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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

MAIL SUMMARY 3/2/72

The total income for the year through February showed a 12.9% increase over last year. The total mail count for the first two months is about a minus 9 percent compared to 1971, while the white mail is down only slightly.

The year 1971 ended with a total letter count of 2,484,200 — somewhat lower than the figure for 1970. But we had a 32 percent increase in white mail for the year, which represents quite an increase in our mailing list since most of these people wrote in for the first time. And receipts on the last day of the year brought the income just up to the percentage of increase anticipated for 1971!

Statements of intention continue to come in slowly. So far 13,847 cards have been returned — 48.9 percent of the number sent out — for a total of \$149,142.14 per month. Of course, a minimum of \$200,000 per month is needed to follow through on payments for the House for God. So continue to exhort the brethren to send in their Statement of Intention Cards.

We have been receiving quite a number of letters from people who miss the daily broadcast. They are also commenting positively on Mr. Herbert Armstrong's broadcasts — many are happy to hear him again.

Responses to the telecast over WOR-TV (New York) are very good. The first telecast, "What Deserts Need", drew 786 first time responses. The same program on KTLA-TV (Los Angeles) drew 838 when it was played last June. The second telecast on "Animal Oddities" drew over 3,700 responses.

An interesting sidelight: On February 8, the child rearing booklet was recommended to readers of the "Mrs. Griggs" column in the *Milwaukee-Journal*. As a result 275 people have written for the booklet.

Please note that many of the brethren are sending in their tithes without their complete name and address on the envelope. If they would include this information it certainly would greatly speed up processing of their contributions. Many also seem to be careless in marking the break-down of their tithes and offerings — such as the first, second, third tithes, building fund, etc. Some are marking "second" when they really mean "third". They need to realize that it's important to *clearly indicate each category and how much* belongs to each. We would appreciate your help in this matter by bringing this to the attention of the brethren.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Responses to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's broadcasts and the lack of daily programs continue to come in. So far we have received around 1,000 letters — 300 of which are responses to Mr. Armstrong's broadcasts. Literature responses to his broadcasts are also very good. For example:

Requests for *The Seven Laws of Success* have been climbing the last two weeks. Here are the responses since the new series of broadcasts began:

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Larry and Anita Bathurst (Anderson-Asheville, Alabama): Would like to announce the birth of our second child, a son, *Lawrence Dale, Jr.* He weighed in at 8 lbs., 13 oz. and was 21 inches long. Dale arrived January 2 at 12:33 a.m. — too late for a tax deduction, and too late to be the "New Year's baby" — he was number 2.

Dan and Ardis Biedler (South Bend-Ft. Wayne, Indiana): My wife (formerly Ardis Nelson) and I would like to announce the belated arrival of our son, *Daniel Van Morgan II* on Sunday, January 16, at 7:36 a.m. After being two and a half weeks overdue and a 30-hour labor, we were happy to hear that first hungry cry from our 7 lb., 2 oz. son. We're very thankful for the safe delivery and this very special blessing. Mother and son are both doing fine.

Bill and Cheryl Jahns (St. Louis, Missouri): Greetings from St. Louis. We are happy to announce the birth of our second girl, *Laura Marie*. She was born on February 2, 1972 at 2:20 p.m., after only 4 hours of labor. She weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz. and was 23½ inches long. Delivery went very well even though Laura was a large baby. We are very thankful that God has given us another healthy girl.

Ray and Brenda Pyle (Seattle, Washington): Happy to announce the birth of our baby boy, *Anthony Ray*; 8 lbs., 13 oz.; 21 inches long. He was born 4:16 p.m., Monday, January 10th. Mother and baby are doing just fine. Anthony sure makes our days *brighter* and our nights *longer*!

Vince and Carol Szymkowiak (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania): Greetings from Pittsburgh! Carol and I became mom and dad with the arrival of our baby daughter, *Amy Darlene*, who was born January 1, 1972 — just eleven hours, sixteen minutes short of being a 1971 tax deduction!!! But that's no major problem — she's very pretty, weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and taped in at 20½ inches. Naturally, she looked like the *both* of us, except for her big feet which are just like her daddy's!

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NONEXISTENT LITERATURE

We do not have a piece of literature entitled, "Germany in Prophecy." Please inform the membership *not* to write in for it.

LETTER EXCERPTS

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DATE	TOTALS	NEW READERS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Feb. 10-16	668	620	93%
Feb. 17-23	980	885	90%
Feb. 24-29	1508	1337	89%
TOTALS	3156	2842	90%

The high percentage of new readers means that most of the response came from the broadcasts.

In Response to
Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's Broadcasts

What a pleasant surprise I had last night when I turned my radio on to listen to "The World Tomorrow" and heard Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's voice. A voice I hadn't heard in a few years. I enjoyed his sermon so very much. I enjoy Garner Ted, but you are the first I heard back in 1948. So thank you for coming back to us.

