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More About Our Cover...

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong is seen here making a historic broadcast on the site of the Temple in the shadow of the Mosque of Omar covering the Dome of the Rock. At the time of the picture this site was in Jordanian hands — now it is in the possession of the Jews. The next few years of history will pivot around this piece of geography. You are commanded to “WATCH” — read Mr. Hunting’s article beginning page 5, and be sure you watch the right way!

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What our READERS SAY...

Ashamed for Neglecting Her Part

“I received your urgent letter about the pressing need for more office space. You know it really made me feel so ashamed that we of God’s Church have not been more concerned and have neglected doing our part. We surely need a good bawling out, and thank you for giving us one. I hope it stirs us all up and causes us to strive to do better. I know that it’s a handicap to God’s ministers to be so cramped up. I have not much to send, but I know it will be put to a better use than what I had thought to use it for.”

Mrs. E. H., Colorado

Member Letter An Eye-Opener!

“Herewith is twenty dollars for the building fund. This letter was an eye-opener. Probably many others are like me — thinking that, at this late date, there wouldn’t be time for much more building — not knowing the need. I hope and pray the need will be taken care of promptly and well. Things are shaping up so fast!!”

Mrs. C. F. T., Idaho

Thankful for “Mother’s Part in Child Rearing”

“I was very pleased to get *The GOOD NEWS* for June because it solved a problem I had worried about for several days. I asked God for help and the very next day I got *The GOOD NEWS*. I thought my husband wanted me to go back to teaching because we need so many things and just haven’t the money for them. After we read the

article about the mother’s part in child rearing, I had my answer. My husband and I agreed that I should not work outside our home. I felt as if an actual, heavy load had been lifted off my shoulders. Thank you for articles like these which answer the problems we face so often.”

Mrs. K. J., Kentucky

GOOD NEWS Timely

“Each month I so look forward to receiving *The GOOD NEWS* because I know there will be included just what I need at the particular moment. Mr. McNair’s article on why trials are necessary: I must admit that I’ve not always been able to rejoice in them, but now I shall certainly try. I’m so very grateful that God has let me know about His own Work on this earth. When I think of the millions who would respond if called, I’m awed with the thought that it was I who was called at this time. I really can’t get over it.”

Mrs. L. S. R., Alabama

Son Healed of Scarlet Fever

“Our two sons had scarlet fever last winter. The youngest erupted externally and he was able to return to school in about six weeks. But the fourteen-year-old was another story. His went internally and damaged all his organs. His kidneys almost completely stopped, his lungs were so full of fluid that he could not lie down and sleep for several weeks — he would have choked to death if God hadn’t intervened time after time. His liver was damaged and

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there was such a few things he could eat that his blood was weak and his heart had to overwork. In June he had cramps in his heart and on the day of Pentecost he almost died. God has healed him and now his body is building back."

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. A.,
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Surgeon Requests Anointed Cloth

"I have been advised by one of my patients to write for a healing cloth for my back pains. I am a surgery physician. Among other treatments that I render to my patients I have faith in God and believe you can help me as my patient was helped through your healing power. Please mail my cloth to the above address. Otherwise my book-keeper opens all of my mail."

R. E. T., M.D.,
Washington

Healed of Stomach Ailment

"I had one of your prayer cloths several months ago for my stomach. I was almost instantly healed. I haven't had any trouble with my stomach since."

E. P., New York

Thankful to Be a Negro

"This past week we in Manhattan p.m. Church heard a most important sermon by Mr. Harold Jackson dealing with the 'race issue' and what we as Negroes are all about. More than a month ago, we heard a series of sermons by Mr. Gerald Waterhouse on 'The Wonderful World Tomorrow' and I thought that there could be no other sermons which could affect my future life and attitude towards it so much. This thought was changed very quickly this past Sabbath! God has used Mr. Waterhouse to show us the overall plan, structure and PURPOSE of God's Family. That was a truly GREAT blessing from God in itself, but then He sent the Negroes in His Body the extra blessing of showing us how we specifically fit into His Family. It is good to know what we are, how we are made — talents cannot be developed unless they are recognized and faults cannot be eradicated unless they are known. And now I know that the emotional

nature of the Negro can be both a blessing or a curse, depending on how it is directed and controlled. Another thing pointed out again to me in this sermon was how purposeful and what joy and humor God has! I never thought of the Negroes' nose as a built-in air-conditioner or our skin and hair as insulators from the heat. I would not mind if I were red, yellow, white, black, or orange polka dot — just as long as I make God's Kingdom! But I am sure glad God did make me a Negro. There are multiple billions of Negroes who have lived and are living who need so very much help! What a GREAT BLESSING to be called by God now and trained by Him so as to be able to help people who so desperately need God's help."

Member, New York

Negro Member Comments on Race Situation

"With the many race riots now taking place throughout the country, I can really say that we need God's Kingdom to come as soon as possible. Personally, I sometimes wish it were here already. This Work is truly the only worthwhile project on the face of the earth. As a Negro I realize my anxieties, frustrations and complexes are the same as my black brothers. The only difference is that I'm a member of the Church of God. On my job everyone is obsessed with the now well-established precedent of rioting. I have to keep my mouth sealed because of the times we live in."

W. B., New York

Impressed with Caliber of S.E.P. Counsellors

"While my husband and I were on a short vacation trip last week to northern Minnesota and Canada, we stopped to eat our lunch at Canal Park in Duluth — near Lake Superior. While there your Ambassador College bus pulled in with a load of high school boys. They also stopped to eat their lunch on the grass near the lake. We would like you to know that we have never seen a *finer* bunch of teen-age boys. They were so neat, quiet and well disciplined! We are proud to know

that there is an institution which produces young men of this high caliber. Upon questioning two of the boys we learned they were going to a camp at Orr, Minnesota."

A. B. H., Minnesota

Lean Year Turned Fat

"I'd like to share our joyful surprise with you. We recently discovered in figuring our budget that all our pressing debts we've had (or been plagued with) shall be paid in full the tenth month of this year, just immediately preceding the end of our third tithing year. Our lean year suddenly turned very fat, indeed. How truly wonderful God's blessings are, even if they do sneak up on us."

Mr. and Mrs. D. L., Oregon

Mr. Waterhouse's Tour

"You no doubt have received much commentary concerning Mr. Waterhouse's tour of the churches. For three fact-packed solid hours, he unfolded and laid bare before us some part of the inimitable plan our creating God has for those who will be faithful now in the few small things each of us is tried by. He made the Kingdom come alive. He burned into our minds the vast importance of obeying God in every detail. He made us know this means that every word in *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *The GOOD NEWS* is sent to us from Jesus Christ through His church headquarters. I am deeply thankful for the blessing of the Word of God delivered to us through His servant, Mr. Waterhouse."

D. M. L., Alabama

A Busy Prisoner

"I am writing the Bible out in longhand. I am down to the 29th chapter of Genesis. So far I have thrown away a lot of paper because I throw away any sheet of paper I make a mistake on. I bought 2,700 sheets of paper costing me about four dollars. It makes a stack of paper about a foot high. Pray for me that I can get it written without too many mistakes. I believe that it will help me on my lesson in the Correspondence Course a great deal."

Prisoner,
Texas



Christ Said – WATCH!

What did Christ mean? You may not know the answer. Your future safety will depend on HOW you watch! Learn to avoid the tragedy of USELESS watching.

by Charles F. Hunting

JUNE 4, 1967. The world stood in numb suspense as Israeli and Arab belligerents faced each other on the borders of Israel.

The WORLD TOMORROW was also facing one of its most dramatic moments — just three days until the first Gospel message in 1,900 years was to be proclaimed from Jerusalem! On the morning of June 4, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Mr. Howard Clark, Mr. Ray Dick and I prepared to board a plane which would eventually bring us to Amman, Jordan on the eve of the first broadcast to be made by Mr. Armstrong from Radio Jerusalem.

Then the sickening news — WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST!

Maybe it would be a quickly ending flare-up. Broadcast tapes had been made as a precautionary measure in the event circumstances might make it impossible for Mr. Armstrong to make the initial broadcast in person.

On to Beirut

With this tape and two other weeks of programs in my possession it was decided that I should continue to Beirut, Lebanon, and then to Amman, Jordan, where these could be delivered to the Hashemite Broadcasting representative.

On board the plane, I started an article for *The GOOD NEWS*. It was an article which I hoped would be able to convey to you a little of the excitement this momentous event

would surely bring. We still hoped the flare-up would subside and Mr. Armstrong would follow on the next plane and make that *first* broadcast in person.

A paragraph or two of the introduction of that article was barely completed when the captain of the plane made an emergency announcement — the airport in Beirut was closed! We were then between Rome and Athens. We landed in Athens and I decided to go to the closest place which might still permit me to hand over the broadcast tapes to the Jordanian representative if hostilities ceased.

Our office in Nicosia, Cyprus, was just being established. This was only a short thirty-five-minute flight from Beirut. The plane from Athens would leave at three in the morning. It was still only the night of June 5.

Early morning, June 6, I boarded the plane for Cyprus with a number of American and French correspondents flocking into the war zone. There might yet be time. There was still hope the fighting would cease as quickly as it had begun. There were almost two days left to get the tapes to Jerusalem.

Arab World Explodes

Suddenly, this last dwindling hope was *smashed!* A drastic change of attitude exploded over the entire Arab world. Radio Cairo detonated Arab fury by broadcasting that the United States planes were fighting with the Israelis. *The volatile Arab world was inflamed!*

The explosion shattered the peaceful little world of the Americans living in Arab territory. The latent, smoldering Arab resentment became a cauldron of hate, bitterness and revenge!

The American Embassy attachés warned them to GET OUT! They took

that warning. They looked into the angry face of Arab mobs who wanted their blood. They **KNEW** their only safety was in flight!

I personally witnessed the first victims of Arab wrath. This shocked group streamed out of Beirut, Lebanon, barely protected from revenge-bent mobs by Lebanese armored cars and automatic weapons. Then from Egypt — *hundreds of them!*

These refugees came out by any means possible. Wives, many separated from their husbands, mothers with small babies, oil workers, students and government employees, ran for their lives. Most had only a suitcase and the clothes on their backs. All other possessions were left behind.

By heeding this warning, they got out with their most priceless possession — THEIR LIVES!

Are You Running for YOUR Life?

Watching this spectacle, I wondered how many people in God's Church *are taking* the warning to *run for our lives*.

Notice! I said *are taking*, not will take. Realize it or not, our flight has ALREADY BEGUN! We *already* face much greater peril than any of these refugees. Don't harbor the delusion that this flight is merely going to be a call at some specified date, that as long as you keep the lines of communication open between yourself and the Church you will pack and leave.

