

RHODE ISLAND
WPRI, Providence — 12, 11:30 a.m., Sun.

TENNESSEE
WRCB, Chattanooga — 3, 12:30 p.m., Sun.
WKPT, Kingsport — 19, 12 p.m., Sun.

TEXAS
KTVV, Austin — 36, 9:30 a.m., Sun.

WASHINGTON
KXLY, Spokane — 2, 11 a.m., Sun.

WEST VIRGINIA
WOWK, Huntington — 13, 10:30 a.m., Sun.

WISCONSIN
WTVV, Milwaukee — 18, 10 p.m., Sun.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCATTERED HAPPENINGS

A special Sabbath service commemorated the 20th anniversary of the **PITTSBURGH, Pa.**, church Aug. 5. Brethren gathered in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, the same building where 30 people met for the first Pittsburgh church service 20 years ago on June 7, 1958. In contrast, 1,900 brethren attended the 20th anniversary service, the majority of them traveling from surrounding church areas that originally sprang from the Pittsburgh congregation.

C. Wayne Cole, the first pastor of the Pittsburgh church, was guest speaker. Don Lawson, the church's present pastor, gave a brief history of the Pittsburgh church, commenting that "Pittsburgh was the mother church of the entire Northeast area. At that time Pittsburgh was the second church east of the Mississippi. On the Holy Days our people came from as far away as Canada, New York and Michigan."

Following the sermonette Ed Smith, coordinator of the Cincinnati area, and Larry Salver, pastor of the Washington, D.C., church and senior pastor in the area, joined Mr. Lawson and Mr. Cole in ordaining longtime members Earl Henn and Harry Bente as local elders for the Pittsburgh East and West congregations, respectively. Mr. Henn also directs the Pittsburgh chorale.

After Mr. Cole's sermon all the members who had attended the first Pittsburgh church service assembled on stage and presented Mr. and Mrs. Cole a large engraved silver tray in honor of their silver wedding anniversary. *Frank Lewandowski.*

The **BIRMINGHAM, England**, congregation gathered Aug. 6 to mark the church's 18th anniversary. Activities commenced in the early afternoon as YOU members and a few energetic adults tried their hand at tenpin bowling. Others spent a quiet afternoon meandering around the scenic Cannon Hill Park and Nature Center. An evening social was attended by Birmingham members and visitors from the neighboring Northampton, Gloucester and Nottingham churches, which grew from the original Birmingham congregation.

Colin Smith, one of Birmingham's early members and currently a deacon in the Gloucester church, spoke on the history of the church, pointing out the dramatic growth that occurred in 1960 after a four-week evangelistic campaign in the city by Roderick C. Meredith.

Then Arthur Suckling, Birmingham pastor, presented deacon Frank Archer a card of appreciation and a new pen from the congregation. A cake baked by Valda Allen was ceremonially cut by the most long-standing member of the church present, Barry Griffiths. *John A. McNab.*

Thirty-three **BRITISH COLUMBIA** and **ALBERTA** ministers and their families gathered at the campground in Chase, B.C., July 31 through Aug. 3 for their annual summer retreat. The retreat also proved an excellent occasion to get to know the new director of the Canadian

Work, Les McCullough, and the new area coordinator, George Patrickson. The summer camp-out for the ministers has become a popular annual event since Richard Pinelli first inaugurated the idea three years ago. Mornings are reserved for meetings and lectures, with the rest of the day free for informal discussion and family recreation. *Bob Millman.*

Mr. Pinelli, meanwhile, was receiving an enthusiastic welcome at the **TORONTO (Ont.)** West church July 29, where he gave his first sermon as new Ontario area coordinator. Special music was presented by music director Bob Rawnsley and deacon George Merritt, accompanied on electric guitar by Keith Treichel. In the foyer after services deacon John Pippy introduced Mr. Pinelli and his wife Mary at a tea and cake social. The welcome cake had been baked and decorated by Audrey Ledingham. *Bill Moore.*

A seminar on alcoholism was held at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel July 29, sponsored by the **MONTREAL, Que.**, churches. The meeting followed a combined English-French morning Sabbath service conducted by Pasadena pastor Dale Hampton, who profited the biblical and secular views on alcohol use and abuse, sprinkling his sermon with details about his own ups and downs when he had been forced to grapple with his excessive drinking.

During the afternoon session, presided over by Mr. Hampton, Church members and visitors heard the opinions of a medical doctor, a psychologist, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and a member of Al-Anon. The day concluded with a movie, *If You Loved Me*, which portrayed a family man's gradual progression from social drinking to alcoholism and his very slow road back to sobriety. *Dominic Vincelli.*

For the third year, members of the Church in **GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta.**, have organized a family day for the city of Grande Prairie (pop. 18,000), located 700 miles north of the U.S. border. The event, Muskoseepi Sunday, is a coordination of clubs and groups to create something for every member of the family. (Muskoseepi is a Cree Indian word meaning Bear Creek.)

More than 4,000 people attended this year's Muskoseepi Sunday, which included hot-air-balloon races, a pancake breakfast, canoeing, softball, skateboard and horseshoe tournaments, a parade and an arcade for the children, a water show, a barbecue and a teen disco. The concession stand netted \$1,058. *Ken Fentress.*

About 40 **ASHEVILLE, N.C.**, brethren turned out to help an Asheville department store take inventory Aug. 6. Almost \$500 was earned, of which a portion was given to the YOU chapter for its participation in the inventory. The rest was put into the church's activity fund, which is used, among other things, to rent halls for public Bible studies. *Steve Ter-shansky.*

The ladies of the **INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.**, church were guests of the ladies of the **COLUMBUS, Ind.**, church at a luncheon July 30. The theme of "Around the World" was carried out in ethnic costumes, table decorations and wall posters. Thelma Dwiggin and Jan Mincy headed the decoration committee, and Sydna Mozingo coordinated the food. Piano music by Sandra Brown greeted the guests as they arrived.

