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Since returning from the feast we have processed 114,413 letters through Thursday. However, we still have 38,972 letters to process, of which 6,713 are donation letters. This does not include mail received Thursday afternoon.

On August 8th we began entering requests for the new booklet *The Real Jesus*. Last Thursday, October 5th, the booklet came off the press and we mailed 7,270 copies. This Thursday another 8,098 copies were mailed out.

Since July, when our new thrust in broadcasting began, we have mailed just under 580,000 pieces of literature.

So far about 60 requests for a series on the Ten Commandments have been received.

LONDON, ENGLAND

August 23, 1972

British/European Section
Europe

Regular subscribers to *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine in the British Isles now number 103,300. However, the English edition is also sent to 17 countries in Western Europe where we have 28,500 people on our regular mailing list — including 13,800 in Scandinavia. This figure is nearly 805 higher than a year ago. The effect of the newsstand distribution in Europe has been to add over

7,300 new subscribers outside Britain since the beginning of the distribution. Malta, which proportionately has always had the highest percentage of subscribers in Europe, has a mailing list of 6,600. Two other countries with a large number of subscribers to the English edition are Norway (5,500) and Sweden (3,900).

Throughout the eastern European nations and Russia we have only 423 names enrolled on our mailing list for the English *PLAIN TRUTH*. These subscribers live in eight different communist countries including Czechoslovakia (142), Yugoslavia (91), and Poland (73). Even though the magazines are mailed out to these countries, we feel that the majority are held back by the censors in the postal authorities. We receive very few letters from communist countries and these come from Poland, Czechoslovakia and a few foreign students in Russia.

African Section

This week's stops on the African tour, currently being undertaken by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Morton, are Benin City and Enugu. Both of these cities are large trading towns in the Central and Eastern part of Nigeria, and Enugu was the capital of the former "breakaway" state of Biafra. Some 66 visits are scheduled in this area.

Letters are now beginning to reach us from Kano and Lagos, the first two towns visited, with people expressing their gratitude and delight at meeting two of God's ministers. Some have waited up to ten years. Latest news we have is that out of 50 people scheduled for counseling, nine have so far been baptized. Here is an extract from a letter received from the first Nigerian to be baptized in his own country:

Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Dan and Alice Bierer (Huntington-Manhattan A.M.): Greetings from old New England. I have good news and bad news. First the bad news. My wife insisted on working last Sabbath in spite of my counsel to the contrary. Now the good news. She didn't work very long! After five hours, our first child, *Stephen Jonathan*, was born. Steve weighed 7½ pounds at birth and all are doing fine. Alice stopped working at exactly 8:00 a.m.

Warren and Martha (Jewsbury) Heaton III (Kansas City): We would like to announce the birth of our first son. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. We named him *Rod Andrew* (not Warren Jay IV). Mother and baby are both doing fine.

Dan and Pat Harris (Amarillo): Excitement was at its height when the midwife exclaimed that we had a "big, healthy boy" — but we were even more excited to find that our boy had turned into a girl! *Deborah Rachele* — our two-week late blessing — weighed 9 lbs. and was 21½ inches long.

I had the privilege of seeing your ministers in Kano, Nigeria, on the 9th of August. Not only was I privileged to see them, but also had my problems solved, and was baptized into the Church of God. You can't imagine what a changed man, a privileged man I am. The first Nigerian to receive the rare gift of baptism in his own country. God be praised. This is a big responsibility and with the gift of the Holy Spirit working in me I hope to live up to it. Because of their suitable answers to my questions, I am happy to say a big "Thank You" for making this mission to my country possible.

— A. I.,
Birnin Kebbi, Nigeria

Indian Section

The May PLAIN TRUTH has now reached India. The article "The Bible is a NOW Book," has given a boost to the number of Indians receiving the Correspondence Course. The number on file as receiving the course in the Orient currently stands at 2,160.

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Ministerial

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Book Reviews

With this issue we introduce a new service to the ministry — that of occasionally including reviews of books we consider worthy of your reading time. Of course, no one should feel that these books are "required reading assignments from Headquarters." Nor do we necessarily subscribe to all the ideas presented in a particular book.

Reviews will not necessarily appear in every issue of the Bulletin. We will only publish them as books of certain merit come to our attention. Your suggestions are certainly welcome. Perhaps this column will generate more ideas for well-researched and stimulating sermons.

Here now are the first three reviews:

Dare to Discipline by Dr. James Dobson (Tyndale House Publishers)

"Permissiveness has not just been a failure; it's been a disaster!" So says Dr. James Dobson in his book *Dare to Discipline*. "Children thrive best in an atmosphere of genuine love, undergirded by reasonable, consistent discipline."

A few child psychologists are finally beginning to say what we have said for years. Having seen a generation reared basically without discipline, these men are now starting to realize that the theories of permissivism are unworkable. In showing how to build respect and responsibility in a child, Dr. Dobson, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Child Development) at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, starts off with the premise of Proverbs 29:17: "Correct your son,

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Church Administration

DAVID L. ANTION

The Feast of Tabernacles has come and gone, and is now stored in our memory banks to be referred to for years to come. Like other Feasts of Tabernacles, we will look back to the Feast of 1972 and refer to things that happened there.

