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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

MAIL SUMMARY

The mail count for the month has been fairly good, but shows only a small increase over last August. White mail, however, is showing a good increase as it has throughout the summer. We have had some very interesting comments on the articles "Controversy Still Rages Over Church Unity," "Growing Tragedy of Battered Children," Mr. Armstrong's Personal "What Do You Mean — 'The Unpardonable Sin'?" and "How To Solve Family Arguments." The latter one stirred up some very controversial comments, but the one on the unpardonable sin is bringing in some very fine favorable comments. Response to the Correspondence Course coupon in the July TOMORROW'S WORLD has been very gratifying. About 10,000 responses were anticipated, but so far over 12,500 coupons have poured in.

The income is looking quite stable and the year-to-date figure continues to hold just a little above 13%. We expect this figure to improve somewhat during the last ten days of the month.

LETTER EXCERPTS

"Civilitis"

I consider your July issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* to be the best issue of your magazine that I have yet read. Your honesty in outlining

the extremely serious problems facing the human being is welcome and refreshing. The article "Civilitis" was excellent. My main criticism is that you do not take the article far enough and espouse a strong stand on population control, family planning and ideas of limited growth. To the question of should cities survive, I answer that as they are presently heading they will not, but as a potentially functional and worthwhile social unit they must. Please keep up the good work of bringing a greater degree of awareness to the people of this country and elsewhere. And please do not become too cautious in taking strong and sane positions on controversial issues.

— Douglas S. B.,
So. Orange, New Jersey

After reading "Civilitis . . . What Cities Do to Us, and What We Do to Cities," I looked up to the beautiful expanse of blue, clear sky above the mountain peaks and thanked God I had the opportunity to move from dirty, smoggy, crowded Los Angeles to this spot of five acres of desert, thirty-eight hundred feet above sea level. The air is clean, clear, and cooled by trade winds every day of the year. My boundaries are 300 ft. by 600 ft. with all modern conveniences. I never really appreciated what I had until I read your article in the July issue.

— Ordalia M. M.,
Joshua Tree, California

"Church Unity"

I recently completed reading with sincere interest your article in the July edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH* entitled "Controversy Still Rages Over Church Unity." Having also read a book on

Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Stanley and Grace DeVeaux (Geneva-Mobile): Some people remember July for the 4th and for the heat, but we will remember July as the month of the birth of our son, *Jonathan Shelton*. Jonathan was born July 19, 1971 at 8:20 a.m. He weighed 7½ pounds and was 21 inches long. Mother and baby are well. Dad continues to walk around with a high hand.

Frederick and Lucretia Kellers (Boston-Springfield): Lucretia delivered our fourth child, a little girl, on July 29. We named her *Melissa Ann*. Perfect family — two boys, two girls. That's all folks!

LETTER EXCERPTS

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Martin Luther and the Reformation, I am quite convinced that I will have no part in church unity. How can we unite all churches of the world when it is quite obvious that the individual church cannot accomplish its own major goal — developing the mind and heart of the true Christian to honestly and with deep faith believe in Jesus Christ. A million thanks for this marvelous article — provide me with more knowledge of what is in the making.

— Mrs. Eugene E.,
Newberry, S. C.

In the July 1971 issue, an article on "Church Unity" by Lester L. Grabbe has a misunderstanding which I would like to call to your attention and kindly correct. The author mentioned as a great obstacle to Protestants, the adoration of Mary. It would be a great obstacle indeed if it were really so. We do not adore the Mother of Christ or the Saints, but we honor them as special friends of God. Our veneration for the Mother of Christ is greater because of imminent dignity and closeness to the Savior of mankind. Catholic teaching also tells us that one of Christ's last words "Behold thy mother," while addressed to John personally was also addressed to him as a representative

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of all mankind. Because of all these prerogatives, we do not hesitate to venerate Mary as the spiritual mother of all Christians.

— Sister M.,
North Dakota

You'll never get unity this way — the plain un-truth about Mary and quotation marks around "infallible." Other than these remarks, it is an excellent article by Lester L. Grabbe.

— Saint Petersburg,
Florida

"Battered Children"

Please send me the book *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*. Your article on battered children interested me a great deal since I am in a California prison (justly so) for the crime of "traumatic injury to a child." There are also others here and in other jails on like charges. So, I am sure this book will be read by many men since your book will be donated to the library here after I have read it. After release from prison, I am going to go into a field of psychology that will work with the battered child and their parents (who have a need for understanding also). Being sorry that a crime was committed is not enough. Unfortunately your book was five years too late for my family problem.

— T.H.,
San Luis Obispo, California

"Best Age for Marriage"

No one can say when the best age for marriage is. I know of plenty of people who get married at

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

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GARNER TED ARMSTRONG
Vice President

Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS, in Jesus' name! Mr. Armstrong arrived back about two days ago from his most recent trip to Israel, and is hard at work at Headquarters now. He has just finished, and delivered to the press, the most thorough article yet written which expounds the full truth about the "begettal" of the Holy Spirit. This resulting from a recent attempt by one college professor to insist the Greek term "Gennao" can ONLY mean, and MUST ALWAYS mean, "birth."

The article will prove the term means a PROCESS, and that a vital part (obviously) of that process is the begettal BY THE FATHER. But I won't go further here; the article will be in your hands in less than a month, I would think.

My visit with Moshe Dayan was very informative -- but it was not a TV or radio interview, Minister Dayan told me he would not grant such interviews, although he did talk freely in an off-the-cuff manner about the current Mideast situation, including expressing his views about Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and others. We spent about two hours with him in his museum-like back yard, seated around a table which was actually the capstone of an ancient Corinthian column. All about the yard (small, with high brick wall and fencing to protect him) were columns, tombs, pottery, and the artifacts of an avid archaeologist. He had recently finished a small brick building which composed one corner of his back wall and had used it for working on restorations of various sarcophagi found in the Gaza strip, which predated the time of Christ. He was working on repairing one when we arrived.

We were checked through a gatehouse, by an armed guard. Another was across the narrow street, in one of Tel Aviv's nice residential areas. His cars always go escorted by at least two jeeps with mounted 50 caliber machine guns, and guards with submachine guns on their shoulders -- I'm sure millions of Arabs would want him dead.