Special guest was Debbie Smith, a local librarian, who taught the women an Arabic folk dance. Edna Clawson, Dana Collins, Judy Mills and Sandra Brown wrote, directed, produced and acted a short play for the ladies. Leone Burns won the quilt that was made and raffled off by the Columbus women. Emma Hindman won the door prize. *Judy Mills.*

Ice skating was experienced for the first time by some of the **PHOENIX, Ariz.**, brethren at a get-together July 30 at the Metro Center ice-skating rink. Slipping and sliding soon turned into gliding as the members and their families learned the art of skating. *Kathy Earls.*

The **BRANDON, Man.**, members enjoyed a lecture and a question-and-answer discussion by Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) television newsmen Ab Douglas Aug. 3. He discussed Soviet life and commented on the recent dissident trials. Mr. Douglas had just returned from the Soviet Union, where he was host for a television special on Canada Day aired on a Soviet television network. It was the first such program aired in the Soviet Union about another country's national day and was just months after Canada expelled Soviet citizens for spying while in Canada. Mr. Douglas's sister, Mrs. Art Penner, is a member of the Brandon congregation. *Kenneth Frank.*

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

YOU teens sponsored the activities at the combined picnic of the **COFFEYVILLE, Kan.**, and **CARTHAGE, Mo.**, churches July 30 at the Walter Johnson Park in Coffeyville.

Coffeyville won the men's softball game 11-7. Geri Mason and Judy Stewart won the ladies' horseshoe tournament and Frank Hollis and John Clark won the men's Charles Rice got the bird in the archery turkey shoot. The younger set participated in a junior track meet. *Margie Marang.*

Members of the **CINCINNATI (Ohio)** West church held a potluck dinner after the Sabbath service July 29. Beginning Aug. 12 the Sabbath service is at 10:30 a.m., followed by a lunch break and a Bible study in the afternoon. The first study was on the harmony of the Gospels. *Ruth Piccola.*

Despite gray, foreboding skies and scattered showers, brethren of the **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, church gathered at Pointsett State Park for their annual picnic. Jennifer Bailey, Tiffany Finklea and Loren T. Saxton II took home prizes for their prowess in three children's games, organized by deacon Loren Saxton. Robert Perky, deacon, directed the adult games, assisted by John King. Visitors from the Waterboro, S.C., church, Bob and Emily Burn, won both the balloon toss and the three-legged race. Ron Jameson, pastor of the Waterboro church, and his wife Paulette thrilled the crowd with a dashing finish in the egg-carrying event. The games were terminated by a sudden downpour, and all ran for the nearby shelter where the planned ice-cream churning began early to the delight of the youngsters. *Margi Stone.*

Standing Stone State Park was the site of the outing for the brethren of the **COOKEVILLE, Tenn.**, church Aug. 6. After swimming, boating, table tennis, volleyball and horseshoes, the brethren enjoyed a bountiful potluck meal. The



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY — Barry Griffiths, longtime member of the Birmingham, England, church, ceremonially cuts the cake at a celebration marking the 18th anniversary of the church. Observing are pastor Arthur Suckling, left, and master of ceremonies Ian Martin. (See "Scattered Happenings," Birmingham, this page.)

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The elderly members of the **POLAR BLUFF, Mo.**, congregation were honored by the brethren at a special dinner at AF's Copper Kettle after the Sabbath service Aug. 5. A roller-skating party for young and old topped off the evening. *Linda Arnold.*

The **SMART (Senior Members All Rejoicing Together) Set of the SANTA ROSA, Calif.**, church sponsored a luncheon for the YOU members July 29. Members of the SMART Set drew names from a box to determine which YOU members they would be seated by.

After dinner Dora Fossa explained to the teens the purpose of the SMART Set and described some of its recent activities and outings. Then she asked a YOU member to take the stand and tell the older members about the youth organization. Colin Davidson volunteered, describing past YOU activities and future projects.

Roger Fossa, a wholesale jewelry salesman, discussed his role in the jewelry business and displayed many of the types of stones mentioned in the Bible.

Geraldine Nielson and the Fossas planned the activity, which brought young and old together so they could get to know one another better. *Colin Davidson.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Enthusiastic teams of young people from the **WHEELING, W. Va.**, and **YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio**, churches participated in a Bible-quiz tournament Aug. 6. Both churches had trained three teams of YOU members and Sabbath-school children for the event: a youth team, ages 9 to 11; a junior team, ages 12 to 14; and a senior team, ages 15 to 19. Wheeling's teams won all three trophies.

All teams spent at least two months studying lists of questions to be used in the tournament. Judges were local elder Earl Henn and his wife from the Pittsburgh, Pa., church. They selected questions for the tournament from more than 600 questions submitted by the brethren of the two churches and officiated as judges during the event. Moderator was Bill Hadley of Wheeling. All participants received certificates of achievement for their outstanding effort.

Included in the tournament were two Bible spelling contests. Participants had studied a list of 270 difficult Bible words, such as Methuselah, covetousness, judgment and Artaxerxes. Winner in the 12-to-13-year-old category was Kevin Hadley of Wheeling. Jeff Fozard of Wheeling won the trophy in the 14-to-15 year-old category. Bob Carter of Wheeling was moderator. Plans are being made (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 9)



ETHNIC LUNCHEON — Modeling their costumes at an ethnic luncheon given for the women of the Indianapolis, Ind., church by the women of the Columbus, Ind., church are, from left, Emma Hindman, Ann Gibson, Dana Collins, Jan Mincy, Elizabeth Nielander and Edith Hill. The theme was "Around the World." (See "Scattered Happenings," Columbus, this page.) [Photo by Leone Burns]



MINISTERIAL RETREAT — Les McCullough, center, director of the Canadian Work, addresses British Columbia and Alberta ministers and their families at their annual summer retreat. (See "Scattered Happenings," British Columbia, this page.) [Photo by John Elliott]



25TH ANNIVERSARY — On behalf of the Pittsburgh, Pa., brethren, George Evans, right, presents a gift of an engraved silver tray to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole for their 25th anniversary. Mr. Cole was guest speaker at a special Sabbath service marking Pittsburgh's 20th anniversary. (See "Scattered Happenings," Pittsburgh, page 8.) [Photo by Frank Lewandowski]

CHURCH NEWS

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for tournaments with other churches in the district. *Bill and Mary Fozard.*

Fifty-two campers attended the second annual summer camp sponsored by the **BRIDGETOWN**, Barbados, YOU chapter July 17 to 31. For the first time youngsters from other islands in the Caribbean were able to attend: 12 from Trinidad, four from Grenada and two from St. Lucia. Also participating in some of the

activities were nine youngsters from the Glendale Children's Home. The YOU chapter has been cooperating with the home for the past few months and including the children in some YOU activities.