I hope your Feast was one on which you will look fondly and with great satisfaction in the years to come. I also hope that the inspirations, uplift, and joys will remain with you and your family for a long time.

As for *our* Feast, it was tremendous. We spent the Feast in Australia for the most part, and then journeyed to New Zealand for the Last Great Day. We had splendid weather — they say, the best ever — at both Feast sites.

We were warmly welcomed by the people and the ministers of the churches there. It was a joy to fellowship with so many and to renew acquaintances that had been severed by distance for some time.

One of the outstanding memories of our trip will also be the experience of visiting the Manila Church in the Philippines. We were there with the Paul Royers for the Day of Atonement. Though it was hot prior to the Day of Atonement, it was cloudy and rainy on that day. Just the right temperature — God being merciful to His fasting people.

We were accompanied on the trip by a family from the Youngstown Church, and they proved to be very fine traveling companions.

Now we're back — the school year has started — classes have begun — we left spring behind and are now entering the fall season in the *Northern* hemisphere.

A Potpourri of News

A number of meetings will be coming up next week when representatives of the Bricket Wood and Big Sandy campuses arrive in Pasadena. There will be meetings on the finalizing of the dating policy — making it standard for all three campuses. Also at that same time meetings will be taking place about editorial policies for *The PLAIN TRUTH*. A number of the editors plan to be in those meetings with Mr. Armstrong.

A meeting was held on Tuesday of this week

(October 10) on booklets and also on the "Sacred Name" doctrine. We have found that an organization calling itself The Assemblies of Yaweh has been proselyting among our members. It was felt that the time is here when we must have some literature on this sacred names doctrine and explain its fallacies thoroughly to our own members. So Mr. Armstrong decided he would write an article on it for *The GOOD NEWS*. This will be followed by more thorough and technical data put into a booklet that will be forthcoming within the next six months.

Seems to be a blessing now that a number of scholars are on campus — some men devoting full-time to research for all our booklets, old and new.

General Instructions

The word is out that Mr. Armstrong wants to visit a number of the field churches. And I'm sure that each one of you would love to have him visit your church. Some have asked if they may write or call in to invite Mr. Armstrong to their church areas. Rather than being disorganized or unorganized about this, or having a hodgepodge of various requests, I think it would be best if each one of you write us in CAD and let us know what arrangements you can make — how many people would be in your area, how many churches would attend a certain hall, etc.

If you have trouble with hall space, give us the approximate dates on which you can book a hall. If you could give us this information we would compile it and present it to Mr. Armstrong for his review. Since he likes to visit various churches, he then could take his choice of which one he would like to visit on a particular Sabbath. He could contact you, perhaps enough in advance so that you could finalize arrangements for your hall. You would not make any finalization until you heard from Mr. Armstrong.

So write us the details and we will let him know the number of the areas where churches could combine and get together on a Sabbath. This way he can visit two or three churches at a time, seeing as many people as possible on each trip.

Announcements

I have stressed the importance of communication in recent Bulletins. We are trying to do our best here to communicate to you as soon as possible any new policies, programs and possible ideas in order to inform you in advance of things happening in God's Work. Some of these instructions are strictly for ministerial use — that is, they have to do exactly with your work as a minister. Those

having to do with you as a minister, or with the ministry in general — expenses, salaries, etc. — are not necessary to announce to the brethren. These are instructions to you as a minister.

However, when articles come out in the Bulletin or news of a general nature *about the Work* are brought up — you should announce this!

We will strive to keep Work announcements in certain sections of the Bulletin so that you will not have to glean them from all over the Bulletin. However, at the present time you will still have to glean announcements about the Work by reading the Bulletin and marking certain sections.

But the main point here is to keep the brethren informed about God's Work. On my recent trip to Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines, I was very much impressed with the knowledge the brethren in those churches had of the workings at Headquarters. They knew the men who work here, what they did, what was going on in the Work, etc. They were interested in every phase of God's *worldwide Work*. They asked discerning questions that showed their insight and interest in God's Work firsthand. They were tied-in and used the word "we."

Frankly, there are not as many churches in the United States that are as closely tied to the worldwide work and activities of God's Work with the word "we" as I have seen in these churches abroad.

The minister is the key to this tie-in. Mr. Armstrong has said that our growth in the Church is directly proportional to our part in God's Work. But the part of God's people cannot grow unless they have knowledge of what's going on in the Work. You should keep them informed about new radio stations, new churches, new overall booklets, TV stations, magazine format, new departments created, etc. We are trying to inform you of these things and hope that you will pass them on to the brethren.

Personally, I like to take a good portion of the announcement period in church to keep the brethren acquainted with the workings of God's Work. I try to inform them of important moves in the ministry, departmental changes, progress in the Work, the income picture, outstanding publicity for the Work, Mr. Armstrong's latest Co-Worker letters or member letters, unusual or outstanding articles in our own literature and magazines. This ties the brethren in with the Work. It makes them feel a part of the Work. And when you refer to the Work here at HQ refer to it as "we."

Use such statements as "We are launching a new campaign in *Reader's Digest*," or "The Work has taken a great step forward," or "We are now on several new television stations."

When you use the word "we" it doesn't mean that you directly have made any decision, but that "we" as a Work are moving forward. This connects all of the people with God's Work. It makes the Work *personal* to them and helps to make them feel more a part of it.