Don't get the idea that because we may be "cast out" we will be part of that group. It would be real simple, wouldn't it, to harbor the idea that because some government, in anger, casts out the Church, the flight will be obvious. You are a part of the Church — you may reason — hence you will

Ambassador College Photos

Above left — A monument hastily constructed in memory of the dead lost in the Jewish capture of Jerusalem.

Above Right — Prayer lachets being attached to arms and heads of worshippers by orthodox rabbis. Below — Meanwhile, a lonely Arab flees Jerusalem through the East Gate!

be cast out and go to a place of safety with the Philadelphia Church.

If you ride this delusion you are going to take a swift ride into the tribulation — and I CAN PROVE IT!

Let's face reality! God does not warn in vain. He does not need to fill up space — to pad out a story. Every word written in His Book is written out of *love* and *concern* FOR US!

God said He is going to pour out His Spirit on us and make His words KNOWN to us! But He also warns that when He does this, people will not turn at His reproof. And, tragically, because we *refuse to heed*, God is going to totally *disregard* us when panic, distress and anguish come upon us! (Prov. 1:23-28.)

We do KNOW for sure that over two million people are going to be told to flee — but won't!

Judah Will Not Flee

Let me explain. Even though there is a totally unfavorable political situation in the Arab nations, the initial broadcast beamed into Israel has started from Radio Amman. The entire facilities of the short and medium wave for English language broadcasting are only there because of our program. No commercial broadcasting is allowed as of this date!

This is truly fantastic! God is keeping His promise — Judah is hearing!

Judah, however, WILL NOT LISTEN. "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executes judgment, that seeks the truth; and I will pardon it. And though they say, The Lord lives; surely they swear falsely. . . . you have stricken them, but they have not grieved; you have consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have REFUSED TO RETURN! (Jer. 5:1-3.)

Read Matthew 24:16. "Then let them which be in Judaea FLEE into the mountains." Get a map of Israel and Jordan. Look HOW CLOSE they are to a place called Petra — a *possible* place of safety. That's pretty close, isn't it? It's a thirty-minute plane ride — a four-hour automobile ride.

Isn't it just a little strange that the people physically closest to the place of safety will probably be less likely to take the opportunity?

Let's look at the rest of Israel. What is prophesied for the United States and Great Britain staggers the imagination and *defies* description.

Do words like United States and Great Britain seem impersonal to you? All right, let's make it personal. Your state, your county, city or town — perhaps your own relatives — and maybe YOU are going to know terror which has never yet been *described* or *experienced*!

You think that is a sensational statement that can't be backed up? Well, let me tell you, it *isn't*!

Jeremiah cried out in horror when he saw the future of those two great nations. "ALAS! for that day is GREAT, so that NONE is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's [Ephraim and Manasseh's] trouble" (Jer. 30:7).

Coming — Time of Terror

Don't carelessly gloss over what it says! It plainly says no time of suffering or horror has EVER approached this time!

These days have no parallel in ALL history. No horror stories yet written of the bestiality, savagery and atrocities of the Nazi concentration camps are capable of showing the misery to come! There has NEVER been a time like it!

And here is the warning for the Church!

Notice! "And some of those who are *wise* SHALL FALL" — for what purpose? — "to refine and cleanse them . . ." (Dan. 11:35).

God is going to literally haul Israel into *total* destruction. But of all the people of Israel those in God's Church have the matchless gift of being called — not just to survival in horror — but to survival in safety (Rev. 12:14).

Unbelievably, some won't choose *this way*. They will do it *the hard way*. God specifically says of some, "Take from these [those who are going to die or be taken captive] a *small number* and bind them in the skirts of your robes. And of *these* [those offered a place of safety], take of them again,

and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire. . ." (Ezek. 5:3-4).

Ezekiel could be talking about some of us! Does it disturb you to know that there are specific prophecies about some of us?

The big question is, WHY? Why, with all the fantastic warnings we have been *exposed* to, should it happen to any of us? We have had some startling prophecies fulfilled right before our eyes in the last few months.

Prophecies Fulfilled Recently

I sat in an audience of about six-hundred people who specifically and clearly heard Mr. Armstrong dogmatically say Israel had to take the Old City of Jerusalem WITHIN ABOUT ONE MONTH! Within *five weeks* the Jews did just exactly that!

Don't make the tragic mistake of saying it might have been only a shrewd guess. It wasn't!

There was no war crisis then. No United Nations pullout of the Sinai area. No closing of the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli shipping by the Egyptians. The *understanding* of the TIMING of this prophecy came as a result of a Bible Study after a trip to a relatively peaceful Jordan when ALL signs said it wouldn't take place *then*!

Could you possibly conceive that any member of God's Church could hear this prophecy, see its IMMEDIATE fulfillment and, in less than sixty days, leave God's Church? Tragically, THIS HAS HAPPENED!

I have just seen a letter from a man who made up part of that audience who said he has no further interest in God's Work — *unbelievable*!

For us, there is much more to the story. Today — as you read this — we KNOW a temple is to be built. It can't be stopped. We WILL SEE the fulfillment of this prophecy. It is already an established fact. It's history that hasn't yet happened — that's what prophecy is! As we *see* this building progress, what will be our reaction — casual apathy or excitement? This is our warning like the ARK was

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Child Rearing in Today's Sodom and Gomorrah!

The lives of your children are in mortal danger. Satan, like a roaring lion is out to get you — your family, your children. The statistics are in! Problems of child rearing in God's Church will amaze you. There are many unguarded back doors. You may be shocked on investigating your own child-rearing faults. The truth about your own children may astonish you!!

by Paul S. Royer

"OUT YOU!! O . . . cur!! Get out before I throw you out!" Before the aged and gray-ing mother could respond, her son struck her across the bridge of the nose, gave her a left-hook to the body, grabbed her by the wrist and the nape of the neck and threw her down the steps into the street.

The door slammed shut. Mrs. "Jones" writhing in pain struggled to her feet wondering what had gone wrong — "What have I done to deserve a son like this?"

A neighbor cautiously helped her into his home. In a daze, wiping away tears, she mumbled into the phone asking the sheriff for a warrant and the arrest of her son Charles.

The sheriff soon appeared on the scene. Stepping out of the patrol car he walked up the steps — then suddenly a shot rang out — then another — the sheriff slumped to the sidewalk clutching at his chest. Gasping for breath he cried out in mortal pain. The sheriff's leg and muscles spasmodically reflexed in death, his head dropped limp in a pool of warm red blood!!

The deputy ducked for cover and then began an hour-long gun fight in which the deputy was wounded. The gun battle ended when the son turned the gun, pulled the trigger, killing himself!

Shocking, you say? What is *this world* coming to??

It's more shocking than you think, brethren! The above incident occurred

in a quite respectable American community — the report came NOT from the newspaper — but from one of our ministers who comforted the aging mother in her sorrow. She is A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF GOD!!

Only the Names Changed

In writing, I've changed the names and supplied the details. The story actually happened just a few months ago. An unusual account — but by no means an isolated one from the lives and affairs of the members of the Church of God!

Another report follows from a minister a few states removed. The minister stopped by to talk to a member of this church about his son's murder trial and *government in the home!*

Mr. Blank's son had shot a man to death in a brawl. He shot him when the opponent attacked with a broken bottle. The son is in jail with a penalty of death by hanging staring him in the face.

The shooting, the murder plot began many years ago. The father innocently helped design the circumstances, the conditions necessary for this tragic event. The home he headed has never known the meaning of real love or discipline. Family government, God's government in the home has not been a part of their lives. Notice the remainder of the minister's report. "The second oldest son living at home is rebelling against every attempt of au-

thority!" Summarizing his report the minister wrote these final words: "Family is sobered by this and many family and personal troubles!"

The purpose in citing these examples and others to follow is NOT to bring more grief to the families involved, or point an accusing finger at them. The purpose is to wake YOU up! I'm sure these people join me in the hope that their sad example will spur *others* to ACTION — before it's too late!

No matter how sorry or how great the repentance, it's pretty difficult to undo years of mistakes, especially in the life of a teen-ager. You really feel for those brethren who are now converted, who are doing their level best to overcome, to change, to salvage the family. It's sobering to realize, that any one of us who grows careless is also subject to problems of equal magnitude.

"Thy Kingdom come" should certainly become a more vivid part of our prayer life.

True, not every child-rearing problem erupts into the chaotic violence of the preceding two illustrations. The point is that every child-rearing problem can, unless curbed, explode into the same type of trouble. Compared to the world, God's people have done an excellent job in child rearing. That's as it should be. This is a pretty rough, turbulent world in which we live. Considering who we are and the God we serve, there should be an even greater

contrast in the lives of our children. One such incident as described is one too many!

The Church Report on Problem Visits

Too often, we the members of the Church of God, survey the world around us, abhorred by what we see and hear — then sink back into our comfortable easy chair believing all is well on the home front. In some cases Junior has just been given the car and a couple bucks to go — who knows where — while we gaze sleepily into the vortex of that seeping sewer — TV — prominently displayed in a favorite corner of our living room.

Brethren, do you know what the greatest, single problem in God's Church is today?

I have a report from the office of Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, Superintendent of ministers, in which he gives the number one problem in God's Church as lethargy — too lazy to overcome, too sleepy to rule, love or direct our families. As might be expected, child-rearing problems are not far behind.

This is what takes up the greatest percentage of the minister's visiting time. Sixty-seven percent of some 21,375 visits in recent months were on problem visits!

Child Rearing a Serious Problem

Child-rearing problems are serious in God's Church — not just in the world. Too many members live in a dream world. They falsely, lackadaisically assume their calling in God's Church somehow protects them from the world and its dangers, from accidental death, persecution and the *penalties of broken child-rearing laws!*

Brethren, the only protection we have comes as a result of OBEDIENCE! Obedience to God and His laws is what protects!! God will not excuse or nullify a penalty just because we happen to be a member of His Church. He is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). God will not suddenly reverse the law of gravity because a mother *carelessly* allows her two-year-old to play on the edge of a cliff. Neither will God excuse or revise His laws of child rearing because you suddenly find yourself in trouble *as a re-*

sult of ten or fifteen years of broken laws!!

God's laws must be obeyed — action must follow reading the Word of God (James 2:14)!

We Are Responsible Before God

We are responsible now; we are the called out ones. Our minds have been opened. When our minds are given the light of truth, knowledge of God's ways, then we become *responsible* before God to diligently obey His laws. We *must practice* God's child-rearing laws as part of our own program to salvation. With knowledge comes greater responsibility and accountability (Luke 12:48).

It's time we shake off lethargic ways, including our lacks in discipline, love and concern toward our families and God's laws regulating our children. The irrevocable laws of God, when obeyed unflinchingly, produce healthy, vibrant, strong, happy children. As called out ones, we have to be on guard against every sin, against Satan and his malicious plan to destroy the human race and the family!

Satan is out to get the Church of God. He's like a roaring lion! He's after you in a way that you may least expect!