— Mrs. D. E. S., Houston, Texas

I did not hear "The World Tomorrow" program all last week until Sunday night when I heard a new voice on the air, which I had not heard before. I was so surprised and so glad to have gotten the program on the radio that night, that I didn't even think to sit down and listen, but remained standing. It was the most powerful and hard-hitting program I have heard yet, and the voice was that of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong!

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

OFFICE OF
ALBERT J. PORTUNE, *Vice President,*
Financial Affairs and Planning

Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS to you all again from the Office of Financial Affairs! It seems a long time since my last letter to you, but I know that you have been kept informed of any major news, both at the Ministerial Conference and through the district conferences that were later conducted in your districts.

The financial situation right now is not really good. We do, of course, expect a slight condition of reverse cash flow at the present time of the year, which seems to be seasonal, but you might be interested in knowing that we are presently running about two and a half million dollars in deficit. This means that we have had to dip into our reserves by that amount. However, this is not an unusual situation for this time of the year, and the projections for March and April, especially when the Holy Day offerings are taken into consideration, are quite positive.

At present our year-to-date income is running about five percent behind our budget. As also mentioned during the Conference, we are structuring the 1972 budget at a 17.4 percent increase over 1971. Of course, every time we miss the budget figure, we have to show a bigger increase the following month to make up the deficit. However, I am not pessimistic at all at the present time, and even though we have had to put a temporary "freeze" on hiring and equipment acquisitions, I feel that by the end of April we should have worked ourselves into a good financial situation again.

There are a number of construction projects which have been tearing up the whole campus over the last several weeks, not the least of which is the preparations in full swing for the House for God! The workmen are presently busily pouring concrete foundations for a building that will soon rise seventy feet in the air and dominate this end of Pasadena.

I also talked with Mr. Elliott this morning concerning the new parking structure and athletic field which needs to be built this coming summer in order to be in use for the 1972-1973 school year. Mr. Elliott feels that this structure can be built in three to four months, and I know that it will add a great dimension to student life to have such a fine facility available to them.

If you add to the present construction the fact that the freeway is beginning to make its presence felt through the campus, you can imagine that there is quite a lot of noise and dust which may be

with us for perhaps a year or so. The end results, however, are more than worth looking forward to!

I should mention at this stage that the construction of buildings on the campus has to be a very carefully planned procedure because there is so much involved in putting up what some people might consider to be a "simple building". We have to take into account such things as high income periods of the year, labor availability, materials availability, parking constraints, accessibility to the construction site, etc., etc., all of which combined can bring a few headaches! I am happy to say, though, that with Mr. Elliott's cooperation and that of those working with him, we are able to pursue a very imaginative building program. There may be dirt and noise for a little time, but the outcome will be highly profitable for the Work!

I know that all of you will be very enthusiastic to hear that Mr. Armstrong is well and truly back "in the saddle" in making the radio broadcast! As a matter of fact, I was just watching him make a program this morning, and I believe that the inspired, dynamic and powerful approach he can bring to the World Tomorrow program will be very effective in bringing new readers to the Plain Truth, and ultimately to Church membership. He has made three programs already this week (This is Thursday.), and is really feeling encouraged and enthusiastic about his ability to do more. I know that he does appreciate very greatly all our prayers for his inspiration and strength in what could become a very tiring and taxing schedule.

The May and June editions of the Plain Truth are now being put together, and it is planned that we will be covering articles on China and Northern Ireland, as well as more scriptural articles on human mind and the power of Satan in the world today. The combining of the Plain Truth and Tomorrow's World is another area that I feel very encouraged and enthusiastic about because I know that taking a more scriptural approach to some of the articles in the Plain Truth is going to bring about a quicker commitment on the part of the reader and a stronger desire to look further into God's Word in seeking answers to those problems that are plaguing people living in this "present evil world". The full impact, of course, of this approach will not be felt for perhaps three to six months, but I know that God has inspired Mr. Armstrong to make these changes and the results can be nothing but good.

Some of you may have heard that Mr. Armstrong recently paid a visit to our campus in Big Sandy, and has tentatively approved the construction of a four or five storey administration building on the campus there. This will enable all of the administrative staff of the College and Church to be together in one area, resulting in much greater efficiency and communications. I understand from Mr. McCullough that he is presently working with architects on conceptual renderings, costs, land use, etc. All these drawings and ideas, of course, will be very preliminary, and subject to approval by Mr. Armstrong. Mr. McCullough is hoping that they can break ground by

June and have the building completed within nine months to a year. Needless to say, he is very excited and enthusiastic about this project.

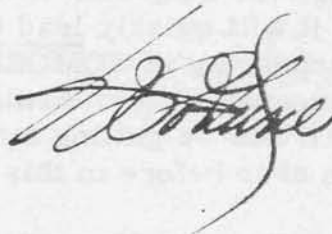
He also mentioned that they are busily preparing the application forms and details for the Feast of Tabernacles this year, and they should all be in the mail to the membership by Passover. This should give ample time for everyone to make arrangements and plan ahead for this Fall festival.