It is an unwanted and slightly uncomfortable relationship when brethren begin to refer to the Work as "they." It is not a good sign for you in God's ministry to refer to Headquarters as "they." Not that using that term is wrong. It is just the attitude and thought that goes behind it. If we are not all of us but are just part of us, then how can *we* as a Work accomplish the great task that *we* are all supposed to do? *They* cannot do it. God has chosen *us*, not *them!*

Policy Manual

We are working on a policy manual, as we mentioned once before. We're having special paper and headings made. We are also working in connection with Mr. Dart's area in the Foreign Work. We hope to be writing up our policies one by one and *officially* as they are finalized. However, we have been deluged with requests by many of the ministers wanting to know what the policy is on various doctrinal and administrative situations.

As you know, a policy must be finalized in a meeting with the Executive Committee and Mr. Herbert Armstrong in order to get all of the input. Policies which affect the overall Church may be slow in coming. So with doctrines such as tithing, firstfruits and firstlings, healing and doctors, etc., we hope to have more meetings here at Headquarters and finalize policies so that you will know for sure exactly what they are. Please be patient with us. We are doing all in our power to establish these policies. I understand your problems and we want to do everything we can to help you cope with them.

The Ministry and You

I recently received a suggestion for an article in the Bulletin concerning "The Numbers Racket." This suggestion came from one of our superintendents, Ken Westby. I would like to use the following quotations from his memo which I wholeheartedly concur with.

"All of us in the ministry are concerned with numbers in our churches. It becomes very easy to

equate numbers of people ministered to with the importance of the minister. Quite often preachers subtly compare sizes of churches with other ministers to see who has the most and consequently is the most responsible or important.

"Though there is the right amount of attention we ought to place in numerical growth, the primary concern of the ministry should be *quality* and not quantity.

"Comparing ourselves with each other is about the most natural thing people do. Preachers are no exceptions. A man with the bigger church will just naturally tend to feel more qualified than a man pastoring a smaller church. This distorted view of one's importance can even interfere with personal relationships within the ministry. Some men who have pastored a couple of very small farm-type churches have felt 'looked down' upon by men pastoring larger urban churches. Some Northern pastors have felt that they have more men of talent and ability in their churches to deal with than do Southern pastors. I have heard men state that and they apparently believe it. Without saying it, but certainly the impression is unavoidable, they also feel they are more qualified to deal with men of more ability and hence they have a Northern assignment. The same type of comparisons occur among resident elders and even assistants. A M.A. at a district headquarters church feels more important than an M.A. out in a small country church.

"Preachers have only a few things they can compare among themselves. The most obvious being the size of their churches and where they are. There is a big danger in this. These types of comparisons can seriously cloud the true perspective of our job and our personal qualifications. We need a better and more accurate standard by which to judge ourselves and our jobs. Numbers cannot be the standard.

"The standard must be the size and quality of our service to the brethren, their spiritual growth and God-like character and our personal growth and character. Comparisons based on these standards are obviously more difficult to make. It is much easier to simply tabulate physical growth and play the numbers racket. But that will only hurt us and those we serve.

"To illustrate the point the following is a very typical conversation between preachers:

"Hi Ken, how are things going in your area?"

"Just fine, Pete. My area is really growing. We had 620 last Sabbath and will probably be going A.M. and P.M. by the first of the year.'

"Oh yeah? My area is growing, too. Between the two churches I've got over 700 people now.'

"That's good. How many men do you have working for you?"

"Oh, I've got two full-time L.E.s, an M.A. and four L.L.E.s with a lot of good men coming along. We sure have a lot of top talent and well qualified men in my area.'

"Well, I've only got one L.E. and an M.A. but I'm thinking about asking for another full-time L.E. because I just can't keep up with everything. I've got two L.L.E.s and several others I could ordain anytime. Plus I have three Spokesman Clubs.'

"Well, I only have two clubs, but they're both filled with a waiting list.'

"Do you have any outlying Bible studies?"

"No, but I'd like to start one but the D.S. won't let me. How about you?"

"I don't have any studies and I wouldn't have the time to take care of one if I had one because we're getting an awful lot of new PMs in and we're just too busy.'

"And so it goes. I am not suggesting any new type of ministerial conversation format when asked about your area. I'm not suggesting that you reply with self-righteous purity, 'My churches are growing in love, in mercy, and more recently in great humility.' But, frankly, that ought to be the way we answer the question of how our area is growing to ourselves and to God.

"What is told to a fellow minister about the size of your area or what is printed on a report listing your attendance records is *not of any worth or real consequence*.

"The trouble with the *numbers racket* is that we think we have answered the question in describing the 'growth' of our churches and have favorably compared ourselves. "The numbers racket' can never give you the truth about the growth of your area or of yourself.

"You must ask yourself, 'How are my people growing spiritually and how am I growing spiritually?' Only then will you get a true answer. The quality of your ministry will become the important thing with you and the quantity of those you minister to will be less important. And the quantity of another man's flock will likewise be of lesser concern. Let's stop playing 'the numbers racket' — it doesn't add up to the truth. So, how is your area growing?"