This year's camp included several additional activities: riflery, photography, creative arts and ballroom dancing.

Stan Bass, regional director of the Caribbean Work, visited the camp July 29, dining with the campers and conduct-

ing a question-and-answer Bible study with Carlos Nieto, pastor of the Bridgetown church.

The final Sunday, July 30, was Open Day, which was attended by parents of the campers and guests. The campers presented a 45-minute talent show, then prizes were presented by Anita Douglas, wife of YOU coordinator Osmonde Douglas, to the most outstanding campers, Yonette Murray and Luther Goddard. *Osmonde Douglas.*

Fifty preteens of the **OLYMPIA**, Wash., church gathered at the LBA Park Aug. 6 for a day of fun and games. They asked their parents along, since moms pack good lunches and dads are great at organizing games, making paper planes, blowing up balloons and passing out prizes.

During the noon break pastor Lambert Greer held a raffle drawing to find the winner of a quilt made by the ladies of the area. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ormistan won the quilt; proceeds from the sales helped three teens attend the camp for two weeks. *Monter Myers.*

A day camp was held for 6- to 12-year-olds of the **SANTA ROSA**, Calif., church Aug. 1 on Tom and Judy Haworth's 12 acres. The boys were taken to a nearby private lake for a fishing contest. David Wheeler won the contest by catching the largest number of fish. Philip Lund, Mike Rokosz and David tied in catching the largest fish.

Meanwhile the girls learned how to crochet potholders, then broke into small groups to prepare various dishes for the evening meal. Then the boys joined the girls for making kites and flying them, a hike, a treasure hunt, baseball and dinner, which was served by the girls. *Barbara Wheeler.*

The **CASPER**, Wyo., YOU chapter headed for Denver, Colo., Aug. 4, fulfilling its long-range goal for the year to spend a weekend there. The teens visited the Denver museum, then had a picnic lunch and attended the Sabbath service. That evening they dined at Casa Bonita, a Mexican restaurant, and attended Laserock, a laser light show put to rock music. On Sunday they headed to Elich Gardens and Amusement Park.

While in Denver, the YOU officers for the coming year were appointed: Bobby Johnston, president; Monty Fertig, vice president; and Janea Fertig, secretary-treasurer. Local coordinator is Bob Johnston, who is assisted by David Perino.

The previous Saturday, July 29, the Casper teens held YOU Day, taking over many of the Sabbath duties, including serving refreshments after the service. *Debbie Johnston.*

The **HARRISBURG**, Pa., YOU cheerleaders have begun preparing for the district competition in February. With money raised from a bake sale sponsored by the Harrisburg Women's Club, the cheerleaders, Christy Charles, Deb Lauver, Laurie Shepler, Julie Weachter, Linda Weachter and Edie Weaver, and their coach, Faye Herb, attended the National Cheerleading Association Summer Cheerleading Clinic August 7 through 10, where they learned new cheers, chants, jumps, partner stunts and pyramids. *Laurie Shepler.*

A country carnival for all children under 12 was sponsored by the **DICKSON**, Tenn., YOU chapter July 30. Festivities began with a chili dinner, then the children participated in various carnival contests. After the carnival the teens presented a floor show of local talent, and 12 cakes donated by the ladies were used for a cakewalk.

The next week, Aug. 5, the Dickson and **JACKSON**, Tenn., teens gathered on the banks of the Buffalo River in central Tennessee. After a walk along the river, the teens sat around the camp fire telling stories and playing 20 questions. On Sunday morning the group was transported 16 miles upstream, where teens hopped into their canoes and began the trip back down the river to the camp. They reached their destination at 4 p.m., despite a number of episodes with swamped and beached canoes. *Tim Reinagel.*

The weather couldn't have been better for the **KITCHENER**, Ont., second annual church picnic Aug. 13 in Riverside Park in Cambridge. This time everything was arranged by the YOU members. They organized the games and activities and provided all the food — hamburgers, hot dogs, pies, cookies, fruit and cake — at a

small charge. But drinks of coffee, orange juice and milk were free. *George and Chris Carter.*

SPORTS

Teams came from Winnipeg, Man., and Grand Forks and Bismarck, N. D., to participate in the second annual **FARGO**, N. D., international invitational softball tournament Aug. 6. Fargo claimed the championship trophy. Bismarck took second and Winnipeg third. The Fargo YOU teens, who had sponsored a dance the evening before, sold refreshments during the tournament. A watermelon feed closed out the day. *Earl D. Jackson.*

An awards picnic for the **LA MIRADA**, Calif., junior YOU members marked the end of the baseball season. The A team, for 11- to 14-year-olds, won the perpetual championship trophy in its division and the B team, for 7- to 10-year-olds, placed second in its category.

At the end of the season the teams from the Southern California churches selected the top players for an all-star game. Chosen from La Mirada were Luis Gonzalez, Boo McDonald, Greg Moriel and Mark Sanchez of the A team and Marc Dominguez, Robert Fontaine, Edward Le, Leland Martinez, John Newsom, Jason Paragien and Ricky Reyes of the B team.

Outstanding individual achievement trophies were awarded to Delaine Godfrey and Ricky Reyes of the B team and Luis Gonzalez and Mark Sanchez of the A team.

The festivities also featured a watermelon black-seed-only spitting contest. Contestants could not use their hands as they attempted to bite into a 1-inch disc of watermelon and deposit the most black seeds onto an adjacent plate in two minutes.

Some felt the high point of the day was when 21-month-old Aaron Dominguez knocked the big championship trophy into the large cake that had been decorated as a baseball diamond by Alice Mysels. *A. John Fontaine.*

Vine-to-wine cycle parallels conversion, growth

By Joe Handley
BLANDENSBURG, Md. — Why does God mention wine and vineyards so much in the Bible? In our society wine doesn't play an important role in our lives, so why is valuable space taken up in God's Word, in which the subject is mentioned literally hundreds of times?