Mr. Dayan is surprisingly quiet, soft-spoken, moves almost slowly, and has allowed himself to gain too much weight about the hips and abdomen. He shows the scars of war -- this his missing eye, tip of left index finger missing, and other, visible wounds, plus a noticeable limp in his gait which would indicate a leg or hip wound.

He is quite intelligent -- very strongly opinionated and dedicated to Israel and her destiny. He told me Professor Mazar was the very "best" archaeologist in the whole world, and that the Jerusalem dig was the most important project under way at this time. He expressed

personal happiness at the College's association in the dig, and especially our financial support.

Hopefully, when I can finish it, I can get out another article about the current Mideast crisis -- and include Dayan's pix in it, and perhaps some still photos obtained during the recent trips there, and interviews with other leaders.

I have, since that time, been able to visit several radio and TV stations, attend four TW Bible lectures, go to Orr for the last day or so of their final session, and then back to HQ.

I have asked the Business Office to begin an in-depth survey, in cooperation with CAD, on the whole scope of the TW lectures; asking ourselves whether the total costs, including travel for leading men from HQ, other travel, hall rentals, mailing costs, time spent by local members, deacons, etc., and the final results following several weeks of actual Bible studies, are justified.

It begins to appear that about ONE PERCENT of those actually invited begin regular, faithful attendance. Other problems appear; such as former "deletes" who had already been found to be a demon problem, etc., suddenly appearing in the lectures, since their names might have still been either on the PM list, or on the TW subscription list.

I was amazed (having thrown three of them, in Sacramento, St. Louis, and Fort Worth open to questions) -- at the more or less complete ignorance of many. They would ask questions about Sunday, about the "rapture," and other questions, like (Would you believe?), "Just who is Monte Wolverton?" that made me realize many of them have only given cursory attention to the TW magazine. Many are coming out of curiosity, of course.

Mainly, though, fellows, I am very concerned that we do not turn this into some campaign to GET MEMBERS! In our earliest planning sessions, I stressed this again and again. Christ NEVER conducted "evangelistic" campaigns, nor did the early Apostles. They preached the Gospel, powerfully -- and let the chips fall where they may. The Bible shows that "The LORD added..." each day, those who were being called, and who should be saved. It takes a Divine MIRACLE from God Himself (Christ said NONE can come to the Son except the Spirit of the Father draw him), to really convert a human being.

I hope, in whatever lecture sessions still going on, and in those yet to be scheduled, WHILE we're in the process of looking into the total picture of them all, and their effectiveness, that you'll realize it is God who must be doing the calling. Perhaps He has "much people" in one city, and practically NONE in another -- I don't know. But I do know the Holy Spirit is not bound to statistics, and that we cannot be BLESSED of God, and really speak out with the POWER OF HIS SPIRIT, if we are using a carefully calculated series of moves designed to "get members," thinking of increased tithes, etc., for the Work!

Remember -- we very early realized we were LOSING SOME WHO WERE BEING CALLED, because they are like "sheep going astray" without a shepherd! Several wrote in, saying they were now attending "church" with the Seventh Day Adventists, or some other group, and that their new minister had now told them they should no longer receive any literature from us!

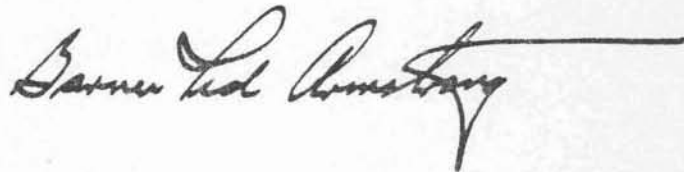
We are conducting the lectures because we don't want to be found wanting, to be derelict in our own duty of preaching the Gospel in its scriptural purity -- making plain and clear to people there is a CHURCH OF GOD that is ALIVE, and ALWAYS HAS BEEN -- and not being "cagy" about whether or not there is a CHURCH! But if we make the mistake of trying to "get members," we'll only end up inviting all kinds of terrible problems into our midst.

Well, new students are beginning to pour into the Colleges, and another school year is almost upon us -- with all its attendant trials and tribulations, no doubt -- but then, that's why we're here.

Mr. Armstrong is planning another trip to various places in the Orient, I believe, and possibly to the Mideast again, together with a stopover in England for the beginning of College -- scheduled to leave on next Monday, I believe. I should begin getting out some fresh TV programs, now that Summer's almost gone -- and especially getting back to the writing tasks at hand.

Keep firing away -- and let Jesus Christ work in and through you, fellows; remember, this is the Work of the LIVING God, and not a work of human effort or petty politics -- there is a LIVING GOD and His Son, Jesus Christ who are directing, leading, guiding, and who stand ready to really POUR OUT of that MOUNTAIN-MOVING POWER they can give to us. Let's be about our Father's business!

In Jesus' name,



Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Pasadena! It is good to be back at Headquarters again — after so much traveling around this summer. But it was also good to see many of you out in the Field at the TW Lectures and the District Conferences. You fellows are doing a *fine* job — and we certainly appreciate your dedication, enthusiasm and cooperation!

Action is picking up here at Headquarters with both Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong back, and many changes are taking place. The Graduate School of Theology is now being called the *School of Theology* and Mr. Kemnitz is doing a fine job helping Dr. Hoeh and me in reorganizing it and “beefing” it up. More of you than ever before will be coming in for graduate study — but more of that later.

The Bible Lectures have been going very well, overall, and we will enclose a box showing the nightly attendances in Jacksonville, New Orleans, San Antonio and San Diego since these Lectures have been completed about two weeks now and all the stats are in. Some seven to nine *thousand* people have been reached by personal preaching through these Lectures, and so far it appears that at least several hundred will be coming into God's Church, as well as thousands of other TW readers being stimulated and helped through closer contact with the Work of God.

This past Sabbath, I was scheduled for the Torrance Church and so was able to visit personally with most of the 30 new brethren who are now attending there as a direct result of the Long Beach Lectures. I asked them to come up and say hello afterward, and found that all of this particular group were *extremely enthusiastic* about the Lectures. Many specifically stated that they might not have written for a visit for years without the stimulus of the Lectures, and felt it was the best thing that ever happened to them. The ministers report that the total number of people baptized as a partial result of the Long Beach Lectures is now 65, with another dozen or so in the process of counseling for baptism. And several more obviously coming to that point.