Most of us are aware that we can fail as a result of wrong attitudes, jealousy, lust and greed. We are usually on guard against our own evil nature, our rotten, carnal ways. We are busy guarding the front door. It's supposed to be bolted, locked and barricaded with prayer and study. Foolishly some of us lock the front door and forget to lock or guard the back door. In many cases the back door is left standing wide open!

One of the greatest crimes ever concocted in the demoniacal mind of Satan is working right now under your very nose. He has struck a low blow and is entering many of your homes through the *open back door!*

He's getting at you through your own children, where you least suspect. Satan, as never before, is taking advantage of these last times, gaining access through the rear entrance, the open unguarded door of *poor, neglected, child-rearing practices!*

A Letter to Dad

On my desk are two letters written by a member's teen-age son to his dad. The son is in jail — *this time for good*. I happen to know this family and the boy. Several years ago Mr. Portune and I counselled him and the family at the Feast of Tabernacles when he got into trouble.

I've talked to his parents since and personally counselled the son. I've wrestled and played with him on occasion. I've had opportunity to extend him God's love and mercy. Yet I knew and predicted this would be his end.

Why couldn't this terrible, wretched, pitiful problem be stopped? Why did it have to happen? There is an answer to the question. The truth made plain, in the *Child Rearing* booklet, IF PRACTICED, could have *prevented* all this. Even though serious mistakes had been made, it wasn't too late to avert this unhappy end!!

In one of the boy's letters, written from a cold, dank, jail cell — let's call him George — he writes: "I've taken God's Word, His mercy for granted too many times — it's not so good in here, Dad, I get very hungry. They only feed you twice a day and that's a long time between meals. I haven't been eating any of the meat. Most of it is pork and I have made up for it by eating a lot of bread. Now I don't even eat the bread. For *seven days* anyway!"

The letter was written during the days of Unleavened Bread by a boy who had heard hundreds of sermons, attended God's Feast days — all seven of them! But he didn't listen — his dad didn't correct him as he should. When he did, *Mother* objected. He wasn't made to obey while there was still time. There was no *real penalty for disobedience!!*

When George was young he really never had to account for his time. Even the Feast days were often spent in riotous living, stealing and playing the BIG GUY.

Now he writes, "The other two boys [both teen-agers] haven't been involved. I did such a good job of cover-

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Don't Take YOUR Marriage for Granted

Too many marriages have deteriorated into a drab, dull routine. The spark and life have all but disappeared. Husbands and wives often treat each other like an old piece of furniture. Read this article and learn how to avoid making this mistake in YOUR marriage and why home is NOT the place to "let down."

by Richard F. Plache

GOD INTENDED the HAPPIEST people on earth to be MARRIED people! God intended it to be the most absolutely wonderful, the most altogether exciting, the most mutually rewarding experience two people can possibly share together.

High Hopes

Most marriages begin with high hopes. The wedding day is the happiest day of the young couples' lives. As they share the joys of this long-awaited day with relatives and friends, there is nothing to dim their soaring hopes and dreams. There is no thought of failure. They are sure their marriage will be the happiest and most successful marriage yet.

Despite these high hopes, many marriages never measure up to expectations. The initial flush of happiness often fades with the passing of the years. Couples who once thought they were in love eventually come to realize they are no longer in love. Many people watch their marriages crumble and finally disintegrate before their eyes.

We are all aware of the mounting divorce rate. Almost one in every three marriages ends in divorce. The teenage marital fatality rate is even higher — one out of two! However, many are not aware of an even more disturbing and yet often unnoticed aspect of our deteriorating marital picture. In the United States alone, every year there are 40,000 marriages ending in divorce involving couples who have lived together TWENTY YEARS or longer!

Here are 80,000 husbands and wives

who have lived together for almost HALF OF THEIR LIFETIME — who have shared the joys and faced the sorrows — who have witnessed the miracle of birth and thrilled to the excitement of seeing *their* children — the fruit of *their* marriage — grow up before their eyes — who finally reach the point they find they *can't stand to live together any longer!* So often, it seems, when the children grow up and leave home, the only reason to continue the *masquerade* of marriage is gone. Dad and Mom become just another divorce statistic.

For every home actually ripped apart by divorce, there are innumerable marriages which are somehow just barely managing to *hang together* — that have long since become just *empty shells* of what once were marriages. They have deteriorated into nothing more than cold, impersonal *business arrangements* — two people merely sharing the same house but not sharing their lives. There are thousands of such marriages devoid of any real LOVE — where husbands and wives have become total STRANGERS to each other.

This is not exclusively a problem of marriages in the world. There are *marriages in God's Church* where this is also true — where both the husband and wife are *supposedly* converted yet barely pass a civil word, where the only lengthy conversation is an argument and where the only *deep* feeling is one of *deep-seated* resentment and bitterness.

Some of you reading this very article must honestly admit that you would

have been either separated or divorced by now if it weren't for God's law against such. You feel obligated to "*tough it out*" lest you be put out of the Church. Marriage is more than merely living together. You are dutifully complying to the letter of God's law but tragically failing to fulfill the spirit of God's law — the Godly designed *purpose* of marriage.

How Could It Happen?

How is it possible for a couple to begin marriage filled with such hopes and eager expectations for happiness and success and then end up seeing their marriage wrenched apart?

How could two people who once delighted in whispering sweet expressions of endearment end up screaming hateful vindictives at each other?

How could a husband and wife who once thrilled to each other's company reach the point they *can't stand the sight of each other*?

How can hours of scintillating conversation deteriorate into a strained silence?

How can two people bound together as "one flesh" in the closest, most intimate relationship known to man end up hurling charges and countercharges in a divorce court?

Is this something that strikes *suddenly* — unexpectedly — without any advance warning? No — quite the contrary is true. It invariably *begins* as a gradual, almost imperceptible, PROCESS. The roots of the problem can be traced back to the tragic — and sometimes

fatal — mistake of people TAKING THEIR MARRIAGE FOR GRANTED.

All marriages are subject to this tendency. The reason lies in a peculiar quirk of human nature. It is absolutely impossible for the carnal mind to maintain a *sustained* sense of keen appreciation for anything. No matter how wonderful and exciting something might be *at first*, it eventually takes its place among the other things we so *carelessly* take for granted. It becomes "old hat" as we say.

The excitement over a new car quickly wears off. A fine, new home will tend to become just another house after several years. Even a breathtaking panorama of natural beauty will lose its initial, thrilling impact after a period of time. Everything has the tendency to *fade* into the passing scene — become a part of our accepted little world. Nothing escapes this debilitating and corroding process — not even your marriage. After a time, there is the tendency to take each other for granted — to become careless and even contemptuous in the way you treat your mate.

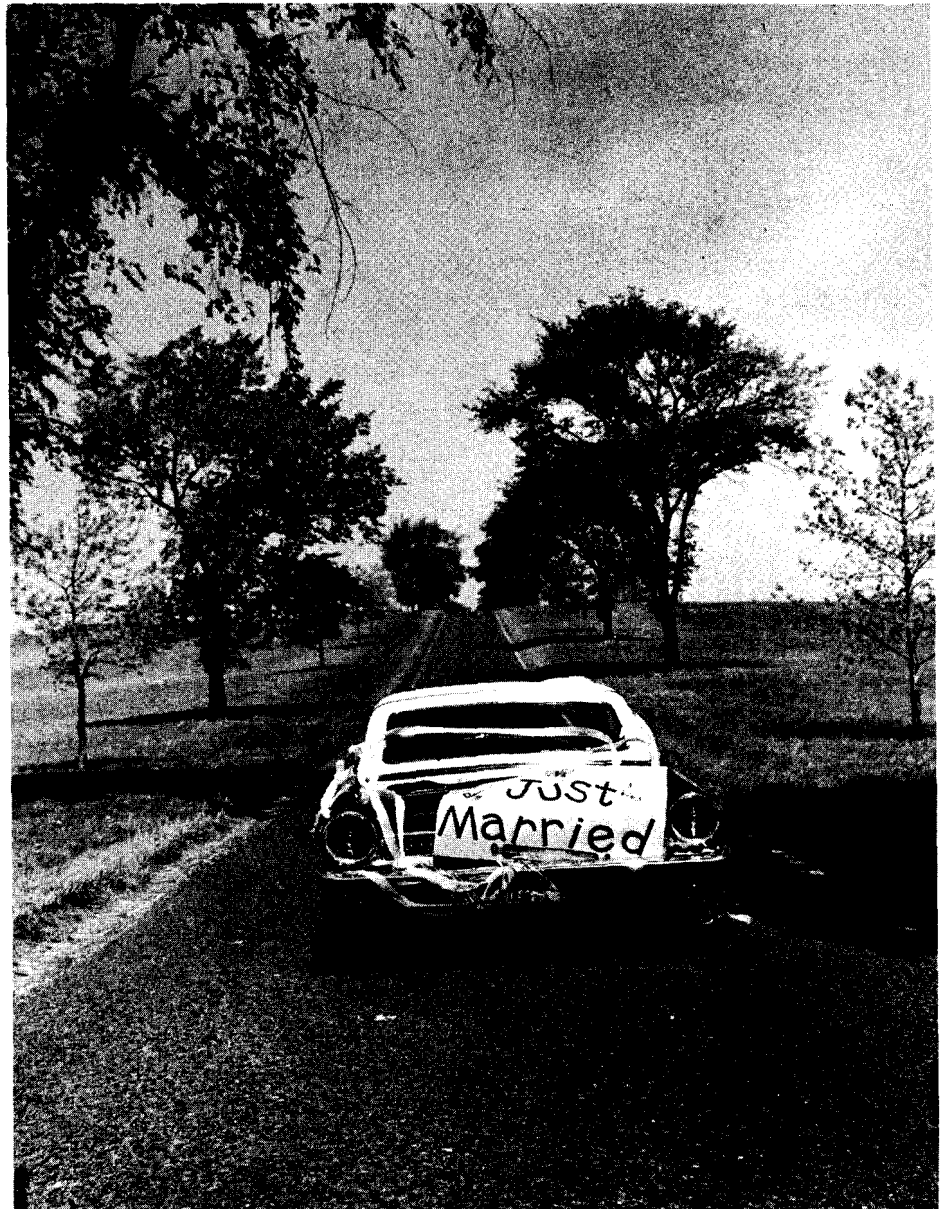
Avoid This Pitfall

How can you avoid this pitfall? What can you do to keep your marriage *vitaly alive* and growing *better* and BETTER with each passing year? How can you revitalize a drab, lifeless marriage — give it new spark and enthusiasm?

Few people seem to understand that marriage is something which must be BUILT. A happy, successful marriage just doesn't automatically happen. It takes WORK — plenty of it — by *both* the husband and wife. However, before any young couple rushes off to begin construction, they had better understand *how* to begin.