The important reason is that viticulture is a vital part of God's plan for mankind, as it applied in the past, as it should apply now and as it will certainly apply in the millennium.

From antiquity men have been fascinated by wine, and poets have striven to fathom its depth and mystery in the power and magic of their lines. Julian Street once wrote: "Blot out every book in which wine is praised and you blot out the world's great

The writer is a deacon and a member of the Washington, D.C., church.

literature. Blot out the wine drinkers of the world and you blot out history, including saints, philosophers, statesmen, clerics, soldiers, scientists and artists."

Benjamin Franklin called the fruit of the vine "a constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy."

Why such glowing words of praise about a liquid many people have never explored or enjoyed, and many others have despised and condemned, calling it the devil's own brew?

Wine before Flood

For the answer, we start at the beginning. Christ Himself created the grapevine on the third day of creation, and wine can be traced to Noah before the Flood.

Genesis 9:20 reads: "Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard."

This can better be translated: "Noah continued to be an husbandman," showing that the Flood had only temporarily interrupted this occupation. According to a Mesopotamian text discovered at Nineveh in 1962, wine was among the provisions in the ark. It reads: "For our food I slaughtered oxen, and killed sheep day by day, and with beer, oil, and wine, I filled large jars."

Picture your family peacefully settled somewhere during the millennium, enjoying the full, abundant life God has promised. Inspired by the beauty of your surroundings, you walk over to a vine and what God has said in Romans 1:20 comes to mind, that we learn spiritual principles from the physical things around us.

You then notice that a young grapevine is much like your young child playing nearby. Both stay small for a number of years. Looking at a year-old vine, you might think it will never get big, but it grows up and has a long, productive life.

Like a child, the young vine must be cared for, most meticulously and tenderly when young.

Deeper to survive

Good soil and fine weather contribute to produce good grapes and vines. But many of the great wines of the past have come from vines that had to struggle through a tribulation of inferior soil or bad weather. These plants pushed their roots deeper to survive, and they built up that vinous character through trial and adversity. So, of course, it is with us.

A good grower watches to see that every vine is producing quality grapes. Christ uses the analogy in John 15:1: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

Growers uproot unproductive vines and prune productive ones so they will produce quality and quantity.

The human life cycle and the grape-and-wine cycle are an exact analogy. Both come from the earth and return to it (from dust to dust). The vines transform water and salts from the soil into neat little packages we call grapes, containing sugar, liquid, acids and flavors. This is like a fleshly human being.

After the vintner crushes the grapes, he adds wine yeast to the juice. This yeast is a direct type of God's Spirit, because it is the agent that actually does the converting of grape juice into wine.

The vintner must control the fermentation process so air doesn't get in, because ever present in the air are other yeasts that would destroy the wine, altering it into an inferior liquid, producing something far different from the perfect product the vintner intends to create. The vintner uses a fermentation lock to keep the air out.

This is similar to our guarding the doors of our minds, keeping out bad thoughts (the spiritual leaven or yeast, that emanates from Satan) and simultaneously keeping and using God's Spirit within to further convert or change us to something perfect. It is interesting that there are 12 chemical stages between grape juice and wine.

Wine reveals to us this process of perfection, and perfection — whether in man or wine — comes only with time, work, patience.

Slows to quality

Fermentation, as in Christian growth, starts fairly rapidly but slows to minute, quality changes that in time produce a finely polished product.

As a natural consequence of conversion, impurities in the wine separate, as also happens in our lives.

The product also depends on the quality of grapes started with, because, like people, some have more innate assets to begin with.

No wonder Satan has deceived people into thinking wine is evil; he doesn't want them to get close to understanding God's process of perfection.

We can see why God and man have written so much about wine when we understand why God created wine and its many purposes in our lives. Physically speaking, wine is a common denominator of life that all can relate to, bringing time and mankind into proper perspective.



Photo by Nathan Faulkner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BUCHANAN, Steve and Terri (Stolley), of 2701 Penny Lane, No. 210, Austin, Tex., 78758, boy, Steven Lee Douglas, June 30, 8:45 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

CASE, Norman and Mary (Haven), of Mount Pocono, Pa., girl, Amy Christina, Aug. 9, 4:36 a.m., 10 pounds, first child.

COOPER, Thomas and Cheryl (Allworth), of Portland, Ore., boy, Thomas Alfred, Aug. 8, 12:38 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

DAY, John and Gloria (Stockdale), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Michelle Francis, July 29, 4:23 p.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

DEAN, Kevin and Carol (Landes), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, Tania Nestle, July 29, 11:20 a.m., 10 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

HAND, Mayo and Mary Jane (Nygard), of Portland, Ore., boy, Mayo Willis, Aug. 12, 7:30 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HUFF, Larry and Joyce (Puckett), of Ray, Ohio, boy, Brian, Aug. 5, 1:03 p.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KEYSTER, Dave and Kathy (Weeks), of Peoria, Ill., girl, Rebekah Mary, Aug. 9, 10:03 a.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LANGLEY, Ford and Carole (Heiser), of Aniston, Ala., girl, Jennifer Suzanne, June 23, 10:11 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

LANTHIER, Richard and Denise (Dussault), of Montreal, Que., boy, Kevin William, July 15, 4:36 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LEMMON, Daniel and Anita (Hugger), of Erie, Pa., girl, Jessica Jo, July 19, 5:13 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

LODGE, Tony and Wendy (Milman), of Brickell Wood, England, boy, Christopher Anthony, Aug. 15, 2 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LORENZ, Jim and Bettye (Morrow), of Toowoomba, Australia, girl, Gina Marie, June 24, 12:20 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

MORENO, Oscar and Guillermina, of Leon, Mexico, girl, Noemi Roxana, Aug. 3, 9:30 a.m., 5 pounds, now 3 girls.

NENSTIEL, Larry and Beverly (Holden), of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., boy, Lee Holden, Aug. 17, 2:45 p.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

OUELLETTE, Roger and Sharon (Brown), of Surrey, B.C., girl, Vanessa Anna-Louise, Aug. 4, 8:53 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

OVERSTREET, David and Maureen (Hosey), of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., girl, Elizabeth Renee, Aug. 13, 1:15 a.m., 9 1/2 pounds, now 5 boys, 3 girls.