This year we are planning on opening two new feast sites. One feast site, of course, is the one presently under construction in the Wisconsin Dells, which should be complete, with certain exceptions concerning paving of the parking lots, by the time of the Feast. We are planning on sending ten thousand people to the Dells this year. Also, in order to relieve the pressure on Mt. Pocono and the Ozarks, we have contracted to take the Convention Center in Alexandria, Louisiana, for 7,500 people. This will be just a temporary move and may be done this year only, but will enable us to get the feel of using pre-built convention sites, and any of the attendant problems. He also mentioned that we are planning on reducing the number of people attending in Squaw Valley, as well as the Poconos and Ozarks, although exact figures have not yet been decided. He did say, however, that there would be 14,000 again attending in Big Sandy, 10,000 of whom will be camping right there at the Feast site.

As you can gather, a lot of things are happening, and there is a great deal of pressure on all of us here at Headquarters. We surely do appreciate all your prayers and concern for us. God's Work is really taking some gigantic steps forward, and we will need to be together in unity and dedication to the commission that God has given to us. We at Headquarters really appreciate all the efforts of you men who are "in the field", and know that we can count on you to represent God's Work and God's Way to all those He is calling at this time.

Please remember us all in your prayers!

In Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Portune", with a long, sweeping underline.

Albert J. Portune

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

OFFICE OF
RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena! Sorry to have been so long getting out the Bulletin this time, but with the recent traumas and important changes in the Work, I am sure you all understand. We hope it will come out regularly from now on. It was good to see many of you again recently at the special District Conferences. All of us who went out returned inspired and invigorated by your attitudes and the continuing guidance that Jesus Christ is giving His Church in every way.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong is fine and is doing a radio broadcast nearly every day now! In fact, he did two in one day early this week and with his old confidence coming back he hopes to keep the program on most major stations daily, if possible, and get back on TV within the next several months. It is inspiring to see how God is strengthening and inspiring him at this time.

There is a lot of excitement about the new opportunities being opened up through Reader's Digest ads, and also the combining of The PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD magazines. The new editorial team has already had a number of meetings -- about five hours of them in just the last two days -- and we feel most confident that God will guide and bless the new approach in The PLAIN TRUTH. I should emphasize that it will not merely be going back to the "old" PLAIN TRUTH of the 1950s, but will retain and hopefully even improve many of the fine innovations which have come about through both The PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD during the last few years. Therefore, although the magazine will start out with more news and human interest articles, it will quickly lead into direct Biblical articles of the type which have been appearing in TOMORROW'S WORLD for the last couple of years. And this means, as Mr. Armstrong stated, that nearly THREE TIMES as many people will now be getting more of the complete truth of God through our magazine than ever before in this manner!

The new editorial policy will take effect in May, but the May and June issues may be somewhat transitional so as not to hit our more secular readers too hard at first. However, by July or August we ought to be pretty well hitting full stride with the kind of balanced -- yet heavily spiritual and Biblical -- approach which has been outlined. Be sure to encourage and inspire your people to ask God's guidance and blessing in this new approach -- and in the fantastic opportunity to reach over 35 MILLION people through Reader's Digest ads!

By way of further news, let me say that a number of us are coming out from the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses to join you during the Days of Unleavened Bread. As some of these plans are still being firmed up while I write, I will just ask you to see the listing following my letter giving these news items in brief form.

I hope the instruction "packet" on Functions of Church Pastors -- plus material covered in our recent Ministerial Conference -- begin to give you the specific ideas of what we mean by more opportunities and responsibilities in the Field ministry. Be sure to read and study this material carefully -- and APPLY these instructions immediately! You will definitely find they give the local pastors -- as well as the District Superintendents -- more responsibilities and challenge than ever before.

Be responsive and positive in following this new approach. Then, this summer, we will be consulting you and the Superintendents about any further suggestions you would like to make regarding improvements or "updates" in this program. We want to keep on improving our efficiency and service to God's people! But zealously follow the new instructions now. Give them real enthusiastic application in your area and THEN, later on, you will be in a better position to give us objective help and criticism in improving them even further.

The two new church districts that we talked about have now become reality! Mr. Paul Flatt is now Superintendent over the New Orleans district -- comprising the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Church circuits, with Mobile and Geneva, Ala.; Jackson, Miss. and Monroe, La.; and Lake Charles and Alexandria, La.

Mr. Walter Sharp is now Superintendent over the Cincinnati district. It comprises the following church circuits: Cincinnati West with Portsmouth, Ohio; Cincinnati East with Covington, Ky.; Dayton AM and PM; Indianapolis and Lafayette, Ind.; Lexington and Louisville, Ky.; and Charleston and Parkersburg, W. Va.

Other inspiring news is that a number of ordinations were approved during the Ministerial Conference and were carried out either there or soon after in the local areas. We will list all of these just following my letter. But please accept our congratulations, men, for overcoming and allowing God to use you for these fine offices of service! And I think it not inappropriate to give special congratulations to Mr. Cecil Battles. He has served long, faithfully and well in Christ's field ministry and has now been ordained to Pastor rank in God's Church!