The reason people begin to take their marriage for granted is that they don't understand — or fail to *remember* — that the only *blueprint* for success is that designed by the Master Architect of marriage — Almighty God. A *God-centered* approach to marriage is the only avenue to success.

Marriage is VERY SPECIAL to God. The institution of marriage was God's final, crowning act of creative work before He created the Sabbath by resting.



H. Armstrong Roberts

A young couple usually starts off their marriage with high hopes for happiness and success. However, it takes more than a wedding to make a successful marriage.

You can be sure God doesn't take marriage for granted.

Man is unique in that he is the ONLY creature God created to experience this absolutely marvelous relationship. Every married person shares in the GREATEST of all God's physical blessings. No one has the *right* to take his marriage for granted. When we come to understand God's purpose for marriage, we dare not do so!

A Tremendous Responsibility

Marriage is the physical relationship God chose to be the TYPE of the *spiritual* relationship of Christ and the Church. Christ is the Husband and the

Church is His espoused Bride-to-be married to Him at His Second Coming (II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:32; Rev. 19:7).

Husbands, do you *realize* you are the direct physical type of Jesus Christ in your marriage? Notice: "For the husband is the head of the wife, *EVEN AS* Christ is the Head of the Church" (Eph. 5:23). Your *responsibility* is to rule your wife as Christ rules the Church. You are to give her the opportunity to learn what it would be like to be married to Jesus Christ! You are commanded by God to love your wife *even as* Christ loved the Church, and GAVE himself for it (Eph. 5:25).

Every husband will be *judged* by the standard of Jesus Christ — the PERFECT HUSBAND!

Is this something to take lightly? Dare you treat this responsibility carelessly? Are you *daily* aware of what God expects from you as a husband? Are you diligently *striving* to deal with your wife as Christ deals with His Church? How often do you fervently pray for Christ to more fully live His life in you as a husband?

How much of Christ can your wife see in YOU?

Does Jesus Christ take His Church for granted? Would you want Christ to deal with you in the same way you treat your wife? Think about that! What would your life be like? These are questions you had better come to grips with — ON YOUR KNEES!

No doubt all you wives would welcome more of Christ in your husbands. But what is *your* responsibility? The wife is the direct physical TYPE of God's Church. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, AS UNTO THE LORD... Therefore AS the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in *everything*" (Eph. 5:22-24).

How about it wives?

What would God's Church be like if it were EXACTLY LIKE YOU? What a sobering thought!

What would Christ think of His Bride-to-be if she had the same attitude toward Him that *you* have toward *your* husband? How obedient would she be? How quickly would she respond to His wishes? How much cooperation would there be in the marriage? Would she have genuine love and deep respect for Him? Would Christ say to her, "Well done, good and faithful wife," or "I will spue you out of my mouth"? These are questions every converted wife should ask herself — ON HER KNEES!

A Sure Foundation

Any builder knows the importance of a solid foundation. Regardless of how well the building itself is constructed, if it does not rest on a stable and permanent footing, all his efforts will prove to be in vain.

The critical importance of the sure-

ness of a foundation becomes most apparent during times of great stress. Christ's parable in Matthew 7:24-27 clearly demonstrates this. It is interesting to notice that Christ makes no mention of the quality of the construction of the houses themselves. The crucial factor was the foundation. The wise builder was very careful in the selection of his building site. He made sure that the foundation of his house was resting directly on *bedrock*. The foolish builder made the fatal mistake of totally disregarding the fact he was building on *sand*.

The house which was built upon sand apparently had no difficulty standing as long as the weather remained

fair and tranquil. It continued for awhile. However, when it was subjected to the onslaught of the raging elements, it failed to pass the test. It could not withstand the stress and collapsed.

This is true of many marriages. On the surface, they appear to be well built. They seem to have many things going for them. They *hold together* for awhile — possibly a few weeks or *many years*. As long as the marital "weather picture" remains relatively calm — as long as good times continue and no major problems arise to exert more strain than the foundation can

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Many couples expend more effort and attention in building a house than in building their marriage. The only way to happiness is to follow God's blueprints for success.

Ewing Galloway



Firsthand Report on the

CARIBBEAN BAPTIZING TOUR 1967

Here is a heartwarming report of the THIRD Caribbean baptizing tour conducted by two of God's ministers.

by Dibar Apartian and Leroy Neff

West Indies

THESE TROPICAL islands are beautiful, truly beautiful — that is, the part God has created. But, unfortunately, men have defiled them with their lusts, carelessness, lack of drive and zeal for accomplishment. They have *polluted* the good things of God.

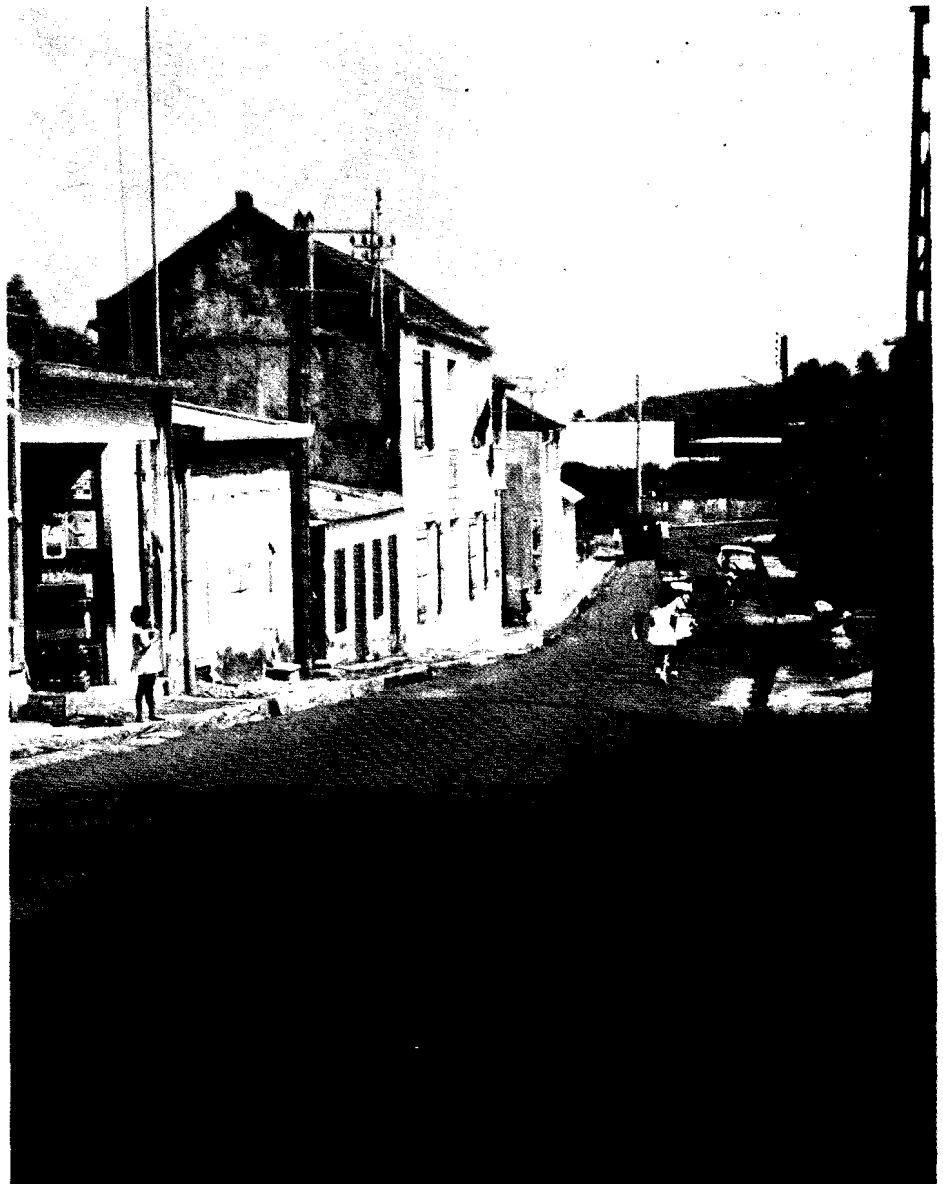
The result is pathetic.

Most of these islands are now extremely poor. In certain areas where people are *jammed together*, often there are no sewer mains to carry away the filth and human wastes. Only the heavy rains can do that.

What a contrast to the facilities provided in the United States!

Our first stop this year was in Kingston, Jamaica, which is the third largest island in the Caribbean. However, because of the *inadequate* and rather *costly* system of transportation, only three of the expected ten people showed up for their appointment from neighboring cities. But imagine our surprise when — more than two hours before his scheduled time — a very old gentleman came to counsel with us about baptism. During the previous tour (conducted by Mr. Apartian and Mr. Kelly two years ago) he had arrived *too late* for his appointment — only a few minutes before God's ministers were to leave the hotel for the airport. "It wasn't really my fault," he had told them. "I did travel all night, but the boat was late getting in."

No, of course, it wasn't his fault, but the ministers were unable to



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Kingston, Jamaica, must suffer the squalor of open sewer mains running down the streets. This is a startling contrast to the tropical beauty in other areas of the West Indies.

rearrange their tight schedule to find time to counsel with him.

Could you then imagine our delight when this same old gentleman showed up again this year — not three hours late — but almost *three hours early!* He wanted to make sure that we would have time to talk to him during this tour. We did, indeed — and he was ready for baptism. We thought of our *new brother*, that evening, when he travelled again *all night* to get back home!

Our brief stay in Jamaica was not as fruitful as we had expected it to be. The main reason is that *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast is not too well heard in this area. Only U. S. stations carrying our programs can be heard — and then very poorly and irregularly. Be sure to *remember* this in your prayers, brethren, so that God will OPEN UP *good stations* in this area.

On our way to the airport, the following day, we had a *revealing* conversation with our Jamaican taxi driver. He was the loquacious type and held forth continual chatter about the things we saw. After a while, he got around to the subject of "marriage." He told us that many couples in Jamaica did not get married — but simply lived together as husband and wife.

Apparently, they consider marriage a "rather expensive — and not too practical" affair. "If an unmarried couple wants to separate, they can do so without legal procedures, allowing each party to go his or her own way. The church, he added, "does not frown on the people living together without going through the legal or religious formalities; but it does condemn divorce and remarriage!"

Consequently, so long as the church allows common-law marriages, people prefer not to *really* get married!

When you see the terrible result of this abominable practice, when you witness the wretched type of life people have in these islands, the familiar *calypso songs* no longer sound as nice as they did before! Far from it.

Over Half a Month's Wages

We flew over Fidel Castro's Communist Cuba, with strange and mixed feelings. Down there, people hated the

Americans. We couldn't help but think just what would happen if our jet had to make a forced landing...

But it didn't — and we reached Antigua, the location of missile or satellite tracking and communications stations.