So, although we cannot “call” anyone, we are

thankful that God is blessing the result of our preaching in these meetings and is adding more new people to His Church this summer than perhaps at any other time for the last few hundred years at least!

However, Mr. Ted Armstrong has directed that a financial study of the Lecture expenses be made, and he and I and the other leading ministers involved here at Headquarters will be having meetings about possible changes and improvements in the Lecture planning and format within the next week or two. I am sending a *special* evaluation form to those of you who have been *directly* involved in conducting the Lectures, but any suggestions *any* of you men have will be welcome.

Although we may find improved ways of helping and teaching our TW readers and bringing along existing PMs, these Lectures have without any doubt been a tremendous inspiration to the local churches where they have been conducted. All-time *record* attendances have been specifically mentioned in several places where I personally have preached in connection with the Lectures — and I have heard the same from other areas — as the church brethren have really been inspired and enthusiastic over this operation. So, because of the Lectures and also very importantly because of the number of new churches we have been able to start, the total U.S. Church attendance has jumped up yet *another* thousand two weeks ago to reach a whopping all-time high of 63,000 plus for one Sabbath!

Again, let me encourage all of you involved to really be *enthusiastic* and *inspirational* in bringing these potential “babes” along in the follow-through Bible Studies, and as quickly as you can visit *everyone* who requests a visit in his home. In this way, we can effectively “reap the harvest” that has been sown through the broadcast, telecast and magazines.

Now for some INSTRUCTIONS:

The following is information you men should follow when you need to make flying trips in the Work:

1) If the man is in the same area as a district superintendent, he can use his District Superintendent's airline credit card.

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that his ticket will be prepaid from his headquarters' office, and then notify our airline ticketing office here in Pasadena at extension 5100 within 48 hours prior to the flight, with the following information:

- a. Itinerary, date, flight number and name of the airline.
- b. Number of adults and ages of any children accompanying him.

Our airline ticketing office will then wire approval and confirmation of the flight to the airline involved.

Another small matter to remind you of is that some of the ministers are *still* ordaining the ministerial assistants as *deacons*. Although we did tell you to do this a couple of years ago, this practice has been *discontinued*. So be sure to *avoid* this practice and let your ministerial assistant develop along the lines of assisting you in the *ministry* — and prepare for ordination as a Local Elder when and if his fruits show that he is ready.

One final matter I have wanted to write you about for a long time. That is in regard to our ministers rotating in from the Field for a "refresher" course here at college. Over and over again, I hear that the "word" is out in the Field that nearly everyone who comes in has a "problem" or is "in trouble" or is being brought in as PUNISHMENT.

Simply shouting that this is not so will have virtually no effect on some of you fellows, of course, for you have been "clued in." At least, you *think* you know!

Let me explain.

Some 13 or 14 years ago, Mr. Herbert Armstrong — with no giant problems apparent in any of our Field ministers — decided on a *basic program* of rotating in one Field minister each semester or year for a "refresher" course. He knew that many *business organizations* — as well as some other churches — do this with their leading personnel to stimulate them, to *keep* them growing (even though they are *ALREADY* growing), and to bring them up to date through close contact with headquarters. This was in *NO WAY* a reflection on the ability, dedication or loyalty of any of the Field ministers at the time — or *NOW*.

Through the years, with *vastly* larger numbers of ministers in the Field, we have upped this program to where now at least two or three U. S. ministers come in each semester — plus one or two more from overseas. Starting well over a decade ago, this has been a *basic program* — *not*

a PUNISHMENT! Through the early years of the program, such men as Mr. Jimmy Friddle and Mr. Dean Blackwell came in because they had only two years of Ambassador training in the first place and — although there were no emergencies or giant problems — it was felt that it would be good to further their Ambassador-type education by this refresher course. Most of our earlier Ambassador graduates — Carlton Smith, George Meeker and others — all rotated in for a semester or two of additional training. Mr. Wayne Cole, a leading Pastor or perhaps already an Evangelist at the time, came back for a semester of training on his way to Australia. Other men such as Mr. Bryce Clark and Mr. Ken Swisher have come in because of *NO SPECIAL PROBLEM WHATSOEVER* — merely to further the development and training of our Field ministers, including even the leading men and District Superintendents!

Now, this fall, we are glad to have with us Mr. Jimmy Friddle and Mr. John Bald. As with most of the others, these men are *NOT* being brought in because of some "special problem" or "sin" or emergency. In fact, both of them — not having been back to college for some 12 or 13 years — *requested* this opportunity of their own volition months ago and are enthusiastically looking forward to gaining further training, experience and "Headquartersitis" during the coming semester! I am personally thankful for the opportunity to renew long-standing friendships with both of them and their wives, and we all look forward positively to growth, progress and inspiration through their semester here — but *NOT* because it was forced upon them, or they were in "trouble" or *ANY SUCH THING!*

Am I making myself perfectly clear?

I hope so, for — if Mr. Armstrong approves — in future years more of you men than ever will be coming in for advanced training here at Headquarters, and I hope all of you will look forward to it with warmth and enthusiasm. Some of you may wish to use it as a stepping-stone not only to further your general education and effectiveness in the Field ministry, but to obtain a Master's Degree. That would be a good idea in most cases — and enhance the prestige of the Field ministry and of Ambassador College itself as an institution.

So, in the future, be thinking along these *positive* lines, fellows. And if some of you wish to come in, or to pursue further studies toward a Master's Degree, write *me* as the Dean of the School of Theology and I will work with others

in arranging a program for you if that is judged best in your case. And please, let us NOT labor any more under the delusion or "feeling" that God's servants who are brought back to Headquarters for further study, to "beef up" the Headquarters' visiting team or for any other important departmental responsibilities are being thus dealt with as a "punishment"!

If that is the case, I guess Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong, Dr. Hoeh and I have been under the longest "punishment" of any of the ministers!

Think it over.

Well, it is just four weeks from today till the Feast of Trumpets and the fall Holy Day season is upon us! All of us should be thinking, praying and preparing for that time — encouraging and inspiring the brethren to prepare for God's Holy Days — and to get ourselves *personally* into the proper spiritual condition to best serve God's people. We will look forward to seeing many more of you in a few weeks, and know you will keep praying for all of us here at Headquarters that we can *all* effectively do our job as the bond servants of Jesus Christ.