PARK, James and Pamela (Howard), of Winoemucca, Nev., girl, Allison Rachel, Aug. 24, 6:30 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PHELPS, Floyd and Doris (Rienfor), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Troy Wayne, Aug. 20, 2:09 p.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

SHOEMAKER, Lowell and Betty, of Flemingsburg, Ky., boy, Mark Allen, Aug. 4, 10:38 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys.

SIMPSON, Victor and Grace, of Bridgetown, Barbados, boy, Gregg Allen, Aug. 3, 4:05 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

STENNETT, Mike and Kris (Rader), of Missoula, Mont., boy, Brett Alan, Aug. 2, 9:45 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

WALLACE, Bob and Janet (Middleton), of Auckland, New Zealand, boy, Andrew Robert, July 28, 10:25 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WHEATCROFT, Dennis and Sidni (Hunting), of Didsbury, Alta., twin boys, Bradley James and Brett Lee, Aug. 4, 1:50 a.m. and 2:20 a.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces and 6 pounds 2 ounces, first children.

WHITE, Howard Gene and Lucretia (Brinson), of Meridian, Miss., girl, Regina Ruth, June 22, 8:37 a.m., 6 pounds, now 2 girls.

ZEMAN, Zeljko and Delma (Hewitt), of Wollongong, Australia, girl, Adela Julka, July 12, 10:55 a.m., 2.95 kilograms, first child.

ZIMMERMAN, Chuck and Joy (Brinkman), of Loveland, Colo., girl, Courtney Renee, July 2, 1:16 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ham are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Elaine, to Joseph Daniel Pyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norvel Pyle. The wedding is planned for Oct. 12 in Dawson, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert O. Brown of Loveland, Tex., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Shirley to Stephen Gent, son of Mrs. J.T. Gent of Nottingham, England. The wedding will take place Oct. 21 in Tucson, Ariz.

Gerald Budzinski and Martha Adcock are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding will be Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin L. Wright are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Gary Eads. A fall wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson of Branson, Colo., are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Tim, to Nancy Kohnman, the daughter of Virginia Kohnman of Lakewood, Colo. The wedding is planned for Oct. 12.

Tom and Darlene Gomer of Black River Falls, Wis., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Vesley Lynn, to Steven Anthony Tallion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tallion of Pendleton, Ore. The wedding date is set for Oct. 14 in Wisconsin.

Rick Stodols and Rafella Ricci are happy to announce their engagement and soon coming wedding. Rick, from Moorhead, Minn., and Rafella, from Sellersville, Pa., are former Ambassador College students. A Dec. 24 wedding is planned in the Ambassador Auditorium.

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Kim Yeager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yeager, and Dave Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grimes, both of New Brighton, Pa., were married July 18. Don Lawson of the Pittsburgh, Pa., churches, performed the ceremony. Gail Nicely was maid of honor, Ed Burns was best man.

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A WORD ABOUT PHOTOS...



The Good News receives a sizable number of photographs for each issue, and although we try to include a variety of quality pictures in each issue, we inevitably end up with stacks of photos we are not able to use. Regardless of whether or not a picture is printed, we feel that you, the shutterbugs of the Church, would like your photos returned. While the logistics and financial impact of returning every photo we receive would be mildly mind-boggling, we will try to return any photos that are accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. The same name and address should appear on the back of the photo (a nonsmearing felt-tip is best — a ball-point pen or pencil often wrinkles the front of the picture, making it unusable).

Neagle; and two grandsons, Kevin and Jeff, all of Bountiful, Utah.

ERIE, Pa. — Lafayette Foster, 66, of the Erie congregation, died Aug. 1 after suffering a stroke.

Mr. Foster's wife Lorraine, 59, died unexpectedly Aug. 25, following her husband in death.

The Fosters had been members of God's Church for the past two years. They are survived by their daughter, Grace Smith, also a Church member.

ERIE, Pa. — Kimberly Trickett, 5, died Aug. 3 as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Her mother Donna, also seriously injured, remains in the hospital.

Kimberly attended services in Erie with her parents.

FLINT, Mich. — Philip Clayton Brown, 15-month-old son of Wayne and Debbie Brown, died July 27 from burns received July 26.

Philip's father is a member of God's Church attending in Flint. Mr. Brown formerly attended the Huntsville, Ala., church.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Chester Morpheus, 81, of Hot Springs, died Aug. 26.

Mr. Morpheus was a longtime member attending the Little Rock, Ark., church. He is survived by three sons, one daughter, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

IOWA CITY, Iowa. — Rose Anderman Kamper, 84, a member of God's Church in Iowa City, died Aug. 8 at a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, care center following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Kamper, who lived in Cedar Rapids, is survived by three daughters, Myrtle Williams of Cedar Rapids (a Church member), Berdine Holly of Harwaiba, Iowa, and Melrose Shadet of Vista, Calif.; a son, Marlin Kamper of Janesville, Iowa; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

JEFFERSON, Ore. — Verda Ethel Henion, 87, died June 29 after an extended illness. Richard Parker, pastor of the Salem, Ore., church, officiated. Mrs. Henion attended the Salem church for many years.

Mrs. Henion was born April 16, 1891, in Reece, Kan. She married David T. Henion Feb. 24, 1909, in Avard, Okla. He preceded her in death March 17, 1967.

Survivors include a son, Charlie, of Jefferson; three daughters, Mrs. Phillip Van Valkenburgh of Albany, Ore., and Mrs. Robert Hamilton and Mrs. Vernon McKee, both of Jefferson; 23 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Three daughters preceded her in death.

LUFKIN, Tex. — Emery E. Bryce, 82, died July 15 after a lengthy illness. Dale Schurter, a pastor from Big Sandy, Tex., officiated at the funeral services in Center, Tex.

Mr. Bryce, along with his wife Beatrice, was a longtime member of God's Church. Two sons, Bill Bryce of Sandy, Utah, and Charles Bryce of Regina, Sask., are ministers in God's Church.