Among the group of people we met in Antigua, there were two persons who had flown over from the little island of St. Kitts, to counsel with us. The distance is rather short between these two islands, but there is only one plane between them each day; consequently, it meant losing three days

throughout the islands, time and again, we noticed a great hunger and thirst for the Truth by those we met. They seemed more willing to sacrifice for it — to even face persecution — than do some in the United States where we all take so much for granted.

Our two visitors from the little island of St. Kitts had a fine attitude. We baptized them just before sunset, at the hotel's private beach in most beautiful surroundings. In all probability, they will read these lines in the very first issue of *The GOOD NEWS* they will receive. If so, we extend to them



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Mr. Apartian (left) with Mr. Jubert (next) and members of the Martinique congregation during the luncheon meal.

of work for these people: one day to get to us, the following day — or a part of it — to be with us, and the third day to return home. Moreover, if you add the plane fare to it, you will discover that their trip cost them over *half of a month's salary* just to counsel with us.

How many, in the United States, would be willing to pay such a price? How many would risk losing their job just for a counselling with God's ministers? Not too many, for sure. But

our warmest greetings and brotherly love.

God's Church in Martinique

When we speak or write about the Caribbean tours, many brethren think that it primarily concerns a French-speaking baptizing tour. Nothing can be further from the truth. The West Indies are mainly *British* — and ENGLISH is the official language spoken by the natives. In fact, the only two

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Thousands of young people participate in activities like this without the knowledge of their parents — are you SURE your child is not one of them?

Child Rearing

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ing up for them, that they didn't have a thing on either one. But now I'm doing time. I don't think I like the idea of taking the 'rap' for anyone else. I deserve what I'm getting, but I kind of wish the whole truth were known. It wouldn't be so bad if I knew they would learn a lesson from it. But I know they are still up to the same old things."

He's right, the boys are still up to the same old things, stealing, using dad's car to drag race, take out the girls and necking, bragging about conquest of the (in some cases) nonexistent girl friend — *and so are some of YOUR children!*

It starts with a desire to be *big* in a home that usually does not offer love, companionship and discipline. Out of vanity, the desire to be *big*, the child will lie, cheat and steal in order to impress the other kids.

This is *your* son, *your* daughter in the flesh! This is their desire and it was yours in youth. It takes the strong, loving arm of discipline, of concern, of

diligence and the practicing of God's child-rearing laws to the full to prevent a child from going AWOL from the way of life taught in God's pulpit.

How long has it been since you practiced these laws? How long since you read the booklet on child rearing? Better yet, how long since you read, *understood* and APPLIED *these God-given principles?*

Many of your children are already involved in serious crime, sex and pornography. Many are already making sneaky, disrespectful remarks about the "old man" and "old lady" and telling dirty stories. Your children are not immune to the evils of this world just because you're a member of God's Church and practice one or two of the child-rearing laws. It takes all of God's child-rearing laws and much dedicated study, prayer, companionship and counseling to rear a child in these *degenerate times!*

We Are Living in Sodom and Gomorrah

You must, as never before, be faithful in child rearing or your children will become a statistic. The National

Crime Commission reports that *six out of every ten boys* now growing up in American cities will be arrested sometime during childhood. That's a *conservative* figure. For Negro children it's even higher — nine out of ten and it's going to get increasingly worse. The report did not exclude the members of the Church of God or your son or daughter! That depends on you!

Some of you when you find out what's going on in your own home, will be shocked. You have been asleep at the switch. You may even find out after it's too late — too late to recover a son or daughter.

Misguided Love

George's dad was more fortunate than most. He knew his son was involved. But "Mom" just wouldn't stand for her son being punished.

George's dad is a fine member, a respected servant, dedicated, working hard to overcome. He wants a happy, converted family as much as you or I. However, in weakness and a *misguided* love, he was too willing to forgive when there was no repentance, no punishment.

He just couldn't bear to see his own flesh and blood suffer a good paddling or a period of real correction. When his son grew older and became large enough to work, dad forgot the instruction of II Thes. 3:10. Out of "love" he worked and let his loving son sleep in till noon and stay up till dawn, never giving account for his time.

In a letter to his dad a few days later, George closed with: "While I'm writing this letter, you are observing the last day of Unleavened Bread, typifying the complete putting out of sin out of your lives. I have tried to do the same, and want to believe that it is so. It sure is a lonely feeling thinking about all the brethren meeting in one accord, obeying God's Holy Days and myself not being able to attend. OH DAD! WHERE DID I GO WRONG? WHY?"

I said earlier — this is now the time of Sodom and Gomorrah all over again! Only once before have times been as difficult to rear children. Too many of us do not *realize* the times. We are *naïve* concerning the powers of Satan

and this age with its effect on our children.

We have deluded ourselves and gone to sleep while reading God's Word. Too many of us are trying to make membership in the Church a cloak of all-encompassing protection without really *practicing* the laws that PRODUCE the protection!

We *must* be alert to the times. We need to realize these are the "last days" of which Paul prophesied. Paul was writing to us, *to the Church* — not the world when he said we live in perilous times. A time when our children would be disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy (II Tim. 3:1-2).

Isaiah prophesied of the same conditions. He spoke of Israel, God's own people being *oppressed* by their *own children* — and why? Let Isaiah finish, because God's people "err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:12).

Did you notice what Isaiah said. He didn't say the fault was of the times, the end time — no, he placed the responsibility where it belonged! On your shoulders and mine to obey and teach the law to our children. We do "err" when we don't obey, when we are not cognizant of the times and the need for *extra effort* toward proper

child rearing. God's way, His law, *when practiced*, absolutely guarantees success in child rearing (Prov. 22:6)!

Examine Child Rearing in Your Home

Unless they wake up, many in God's Church will, in the tribulation, when it's too late, realize that *they* have erred in child rearing. Maybe *your* very own child is destined, because of serious error on your part, to be lost in the siege.

Examine yourself!

Don't be so sure you are right!!

You may be deceived in what you think is right — what you think you are doing — what you *think* you know about your children's conduct. Some of you who think your children have not been involved with this world are going to find out that your son or daughter has already smoked behind your back — even tried LSD — *already been DRUNK* — already tried out *sex*, FULLY!

Others of you tend to get the picture — every picture that is presented, every sermon you hear, every article you read. You agree, oh yes, that's me! The minister, God, meant me, I sure am going to change and rear my children the way God has shown me. You

make a great pretense about doing good, you talk but don't act. With your mouth you draw nigh, but in practice you are only moving your lips (Mat. 15:8). In vain you teach, by lack of real action, or worse, practice foolish, modern child psychology in child rearing — "the doctrines of men" (Mark 7:7).

Your Action Speaks Louder than Words

We have all seen church members, even Ambassador College graduates, break every rule in the book on child rearing. I've seen daddy's little angel paddled with such vigor that the "manly" wallop used would just about make a dent in soft butter! I've seen dad after administering such a beating, pick up daddy's little boy and slobber all over him. "Did daddy hurt his little man, there, there now, you must obey daddy and he won't have to paddle you for being naughty."

What kind of love is that? What does God Almighty think of such foolish, *effeminate* love? Give the child a few more years and he will have nothing but contempt for his father and the "no backbone discipline."

These same people praise their own child-rearing practices, exalting little Johnnie all the while preparing him for sacrifice to this world and death! I've seen people who read the Bible, who have two copies of the *Child Rearing* booklet, so frustrated with *telling* Johnnie to behave that they scarcely knew anyone else was around. They go their "own way" trampling all over Proverbs 13:24; 23:13; 29:15; 30:17; 28:7; 22:6.

I've seen men who *think* they are men act like women as they exercise authority in weakness — and that is **NOT authority at all!**

In contrast we have the big bully. The father who literally *beats* his children! He never lets up. He tramples Col. 3:21 into the mire, "Fathers, *provoke* NOT your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

Dad, that means *you*. Be a *loving father!* Show them as much love as you do correction. Correct *in* love. It means being a father who is loved and re-



Wide-World Photo

Foolishness IS bound up in the heart of a child — this child — YOUR CHILD!

spected by your sons and daughters. A dad that they want to take into their confidence and share their triumphs, their joys *and* sorrows. Paul means, don't always be scolding your children so much that they become discouraged and quit trying. It means to have balance!

It Could Happen to You

Yes, the statistics are in. A little fifteen-year-old girl of a member swallowed thirty-two aspirins and slashed her wrist just recently in an attempted suicide. Four boys operate a theft ring. The oldest, a fourteen-year-old teenager, acts as ringleader in this church family's home. The four are busy stealing the neighborhood's grocery store blind. Recently two of the brothers attacked their father. Mom had to come to the rescue and beat them off with a boat paddle. Later she found an ice pick hidden in the older fourteen-year-old's room.

Or take two other examples of families with visit after visit on the subject of child rearing — one was warned that improper relations between two children was probable. The father was insulted. A week later he apologized when the truth was known! The other family, on the most recent visit revealed *incest* between two of the children — a brother and sister! It makes you sick to examine the facts!

Even minister's children, my children, are not exempt! Satan is roaring mad!! Remember Samuel? He made his sons judges over Israel. "And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment (I Sam. 8:3). Samuel ruled with authority, yet something went wrong. Maybe Mom didn't uphold her end of the job. Samuel suffered because of his sons' conduct.

Then there was Eli's sinful sons. "Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel, and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation (I Sam. 2:22). Eli lightly, effeminately, corrected his sons. He *spoke* to them and told them they really shouldn't do such things! God sentenced him to death along with his sons because he failed

to punish in a manner befitting the crime. Eli honored his sons above God (I Sam. 2:29).

Just a few minutes ago I sat down with three tearful, sobbing females. A mother and her two daughters. It was enough to tear your heart out! One, the eighteen-year-old, as pretty as a picture, was two months pregnant. It all started the night of graduation, a little whiskey, a moment of weakness, then *tears for the rest of their lives!*

Train Them Up In the Way They Should Go

The times are wicked, brethren. It's *time* to be shocked. It's *time* to act with wisdom, love, stability, compassion and mercy — but with force, knowledge and power, eyes wide open! The time to act is *before* trouble shakes you out of your favorite easy chair. Should it come, it could be quite a jolt!

Your responsibility to your children is to train them successfully God's way! It is your *first and highest* responsibility given to you by God. You are charged by God to "train them up in the way of God!" That includes every last precept in the Bible guided by the truth on child rearing *made plain* in Mr. Ted Armstrong's *Child Rearing* booklet.

To neglect your God-given duty is to *neglect salvation!* Failure to teach the child, failure to enforce discipline and love God's way — *not* YOURS — could mean the difference between eternal life and eternal death!

Look at it this way! If you aren't able to rule well your own house, your own children, how in the world can you expect to rule in the World Tomorrow, the Kingdom of God (I Tim. 3:5)? The fact is you couldn't, you won't! If you, out of neglect or careless child-rearing habits, ruin the lives of your own children and you don't REPENT (become so deeply concerned that you *learn how* to rule, live and teach your children correctly God's way) you will not be in the *Kingdom of God!*

What good would you be? God will not give the parent who fails in child rearing an opportunity to ruin millions upon millions of lives in the Kingdom.