With Christian love,

Robert C. McNeil

AUGUST BIBLE LECTURES

Location & Ministers	(Aug. 2-6)		(Aug. 9-13)	
	Total PMs	Adult PMs	Total PMs	Adult PMs
JACKSONVILLE	250	231	106	85
D. Ames	196	170	116	102
J. Kunz	155	140	116	102
	155	139	105	93
	126	113	120	105
NEW ORLEANS	227	199	140	114
C. McNair	137	123	144	115
C. Battles	107	100	130	101
	120	110	130	105
	137	113	149	115
SAN ANTONIO	219	195	144	123
R. Kelly	149	138	132	120
R. Holladay	170	149	144	133
B. Chapman	154	135	145	125
	169	149	172	152
SAN DIEGO	294	290	224	188
R. Plache	257	247	213	181
R. Kilbury	298	260	227	189
	281	252	219	185
	282	235	272	225

LETTER EXCERPTS (Continued from page 120)

19 and 20 — who are still married — it's their parents who are getting divorced! I am 19 and our generation is being very particular with whom they marry. You state the man should devote the years between 16 and 25 for education, experience, and preparation to assume adult responsibilities, but a girl just has to prepare herself for the "duties" of wifehood and motherhood. This was fine for women 50 years ago — but this is 1971. Is this all you think women are good for — having babies and cleaning and decorating her home? Both people should further their education and work. The home should be the castle of both — and both should share the throne!

— Cherlyn R.,
San Francisco, California

I just finished reading the article on "What Is the Best Age for Marriage?" My marriage is so much like Archie and Gloria. Three years ago I married. My life has been nothing since the day I said "I do." He is a Lutheran. All my life I went to your church. Now I don't go to church. I want to go back to the church I feel is right and will help me. I haven't been happy since I quit going. I want to change my life. I need help.

— Mary H.,
Salinas, Calif.

"The Unpardonable Sin"

All the money in the world could not buy what you have given to me. "What Do You Mean — 'The Unpardonable Sin'?" in your last issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD has finally made me see the light. So in my own small way here is my first 10% tithe. I only wish it were 1,000,000 times as much.

— Francis D. V.,
Reno, Nevada

I thank you and praise God for your works. The "Personal" in TOMORROW'S WORLD for July 1971 regarding "The Unpardonable Sin" is extraordinarily clear and good. I am familiar with most of your references, but am astonished at the clarity of your exegeses. The effect is much like replacing a 25-watt lightbulb with one of 100 watts, or better — your article lights up all the corners and even behind things that create shadows.

— Theron D. W.,
Knoxville, Tennessee

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News from the FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Office of
RONALD L. DART

Greetings from Headquarters!

Again this week the most urgent news coming into the Foreign Educational Service comes from the Philippines. The following excerpts from a recent letter from Mr. Colin Adair are going to be published in the November edition of *The Good News*, but that will be a little late for some of the members to be praying about it. Hence, we want to give it to you here:

"Mr. Benitez arrived from Kiara Sunday evening. I have been talking with him all this morning about the situation there. But first of all let me give you the full letter which I received from his brother, as he wrote it:

You might be amazed upon receipt of this letter, since I have not written to you personally. I think it is now the exact time to pen down this important things.

Sir, I'm sorry to tell you that the trouble which started in Pikit Cotabato a month ago had already reach in our place. We could see in the distance the day and night burning of houses. We discuss these things with Mr. Benitez my elder brother, and other important men in our locality. Other assumed that will not harm us. But last night at 2:00 a.m. we were awoken by gunfire. It was the house of my neighbor in the other side of the river. I have seen the flying red bullets that hit the house. At the third firing the family had awoken from their deep sleep and had realise their death, I know because we could hear the crying of mother and children. While they were crying the house start burning.

In the absence of my mind due to long sleep I push the door instead of pulling it. We rush down with my four children and it was difficult to escape because the whole place was lighted. We make it thru the shadows of our house. What an ardous escape we made. We run to the ricefield, while there we prayed God for protection and deliverance from the horror. The trouble now has worsen, just this morning before I wrote this letter a mother was hauled in a jeep being hit in her breast in three places by bullets and still alive and breastfed her baby. We could witness massacre every day. It is not only the Ilagas and the Muslims that create trouble. The counterfeit Ilagas massacre people of any kind. It was a group of people

that arrange to kill their enemies of long ago. Some of them who are poorer than the poor join this party to solve their problems, strike and hit anybody. The sound of guns is the music of the day! If you will receive the escaped into your house and give them food you will be slain the following night. We do not know where to go because we are not sure who is the enemy. The Free Press and the Philippine Herald have no knowledge about this. This shows that the government is ignorant about these things. Our big problem now is our food. We could not farm, our land is in the troubled area.

Please join us in your prayer that God will continue to protect us and deliver us from this trouble. Please inform me what to do. Shall we vacate the area, and move to another place in Mindanao? Some of the brethren are fortunate because their lands are situated far from the trouble area. But we are certain that this will spread all over Mindanao because we have seen the progress of the trouble. Lastly may your fervent prayer help us in this time of trouble.

"It's quite a letter, isn't it? And the trouble *has* spread since he wrote this on July 25. The Manila Times headline this morning is, "Blackshirts get ultimatum." The Blackshirts are members of the M.I.M. (Mindanao Independent Movement). The ultimatum came from General Garcia, P.C. commander. He is demanding surrender by August 15. But I doubt very much if anything like that will happen. The fighting is now in four provinces after an initial start in Cotabato.

"Mr. Benitez gave me the following facts: We have over 100 families in that area, most of them relying on the land for their livelihood. Already the women and children have been moved to the safety of the nearby towns, leaving only the men to work the land and flee if trouble arrives. Mr. Benitez himself wants to move his family to Don Carlos. You see Kiara is a settlement, right off the main highway into the interior. There is only one access to the place, and no communications whatever to the nearby towns. Trouble could easily arrive there and there would be no means of help at all. There are, of course, no government troopers in the area. So it is pretty isolated.