Well, that about winds it up for this time. I hope all of you will stay encouraged, yielded to God, firm in prayer and study. □

Foreign Educational Service

RONALD L. DART

Unfortunately, due to pressing responsibilities, I have not been able to get copy in the last two Bulletins. However, we hope to make it up by inundating you with news from the Foreign Work this time. I'm sure everywhere the Feast of Tabernacles was the best ever. I know that in at least three locations this must be true, as it was the first time a Feast was held in Tonga, Oaxtepec (near Mexico City), and in Colombo, Ceylon.

Dr. Hoeh was able to be with the brethren in Tonga this year, where they had built their own Festival meeting place with their accompanying booths. Dr. Hoeh and family had a very successful Feast and are hoping to return to Tonga next year.

In Mexico City, we had 114 present for their first Feast. Wayne Phillips from the United States was sent down to assist Mr. Ruiz in what turned out to be a very successful Feast. And at Colombo, Ceylon, Richard Frankel held the first Feast there with 29 in attendance. They met only on the last three days of the Feast, but hopefully next year they can have a full eight-day Feast.

Many of you have wondered about the Philippines now that President Marcos has declared martial law. At first it looked like we wouldn't be able to send out literature or even hold meetings in the Philippines. Of course, the radio stations were closed down for the most part and the broadcast was taken off. However, Mr. Adair has reported that now we have permission to hold our Bible studies and Sabbath services, and we are once again permitted to send out our literature to those requesting it. Hopefully, in the future we'll be back on the air when the radio stations are allowed to broadcast once again. The Philippine Work seems to have one trial after another, yet the church continues to grow and the membership remains very strong. The brethren there have specifically requested your prayers.

Shortly after writing the above paragraph, I read a very recent letter from Colin Adair. I thought to insert it at this point to bring you the very latest news from the Philippines.

October 2, 1972

Greetings from the new society! According to President Marcos, this is the beginning of a new

Philippines. We wish him all the best. So far the results of martial law seem to be good for the country. With the midnight to 4:00 a.m. curfew there has been a drastic drop in crime all over the country, and everyone feels so much safer than before.

We first heard the news on the first Holy Day at the Feast. After the morning service Ben Ortiguero told me that martial law had been declared that morning and that Baguio was observing a 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew. Having heard so many rumors before, I took it with a pinch of salt. However, it seemed that the camp superintendent had been informed about it by the local police chief. Then during the afternoon service when Mr. Royer was in the middle of his sermon, a police vehicle drove round with loudspeaker blaring out the confirmation of martial law and the 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew. Everyone felt a drop in spirits for awhile. Of course this meant that we were unable to come to the evening's activities as we were staying outside the camp. That night on television we saw and heard the President's speech at the Country Club. He spoke very strongly and confidently. One good thing is that the carrying of arms and other weapons is banned, even if holder has a license, and punishable by death. That alone makes us feel safer out and about! The President said the curfew was midnight to 6:00 a.m. But Baguio, being the center of subversive activity, still held to the earlier curfew for another night. Fortunately, by Monday they had followed the rest of the country and so we were able to come to the rest of the week's activities.

Of course, all radio and television stations were put under government control and closed down, except for Channel 9 and DWWW, which are Marcos stations. Also all newspapers were shut down except for the *Daily Express*, again Marcos owned. But today Channel 13 and their radio network has been given permission to operate again and the *Philippine Herald*, a newspaper, will be back in production very soon. Hopefully, with the passing of time the others will come back. Meanwhile, the gospel has stopped being preached in the Philippines. However, DWWW, now 50 kw. and one of those we recommended, is still going and we will see if they will still accept us this week. Also Channel 13 hopefully will still want us. If Christ keeps these doors open the situation may even benefit us. With fewer stations operating, more people will be listening to what there is and we may get more listeners to our program. And I see no reason why the *Daily Express* wouldn't accept an ad from us. The media is now our main concern in our prayers.

The President is really streamlining the government. Many corrupt and useless government employees have been sacked and more are going. From the reports of ordinary people, they favor martial law now that they see the results. Life goes on as usual and there are no outward appearances of change. Only a few soldiers are around — two are here guarding our office building. The big hotels are still almost full and the tourists are still coming.

Pike Mirto has just been on the phone and he says that he believes all assemblies have to have permits. That means our services and Bible studies and Spokesman Clubs. Yet, I have seen nothing in the papers about it, and we went ahead with all our services in Baguio and nothing was said. Two soldiers appeared on the first night, and watched the family night entertainment and that was all we saw of the military the whole week. Anyway, we will keep you informed about what happens. Hopefully, there will be no crackdown on our publications and Plain Truth. So far we haven't been visited by anyone.

We all had a great Feast. The weather was the best yet in the history of the Feast in this country, even though it rained a little every afternoon around 3:30 or 4 o'clock, but this was normal for the time of year. Every morning, except the last day, the sky was clear and we had a beautiful view down the mountains. All activities were fine and we had no grumblings and no big problems. Sickness was a little higher than last year, but still very low in comparison to the number of people attending. Both Mr. Raduban and Pike did very well with their sermonettes. The Royers really enjoyed their stay even though Mr. Royer got sick the last evening before the Holy Day. However, he was able to make it to the last service and give the sermon.