Failure in child rearing, failure to repent means DEATH—ETERNAL DEATH!!

It's about time some of you who *think* you practice child rearing God's way WAKE UP! You're ruining the life of a potential God, a child that's not really yours. Children belong to God — God only trusts them to our care for proper education and rearing — His way!

There is a way, it's in the Book of Life, your Bible. You've heard it in sermons and read it in the priceless *Child Rearing* booklet that too often gathers dust in the magazine rack.

Train up children in the way they should go. "And thou shalt teach them [God's Laws] diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them [God's way, His laws] when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:7). Child training is simple if you follow through and train your children in Bible study and by example. It's just as easy as training an animal to do tricks. You're dealing with only ONE BASIC, easy to understand concept.

Do good — get blessings!

Do evil — get curses! (Deut. 30: 15-19.)

But you must teach them when they are young and pliable. Dad and Mom must cooperate 100 percent in discipline. Dad's word must be final, he is the ruler of the home (Eph. 5:23). When our children become teen-agers it's usually too late! A child must *always* receive punishment for wrong — the kind that hurts you as well as the child.

Proper, never-neglected punishment will bring the child to one conclusion, the one God wants all of us to learn! Doing well (good) is a blessing and pleases God and parent. Obedience *always* brings happiness! Doing wrong is harmful to others, to self and will *always* bring personal punishment. In this way, the child learns to fear to do WRONG!

There are three keys to successful child rearing. First, know what is right conduct! Second, always, but *always*, punish wrong conduct! Never fail!! Thirdly, *always* reward good conduct.

How many of these keys do you

practice? One practiced without the other will bring failure. You must show and practice proper love as well as punish. Your responsibility is a serious one. Child rearing can be accomplished successfully God's way! Shoulder that responsibility while there is yet time.

Satan like a roaring lion is ready to pounce on your weakest fault. He will slip in the back door if you leave it unguarded through improper, neglected child-rearing practices. If you wait until you hear the roar of the lion, it may be too late! A lion roars when dealing the DEATH BLOW!

God. (I Pet. 4:17.) Your marriage is being closely INSPECTED. God the Father, Jesus Christ and innumerable "watchers" (Daniel 4:17) — angelic hosts who serve those who are heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14 and I Peter 1:10-12) — are the BUILDING INSPECTORS. They are vitally concerned with the way you are *building* your marriage — how closely you are following God's spiritual blueprints.

You had better be concerned, therefore, with the kind of *impression* you make in your home — whether or not *people* are around. GOD is and the impression you create with Him may well determine not only where you will fit into His Kingdom but WHETHER you will even be there.

Don't Take YOUR Marriage for Granted

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withstand, the marriage manages to survive. But whenever the pressure becomes too great, the marriage breaks up and disintegrates.

There is no *physical* foundation guaranteed to remain intact. The only *sure* foundation for any marriage is a *spiritual* one — the same foundation the wise man chose for his house — THE ROCK — JESUS CHRIST! Here is a foundation which is tried and tested. It will never sag or collapse no matter how many storms of life beat upon it. Your marriage can withstand any problem or pressure *if* Jesus Christ is the Foundation of it.

Not a Private Matter

People usually consider their marriage is their own private business. They resent anyone who tries to "meddle" in their affairs or invade this privacy. Their home is their own personal domain where they can do whatever *they* please.

This is not true!

Your marriage is NOT your own! Your home is not your little private domain where you can do whatever you please! You DON'T have the *right* to act in any arbitrary way. Your home is *not* a sanctuary for carnality.

The reason? — YOUR LIFE IS NOT YOUR OWN!

We all have been bought and paid for with a tremendous price — the very life of Jesus Christ. Notice Paul's statement: "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN! For ye are *bought with a price*: therefore

GLORIFY GOD in your body, and in your spirit, *which are God's*" (I Cor. 6:19-20).

We have been called to be the BONDSLAVES of Almighty God. Our lives and *our marriages* belong to God!

When converted, our whole *center* of interest and activity is to change. Instead of being self-centered we are to become Christ-centered in everything. We are no longer to live unto *ourselves* but UNTO CHRIST (II Cor. 5:15; Romans 14:7-8).

We now have a Christ-centered approach to life. We must seek to *serve* Him and please Him in every facet of our lives. Christ must then be at the very CENTER of our marriages.

Building Inspection

We naturally want to impress *people*. We bend our energies to create a "good impression" — to put our best foot forward. When expecting company, we always go to extra trouble in preparing the meal and grooming the house. We take added precautions in warning the kids to watch their "P's and Q's" and put on their best behavior. We want people to respect us and be impressed with our home and family.

However, when no one special is around, most people don't make any special effort to watch how they act. No one is around to impress — just the wife and kids.

Yet we always have "company." There is never a time when we are alone. We are under constant scrutiny.

God's eyes are everywhere, beholding the evil and the good (Prov. 15:3).

Judgment is NOW on the House of

"Danger Zone"

Warning signs alert us to possible danger. We immediately exercise *caution* in order to avert trouble.

On the other hand *carelessness* is the major cause of accidents. When a person is alert and on guard, the chances of having a needless accident are greatly reduced.

Statistics show the scene of more accidents than any other place is the HOME. They range from minor scrapes to fatal injuries. Why? At home, people become CARELESS.

The home is also the scene of many *spiritual* "accidents" — some of which can prove to be *fatal* as well.

You recognize the dangers of "the world" so you are cautious and on guard. After rubbing shoulders with this world's society, you can hardly wait to get home, and *escape* all the filth and wretchedness. Your home is a *safe refuge* from the temptations and pulls which are lurking "out there."

You breathe a sigh of relief as you walk through the door. *Home at last!* No alluring temptations to flee! No carnal people to cope with! No danger here! Safety at last! Home sweet home!

Down comes the spiritual guard. Off comes the spiritual armor. You can finally relax and let down.

How naïve! How unsuspecting! How vulnerable!

But wait a minute!

"Be sober, BE VIGILANT; because YOUR ADVERSARY the Devil, as a roar-

ing lion walketh about, seeking whom he may DEVOUR; whom resist stedfast in the faith" (I Peter 5:8-9).

Your home isn't off limits to Satan. He is most interested in your home. It often becomes *His* "home base" of operations.

No sooner than God had instituted the very first marriage, Satan struck! Satan succeeded in *wrecking* that marriage, and nothing would delight him more than wrecking *your* marriage.

Satan knows the importance of marriage in the plan of God, and He will seize any opportunity to sabotage it. He realizes the *effectiveness* of upsetting your home. It is one of the best ways of draining you spiritually — of eventually cutting you off from God. Why even your prayers will be hindered (I Peter 3:7). You can't be growing spiritually and failing in your marriage.

Home is NOT the place to let down and relax — spiritually. When we let down spiritually, we begin to react *carnally*. This is bad enough. Our carnal nature *alone* produces a host of our problems. However, there is another factor. Satan loves to *exploit* the weaknesses of human nature.

How many times have you found yourself talking to your husband or wife in a way you would NOT talk to your employer, your minister, or anyone outside your family?

In the words of that familiar song — "You always *hurt* the one you love." Brethren, we've ALL been too careless and calloused with our mates. We have, at times, permitted Satan to drive a wedge into our marriages. Our rotten, carnal nature has spoken and acted — not the spirit of Jesus Christ.

The best defense is a good offense. We need to launch a counteroffensive. If we RESIST Satan, he *will* flee from us. The way to resist is to open up your marriage to the daily and constant supervision of Jesus Christ. Invite Him into your home. Make Him the center of every activity. Don't permit your human nature to shove Christ aside. Never resent His presence but rejoice in it. You will then find your marriage will have the spiritual spark and vitality it needs. It will grow increasingly MORE WONDERFUL and you won't take it for granted.

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Christ Said—Watch!

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to the people of Noah's time. That *time is drawing rapidly to a close.*

It's a little startling to think of — isn't it?

As this building and other prophecies take place before our very eyes, there should be a DEEP REALIZATION that what Ezekiel said about those who could have been saved but *were* cast into the fire WILL TAKE PLACE.

Don't let this be a prophecy about YOU!

We Can Know the Future

Let's understand, brethren, *our* minds have been opened. We KNOW God! Israel and the rest of the world is going to know God through *great tribulation*. "So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in ALL

THEIR HABITATIONS: and they SHALL KNOW that I am the Lord" (Ezek. 6:14). These are stern warnings that are every bit as sure as the Jews' take-over of the temple site.

For the past twelve years we have heard prophecy after prophecy. We have seen their fulfillment. One of the first sermons I heard about twelve years ago was a dogmatic assertion that racial violence would cause blood to run in the streets of America and literally rip that nation apart. It was published in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Can any of us argue about the fulfillment of that prophecy now?

Why have we been given knowledge of these prophecies? It is because they are the warning signs to members of God's Church who have a mind *to see* that we are approaching the *end of the road*. Just as surely as the diminish-

ing mileage pictured on road signs as you draw closer to your destination, these prophecies are our road signs — our mileage markers!

Are we blind to them? Do they have a profound affect upon us? If they don't, there is a specific reason and that reason is terribly important.

The only reason we *see* or *can see* is because we have something to spotlight the danger in our minds. The world CAN'T SEE. Just like a darkened road sign at night without some illumination the world can't see the signpost.

The world can see something is wrong, but blindly continues on the path of destruction because it *knows no other path*. They will hear the broadcast, they hear the prophecies, and see the fulfillment. But there is no real sense of danger.

What Does It Mean to "Watch"?

Let me explain it to you this way. You and I are just as interested today as we were yesterday in preserving our physical lives. If we saw physical danger approaching we would react just as fast as our ability would permit. We watch alertly for approaching danger when driving an automobile. If danger approaches, we take every precaution possible to preserve our lives — just like the American refugees fleeing the Arabs.

There is a big danger, however. We think we will be aware and be watching for the danger that is to come upon our people. And we will *if* we know what it means to watch. But we *must* understand the Biblical meaning of watching. There is a vast difference between watching God's way and watching the *world's way!*

Let's assume you watched as the governments of this world do. They spend millions on watching. Huge espionage rings and fantastic communication facilities with listening posts around the world to spot danger by the mode of the day. In every intelligible language, skilled men analyze newspapers, magazines, books and periodicals written in foreign languages. Learned men spend lifetimes in learning languages and how to analyze the slightest movement of a foreign power.

Governments watch with physical re-

sources. The United States has spent literally billions on earth satellites to keep track of the weather. They know what it is worldwide.

Now, let me ask you this question — what good does it do? At best there is a possibility that they can warn some few people to move out of a possible storm area or international trouble spot. But they don't have the power to watch in the way that could or will save their lives. "... he that flees of them shall not flee away, and he that escapes of them shall not be delivered. Though they dig into hell, thence shall my hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them: And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set my eyes upon them for evil, and not for good!" (Amos 9:1-4.)