Three other ministerial assistants, not mentioned in the Last Bulletin, are being sent out. Two are seniors from Big Sandy who will go out for a year and then return to finish their last year of college. Briscoe Ellett was sent to assist Bill Swanson in Chattanooga; and Bill Nelson to Wichita Falls, Tex.,

to assist Mark Salyer. The third man is a graduate of our Bricket Wood campus, but an American from Oakland, Calif. who has been transferred from England to assist Terry Swaggerty in Boise. His name is Steve Fallaw.

By way of INSTRUCTION: It has been decided -- after reviewing it with Mr. Herbert Armstrong even after the conference -- that full-time ministerial assistants will NOT have to save second or third tithe. This ruling has really been gone over, so I am sure that it is fast and sure this time! Also, although "local" Local Elders [those not employed by the Work] should save second tithe for the Feast since they have their own income, they do NOT need to save third tithe as they are recipients of third tithe when necessary as spiritual Levites -- and a number of these men definitely give enough of themselves in using their cars, homes, time and energies in visiting, anointing and serving God's people that they more than make up for what this would amount to anyway. Therefore, we feel it best not to impose third tithe responsibilities on them -- as some with good-sized families and average incomes run very close financially as it is.

I am sure these latest guidelines are fair and equitable and hope all of you pastors will get this information to your local elders and assistants as soon as possible and perhaps explain the reason behind this decision as I have here. If any of the men involved have already saved quite a bit of either second or third tithe, I would leave it pretty well up to their discretion and need as to what they do with it. Perhaps some -- in tight financial circumstances -- may wish to keep it to support their family or pay off a huge college debt. Others may wish to use it for the Feast or simply turn it into an extra offering at that time, or sooner.

More important INSTRUCTIONS: We solicit your zealous cooperation in helping us keep track of and handle the increasing criticism, attacks, persecutions and slurs against this Work both from the inside and outside of God's Church. This is a VITAL matter! Communication is an art all of us have difficulty mastering. We here at Headquarters have a hard time keeping up with what is going on in the Field -- much less trying to get the latest to you about every incident regarding the above. BUT, we will do our best to let you know about anything of import, and hope you will become aware of the real need Christ's Headquarters has of enthusiastic and active communication from you!

The more we are attacked and criticized by this world, disfellowshipped members, and even in some cases those who call themselves members, the more we need the news clippings, comments, radio talk show information relating to us, even gossip (right or wrong in factual content) passed on to us here at Headquarters so we will be equipped to defuse or defend against those attacks.

David Jon Hill has been put in charge of gathering and cataloging as well as analyzing and recommending action on all such criticism and attacks

on the Work. Therefore, everything from criticism of our literature to gossip about the announcement regarding Garner Ted Armstrong should be immediately sent to his attention. As usual, you may send it in through your regular ministerial report envelope -- but with the item marked: "Attention Mr. Hill."

However, if time is of essence, you may wish to write in between times directly to him or even CALL HIM if you feel the problem definitely warrants immediate high-level attention from here. Mr. Hill, Mr. Portune, I, and others will work closely on this matter, but Mr. Hill is the man to develop the skill, the team and the tools to handle this type of problem.

One of the common misconceptions in the Field is, "Well, Headquarters probably already knows about this!" and so Headquarters never finds out. So send whatever you have. Duplications will be welcome -- it is much better to have 20 copies of something than none at all! Think about this problem and discuss it with your local elders and assistants so they can also impart to you what maybe needs to come here to Headquarters for our attention. And then send it in quickly.

Back to happier matters, we have another new program! From now on, all of our Choirs in the United States will be coordinated through C.A.D. This will be done under a guiding committee consisting of Mr. Portune, myself, Mr. Luker and Mr. Gary Prather. We will work through John D. Schroeder, conductor of our Headquarters Church Choir. As our agent, John will work directly with our Church Choir conductors and the ministers who oversee their work.

John will begin by mailing a questionnaire to all our Church Pastors. He will also request a color photograph of each group in their choir outfits with its accompanist and conductor -- so please prepare to return the questionnaire with the photographs as quickly as possible. We have a lot of exciting ideas and want to implement them as soon as possible -- but we need to know your needs before we can really get this new program off the ground.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Now I would like to REMIND all of you pastors of churches about the responsibility of checking closely ALL recommendations for ordination and sending them through your District Superintendent. You should take plenty of time to thoroughly check and to prove any men to be ordained. The local ministers who know the man should have the basic responsibility to fast and pray about these ordinations before forwarding any recommendations.

And all recommendations and evaluations regarding ordination should be sent to us at least THREE weeks before ordination date! This is so we will have ample opportunity to check with Mr. Herbert Armstrong

and get his approval. And with his busy schedule, as you are all aware, we can't meet with him just any day your recommendation happens to come in -- especially when he may be out of the nation for weeks at a time on occasion. Therefore, most of you local pastors should plan to forward your recommendations to your District Superintendent about SIX WEEKS in advance of ordination date, and the superintendents should try to forward it to us a full month in advance, if possible.