They flew down on Sunday morning along with Mr. Tanner and the Mike Dales from Tokyo. We had lunch at our home and then they left that afternoon — the Royers for Bangkok and the others for Japan. Now we are back to routine again, and looking forward to having our parents arrive next Monday evening.

We really enjoyed the film of the Calgary campaign. Mr. G.T.A. was really strong. There was a murmur from the congregation when the camera alighted on you and your wife, the David An-tions, and Mr. Wilson! We're hoping that the next appearance at St. Petersburg, Florida will be equally successful.

By the way, there is not a military takeover in the country. The President stressed that in his message. Civil government is functioning normally and the mayors of the various towns are still ruling. Many opposition leaders have been "detained" and, of course, the press is no longer free. So much for democracy in the Philippines. It may never return. The Defense Secretary has said he would recommend the lifting of martial law when the country returns to normal. That could be two years according to one source. Certainly the brethren around the world need to pray that God's Work here will continue uninterrupted and that we will be given freedom to meet and practice God's way.

Sincerely, in Christ's service,
Colin Adair

New doors continue to open regarding the news-stand projects. In August, South Africa received its first quota of 15,000 Plain Truths for news-stand distribution, and this month Switzerland and Italy will have their first consignments. In ad-

dition, 1,000 English-language magazines will be placed for the first time on several Japanese news-stands. Appropriately, the cover story is about Japan's new Prime Minister, Kakuei Tanaka. We will also be sending 10,000 PTs to American PX stores throughout Europe. In all, 129,000 September-October copies of The Plain Truth will have been distributed to newsstands and libraries in twenty different countries.

Here is a breakdown of the countries in which the September-October magazine is going. In each area, the English-language PT is being sent, except where stated otherwise:

COUNTRY	COPIES
Great Britain & Irish Rep.	72,600
South Africa & Rhodesia	15,800
Belgium	9,800
Germany (English & German)	7,900
Holland (English & Dutch)	6,800
Italy	5,000
Denmark	4,400
Portugal	3,000
Switzerland	1,000
Japan	1,000
Sweden	700*
Finland	300*
Norway	200*
Iceland	50*
Falkland Islands	50*
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*Library distribution only.

Results of the African baptizing tour this year are very encouraging. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Morton visited a total of 218 people. Of these 48 were baptized. Several reports giving some details of the tour at various points along the way are in this Bulletin. Also, the next Bulletin and a future issue of *The Good News* should contain more details of the complete tour.

In August of this year, the Sydney office received two letters from inside Communist China. These are the first letters we have received from that area of the world!

We have just received a report from Mr. Bass who is now residing in Miami and regularly tours the Caribbean Bible studies. He has just counseled with 12 people and baptized two in Jamaica. One of the highlights of his trip was a special Sabbath service in Port of Spain, Trinidad, with 85 present. As you may recall, Mr. Bass, as a foreigner, is not allowed to teach or preach in Trinidad. So, Mr. Deyalsingh, a member of seven years and an attorney, preached the sermon from Mr. Bass's notes while Mr. Bass sat and listened! There's more

than one way to "skin a cat." Mr. Deyalsingh will conduct services every other week using material supplied by Mr. Bass and will give Mr. Bass a tape of the services. This is the only way we can feed the flock at present. Barbados had an excellent Feast, although no minister was present from the United States to serve them. Mr. Carlos Nieto, our deacon in charge of the church, preached the sermons from Mr. Bass's notes. As a result of the recent shooting of Americans in St. Croix, the police sent plainclothes detectives to guard the meetings which were held in a hotel. The police did not actually listen to the services, but they did look out for the welfare of our members.

The last several months have seen tremendous growth in Germany. For three months straight we have had over 200% increase in our mail receiving department. This type of growth is very gratifying, especially when you consider that the office in Germany has been established now for ten years.

Here comes a new entry in the "most remote churches" category. Approval has been given for the Bible study in Salisbury, Rhodesia to become a church. Russ Johnson expects an average attendance of 35 to start, and there are 12 PMs in Salisbury. We are also going to have to turn Russell's backroom operation into a full-fledged office soon. We now have John White in the area as a ministerial assistant and office assistant.

A number have asked how Mr. Antion's comments regarding the discontinuing of visit slips and certain church administration forms could be applied in the Foreign Work. While we would not rule out the use of visit slips in certain specific circumstances (orientation for new ministers, etc.), as a general policy in the Work, they are no longer required. If you have a specific circumstance in which you feel the use of visit slips would be needed, please feel free to check it with us. However, the one thing we do want to emphasize is that visit slips used routinely should be discontinued.

We seemed to have covered all the news in the Foreign Work except to mention that in Penticton this year, the Canadian ministers bowed to a well-organized team of American ministers in that most dreaded game of broomball. Congratulations to a fine American team!

In conclusion, we include an *early* report from Bob Morton on tour in Africa and a letter from a member in Puerto Rico:

August 28, 1972

Greetings from Lagos, Nigeria. We've come to the end of our first week in Africa and have vis-

ited all the PMs in Kano and Lagos. So far we've seen forty-two people and baptized six. Tomorrow night a man and his wife who have both been counseled already will be coming to the hotel to be baptized. This will make eight baptisms altogether this trip. This equals the *total* number of baptisms in the whole tour of Africa last year. God certainly seems to be calling a people out of Nigeria. We still have thirty people to see in Benin City and thirty-six in Enugu before we leave the country.