Mr. Bryce is survived by his wife, four sons, four daughters, one brother, one sister, 27 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

OZARK, Ark. — Gladys Barrett, 80, died of a heart attack May 19. She was a member of God's Church since 1954 and attended at Fort Smith, Ark.

Mrs. Barrett is survived by two sons, Albert and Vendor Barrett; and one daughter, Mrs. Floy Wofford, of Pasadena, Calif.

PADUCAH, Ky. — Matilda Roberta Curtis, 81, died June 4 after a short illness. She had been a member of God's Church since 1961 and for many years regularly traveled 105 miles by bus to attend church in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Curtis is survived by one brother.

SOUTHAMPTON, England — Maud Heath, 80, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, died Aug. 8 after a short illness. A longtime member of God's Church, she regularly attended services on the mainland at Southampton.

The funeral service was conducted by David House, pastor of the southern area churches.

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Obituaries

BLOOMFIELD, N.M. — Frank Neagle, 72, died July 10 as a result of burns suffered June 22 in a gasoline refinery fire here. Frank Simkins conducted services for Mr. Neagle, who had been a member of God's Church since 1965.

Mr. Neagle is survived by his wife Irene of Bloomfield; a son and a daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their two children attend the Auditorium P.M. church here.

The Plain Truth About HEALING

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and 40 nights, Satan said twice to Jesus, TEMPTING HIM, "IF thou be the Son of God." That little two-letter word IF is just about the biggest little word in the English language! It is intended to cause DOUBT in GOD'S WORD. It was used by Satan in trying to overthrow Christ. Satan inspired it in this Theological Project to try to overthrow faith within God's ministers — and within God's Church!

With all my being, I CONDEMN that kind of teaching — and the one responsible for handing it out to God's ministers (though undoubtedly he himself did not write it) has been dis-fellow-shipped — and is NO LONGER A MEMBER of God's Church. And that Satanic-inspired teaching is going out of God's Church as well!

God's promise

Now that diabolical teaching about the passage in James 5:14-15 requires a complete refutation — to make the true GOD-intended meaning clear beyond DOUBT.

As a result of this insidious attempt to cause DOUBT in the Word of God, many have said, "This Theological Project teaches that James 5:14-15 IS NOT A PROMISE!"

But it is a definite, plain, clear PROMISE from GOD! I pray for God's mercy on those who allowed Satan to inspire them to cast DOUBT on the holy, sacred WORD OF GOD!

Look at those words again. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins [undoubtedly referring to physical sin], they shall be forgiven . . ."

If THAT IS NOT A PROMISE then we have NO PROMISE of the forgiveness of sins or of salvation and the gift of eternal life!

Faith is a condition

The point is made in this now null-and-void teaching that there are conditions. That is true — but WHAT conditions? Within the very statement in James 5:15, it plainly says . . . the prayer of FAITH . . . "Yes, FAITH is a condition.

In some instances where Jesus healed, the FAITH for healing was supplied by the one healed — like the woman who had spent all she had on physicians and had grown worse. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, THY FAITH hath made thee whole." Again Jesus said elsewhere, "According to your faith be it unto you."

But, in other cases the one healed did not supply the faith — Jesus Himself did! So what does this teach us? Definitely healing is conditioned on FAITH — either on the part of the one needing healing or on the part of the minister of God who prays and anoints.

I have prayed for and anointed hundreds. There have been exceeding miraculous healings. Some with cancer in advanced stage were HEALED — while others at this stage were relieved of the intense pain though they died and will have their healing IN THE RESURRECTION. More on

this a little later. One woman, in the hospital with apparently less than 24 hours to live, with leukemia, and with tubes in her ankles for blood transfusions, tubes in her nostrils — a horrible sight — was healed instantly when I anointed and prayed for her (after putting all nurses out of the room). She left the hospital the next day.

On the other hand I have prayed for others where I myself had the same faith, yet they were not healed — because they lacked the faith.

In James 5:14-15, the very scripture here gives a condition — . . . the prayer of faith . . ."

Keep His Commandments

Also, 1 John 3:22, mentioned before, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

In a preceding installment, I mentioned a case of a man who wanted healing, but stubbornly refused to keep God's Commandments. He was not healed.

Oh yes, there are conditions — but God tells those conditions. BUT NEVER does the Bible say, "IF it's God's will." NEVER! Rather, God's Word says, "Be not unwise, but UNDERSTANDING what the will of the Lord is." The Bible is His Word, where HE TELLS US WHAT IS HIS WILL!

Now as to GOD'S PROMISES. The Bible is full of God's PROMISES — and God expects us to BELIEVE them.

Perhaps the outstanding example is the promises on which YOUR very salvation and mine depend.

Notice: "Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers." And who were the fathers to whom the promises were made? "The God of Abraham, and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers . . ." (Acts 3:13).

YOUR SALVATION depends on those PROMISES made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! Yet notice: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises . . ." (Hebrews 11:13).

God's promises are sure

WHAT, THEN! Does not God KEEP HIS PROMISES? Here in this very FAITH CHAPTER of the Bible, all the way through, it shows Abraham's FAITH, Isaac's and Jacob's FAITH, Noah's FAITH, Moses' faith, even the harlot Rahab's faith. Then, "And these all, having obtained a good report through FAITH, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us [born long since] should not be made perfect" (verses 39-40).

In other words, GOD IS FAITHFUL! God's PROMISES are FIRM — they do mean what they say. The fathers will receive the PROMISES IN THE RESURRECTION — along with many of us born millenniums later!

GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE! Although I have written this before, let me recount here how I learned this lesson of FAITH.

My conversion and baptism

had occurred in the spring of 1927. By 1933 I had come to have strong faith — there had been many miraculous answers to prayer! Then my father was stricken, early summer, 1933, with a stroke. I prayed for his healing. I anointed him. I BELIEVED! HE BELIEVED! I prayed all night — yet at 9:40 next morning he died.

That was a terrible SHOCK to my faith — but it most certainly did NOT destroy my faith. But I had to UNDERSTAND! I had claimed GOD'S PROMISE in James 5:14-15 and OTHER PROMISES for his healing. To UNDERSTAND, I did not try to use human reason, as exemplified in this Theological Project. I went to the faith chapter of the Bible for UNDERSTANDING.