"I have decided, on Mr. Benitez's recommendations,

to advise the individual families to move if they can, rather than try to move the entire church as a whole. Many of them have relatives in other parts of the Philippines. At the same time we have decided to cancel the feast in Kiara and hold it instead in Don Carlos, which is a town on the main highway and where we also have a small church. It will mean hiring a tent for services, for our building there wouldn't hold the 700 people expected to attend. I will be sending a member letter to all informing them of the change. Unfortunately the plot of land I mentioned in the telex as a possible resettlement site is also in a trouble area, not far north, so that is now out. It would be almost a case of out of the frying pan into the fire. However, Pike Mirto's brother-in-law is well known in Palawan, a large island to the west of the mainland, and he could possibly arrange for some land to be made available to the church for homesteading. Of course, this will take some time to arrange, if available. Also we have a member in the Negros area of the Visayas who may be able to provide some land for the people. Mr. Benitez is hoping, naturally, that the trouble will die down so they won't have to move. It means losing their homes and land. But I have advised him to start making preparations to move anyway, and if the trouble is settled they can always change their mind and stay. So now we plan to dismantle the tabernacle building erected a while back in Kiara (it's a shame because it is a fine building I saw it in March) and sell the material. Also Mr. Benitez was building a home and he will now do the same with it.

"So the outcome is that they will begin preparations to move immediately and take steps to protect their families. At the same time we will try to find a resettlement area. Individual families will move if possible. In short, unless things settle down the church will be dispersed in all directions, but many of them may be able to get where there are other members, and even some might be able to get to a church area. If the Palawan plan materialises, then perhaps a group might be able to move there. Mr. Benitez is concerned that it means less support for the church here and perhaps a burden on us helping them. His heart is in the right place. I have assured him that the safety and security of his people comes before their tithes and offerings.

"We will let you know how things go with the brethren in Kiara as Mr. Benitez keeps us informed."

You might not necessarily need to read all of this to the Church members, they'll have their own copy when they get the November GOOD NEWS.

You'll be glad to hear that we're beginning in the November GOOD NEWS with a series entitled "Answers to your Questions About the Foreign

Work." I was asked to write an article for *The GOOD NEWS* and had a hard time deciding what format I should use. I thought about going back and discussing the history of the Foreign Work and how we've come to where we are, etc. But I suddenly realized that nobody ever asks me in a local Church about the *history* of the Foreign Work. They want to know what's going on *now*! Consequently, we decided on the question and answer format.

From time to time it may be necessary to begin the article with some announcements and news about the Foreign Work, but I think the questions and answers will be much more interesting to the Church members than a comprehensive article about the entire Foreign Work in one issue of the magazine. All you have to do is start trying to write that article to find out how impossible it is. I would have used up the entire issue of *The GOOD NEWS* magazine and left room for nothing else and still had material left over.

So we're going to try to do a better job of keeping the Church informed in the future and you can help us if you wish by sending any questions you may have about the Foreign Work to this office. *However*, please don't send such broad generalizations as "What about the Work in the Philippines?" All you've accomplished by that is leaving me with the responsibility of writing an article about the Philippines. Try to think in terms of questions that would be of *general* interest, and yet specific enough to give me something to get my teeth into in answering it.

I just spoke to Enrique Ruiz on the phone from Mexico City. He is still recovering from his illness of a few weeks ago. In case you didn't hear, he was stricken with typhoid and hepatitis simultaneously. Recent tests show him free of disease, but he is still rather weak and his recovery is steady, but slow. I know he will be very grateful for your continued prayers.

LETTER EXCERPTS (Continued from page 126)

"Family Arguments"

(This was, by far, the most controversial article of the issue. Unfavorable comments slightly outnumbered favorable ones. Articles on family problems and relationships seem to get a response almost entirely from women, and this one was no exception.)

Please send me your booklet, *Your Marriage Can Be Happy*. I read the article in the July (Continued on page 131)

SERMON IDEAS...

HOW TO REALLY ENJOY THE FEAST of TABERNACLES

In order to get our members in the proper "Feast attitude" and remind them of several points they may have neglected or forgotten to think about in preparing for the Feast, here are some pertinent ideas submitted by Mr. Raymond C. Cole which can be included in a sermon a few weeks before the Feast.

GOD commands us to "rejoice!" To thrill to the very anticipation of the Feast. To even grow *excited* about it! There is real joy, reward and inner satisfaction in properly keeping the Feast. The whole period of time can be and should be the most meaningful highlight of the year for the entire family!

To really enjoy the Feast as we should, it is up to us to allow that joy to be *evident* in our lives at this special time of the year. Therefore, it is imperative that we properly **PREPARE** for these days and **LIVE** God's laws!

PREPARE for the Feast

Proper use of the second tithe is a key to rejoicing at the Feast. You can wreck a whole Feast by failing to save this essential ingredient. It may be tempting to "borrow" (steal!) from your second tithe — but **DON'T!** You may *not* be able to reimburse it, especially if your job vanishes or finances crumble, as they very well could as a *result* of your disobedience.

Remember, too, that proper use of your second tithe includes sending in your "tithe of the tithe" — the *one percent* of your yearly increase used to provide the fine facilities we enjoy — **WELL IN ADVANCE** of the Feast!

Another key to enjoying the Feast is not to come "empty." Come prepared to give an abundant **HOLY DAY OFFERING!** God commands these offerings to increase our joy. It is not satisfying to be "empty," or bankrupt, unable to give as God commands. That only leaves you with a sick, guilty, discouraged feeling. To the willing hearted there are many ways of increasing festival offer-

ings — by saving it throughout the year. So come prepared to **GIVE**, for real joy comes from **GIVING** (Acts 20:35).

Also, have you thought about having a **SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY** *before* you leave for the Feast this fall? To review with your family the **PURPOSE** of the Feast, **WHY** we keep it, what it **REPRESENTS** and symbolizes, what it **MEANS** to us? Review the sections of the Bible dealing with the Holy Days, and those portions dealing with the wonderful World Tomorrow which the Feast of Tabernacles portrays so vividly.

Preparing for the Feast also definitely includes *reading all of the articles* in the special September-October "Festival issue" of the **GOOD NEWS**. They could be used as a *guide* for your special Bible study.