So you can see by the above that any recommendations still not in now -- as you read this letter -- cannot be approved for this Passover, 1972. They will simply have to be delayed until Pentecost which is happily only seven weeks later! But be sure to follow the above reminder in your practice or some ordinations may have to be delayed all the way from Pentecost to the Feast of Tabernacles -- which might often be discouraging as well as unnecessary.

We have also noticed that there has been a PROBLEM in a few cases of members not getting The GOOD NEWS magazine after baptism. We know there is a normal processing period before they are added to the list, but there have been delays that can and should be corrected.

In order to help correct the situation, we would like to ask you to follow these instructions. Be sure to fill out Baptism Cards immediately after baptizing a person and send it in to Headquarters in your next weekly report. Some men apparently have not been doing this promptly and, in some cases, only after months of delay will finally send the cards to us. Remember that a new member is not listed as a member until you tell us that they have become a member.

In addition, they will not begin receiving The GOOD NEWS magazine until we receive their Baptism Card from you. The reason for this procedure is that many people consider themselves members merely by listening to the broadcast, subscribing to The PLAIN TRUTH magazine or sending a few dollars during the year. Occasionally some of them write in for The GOOD NEWS if they find out about it, when they aren't actually baptized members. This is one reason why we must wait for you to send us the Baptism Card.

Since in some cases we had not been notified of a person's baptism, members have been forced to write in by themselves for The GOOD NEWS magazine. Even then we cannot send it to them until we get the Baptism Card because the minister alone knows whether they have been baptized.

One other factor brought to our attention by these "members" writing in for The GOOD NEWS is the long period of time that has elapsed from baptism until they actually wrote in for the magazine. In one case a lady wrote concerning the fact that she had not received The GOOD NEWS for over TWO YEARS! Therefore, please inform the new members not to wait for such a long time before writing inquiries to Headquarters regarding the whereabouts

of their GOOD NEWS. If these two procedures could be followed, we feel this would certainly cut down on the delays some members have had in getting their GOOD NEWS, member letters, etc., from Headquarters.

Finally, let me say that all of the Evangelists and Executive Team here at Headquarters are working very closely with Mr. Armstrong and are truly inspired and appreciative of the way Christ is guiding us all and blessing the Work at this time. It is a real pleasure to work with Mr. Portune, and the entire "team" of Evangelists feels much closer together than we have in many, many years.

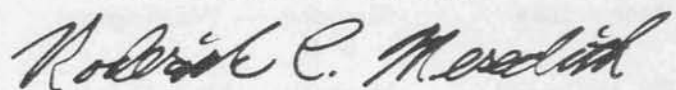
So we have much to be thankful for, but we still need to pray FERVENTLY for the Work, for Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Portune and for one another all over this globe! Certainly, Satan the devil will try to strike at us harder than ever as the end of this age approaches -- and especially, as usual, at this Passover season.

I would like to suggest to every one of you to set aside at least one day for both fasting and prayer between now and the Passover. Ask for Christ's guidance, blessing and protection for His Church -- and all of us in it. Ask Him to help, guide and deliver Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong. And ask Him to help us all to be properly humbled, sobered and yielded to our God.

In a greatly magnified and truly spiritual manner, let us follow the fine example King Hezekiah of Judah set in his day for all servants of God of all time: "And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God [and we are building a house for God!], and in the law, and in the commandments to SEEK his God, he did it with ALL HIS HEART, and prospered" (II Chron. 31:21).

It is obvious that Christ is humbling us, trying us and helping us to "gear up" for a far greater work than we have done before. So let us truly SEEK our God. And know that we will have His guidance, inspiration and POWER -- including an even greater outpouring of spiritual gifts and healings -- than ever before. I know we all want this in our hearts and perhaps have for many years. But now it is time to earnestly seek for this help and guidance with a humble and consistent fervency that will bring God's certain answer.

Your brother in Christ,



Roderick C. Meredith

JANUARY ORDINATIONS

PASTOR

Name	Church Area
Cecil Battles	Springfield-Joplin, Mo.

PREACHING ELDERS

Richard Aitkins . . .	Fort Worth A.M. & P.M., Texas
Fred Davis	Bakersfield, California
Don Hooser	Cincinnati (West), Ohio
Robert Jenness . . .	Cincinnati (East), Ohio
Les Stocker	Pasadena, California

LOCAL ELDERS

George Affeldt . . .	Pasadena, California
Charles Groce . . .	Gaylord-Midland, Mich.
John Strain	Glendale A.M. & P.M., California

LOCAL ELDERS

(Not in our Employ)

Jackson Campbell .	Dallas P.M., Texas
James Currie	Dallas A.M., Texas
Earl Janes	Amarillo, Texas
John Lee	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
William Wagner . .	Buffalo A.M., New York

FIELD PASSOVER ASSIGNMENTS

Roderick Meredith	Atlanta — Indianapolis
Jon Hill	Phoenix
Raymond Cole	Boston — New York
Gary Arvidson	Charlotte, North Carolina
Alfred Carrozzo	Portland — Seattle
Dennis Luker	Memphis — Washington, D. C.
Bill McDowell	Nashville — New Orleans
Paul Royer	Pittsburgh
Clint Zimmerman	Denver

COLD WEATHER DRIVING PRECAUTIONS

Even though winter is nearly over, this is still a very rough time of the year for many of our fleet drivers working in the northern areas of the United States. They face additional road hazards such as ice, snow, blizzards and cold.