Do the Right Kind of Watching

Only we are given the *power* to escape! What did Christ mean then when He said to watch and pray always, that we may be accounted worthy to escape? (Luke 21:36.)

He didn't mean it the way the Pharisees watched. They *watched* Christ — selfishly — for their own personal gain (Luke 14:1). Christ didn't tell us to watch *for the purpose of escape*. That would only serve a selfish purpose.

The word "watching" indicates a person has a *sense of danger*. Watching is a job. We are called His watchmen (Ezek. 33:1-9). A watchman is alert and aware of what is going on. He usually watches at a time of darkness because that is the time of greatest danger.

Christ said, watch and pray that you might be worthy to escape. All right, you just get down on your knees right now and ask God, "Please help me to be worthy to escape." Will that prayer make you more worthy to escape than you were when you went down on your knees? I doubt it *seriously!*

The watching and praying, brethren, is not a watching and praying for *ourselves* to escape. The watching and praying is what is done by an individual who is in the process of becoming worthy. By offering a prayer that we might be worthy, does it make us worthy? No! Of course not!

If we are *only* praying to escape, these prophecies *will have little meaning!*

Do YOU understand this? Or are we in the condition of the world — hearing and yet not perceiving? God doesn't want it this way. It is *our* doing. God gave His Spirit that we might understand.

That is why Christ said, Watch! "Watch therefore: for you know not what hour [there is some uncertainty] your Lord does come" (Mat. 24:42). It is called a time of great darkness.

The only ones who *can* watch in the way Christ intended (to become worthy to escape) are the people who are *not* in darkness.

Are You Worthy to Escape?

There are going to be millions who *know* through the broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* what is going to take place but who are not going to be accounted *worthy to escape!*

Many are going to "*almost*" *make it!*

They are going to be, OH SO CLOSE. Just as close as their radio. Some are going to be ever so much closer. They are going to be in the very company of those who *will* make it. Notice Daniel: "But many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white..." (Dan. 11:34, 35). That's real close. Close enough *not* to have missed.

But then look at the Ten Virgins. You can't get any closer than they were. Notice Matthew 25:6, "And at midnight [a period of great darkness] there was a cry made..." There is a great cry going out in this period of great spiritual darkness. In this hour of great darkness there is light. That is, for those who want it. This

parable shows clearly that the wise took "oil." Because they "took" the oil (did what was necessary to acquire the ingredients that would light their path) they could see at a time of darkness.

Without oil they couldn't *see*. Neither can we! These tremendous warnings, the unbelievable opening of prophecy to God's servants, will not be plain and clear OR *motivate* you unless they are spotlighted by the illumination of God's Holy Spirit.

Don't be like the Foolish Virgins. They saw it *too late* — just when the rest of the world did.

They saw danger, but the curtain had dropped — it was too late!

I have seen just how fast the borders can be closed. I was about to participate in the most exciting phase of God's Work in 1,900 years, and WHAM! the door was closed. Doors are going to be closed even *more* swiftly in the future. A *blitzkrieg* attack could close off any part of the world and its borders in minutes — especially in the Middle East.

Be Spiritually Motivated

What we must come to understand is that the flight is *physical*. But it's going to be SPIRITUALLY MOTIVATED. Without seeing in the *light of God's Spirit* we are like those described in Matthew 13: "And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, By hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see, and not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes THEY HAVE CLOSED..." (verses 14-15).

Yes, I know this refers to the world. But it also refers to *ANYONE* who permits his eyes (spiritually speaking) to close.

Yes, we should watch, but watch in a particular way. YOU could subscribe to all leading newspapers, periodicals, magazines and study them diligently. You can listen to news on the radio and television. Yes, you might even read *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and study it until your eyeballs become bloodshot and hang to your knees —

and still miss the boat! That's what the world is doing.

Here is *how* we are to watch. The Holy Spirit inspired Peter to write, "The end of all things is at hand: be you therefore sober, and WATCH UNTO PRAYER" (I Peter 4:7).

This is the key to the *WAY* we should watch. This is how the prophetic knowledge will cause us to react so we can become worthy. This is how we will really understand. This is the big test!

If these prophecies are a reality in our mind we will be engaging in more of the spiritual work of God's Church — praying! fasting! serving the brethren!

Be Spiritually Alive

Notice carefully in Luke 21 the admonition: "And TAKE HEED to yourselves [*carefully* examine yourself], lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting [the opposite of fasting], and drunkenness, and cares of this life . . ." (verse 34). Making the cares of this life your *first* concern is going to take you in *exactly* the opposite direction from concern for God's Work. God's Work will lose meaning for you! You will no longer *care* about the broadcast in England, or *any* part of God's Work around the world. And if this is true, brethren, this day will come "as a snare to those who dwell on the face of the whole earth" (verse 35).

The word "watch" means to become spiritually alive — spiritually active! This *isn't* a matter of *seeing with our eyes*. It is not a matter of looking at newspapers or a magazine, or hearing a broadcast, or even reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*. You could be blind and deaf and still do God's Work. This is a matter of a *spiritually active* individual!

Let's ask ourselves, brethren, if we are spiritually alive. Are we watching in the right way? If we are, we are putting out ALL effort in this *last-ditch* struggle to get the Work of God done.

Brethren, let's examine ourselves so we won't just *almost* make the really *BIG EVENTS* to follow! WATCH GOD'S WAY!

CARIBBEAN BAPTIZING TOUR OF 1967

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islands where *French* is spoken are MARTINIQUE and GUADALOUPE — but then, no baptizing tour is really necessary in this area. God has blessed us with a Church in Martinique, led by a faithful and competent local elder, Mr. Jubert, who does all the counselings and baptizing both in Martinique and Guadeloupe.

However, since we do have a Church in Martinique, it is natural that every Caribbean baptizing tour spends at least a *Sabbath* on this exotic French-speaking island. And each time, we are given the most heartwarming welcome.

Late on Friday afternoon, on June 30, we landed in Martinique where several of our brethren, led by Mr.

Jubert, were waiting for us at the airport. By the time we cleared through the customs and left the airport, we suddenly found ourselves in complete darkness: there were *no lights* on the island!

We looked at our hosts with amazement. "There is a strike going on," Mr. Jubert told us. "The whole island will be deprived of electricity and water until Sunday morning."

How fortunate, we thought, as we drove toward the city, that the *car batteries* were not affected by this untimely strike! Otherwise we would not have even been able to get around — or even leave the airport.

But you should have seen the traffic



Neff — Ambassador College

Church services in Martinique. The room in which Mr. Apartian is speaking is quite wide. The picture was taken from an anteroom and shows how the congregation has grown until it overflows through the doorway and into the next room in Mr. Jubert's home.

at this rush hour! It could easily compare with Los Angeles freeways at 5:00 p.m., except that here, in Martinique, the cars are smaller, and the streets narrower, crooked, two-lane only — with houses or businesses jammed right up to the street. We were thankful that we were only passengers — and not drivers. Had it not been so, you may not have read this article . . .

Finally, we arrived at our Church building where a big surprise was awaiting us. Imagine! Here, on *God's premises*, the lights were on! How could this be when, during the previous tours, God's ministers had had to preach by the light of kerosene lamps? But today, when the whole island of Martinique was plunged in darkness, *God's building* was all lighted up!

"We wanted to surprise you," Mr. Jubert told us. "For the last several months, the brethren have been working hard to wire the place so that we may enjoy the blessings of electricity. Since we were unable to get to a public pole, we decided to install *our own generator*. Hence, when the rest of the island is in darkness, *we have light!*"

Our brethren had also installed running water and clean toilets in Mr. Jubert's house — comparable in every respect to our own American standards. We conducted three services in Martinique — one Friday evening, one Sabbath morning, and one Sabbath afternoon — which was followed by a long Bible Study. We also ordained our first deacon there in the person of Mr. Victor Menil. Mr. Neff gave his very first sermonette *in the French language*. It was a short one, to be sure, but everyone understood his half-Oregon-half-Texas accented French very well.

Each time we see our brethren in Martinique, we are very encouraged by their *spiritual* growth. There is no question that they are God's people — friendly, warm, and humble. They have their hearts in God's Work. Amidst squalor and poverty, they are clean and well dressed. This was especially noticeable with the little girls and boys in their "Sabbath best."

In fact, by the island's standards, our brethren in Martinique are above average. You should have seen how they were dressed — all of them — on

the *Sabbath* day. Their clothes were clean and well-pressed. Frankly, they looked neater and cleaner than many brethren who attend services in some parts of the United States.

Perhaps you remember that our Church building, in Martinique, is a converted carpenter's shop adjoining Mr. Jubert's home. It is well painted — and certainly the *cleanest house* in the whole area. It is like a *refreshing oasis* in a desert. Think of it! Squalor and filth from neighboring homes are only a few feet away from this building, but God has NOT let them — in any way — touch or affect His Church.

A few years ago, there were hardly 50 people in the Church. The Sabbath we spent with them, 120 people were present — including the children. Please remember them in your prayers, for they need help *against persecution* from unfriendly neighbors, and in some instances, hostile mates.

The Pathetic Case of St. Lucia

From Martinique, we flew Sunday afternoon to the island of St. Lucia which has a high percentage of *illiteracy*. Here we met a group of about 30 people who, for the most part, were formerly with the Sardis Church. For the past few years, however, as a result of *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, they have separated themselves from their former affiliation.

Unfortunately, these people have never had a true minister of God with whom to assemble regularly on the Sabbath days — or to counsel with. Consequently, they form a group of half-converted half-confused people who are eager to know the Truth — yet unable to "prove all things" because of their *illiteracy*. They cannot read the Bible — and in some cases people receive *The PLAIN TRUTH* just to look at the pictures.

Their only contact with God's Church is the daily broadcast, but even then, quite a few of them are so poor that they cannot afford transistor radios in order to listen to *The WORLD TOMORROW*. We were happy to be able to distribute among them — thanks to the gifts made by some of our California brethren — a few transistor

radios which will now brighten their days.

It is truly heartbreaking to see someone who earnestly desires baptism, has the proper attitude in every way, yet has to be *rejected* because he or she is not able to READ the Bible — and to PROVE all things! They cannot take the Correspondence Course, nor can they read *The PLAIN TRUTH* or any of the booklets. Deprived of a true minister of God, how can they ever grow in grace and knowledge?

These are poor people who are earnestly praying for a true minister of God to come and help them — to even *teach them to READ and WRITE* so that they may be able to study the WORD OF GOD.