A Family Affair

One of the joyous aspects of the Feast is special recreation together as a family. But to make the most of this opportunity, you need to develop strong family ties. A good way is to go hiking, camping, boating, fishing, picnicking or swimming, play volleyball or softball, **TOGETHER** as a family *throughout the year*. Then at the Feast these activities will be even more rewarding!

Do these things **AS A FAMILY**. And be sure your children are under proper control and discipline so they can avoid injury, accident, and unhappiness. Remember, proper discipline doesn't *begin* at the Feast.

Parents, be sure to include your teen-agers in

your family planning. They are lively and energetic, need proper parental direction, so **PLAN** your recreation with them in mind. Make your activities meaningful for the *entire* family!

You teen-agers also have a responsibility. You can give recreational ideas to your parents, chip into the second tithe fund, and also assume some of the work responsibilities at the Feast. The key to family enjoyment is family teamwork!

Have the Feast of Tabernacles ATTITUDE

What is your attitude toward the Feast? Is the Feast of Tabernacles now "old hat" to you? It certainly wasn't to the Jews newly returned from Babylonian captivity (Neh. 8:3). They wept for joy during the Feast (verses 9-18).

Even so, every Feast should be a new and exciting experience! Your attitude toward it should be one of enthusiasm, of seeking instruction and correction. So dare to be different, to be enthusiastic — even **EXCITED** — about the coming Feast! Be so wrapped up in planning and anticipating the coming Feast that you can hardly wait until the time comes! That is the right "Feast attitude."

When you're ready to start for the Feast, you're still not ready to go unless you're resolved to *leave your problems at home!* Forget about them. Even if you "know" you'll lose your job for keeping the Feast, put it out of mind during these special eight days, and **REJOICE** before God in His blessings in **FAITH**, knowing He will work out circumstances in your life as long as you obey Him. Resolve to **ENJOY** the Feast, no matter what might happen afterward. Then you can *expect* God to intervene, or bless you in other ways.

You're On Your Way

So now you're on your way to the Feast — you're off in a cloud of dust! But wait. Is your car properly serviced and in good running condition? Are all the repairs done? Are the tires sound? Be sure you take care of these things **BEFORE** you leave for the Feast. Afterward may be *too late!*

And while you're on your way, be sure to stop and rest frequently. Do **NOT** drive all day and all night! That's asking for an accident. Use balance in planning any side trips to and from the Feast, so that your travel time *enhances and does not detract from* your Festival enjoyment.

How to Have a Miserable Feast!

Want to have a *miserable* Feast? Here's how: Go "hog wild" over physical things. Miss sleep. Drink too much. Eat too much. Have your mind totally on visiting with old friends. Don't let *anything* keep you from indulging in **EVERY** recreational opportunity available!

That is the recipe for ruining your Feast!

But if you really want to *enjoy* the Feast, then get your priorities straight. Don't let anything short of sickness keep you from attending **EVERY** service. Review the messages with the family soon after they are given. Go over the points carefully, especially noting the things we are exhorted to *do*. That way you will better retain and be able to use the spiritual food you receive. Don't let all the sermons whirr right past you and be lost forever.

QUALITY — Not Quantity

The Feast of Tabernacles is the time to enjoy a sizzling steak or prime rib, and fine wine, as well as the time to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends. But **BE MODERATE IN ALL THINGS** and keep your mind *alert*.

Overindulgence is *not* the key to enjoyment. The Feast is not a time for revelry; it is *holy* time, set aside by God for proper use. Therefore, be moderate in your eating habits during the Feast. Remember, you'll be sitting much of the time, and your body will require much less energy and therefore less food. Eat less but enjoy it more by having the best you can afford in *moderate* quantities. Don't make every meal a "Belshazzar's feast." Generally, one moderately heavy meal daily, plus one or two lighter meals will suffice. Skipping a meal or two occasionally will enhance your overall pleasure and enjoyment of the Feast! Be sure to include fresh fruits and vegetables daily in your diet. Many restaurants prepare original and delectable *salads* that can offset "heavier" foods.

Be alert for *every* sermon. There are so many exciting things to do at a Feast one is tempted to neglect obtaining adequate sleep. Why not dare to be different? *Force* yourself to get sufficient sleep at the Feast this year! And watch your Bible study and prayer habits — don't neglect the spiritual side of your life at this *spiritual* Feast.

Be sure also to plan your recreational activities during the Feast so you have **QUALITY** outings, taking advantage of the scenic attractions and recreational facilities. With the counsel of your

whole family, choose which activities you prefer and list them in order of preference. *Plan* the whole period of time. You and your family are a committee to plan your recreation for the Feast.

Putting It All Together

When you walk into the Convention Center as you arrive at the Feast, you will feel a glow of excitement, a tingle of expectancy. But be prepared also for those picky, nettlesome little problems and inconveniences which may arise.

Wherever there are human beings, potential problems exist. If you "kid" yourself into thinking God's people are perfect, you are in for a rude awakening. Always be prepared to meet — and overcome — any adverse conditions or circumstances. Go out of your way to avoid irritation and conflict, and don't allow anything to "bug" you or to get "under your skin." When it comes to minor irritations and problems, have the skin of an elephant!

Don't misunderstand — you should not, of course, ignore *legitimate* problems. They should be mentioned to responsible Festival personnel, or even a minister if necessary. But remember, one of the primary purposes of the Feast is to learn to live together in harmony and peace. We are one big spiritual family. Therefore, we should strive to *ENJOY* the brethren, and have spiritual fellowship in and through Jesus Christ! Plan to meet *many* new brethren at the Feast this year!

Strive to *GIVE JOY* to others during the Feast by setting the right example of happiness, service, and obedience to the rules!

Remember Those in Need

There is still one more thing you must remember, if you *REALLY* desire a wonderful Feast this year — remember the widows, and those in need, who don't have enough second tithe to keep the Feast *unless* you *GIVE* of your excess second tithe!

This year, *plan* to have some *EXCESS* second tithe. Mark it clearly and send this excess to Pasadena immediately. In this way, widows and orphans who have no means of support can also enjoy the Feast (Deut. 16:14). And after they arrive, remember many widows are just barely able to scrape up enough to go to the Feast. Why don't you invite several of them out to dinner with you?

Also, why not send a card or a letter to those back home who cannot attend? *Share* your Feast with others and you will receive additional spiritual blessings!