Have you ever considered what would happen if your car broke down or you became stranded during a storm and had to spend the night in a snowbank? We would like to make some suggestions as to the kind of equipment to carry with you, and the PRECAUTIONS you should take to prepare yourself for such an emergency. Since these are only suggestions, you can tailor your "emergency kit" to suit your own individual needs.

During the winter months, especially, you should try to keep the fuel tank as full as possible in order to cut down on the chance of condensation inside the tank. This will also give you extra weight for added traction on ice and in snow.

Keep a set of tire chains and a shovel in your trunk.

Have a supply of four or five flares (they can be purchased at most auto supply stores).

As at all other times during the year, keep your car in top mechanical condition.

Keep some *extra* warm clothing in your trunk in addition to the clothes you normally wear. They should include special over-coats, mittens, "ear flapper" caps and perhaps insulated underwear and boots.

Heavy blankets or sleeping bags are a must! Several years ago one of our ministers was stranded in a blizzard after being rear-ended by a truck. It is very likely that the sleeping bag he carried in his car saved his life!

Enough dried fruit, canned goods, candy bars and drinking water for a couple of days may also serve to make your situation more tolerable — if and when such an emergency arises.

It is *not* advisable to use a catalytic heater, gas heater, charcoal burner or any other open-type fire in a closed vehicle. This will only use up the oxygen and you *could die in your sleep*. In fact, two Ambassador College students had this very experience *just this year*. They are *dead now*!

Of course, the usual precaution against going to sleep with the engine running should also be followed in order to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

News from the FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Office of
RONALD L. DART

INDIAN BAPTIZING TOUR

The second full-fledged baptizing tour of India is now under way with over 150 people scheduled to meet Mr. Richard Frankel and Mr. Chris Carpenter on the tour. Mr. Frankel left Los Angeles on January 21 for Hong Kong and Port Moresby, New Guinea to visit his brother. Then on the first of February the tour began in earnest. His itinerary is as follows:

February	12 Cochin
1 Singapore	14 Coimbatore
1 Colombo	23 Madras
7 Trichy	27 Hyderabad
9 Madurai	28 Vijaywada
10 Trivandrum	29 Hyd
March	
1 Bombay	12 Imphal
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11 Silchar	21 London

The sad part about it is that after scheduling a seven-week tour — about as long as the men could afford to be away from their families — they still will have been unable to meet all the people requesting a visit. For that reason, we're probably going to schedule another baptizing tour immediately after the students finish on the dig this summer.

One unknown factor our men are facing is illustrated by the following letter:

Respected Dear Editor,

A thousand greetings in Jesus name. I'm a Gen. Secretary of the Church of God (Sabbatarian) in Mizo Hills which is situated in the north eastern most part of India. We are nearly 500 backwarded tribal people scattering in more than 10 villages. We bear the name Church of God since 1968. Before that we were Church of Israel observing the 7th. day Sabbath and other feasts. We know that there are many organisations of the Church of God (7th. Day) abroad. But you mentioned in the Tomorrow's World that yours is the only True One. Being an inde-

pendent organisation we are anxious about this matter as we, with a view to the advancement of the Gospel work, have a mind to join any group of Church of God in the States presently. Please rush to lead/guide us in this problem and fail not to explain and arrange how to be One with the TRUE CHURCH.

S. Sailo

The name of this church (Church of Israel) is interesting since the name of the church we encountered in Argentina was "The Israelite Church of the New Covenant." We are not at all sure that these churches grew directly out of the Stanberry, Missouri Church of God or the Oregon Conference of that church. Some of the 7th Day Church of God congregations we have encountered have a tradition tracing them back to what we have come to call the Sardis era of God's church. The "missionary" who originally came into their area was listed among the ministers of the Stanberry Church of God. However, there is no connection between the Argentina churches and the Stanberry group.

It's also interesting to note that these people keep "other Feasts." The churches of God in Argentina do keep all of the annual Holy Days — although some of them are kept on the wrong date. I suspect we're going to find that the "Church of Israel" in India is also observing the Holy Days.

At any rate, Mr. Frankel is going to try to meet as many of them as possible and see what can be done to help them. Unfortunately, the letter quoted above comes from an area where travel is not safe at the present time. So Mr. Frankel and Mr. Carpenter may not go in there on this trip.

Please remember them earnestly in your prayers as this trip is not going to be accomplished without difficulties.

REPORT ON LETTER TO RHODESIAN SUBSCRIBERS

What kind of an effect can a routine letter have? The results of a letter sent recently by

Mr. Fahey to our 13,000 Rhodesian PLAIN TRUTH subscribers illustrates that the effect can be startling!

Mr. Fahey was writing basically to give subscribers our new mail receiving address in Salisbury. But he felt that people would respond better if they knew to *whom* they would be writing.