And there I found it, in what I have written immediately above, GOD DID NOT BREAK HIS PROMISE! His promise was SURE — unbreakable. As sure as the rising and setting of tomorrow's sun. In Hebrews 11 God showed me that HIS PROMISE FOR MY FATHER'S HEALING REMAINS SURE! He, like Abraham and the fathers, died BEFORE receiving it. It is still SURE — NOT "IF it is God's will." But there is LIFE AFTER this life.

And, in human consciousness, a fraction of a second after losing consciousness in death, we shall wake up IN THE RESURRECTION. God has planned that there be an interval of UNCONSCIOUSNESS — just as if it did not even exist, until we LIVE in the resurrection! I am still having patience — and FAITH. My father's healing is SURE! He shall receive the healing God PROMISED!

Rely on God

God has not promised that, by continual healing, we shall never die. As in Adam all die . . . it is appointed unto men once to die — but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

God has positively PROMISED to heal. And HE names the conditions — OBEDIENCE and FAITH. But God has not told us how soon or when HE will heal. HE EXPECTS US TO TRUST HIM WITH THAT!

That most certainly should not weaken or destroy our faith — IT SHOULD MAKE OUR FAITH MORE SURE!

I know, in this deceived and evil world of Satan's, it seems that the worst thing that can happen is death. Humans not knowing God get to thinking that death ENDS ALL. That's why some commit suicide — supposing that the suicide PUTS AN END to their troubles. But virtually in the same instant that they lose consciousness in death, they wake up IN THE JUDGMENT — their problems not ended — but with a MURDER of self-destruction now facing them!

Our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, all died IN FAITH. My own human father died IN FAITH. God's PROMISES to them are yet SURE.

Instead of losing faith, this wonderful knowledge should STRENGTHEN our faith — knowing we may place ourselves in GOD'S HANDS and RELY ON Him for healing. The most remarkable and supposedly impossible heal-

ings I have experienced, as a result of my own prayers, have occurred after my father's death. God did not let that experience weaken FAITH IN GOD AND HIS PROMISES!

God alone heals

I have been frankly aroused to indignation to learn of this false, faith-shattering teaching in this supposedly scholarly theological manual, wherein ministers were literally instructed to encourage God's people to TRUST IN MAN — in the "advanced expertise" of the medical profession — and to discourage them from having faith in God. I realize that Satan is the real culprit — that those who prepared this manual did not intend harm — misled and deceived into supposing they were teaching truth.

Jesus Christ, through His apostle, teaches ministers to ENCOURAGE RELIANCE ON THE LIVING CHRIST, rather than on man.

Medical practice may be the best thing that carnal MAN, cut off from God and revealed truth from God, has in 6,000 years come up with.

Do we ever need doctors? Yes we do — but the true people of God do not need them to compete with God as our GOD-HEALER (God's name is also *Yahveh-Rapha* — our GOD-HEALER! God is a jealous God and does not allow any other to do what He alone can do — HEAL!

We do, in this modern degenerated day, need doctors for child delivery. A doctor can render real help in the case of a broken arm or leg — but even then it is GOD who heals, though the doctor may properly bind it up so that it may heal.

What about the ramifications of sickness and disease? As stated, medical practice may be the best thing MAN without God has been able to produce. If a Church member simply lacks the faith to be healed by the living Christ — if he has more faith in medical "expertise" than to rely on God and God's promises, God's Church will not judge or condemn him if he puts himself or his child under medical treatment. If that is the best he has faith in, better let him have what help MAN can give, RATHER THAN NO HELP AT ALL!

Healing is a miracle

God's ministers should NOT high-pressure any against medical care — but definitely they should encourage them to build and receive FAITH in the living CHRIST.

But God's people should be taught that healing is a MIRACLE and not to be considered lightly. The biblical definition of a miracle is: "An event beyond the power of any known physical laws to produce; a supernatural occurrence produced by the power of God."

Healing definitely is a MIRACLE. But we must never forget our God is a MIRACLE-WORKING GOD! He is the supernatural God — not man. Yet HE intended man to have a direct and intimate contact with God through Christ. Those called are called to become His begotten children, and by growing in grace and Christ's knowledge in

spiritual character, to be BORN, by a resurrection, INTO THE VERY GOD FAMILY. The human potential is that we shall become VERY GOD — even as Christ — first-born of many brethren — already is!

And His people, whom He has called, must remember that . . . without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that HE IS, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6). And HE is the GIVER OF FAITH.

China

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New York's other major commercial daily, *The Journal of Commerce*, opined that as a result of the Sino-Japanese pact, we could "ultimately see a new international order emerging in Asia."

How Russia lost out

In this new order, which ultimately might include India (to whom China is also making advances) and other Asian nations, the odd man out will definitely be the Soviet Union.

The Russians have only themselves to blame for their plight. With only a little foresight and willingness to compromise on their part, Japan could now be the economic partner of the U.S.S.R. instead of throwing in its lot with China.

For the last 2½ years the Soviets proposed a similar peace-and-friendship treaty to the Japanese. The core of the pact involved Japan's assistance in developing the hidden riches of Siberia. The Japanese asked only one favor of Moscow — that the Russians return four foggy, windswept, essentially good-for-nothing islands north of Hokkaido that the Red Army seized during the last eight days of World War II. The stubborn, penny-wise, pound-foolish Russians refused and thereby lost the deal of the century. Joseph C. Harsch, top foreign affairs commentator of *The Christian Science Monitor* analyzed this remarkable turn of events this way:

"Moscow could have won the competition with China easily, had the men of Moscow had the wit and imagination and the political flexibility. Nothing more graphically attests to the clumsiness and slowness of the Russian bear than its failure to see the advantages to itself of having done the deal with Japan, when it had the first chance; and also its failure to see the danger to its own interests of having China obtain Japanese help . . . The United States in 1968 gave back to Japan the Ryukyu Islands including Okinawa. In 1976 the Soviet Union refused to give back the southern Kurils. Thus, for the sake of a few square miles of volcanic forest swept by fog and bone-chilling winds, whose economic value is solely in fishing (mostly for crabs), Moscow missed the chance to enlist Japan as its partner in Asia."