One man we baptized was the old WNBC radio monitor who faithfully recorded the details of our broadcast for several years, sending the forms in to the college each week. He is now 74 years old and at one time had six wives. When he came to a knowledge of the truth he put five of them away and now lives with only his one true wife.

We have baptized a number of well-educated people — a school teacher, several students studying at various universities, a mechanical engineer and a computer maintenance engineer.

The problems people face down here are colossal. Tribalism has such a hold on nearly everyone that it is almost impossible to obey God unless a man completely breaks away from his family and tribe. The divorce and remarriage problems are unbelievably complex. Girls are married off at 14-18 years and can be taken away from the husband at any time by the parents. Young men, right up into their thirties, are living under the thumbs of their parents who would rather they live in fornication than get married — the parents being more concerned over the son's wage packet than over his need for a wife.

Just to keep the Sabbath and to tithe down here is a real test for most of the people we meet. With no welfare facilities at all, a man and his family can starve to death if he loses his job.

In spite of all this it is very encouraging to see the response in all these people. The people of Nigeria have a positiveness that we haven't seen in any other African nation. When they finally decide to obey God they are extremely zealous.

We have met many people who suffered during the recent war here. I don't think the outside world has much concept of the terrible suffering and misery and poverty going on here as a result. The stories some of the prospective members have told us of how they survived while others died of starvation all around them are incredible. God certainly intervenes to take care of His own.

We have a number of excellent shots of life in Nigeria and intend to run off several more rolls of film when we get into the villages of the eastern region where the war was fought. They should make an excellent assembly when we return.

The people here are very friendly and we are able to move about freely wherever we want. Tomorrow a PM is going to take us on a tour of Lagos to get some more shots.

Will keep you informed.

Regards,
Bob Morton

Dear Mr. Dart:

August 27, 1972

Greetings from Puerto Rico!

On July 15, 1972, Mr. Clarence Bass and Mr. Pablo Gonzalez were here to conduct God's VERY FIRST Bible study in Puerto Rico, to my knowledge. It was attended by 17 adults and 7 children, as I recall, and one person was baptized. Several baptized members were unable to attend.

It was a joyous time for those of us here in Puerto Rico as we all feel the tremendous need for more frequent contact with God's minister. We all looked forward to it with the greatest possible enthusiasm. One family had to fly from St. Thomas, the round-trip fare for one person being \$26.00, and there were two adults and one child.

Mr. Dart, others have asked me to write to you asking that you give serious consideration to establishing a Bible study here on a regular basis. Of course, I give my most enthusiastic endorsement to this, too! We would be most grateful if such could be, and are, in the meantime, exercising much "knee-action" on the matter, hoping that we are doing so in the right spirit.

We send our best wishes to you and all in God's Work.

Sincerely,
W. T. Overby,

for the Puerto Rico Brethren

BOOK REVIEWS

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and he shall give you rest; yes, he shall give delight unto your soul." He goes on to show in a very readable and practical style how to couple discipline with reinforcement to *motivate* youngsters to build character.

Although Dr. Dobson does directly advocate corporal punishment, his recommendation as to when to spank is definitely questionable. Nevertheless, Dobson is a psychologist who has taken a step in the right direction.

Dare to Discipline concludes: "From Genesis to Revelation, there is a consistent foundation upon which to build an effective philosophy of parent-child relationships. It is my belief that we have departed from the standard which was clearly outlined in both the Old and New Testaments, and that deviation is costing us a heavy toll in the form of social turmoil. Self-control, human kindness, respect, and peacefulness can again be manifest in America if we dare to discipline in our homes and schools."

Letters to Karen by Charlie W. Shedd (Avon Books)

Written by a minister of many years, this book gives practical advice on the subject of marriage. It is actually a long series of letters written to the author's daughter. Each letter is short and packed with down-to-earth maxims for a wife. A long career of marriage counseling was an excellent source of knowledge for the author. While we may not agree with every point, this book holds a wealth of understanding and is a required reading assignment for girls in our Family Relations class here at the Pasadena campus.

Letters to Philip by Charlie W. Shedd (Pyramid Books)

This book is the complement of *Letters to Karen*. It is a series of letters written to the same author's son-in-law. The advice given focuses on the husband's responsibilities for a good marriage, while *Letters to Karen* centers on a wife's duties. Being a practical book, *Letters to Philip* is a required reading assignment for men taking the Family Relations class here in Pasadena.

MAIL SUMMARIES

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LONDON, ENGLAND

October 4, 1972

During the Festival period, we received a total of 5,900 letters. The details of the mail are as follows:

1972 FEAST OF TABERNACLES WORLDWIDE ATTENDANCE

FESTIVAL SITE	ATTENDANCE
Altarrobo, Chile	62
Alyoska Lodge, Alaska	239
Baguio, Philippines	766
Barbados, West Indies	360
Big Sandy, Texas	12,960
Blackheath, Australia	3,400
Buenos Aires, Argentina	70
Colombo, Ceylon	29
Fort-de-France, Martinique	152
Jekyll Island, Georgia	8,827
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	79
Lake Ozarks, Missouri	12,672
Lake Taupo, New Zealand	600
Minehead, England	3,400
Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania	12,480
Oaxtepec, Mexico	120
Pasadena, California	628
Penticton, British Columbia	7,639
Perth, Australia	379
Poipu Beach, Hawaii	254
Potsdam, East Germany	16
Praz-sur-arly, France	569
South Africa (3 sites)	1,060
Squaw Valley, California	9,681
Tabo, Chile	62
Tonga	40
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin	10,812
Total	87,356

NOTE: These figures are not final.