We're not saying you should go without that fine lodging, food, and drink. Have a *QUALITY* Feast this year! But remember, it is truly more blessed to *GIVE* than to receive. So if at all possible plan to have something left over so *YOU* can help *GIVE* a wonderful Feast opportunity to somebody else!

This Feast can be the most thrilling of all. But only you can make it happen! If you will follow these points meticulously, you will *ENJOY* this Feast of Tabernacles as *NEVER BEFORE*!

Let the mind of Christ dwell in you (Phil. 2:5). But don't just have "faith" everything will turn out all right. Roll up your sleeves and *WORK* at it (Jas. 2:17). *PLAN* for the Feast (Prov. 29:18). And really *ENJOY* the Feast of Tabernacles!

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issue of *TOMORROW'S WORLD* entitled "How To Solve Family Arguments." I wish I had read it long ago. It sure would have helped me. I was divorced a year ago this April. I think the article "How To Solve Family Arguments" should be given to every couple thinking of marriage or planning to marry.

— Betty J. M.,
Las Vegas, Nevada

Please send me your booklet "How to Solve Family Arguments" mentioned in the July issue of *TOMORROW'S WORLD*. I am a converted member of God's Church, but my husband is not. He has been very antagonistic until the last few weeks. He is now beginning to really try and be a good husband. Well, this article showed me many things wrong in my attitude. I can't tell you how thankful I am for the bluntness you used in this article. Thick-headed people like myself sometimes need this frank and blunt approach before we will see and admit that we are wrong.

— Mrs. Dan K.,
Belton, Missouri

I am 23 years old and I just received *TOMORROW'S WORLD* magazine and read the article on "How to Solve Family Arguments." You gave me the impression that your answer for solving family arguments lies in getting the wife to submit to everything of a man. Well, I have news for you, and I speak as a woman and a human being. I don't want to wear the pants nor boss any man, but I also want my rights as a woman,

to pursue my own individual interests, and without the interference from a man. Too many men drink, curse, and run around on their wives and yet you say those wives are supposed to look upon their husbands with respect. I say — those kinds of husbands don't deserve a woman's respect and obedience! I know it's true, too, that there are plenty of sorry women, but too many men are so sorry and lazy that they aren't capable of wearing the pants. So please give me a better solution on "How to Solve Family Arguments."

— Mrs. Hellen H.,
Hanceville, Alabama

I just finished reading the TOMORROW'S WORLD magazine. I'm an old woman. I've read the Bible many times. I believe men wrote lots of it without any inspiration from God. Times have changed since Paul wrote that. Paul would be more of a man if he had lived to realize women had as much rights as men. I am a Christian, but not a fool to believe that stuff in the Bible as you said it was. A book can't be translated as many times as the Bible has been and not gather some mud from the banks. Women didn't have any hand in the translations, but I don't think they would have been as low as the ones that did.

— Mrs. M. G.,
Longview, Texas

Having been married 35 years, my husband and I have a deep affection for each other, our children and our grandchildren. However, my husband is certainly NOT Jesus, much less God — I think it is a little sacrilegious to suggest such a thing. In the first place, St. Paul disapproved of marriage, and recommended celibacy and virginity. He grudgingly admitted not all could hold to this ideal, so in that case, by all means marry to save the soul from hell fire. Mr. Armstrong, if everyone followed St. Paul, none of us would be here. Insofar as looking upon my husband with "awe" and treating him as if he were "Jesus Christ in the flesh," I am not a woman's lib, but such talk might turn me into one.

— Mrs. Don. L. H.,
Gainesville, Florida

"Two Trillion Dollars in Debt"

(We received several fine comments on this article such as the following.)

I am enclosing a check for \$61.68 which is my first time to tithe. This is ten percent of my

total wages (plus my vacation check) for July. I have never tithed before in my whole life, but since reading TOMORROW'S WORLD and the Bible, I am changing my opinion about tithing.

— Mrs. Marie M.,
Lancaster, California

Please send the booklet — *Ending Your Financial Worries*. My husband asked me to request it for him. He enjoys *The PLAIN TRUTH* and TOMORROW'S WORLD which I receive. God has been blessing us financially because of the offering that John has allowed me to send. And now because of that and your article, "Two Trillion Dollars in Debt — But You Can Prosper," and because he wants to help others as we have been helped financially and all other ways, he is going to prove God and begin to tithe in the next paycheck and I know he is sincere.

— Mrs. John. M. H.,
Plant City, Florida

Having read several articles in your magazines on tithing, clearly substantiated by the Word of God in the Bible, I have decided to send my tithe to help you in your work of spreading the good news of the world tomorrow. The enclosed check is ten percent of my gross earnings for the year 1971. I hope this money may help in a small way.

— Grace R.,
Hoffman, Illinois

"Read the Book"

(The article on "Read the Book" in the March-April issue in 1970 has proved to be a real sleeper. Comments similar to the following keep trickling in from readers who took up the challenge.)

It took me over a year to read the entire Bible and I am awed at how it has changed my life and my way of thinking. I was completely wrong before. Now I am wondering why me of all people. I'm not smart, don't do anything outstanding, I'm just an ordinary housewife and yet there is something slowly pulling me in your direction.

— Mrs. Frances S.,
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

New Correspondence Course

Last month I received my first lesson (Lesson 5) of the new Correspondence Course. I must tell you that the old format was terrific and I felt the twelve lessons I received couldn't be bet-

ter. But then I received Lesson 5 of the new course and I couldn't believe it, but it *was* better! I can't tell you how thrilled I was when I received it. It really makes you think *more*. Each question calls for not only the quotation from the Bible, but also for my own thoughts and for notes in my Bible. All the superlatives in "Webster's" can't describe what a wonderful experience these lessons are. And I know from experience that each one gets better!

— Dorothy J.,
Newbury Park, California

Secret Admirer

I would like to subscribe to *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD*. I've been listening to the broadcast and enjoy it very much. I am a waitress and have the privilege of serving many of the Church members. I must say, they stand out from all the rest of today's society in their manner of friendliness.

In my mind I always say to myself, "These are some from the Church," and I've never been wrong yet. Mostly from the attitude of the men toward their women, also excellent behavior of children and what they eat and don't eat. Please send my compliments on to a wonderful group of people. Just sign me a waitress and secret admirer of the people who live the truth and for God.