An open door?

A whole new international order is indeed emerging in Asia. One must ask whether this marriage of Chinese manpower and resources to Japanese technology and expertise will lead up to the formation — joined by other powers such as India — of the "200 million" of Revelation 9:16. And, will China's newly opened door not only to Japan but to all advanced nations of the Western world, including the United States, also finally open the door for announcing the Gospel message of the coming Kingdom of God before the leaders of one fourth of the human race?

What exciting times we are living in!

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — United States area coordinators of the Worldwide Church of God began four days of meetings with Wayne Cole, director of the ministry, and other headquarters Church personnel Sept. 5. The regularly scheduled series of meetings centered on general administrative needs. Among topics discussed

were manpower, area coordinator administrative responsibilities, ordinations, new churches and communication techniques. Stanley Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, discussed the state of the field churches with the coordinators on the opening day and relayed Mr. Armstrong's confidence in

the ministry and the brethren. Mr. Armstrong addressed the coordinators Sept. 8.

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PASADENA — The Ministerial Services Department has released the names of the following men recently ordained as local church elders: Harry Bente of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) West church; David Edward Dobson of the Oklahoma City, Okla., church; and Earl Leroy Henn of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) East church.

The following ministerial manpower changes are also announced: Associate pastor Ralph Orr of the

Youngstown, Ohio, church will become the associate pastor of the Cincinnati (Ohio) North church. Rod Carnes, pastor of the Enid, Okla., church will enter the noncareer ministry. Harry Walker will enter the noncareer ministry.

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CHICAGO, Ill. — Harold L. Jackson of Lagos, Nigeria, director of the Black African Work, was married to Helen Gibson of Chicago Aug. 6. Edwin Marrs, pastor of the Houston, Tex., church, performed the ceremony here.

Among the 140 guests were 26

ministers representing various parts of the United States, the Caribbean Islands and South Africa.

Mrs. Jackson has been a member



MR. AND MRS. HAROLD JACKSON

of the Church for 20 years and has served as a deaconess for the past 10 years.

The couple will live in Lagos.

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PASADENA — Because of the show of support by 135 Ambassador College student volunteers at the International Frisbee Competition at the Rose Bowl here Aug. 27 concessions granted AC students the right to sell concessions at the Rose Bowl Jan. 1, according to Marvin Plakut, student body president. Last year the efforts of 134 students at the Rose Bowl football game Jan. 2 were rewarded by a check for \$8,772.98.

Only half of the projected income was realized from the Frisbee competition because of an imbalance in spectator seating. The students, however, collected \$2,819.34, which will be used for an offering and student activities, for their eight hours of work.

"Most students I talked to really enjoyed it, and I feel it had a unifying effect on the student body," said Mr. Plakut.



AREA COORDINATORS MEET — Herbert W. Armstrong, below and inset, addresses U.S. area coordinators Sept. 8 in Pasadena. Left photo: Cincinnati, Ohio, based area coordinator Guy Englebart, left; Cleveland, Ohio, based area coordinator Ed Smith, center; and Denver, Colo., based area coordinator Ron Kelly wait for the meeting to start. (See "Update," this page.) [Photos by Roland Rees]



'La Pura Verdad' expands in U.S.

PASADENA — In an effort to get more *La Pura Verdad* readers from among 21 million Hispanics living in the United States, the Work's Spanish Department is now placing 45,000 of the Spanish version *Plain Truths* in newsstand outlets around the country.

The newsstand distribution campaign was launched in January, 1976, by the Spanish Department, which has its headquarters office in Pasadena.

Los Angeles alone boasts over 100 outlets for the magazine, with another 350 outlets scattered in New York, Florida, Texas, the Southwest and large urban areas inhabited by large numbers of Hispanics.

According to Walter Dickinson, director of the Spanish Work, the newsstand copies are moving very well.

The United States, now the fifth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world, also has its own Spanish-speaking church located in Pasadena. The church, attended by 105, is pastored by Robert Flores and Fernando Barriga.

Resident pastors serve brethren

Besides the push in the United States, the Spanish Department is now engaged in an effort to place resident pastors in as many areas as possible in the Spanish-speaking world.

Bogota, Colombia, brethren have a resident pastor after a four-year effort to place Pablo Gonzalez in that country. Mr. Gonzalez left July 25 from San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he had been serving the Spanish-speaking brethren in the Caribbean since 1974. He often visited the Bogota brethren over the year, but was unable to get permission to reside in Colombia until now. Another minister, Mario Seiglie, is scheduled

to join him, it is hoped, before the year is out.

"Up until this time we have just been able to make a pass at reaching people," said Mr. Dickinson. "Now whenever we get a visit request, we have people in the field who can reach them probably within two weeks to a month. This is far better than the two to four years it used to be."

Full-time ministers

Full-time ministers reside in the United States, Mexico (Tom Turk, Bob Flores and Alfredo Mercado); Central America (Herberth Cisneros); Puerto Rico (Albert Sousa); Argentina (Luis Chavez); and Chile (Filidor Illiesca).

"We are beginning to get the first beginnings of a ministry established so that we can begin to do full-time work in these areas and reach people," said Mr. Dickinson. "Before we were only able to reach people when somebody went through for the Holy Days, a baptizing tour or something else."

Ten ministers now serve in the Spanish Work along with six ministerial assistants. Churches number eight along with 22 Bible studies. There are 897 members within the Spanish Work.

Mexico springboard

A good portion of the activity in (See "LA PURA VERDAD," page 6)



SPANISH MAGAZINE NEWSSTAND — A Houston, Tex., supermarket display offers free copies of *La Pura Verdad*. The magazine rack, being checked by a member, is one of over 450 outlets for the magazine in the United States.

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God's Work is experiencing an upsurge in demand for its Spanish publications in the United States, the world's fifth largest Spanish-speaking nation. By 1980 as many as 22 million Hispanics will reside in the United States, a great percentage of whom read or speak only Spanish.

If you or any of your friends or relatives read Spanish, please request *La Pura Verdad* for display in your home. Likewise, a bulletin that features news and developments of the Spanish Work is sent regularly (in Spanish only) to members and co-workers and is available upon request.

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