Donation	900
Non-donation	3800
Newsstand reply cards	1200

This backlog should be completely opened and handled towards the end of this week.

A noticeable trend has been the large number of requests from our Correspondence Course students for supplementary reading material. Each lesson contains a card offering additional articles. The August PLAIN TRUTH is continuing to bring many requests for the publications *United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* and *Why Were You Born?* The September/October issue is being mailed out throughout this week.

African Tour

This week sees the beginning of the second half of the African Tour. The first half ended on the 12th of September in Monrovia, Liberia, with some 46 people baptized and approximately 250 who met with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Morton. This brings the total number of members in West Africa to 59 — a very encouraging increase of over 350%. Between the 2nd and 4th of October, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Morton were in Kitwe and Lusaka, Zambia. In this former colonial territory of Northern Rhodesia there are 35 people scheduled to meet our representatives.

We have now received over 100 letters from people visited recently in West Africa and the following letter shows how determined people are to obey God after talking to our representatives.

I am writing to express my happiness and appreciation for the opportunity of meeting Mr. Jackson and Mr. Morton. It was an exhilarating experience I must say.

I am happy to report that I've turned over a new leaf with regard to the slips I've made in living a Christian life. My change of job gave me the push necessary to start on the right road. And your representatives' visit, too, brought me face to face with realities. I've resumed a daily reading and study of the Bible, which puts my mind in a better state to resist sinful thoughts.

I do realize the battle is not easy. But I believe with your prayers, I too will succeed in my determination to "recapture true values."

—A. E.,
Nigerian Broadcasting Corp.

Indian Tour

We have received an enthusiastic response to the news of Mr. Frankel's October visit to India and Ceylon. Notice of the visit was sent to prospective members and those who had requested

personal counseling. As a result we received several comments from readers looking forward to the tour.

VANCOUVER, CANADA

August 30, 1972

Greetings from Canada! Mail continues to look better. Income is also on an upward climb in the month-to-date figures. The personal appearance of Garner Ted Armstrong in the city of Calgary, Alberta, was very successful. The first three days of this week have brought nearly 300 responses from those who were in attendance at the Calgary Campaign.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

August 25, 1972

This past week has seen an increase in the number of letters received from Asia. Many have responded enthusiastically to the articles on child training and famine, and especially the article entitled "The Bible is a NOW Book."

LETTER COMMENTS

THE FEAST

Summing It Up

Our family is home from the Feast held at Lake of the Ozarks. What a Feast it was! Wonderful, tremendous, the Feast is always these things, but this year it was something to write about. We came home thankful, happy, filled with excitement and most of all a conviction of great determination. The feast sermons were filled with warnings — warnings that Satan will surely attack us and the Church in this coming year. Did you know Mr. Armstrong that we came to the tabernacle at 6:30 on the days you were to speak and seats were taken clear to half way back. Thank you for your part in helping us to have the greatest Feast ever.

— John F.

Two Points of View

Dear Mr. Hill:

For a fat man, you are sure long-winded.

Yours truly,
a Friend, Texas

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you Mr. Hill!

Thank you for the effort put forth by you to give us those wonderful sermons during the Feast at Big Sandy.

Thank you for putting up with the heat and hu-

midity and still taking a few extra minutes to instruct us in God's way and plan.

Thank you for directing us in a very successful Feast.

Please thank both Mr. Armstrongs for me and tell them that we will be praying more than ever for the continued guidance and direction and protection of all of you at Headquarters and for the success of the campaign and the Work.

In Christian love,
D. S., Hutchinson,
Kansas

SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Thank you so very much for the Summer Educational Program. Our 13-year-old daughter was accepted for the 2nd session this past summer. She seems like a different person. She went there a very shy, quiet person and returned all filled with joy, enthusiasm and radiant personality.

I didn't know to whom this letter should be sent, but I want to thank all who made this trip possible for my daughter and all other children involved. I thank God also that He has called us to such a wonderful way of life.

Mr. & Mrs. O. B.,
Memphis, Tennessee

HEALINGS

Today, when I picked up our fourth grader at school and was ready to leave, our little five-year-old was climbing in the back door of the car. I thought she was all the way in the car, but she had her hand wrapped around the window post, and the car door being hard to close, I slammed it as hard as I could. Her hand was there and I know that I heard bones crack! She cried out and I carried her to the front seat of the car, and silently asked God to forgive me and heal her hand. By the time we were able to leave the parking lot of the school the swelling had gone down and she began to move her fingers. We all three sat in the car crying like little babies, because we all were so thankful for a God that was watching over us. Please rejoice with us in this blessing, and praise God for all things.