— W. S.,
Pasadena, California

Overwhelmed by A.C. Campus

I read your publications and listen to your broadcasts. I am overwhelmed by it all! I have spoken to many of my friends of Ambassador College and they, too, feel as I. I work for Pacific Telephone and we do "communicate." One of my friends at work is now a very avid reader of your publications and listener to your broadcasts, and let me say what a changed person!

One evening after work she and I drove over to your Pasadena campus and we couldn't believe our eyes or ears. All the students we passed were so radiant with joy and happiness. They were so clean cut, and polite to us that tears actually fell from my eyes. For the few moments I was there I felt so different, so completely different that there are no words to express it. When my girl friend and I left we both felt as though we were leaving a piece of heaven behind. Mr. Armstrong, how absolutely wonderful if the world could be like the Ambassador campus. Although both you and I know this is impossible, the day is coming,

and soon, when we will have happiness and joy with our Lord.

— Diane Z.,
Huntington Park, California

Miracles

God has performed an outstanding miracle in my life this past month. I will tell you and let you be the judge — if you think it should be told to help strengthen the body of Christ or not. I am a widow living alone with three sons. God has been providing our every need ever since we became a part of the body in September 1968. About two weeks ago my well went dry (I live near Big Sandy, Texas). The previous Sabbath Mr. Dean Blackwell had delivered a very powerful sermon on prayer at the Longview Church. I was at Big Sandy. However, Elaine Greer, a teen-age friend who babysits for me while I work, heard the sermon and told me about it. When the well went dry I simply knelt in my kitchen and asked my Father for water — simply like a wife would ask for a new stove or the like. I walked to the sink, and clean clear water flowed. I washed clothes, we all bathed and used many gallons of water that day. The well is still going strong and there have been no rains enough [at time of writing] to have put water in the well.

— R. B.,
Gladewater, Texas

I wrote to you for an anointed cloth with prayers and I received it. I have good news to tell you — *I am healed!* I was so sick with "kidney disease" I didn't think anything could help me. Then I noticed I was able to be up and around not realizing I was healed. What an experience, and what great power Jesus has. Oh, if people only knew what He can do for us if we'd serve Him instead of Satan's false religion. It makes one cry. I now am able to go to the Feast. I have much to be thankful for and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

— Mrs. S. B.,
Selah, Washington

Two weeks ago my supervisor said my job would end 2-19-71 unless a miracle happened, which would be extremely unlikely. The prayers of several good friends who knew of this brought about the "extremely unlikely miracle." Not only do I still have my job, but it involves more responsibility with some supervisory capacity. God does provide.

— Earl B.,
New Carlisle, Ohio

When the government first announced the Social Security increase, I pledged \$20.00 of the retroactive check to the Building Fund. Then my case worker (I'm on ATD) told me I would have to return this check to the state. Well I went to God and asked Him to make it possible for me to keep my pledge. Within the week we got a notice that the retroactive check would not be accounted income and we could keep it — how's that for a quick answer? I know that God doesn't need my "widow's mite," but He also knows how much I need to have a part in His Work. Again, thank you for the privilege of having a part in God's Work.

— Mrs. M. Z.,
San Bernardino, California

Robs God

I haven't paid my tithe in almost three years. Had I tried to cheat Uncle Sam the same way, I'd be slowly rotting away in prison. But when you cheat God you pay in different ways. Right now I'm a financial wreck. I've hit rockbottom and even the bottom is starting to fall out from under me. And I certainly know why. Enclosed find my tithe. As you notice, it is rather small, but so are my financial holdings. The old saying "you get what you pay for" applies here. I haven't paid what I owe and I've received my just blessing — NOTHING! I believe I've learned.

— Gilbert C.,
Fort Worth, Texas

How Not to Keep the Sabbath!

Time is middle of April. Spring work is upon us farmers and I am running behind schedule, so have a tendency to work late. It is Friday evening, approximately sunset, old tractor is broken — just a water pump. So removed water pump. Saturday (Sabbath day) took broken part to farm dealer to get it replaced with new parts. Dealer had new parts but no one to install — so I bought new parts and installed them myself and in the process broke main part — so back to dealer — aha, no part. So ventured to another dealer and still no part — will order it, but can't do this until Monday, the part wouldn't be in until Wednesday. Now if I only had waited to have the part fixed on Monday I could now use the tractor, but instead I lost two days of work plus an extra broken part — \$15 and extra mileage of running to and fro. So the Good Lord taught me a hard-earned lesson on Sabbath

keeping. For a new member of God's Church, I am a true believer in keeping the Sabbath holy.
— R. M.,

Teen-ager Becomes Co-Worker

Please add me to the list of Co-Workers. I have been attending God's Church with my family for seven years, and have been sending my tithes in with my dad's most of the time. Now that I will be working this summer and next year, I would like to become a Co-Worker in God's Work.

Being in God's Church has given me an extremely happy life. Now that I can, I want to become part of the Work that has made my life so happy. Maybe the money I send can help some other teen-ager find the only really happy way. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

— Lucy H.,
Birmingham, Alabama

Appreciated SEP

I am really glad that you are having summer camp this year at Orr. I was privileged to attend the last SEP two years ago. There is no way to really list all the ways that it helped me to become a better person. Just the travel alone was worth a great deal. Also SEP helped me to develop a better personality — more outgoing. It was absolutely fantastic and I shall never forget it. I wish that all the teen-agers could experience a summer at SEP. I believe it would change their attitudes tremendously.

— Joyce J.,
Asheville, North Carolina

Free Advertising

I am up to lesson 21 in your Bible Course and I have heard from my priest (Episcopal) that you are going to terminate the course after Lesson 24. Is this going to be replaced by a new series of lessons? I Hope there is something to fill the gap as many in our congregation are taking this course at the recommendation of our priest.

— James L.,
Tonawanda, New York

I am a Catholic. Many of the people that go to mass on Sunday tell me that they would never miss one of your broadcasts. Our parish priest said last Sunday in his sermon, "Turn on WCKY, 1530 K.C. on your dial at midnight and 5:00 a.m. for great listening.

— John S.,
Cincinnati, Ohio