Here is the text of the letter:

Dear Subscriber,

Greetings from our regional offices in Johannesburg.

In an effort to give you, our readers in Rhodesia, better service, we have opened a postal address in Salisbury. We now have a fully qualified Ambassador College graduate, Mr. Russell Johnson, residing in Salisbury. His job will be to expedite our Rhodesian mail. We feel he will be able to give a more individual and personal service to those writing to us from Rhodesia. In the future please send all your correspondence to:

Ambassador College Agency,
Box A 94,
Avondale, Salisbury

If we can be of any service to you please write to us at the above postal address. Mr. Johnson will be glad to help in any way he can.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Fahey

You'll notice that the emphasis in the letter is on "individual and personal service." And this engendered an unusually individual and personal response! We have since received hundreds of letters expressing appreciation to Ambassador College for helping Rhodesian subscribers in this way. Hundreds of letters have also been received expressing a personal welcome to Rhodesia to us, and hoping we'll enjoy the climate, have a long and happy stay, etc. Many have been written for no other purpose, and from many Africans who have to think twice before spending the money for a stamp!

At the end of October, when the letter went out, we had a total of 110 PMs. In the ensuing two weeks, we received 22 visit requests — a 20% increase in our number of PM's!

Total Rhodesian mail rose by 50% for several weeks running — from the normal 700 to over 1,000 a week! Included were many first-time donations.

It all emphasizes again the fact that people are hungry for a feeling of *personal contact* with the Work. Now we have to live up to the promise of the letter. But the figures so far show this will be more than worthwhile!

LETTER EXCERPTS

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I shall tune in again next Sunday night, as I feel an increasing momentum in the radio broadcast, as well as in all other things leading to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy for this time!

— Gary E., Youngstown, Ohio

Thank you so much for your "visit" with us spiritually-hungry babes over WLAC radio tonight. I understand you're almost 80 years of age, sir, but one could have miscalculated by the dynamic youthfulness of your voice by at least 20-30 years.

— John P. M., Phyllis, Kentucky

I can't explain the feeling I got when I turned on the radio this morning at 6:00 a.m. and heard Mr. H. W. Armstrong. His voice was inspiring as indeed was his message. How can I tell you the effect it has on people who hear him, after all these years of absence. I thought of his words all day and the inspiration he gave me. Mr. Armstrong, please continue broadcasting. We need your kind of voice and message.

— Mrs. B., Santa Barbara California

In Response to the Lack of Daily Broadcasts

The following letter is from the General Manager of Radio Station WOKO:

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I truly regret that daily broadcasts of "The World Tomorrow" are no longer heard on WOKO.

We value and sincerely appreciate the opportunity WOKO had to broadcast this most meaningful program on a daily basis at 6:30 p.m.

It is apparent that WOKO is not the only one to miss the program as a number of our listeners have written directly to us. These letters indicate the great depth of the feeling and regard WOKO listeners have for the program and the work of Ambassador College. As we read the letters we were very much impressed by the very personal meaning and value of the program.

WOKO shares the thinking of our listeners that "The World Tomorrow" is needed today more than ever and that its daily absence will be most sorely felt.

We deeply value our association with "The World Tomorrow" Network. It is our deepest

wish that a return to daily broadcasts is anticipated in the very near future. We would very much relish an indication of this so we may share this good news with our listeners.

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you our high regard and esteem for yourself and Ambassador College and "The World Tomorrow" program.

Sincerely,
William A. Musser
General Manager

V.D. — The Silent Epidemic

The article and telecast on venereal disease really caught the interest of our readers and viewers. Parents, teachers, and health authorities are especially worried about the epidemic among young people because of their promiscuous life styles. Many adults are anxious and fearful themselves as they realize they are vulnerable to infection. Here are some of the comments we've received:

It has been brought to my attention that Ambassador College has developed some materials and programs dealing with venereal disease. As an instructor I am very much interested. Any information regarding your work which could be sent to me would be greatly appreciated.

— Leah M., Instructor, Oregon State University, School of Home Economics, Corvallis, Oregon

I have just read the article on V. D. in the January edition of your magazine. It has to be one of the best articles on venereal diseases ever printed. Would it be possible to get two copies of this magazine for our clinic staff; also, could we have a copy of *The Missing Dimension in Sex*. Please send C.O.D.

— Juan N. O., Riverside County Health Dept.,
Riverside, Calif.

In response to your television announcement, we would be eager to receive booklets from you pertaining to venereal disease. I don't know if you have the means of sending us additional copies, but if you do we could use approximately 250 of the booklets.

— Seymour B., Executive Director, Jewish Community Center, Scranton, Penn.

I am writing to request a free copy of the magazine *Plain Truth* which I heard mentioned on the TV program sponsored by your college. My particular interest is in the discussion of

venereal disease, as I am a high school health teacher who believes strongly in educating today's youth regarding this and other sociological problems which they will and are being faced with.