— Mr. & Mrs. H. R. B.,
Fordyce, Arkansas

We would like to record that God is still performing miracles today! We sent for an anointed cloth recently for our two-year-old son who was suffering from an asthmatic or bronchial condition. This caused him to wheeze and gasp for

breath whenever he attempted to run and jump. Well, just two evenings ago, when the family took a stroll in the local park, my wife and I were thrilled to see little "Jay-Jay" (as we call him) running, jumping and frolicking about to "beat the band" with no problems! We *know* that when we are obedient to God, He is the Eternal who HEALS us and our little ones.

— C. B.,
Hamilton, Bermuda

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

I have long ago begun to agree with every viewpoint you have taken. Had it not been for you and the PLAIN TRUTH of what God is and what I am, I would have destroyed myself two years ago. My girlfriend and her family attend a church of your belief in Kingsport, Tenn. — to them I am most indebted. I am at the moment listening to you on television and I am enjoying it immensely. Thank you for your help and thank God for you, His instrument.

— Ronnie B.,
Johnson City, Tennessee

This is a HATE letter! I hate it that I was in the Mountain-Lake district, without TV to watch your initial program. I hate it that you did not have this format long time ago: so much more effective! I hate it that I sat in a cold living room in a very skinny nighty, shivering through the whole program so that I wouldn't miss a bit before I could leave it long enough to get a wrap on. Not a single commercial! I hate to think of ever being without this program, even at 7 a.m.!

— Marcella C.,
Portland, Oregon

RESPONSE TO THE TELECASTS

Your program on the television August 13 was a turning point in my life. I have never realized the life I was living until I read your publications and heard your philosophy. Since this, I have lived a much fuller and rewarding life.

— Morg W.,
Long Beach, California

I would just like to say how overjoyed I am to watch *The WORLD TOMORROW* program on TV in the morning. This new TV program is having good results. I hear so many comments at my place of employment about this new and different program.

— Harvey P.,
Garland, Texas

Just recently I turned on the TV at 7 a.m. and saw a wonderful face and decided to listen to what it was saying. I was amazed. I had no idea I could learn so much so early in the morning.

— Kenyon M.,
Greenbelt, Maryland

The 7:30 a.m. program is just perfect timing so I can watch every day. I work for the fire department (L.A.) and at 7:30 there is quite a crowd around the TV watching Garner Ted's informative program. Sure starts some stimulating talk around the station.

— Glenn P.,
Camarillo, California

Just a note to tell you how very much we enjoy the TV program. We were more than fifty miles away from here last Sunday evening, but drove back just to hear him. It came on one hour late, but it was worth waiting for and well worth the drive home to hear him.

— Irene E.,
Wyoming, Montana

The TV program is just wonderful. When my sister comes by to leave her little girl with me she watches and gets so interested that she ends up being late for work.

— Joy B.,
Jamestown, Tennessee

It was just by chance I heard you on television at 8 a.m. I usually listen to the Today Show on a different station. I was very pleased to see and hear such a program on TV. I am late for work this morning, but feel it was well worth it to see your program.

— Leroy K.,
Chappaqua, New York

PLAIN TRUTH RESPONSE

Ten Reasons Why I Tithe

I must briefly tell you of this great blessing. Having taken God on His Word, I did sacrifice some — not even a great deal by giving more than I thought I could afford. A couple of weeks later, I was down to \$6 on which to get back to Austin, 250 miles away. Payday would have been a week after that.

Then, two days ago, I received in the mail a totally unknown and unexpected refund from college — \$233.44!! So here are my tithes and offerings. Again, that's more than I feel I can com-

fortably afford, but I simply HAVE to give it for God's Work.

— Stephen C.,
Austin, Texas

I have thought about tithing for at least 6 months, but for one reason or another had always put it off. After reading "Ten Reasons Why I Tithe" in the July issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, I finally made up my mind to do it even though my first tithe is only \$1.00.

I try to obey the 10 commandments and I know that this is God's universe run by His laws, but I never realized that I was stealing from Him by not tithing. The fact has made a profound impression on me as have many of the things I've read in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I find it a constant source of inspiration and insight. I am glad that I can be a part of it. Keep up the good Work!

— Gary H.,
Marshalltown, Iowa

Wow! I had the cart before the horse. I was trying to "get" before I "gave." Your article, "Ten Reasons Why I Tithe" had an impact on my mind and heart. Where else but from God can you receive 100% and be requested to return 10% — not in the market place!

— Ruth K.,
Pegram, Tennessee

Some Get the Point, But Don't Know What to Do With It

As of June of this year I began to earn my own money. Frankly, I was surprised to find that God required 10% right off the top of my earnings. I only make about \$25 a week after all deductions have been made. Nevertheless, your article, "Ten Reasons Why I Tithe," brought me to new insights about tithing and the benefits to be derived from it. However, since reading your article I have been bothered the past couple of months to the point that I felt I had to write to find out who I should send my tithes to so as to get started right away.

— Glenn B.,
Fayetteville, North Carolina

I divide God's 10% between my church and various religious organizations (like yours). It makes me very happy to be doing what I can to help your Work. He has given us His Son and this wonderful world. We are sinful and can never have eternal life without giving Him what belongs to Him.

— Thelma H.,
Hattiesburg, Mississippi