Have you ever thanked God, brethren, you who can read and write, for this tremendous blessing — or do you take it for granted, even *neglecting your own Bible studies*? Next time you feel too lazy to study God's Word, or when you think that you are too tired to work on your Correspondence Course lessons, or to read *The PLAIN TRUTH*, just remember that there are people in the world — like those in St. Lucia — who would give their right arms just to have what you have: *the ABILITY to read God's Word*.

Out of dozens of people we met on St. Lucia, we could not even baptize one single one. But this condition can change — *and will change* — if you pray fervently to God to raise up the right man to go there and help them become part of God's "little flock."

Another Great Need — In Barbados

Barbados is one of the major islands in this area; it is more *prosperous* and *educated* than some of the other islands. It is even a bit cleaner. We spent four days counselling with nearly 40 people in Barbados. Fifteen of them were ready for baptism, and nearly all the others are on the way to conversion. Here, too, some of the people are remnants of the Sardis Church and desperately need a true minister of God.

In view of the fact that we were scheduled to spend a Sabbath in Barbados, we asked all *the members* — in-

cluding the newly baptized ones — to assemble with us on God's Sabbath. However, we had no idea just how many would show up and where to find a convenient hall for such a meeting. How do you go about finding a place, at the last minute, in a strange country? We had no idea — but GOD *did!* He led us to the ideal hall.

A day or two before the Sabbath, we *casually* inquired of our hotel manager if there could be a conference room available somewhere in the neighborhood — or even perhaps in their hotel. "The Toastmasters have their regular meetings here," we were told *just as casually*. "You may be able to use their own conference room — if you want to."

TOASTMASTERS! What a familiar word to Ambassador College students or to the brethren in the Church who are in Spokesman Clubs! We had never thought that someday — on an island called Barbados — we would use the Toastmasters' private conference room to hold God's first Sabbath service!

Exactly 42 persons were present on that Sabbath afternoon — 28 adult islanders, 12 children, and the two of us. As for the chairs, there were just enough to go around — and not a single extra one!

This group in Barbados is a *fine nucleus* for a Church in the English-speaking part of the Caribbean. It can literally triple its size within a short time — if we can send a minister down there — because the Broadcast is well heard in this area. In fact, it is almost *too well known* — if that is at all possible! For instance, one of the waiters at our hotel, having somehow heard that we were representatives of *The WORLD TOMORROW*, asked us one day:

"Do you know Garner Ted Armstrong?"

"Yes," we answered.

"Are you two in the same business with him?"

"Yes," we answered again without hesitation — and it was true. Mr. Ted Armstrong is in *God's business* — and so are we.

It is doubtful whether our waiter knew just what we meant; nevertheless, he seemed satisfied with the an-

swer — quite pleased to have met someone who was *in the same business* with Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong!

On the island of Barbados there is an unusual broadcast organization known as "RADIO REDIFFUSION." It is not a radio broadcast in the true sense of the word, but transmits programs by telephone wire throughout the island. It is somewhat like the Community Antenna Television Systems of certain fringe areas in the United States, where the homeowner can subscribe to a service which gives him good reception for distant stations otherwise not available.

Radio Rediffusion provides this service, including wire connections and speaker with volume control for about *one American dollar* per month. Most homes on the island — including the hotels — take advantage of this offer, whether or not they have radio sets. Therefore literally speaking, *The WORLD TOMORROW* program has an almost "captive" audience.

Tears of Sorrow — and Tears of Joy

The last island we visited was Trinidad, which is located approximately 200 miles southwest of Barbados. Trinidad is independent, but forms a part of the British Commonwealth.

Ironically enough, just like in the United States, race riots are beginning to become a major problem in Trinidad where one fifth of the population is composed of *Indians* from India. "It is practically no longer safe for us to live here," two of our Indian brethren told us. "And things are getting worse."

How familiar that statement was! We could have told them the same thing as far as the United States was concerned. The time has come indeed when no one is safe anymore — *any place*. Our *true security* can only come from God; but we must be willing AT ALL TIMES to put ourselves under His divine protection; only then we need not fear what man can do to us.

During the previous baptizing tour, God's ministers had met two ladies in Trinidad who were eager to be baptized. Although these ladies showed a fine attitude, nevertheless they were too new to the Truth, and had *not yet* brought

forth fruits of repentance. Consequently, they had been advised to wait for the *next* tour.

"How soon will that be?" the women asked.

"It's hard to say. Perhaps a year, perhaps two — or even three . . ."

The two women broke down and cried. "Please, we do want to be baptized — please, we do *really* want to be baptized," they would repeat between sobs.

That was two years ago . . . We met them again during this trip. They arrived at our hotel before anyone else did. It was gratifying to see how much they had grown during the last two years. They had come to know what *true repentance* was — and surrendered their wills to God. As we baptized them, just a few hours before we left Trinidad, they broke down and cried again. "What's the matter?" we asked them teasingly. "Do you two always cry?"

"No," they answered, "but the last time we cried because of *sorrow* — today we are crying because of *JOY!* We just can't tell you how happy we are; we just can't express enough of our gratitude to God for putting us into His Church."

How nice it would be indeed, if — once in a while — ALL of God's people — all of us in the Church — cried like this, with *JOY*, thanking God for having allowed us to be in His Church!

We were supposed to have met 64 candidates for baptism, but we actually met a few *dozens* more, because people brought along "friends" who in turn brought along "friends!" We will never know just how many we met. But we did baptize 21, missed 14 (who could not meet us because of transportation difficulties) — and we held two Sabbath services: one in Martinique, and one in Barbados. Our tour lasted 21 days.

We are truly *thankful* to God for His abundant blessings throughout the entire tour — we are thankful for His constant *protection* and *guidance*. We are also *grateful* to Him because He made us realize, once, again, just what a *BLESSING* it is to be in His Church. We can now pray more fervently, and say: "Oh God, *THY KINGDOM COME!*"

The "Squaw Valley" of the PHILIPPINES

God has opened a beautiful new feast site, this time in the vast mountain reaches of the Philippines. Read about this beautiful spot where God has placed His name!

by Arthur Docken

Baguio City

GOD HAS answered our prayers once again! Here in the land of poverty, starvation, sickness and degeneracy, God has opened a Feast site so beautiful that it truly gives us a taste of the *wonderful World Tomorrow!*

The first Feast of Tabernacles to be held in the Philippines was observed in the home town of Mr. Ortiguero in San Nicolas. There were very few members then and it was no problem for the faithful few to move into the sleepy little town and hold the Feasts of God. Thirty-nine attended the first Feast of Tabernacles in San Nicolas in 1959. The next year a group in Mindanao began to keep the Feasts.

In 1965 the Feast of Tabernacles was first held in Manila. The hall was small, but so was the congregation — 152 total attendance. In 1966, Mr. Bill Winner flew up from Australia to conduct the Feast which was observed by 199 people in Manila as well. But Manila is not exactly a good *Feast* city.

Manila's streets are crowded with buses, jeepneys and taxicabs that fill the air with heavy clouds of smog and the irritating sounds of blaring horns. The city is noisy, confused and the odor of rotting refuse draws swarms of flies to piles of garbage that fill the side streets and vacant lots. Hall accommodations are not too good and are very expensive, hotels are expensive for those coming in from the provinces. And yet for two years we have had very inspiring Feasts here in Manila because the brethren put their hearts and prayers into making them a success.

This year we *needed more space*, but the halls we found were very expensive and they were still in Manila. We prayed that God would open up an area where we could really be separated from the world — and God provided just the place: Baguio City. Baguio City has long been a resort area and the summer capital of the nation. What is more important to us, there is a large school and campus there where teachers attended summer school. This school is called Teachers' Camp and it sounded like an ideal place to keep the Feast.

We checked the camp to see if it was available for outside groups. It was, and this is what else we found! Room for *over 1,000 people*, dormitories, meeting halls, dining halls, all nestled in a valley of its own, close to the city of Baguio but completely separate from it. Here we can truly come out of this world, but still utilize the conveniences of a large city.

Baguio City was built by Americans who longed for some retreat from the hot and humid lowlands of this tropical land. For many years it was just a campsite, but slowly the area built up. General Douglas MacArthur established the Philippine Military Academy there and the American army built Camp John Hay which is today used as a rest camp by American troops from Vietnam.

Baguio is named the "City of Pines" because of thousands of pine trees planted here by the Americans. It truly is a *Filipino SQUAW VALLEY!* The scenery on the road to Baguio is breath-

taking as well. High mountains, tumbling waterfalls, picturesque homes and farms combine to make the trip a real adventure in observing God's Creation.

The temperature is cool, and, while there is a great deal of rain at times, the worst rains will end before the Feast. The Feast of Tabernacles falls *between* two major tourist seasons so there should be very few outsiders around. In the market place are sold some of the finest fruits and vegetables grown in the Philippines — large, fresh and deliciously wholesome. The City of Baguio offers bowling, horseback riding, motion pictures and other attractions. But in general the Teachers' Camp offers everything we need. There are plans to eventually build bowling alleys and other recreational facilities at the camp itself. We can certainly make good use of all of these things if we continue to meet in Baguio for the Feast of Tabernacles in subsequent years.

The Pine City has always been one of the favorite resort areas in the Philippines and for most Filipinos, going to Baguio could only be compared to a combined trip to Niagara Falls, Atlantic City and Squaw Valley. For many, the cost has made it inaccessible — *until now*. God has given us this beautiful site to enjoy for our Feasts, and the brethren are truly excited and thankful for this answer to our prayers. The best part is that we will be able to rent these facilities for *much LESS* than it would cost us to hold the Feast in Manila. Here we will have our own community of converted members liv-



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Teacher's Camp, just outside Baguio City, showing the Administration building and part of the available housing.

ing together, eating together, worshipping together. This was not possible in Manila, where everyone returned to his individual home after services with little or no fellowship. In Baguio the scattered brethren will be able to enjoy the fellowship with other members in a way they could never experience before. Many of these people meet true Christians *only at the Feast of Tabernacles!* Think what a blessing this will be for them especially!

Meanwhile on the island of Mindanao, our group there will also be enjoying the Feast of Tabernacles in their own building and in their own community. They have built a fine tabernacle building that will accommodate at least 700 people. The grounds have

been beautifully landscaped with grass, flowers, shrubs, pine trees and bananas.

Continue to Pray

God has blessed the members in the Philippines as He has in every area where He has a church today. A great deal of work by many people around the world will be required to make this Feast a success. But we can be assured that since God commands us to keep these Feasts, and since He has opened very fine facilities at every Feast site, He will certainly give us everything we need to make this the most enjoyable and richly rewarding Feast we have ever experienced.

All of us must continue to pray fer-

ently for the various people who are assigned to work out the multitude of details necessary to make this Feast a success. We here in the Philippines *know* that God has answered our prayers and given us this beautiful mountain site. Now we can really go and rejoice before the LORD our God and keep this Feast as we should — as a picture of that Wonderful World Tomorrow when *ALL* nations will go up to the mountain of the LORD to learn of His ways and walk in His paths!