— Mrs. Joan L.,
Akron, New York

I already receive *The PLAIN TRUTH* which I enjoy very much. I have been trying to promote sex education, and they now are considering it in some of the schools. Your article on V. D. was very good and informative. However, so many people want to hide their heads in the sands of ignorance in the hopes that it will go away if they ignore it. This is one of the greatest types of false thinking ever.

— Dr. Don G.,
Idaho Falls, Idaho

I was recently given the January issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* by a friend. I was extremely impressed by your article on V.D. since my son has just been told that he has contacted "S" and is now being treated by our doctor. I want him to read this startling truth about what free love can do to youth.

— Mrs. Herbert F., Baltimore, Maryland

Ironically enough, the following letter from the United Campus Ministry of Southern Illinois University represents one of only a few critical comments we have seen so far on our presentation of the V.D. epidemic:

After reading only one article, "The Silent Epidemic," I am convinced that your magazine is incorrectly titled. Rather than *The PLAIN TRUTH* it most definitely should be entitled *My Opinion*. I feel this because your article on venereal disease was extremely opinionated and religiously biased. Throughout your essay you insisted that V. D. was caused exclusively by promiscuous sex outside of marriage. Yet, you overlooked your own words: "... the professional prostitute is responsible for only about 5 percent of all V. D. infections." And certainly, the prostitute is the most promiscuous of all! It is quite clear that you are against any form of sexual behavior outside of marriage — and definitely you are entitled to your own beliefs. But please don't start blaming an infectious disease on "improper living styles," because if everyone had regular check-ups and received treatment when needed, V. D. could eventually be controlled —

possibly wiped out — and the “promiscuity” would not have the adverse consequences as you claim to be *the truth*.

— Mrs. Marianne D., Secretary to The United Campus Ministry, Religious Center, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois

Saved From Suicide!

Let me say here that I am thankful for Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and his entire staff at Ambassador College. Because they are faithful to God, I am *alive* today. On the *very day* that I planned to KILL MYSELF, Mr. Rufus S. Turner came to visit me. God, through him and Mr. Michael Allenby helped me. And now my children and I have a *new life with a purpose for living*. We are happy.

I know that the Worldwide Church of God is the Church of God and that the ministers of the Church are *ministers of the living God* because my life is CHANGED. No one but God alone could save me from self-destruction. I am delivered from the pit, and only God could draw me out. Every spiritual need is met by the ministers of God's Church and the fruits PROVE that these men are filled with God's Holy Spirit.

— Bronx, New York

“Christian” Awakened

Please count me in as a small Co-Worker from this day on. I have received so much “*wealth*” from all my studying of your literature I would like to help someone else to benefit in the same way; so, each week I'll send whatever I can.

At this moment my mind is so full of God's new truths (to me as I never heard of them in church) I truly stand amazed. I am still searching. However, the main thing to me is I now see myself and that I've been completely ensnared in society's so-called “church world.” I've been so wrong. At first it was very hard to admit, but now all I want is the truth and God's will in my life. To finally see yourself “*totally lost*” when you just knew you were a “Christian” was the most jolting truth that began my search. I've said thanks to you many times before but I must say it again. Thank you!

— Mrs. R. M.,
Phoenix, Arizona

Third Tithe Blessings

We have just finished our first third tithe year, and it's still hard to believe the blessings we received throughout the year! We have a

new home, a new baby, a much better job position with two raises and a promise of another after the “freeze” ends. That is just a tiny beginning of the many material blessings we received. The spiritual blessings are harder to put on paper, but nonetheless are the greatest. Through the whole year our budget, on paper, was always *minus* the amount needed to pay third tithe. In other words, we were always “in the hole” the amount we needed to pay the third tithe. But God always came through and with His loving help we *made* it! What a wonderful blessing to be *able* to help the widow, stranger, and fatherless. I thank God that I have a husband to help others and that our children aren't fatherless. It's really comforting to know that if my children ever were fatherless God's Church would provide for our needs too!

— Mr. & Mrs. R. G.,
St. Louis, Missouri

I wanted to tell you how much we have been blessed in the last three years or so. I had been working at a dead-end job for six and one-half years when God suddenly opened up a job starting at \$100 a month more, \$600 a month. This is now our third tithe year. My wife started to keep a list of blessings received during our third tithe year, but she had to quit when it got to be four or five pages long. This after seeing a letter of similar nature published in one of the Good News magazines. The biggest blessing we have received are two raises, one of \$75 a month effective January 1 and one of \$50 a month effective July 1, bringing us up to \$900 a month. Quite a difference in just three years. Also, we have been blessed to move into a much bigger and better house July 1st.

Needless to say, we know God really blesses His people who pay His tithes faithfully and obey Him (even though they don't deserve it). We just pray that He will bless the rest of the brethren and the Work as He has blessed us. We thank God for His Work and the part He has given us in it. Thanks to the ministers also who do their best, as inspired by God, to help us to see God and His way more and more clearly.

— Donald W., Kansas City, Kansas

P.S. We also had different, better, used furniture bought and paid for before we moved in, and got completely out of debt when we sold our other house and bought our new one.