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TRANSFERS BETWEEN PASADENA AND BIG SANDY

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Due to the necessity to devote much of his time to travel in South America, in conducting the Spanish Work, Mr. Leon Walker has requested that he be freed to devote his entire time to direction of that important phase of the Work. Plans now are for stepping up operations in the Spanish Department.

Mr. Les McCullough is being moved to his former position as Deputy Chancellor of the Big Sandy campus.

Dr. Don Ward will move for one year to the Pasadena campus, teaching classes. Dr. Ward has spent only one year at Pasadena Headquarters, and that was before Ambassador College was put back on track as GOD'S College. Today there is a very different atmosphere on the Pasadena campus.

For this one year Mr. Richard Ames will be transferred to the Big Sandy campus.

Also for one year there will be a faculty exchange between Mr. Ron Kelly and Mr. Larry Salyer will act as Dean of Students at Big Sandy. Besides teaching, Mr. Kelly will serve with the editorial staff of The PLAIN TRUTH and The GOOD NEWS.

For years there was no local Pastor serving exclusively in that function at either Pasadena or Big Sandy. All preaching was done by those holding other positions at Headquarters or on the faculty. Recognizing the need for a full-time pastor at Pasadena, Mr. Dean Blackwell was given that office more than a year ago. The same situation has obtained at Big Sandy. Consequently Mr. Burk McNair is being moved to Big Sandy to become Pastor of the churches at Big Sandy (largest congregation outside of Pasadena), and at Tyler.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

August 6, 1982

I'll make this report short but it is not sweet! The July U.S. income was minus .9%, or almost one full percent less than July in 1981. The year-to-date increase stands at plus 7.6% over 1981.

Even though the income is down comparatively, the departments are holding down expenses so that we are putting a little bit back into reserves that were taken out earlier. We are trying hard not to spend more than we receive, even though the Work is still expanding in some areas.

I hope we have better news to report next time, in early September.

--Leroy Neff, Treasurer

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICESY.O.U. Update

Following is the list of Y.O.U. district coordinators for the 1982-1983 activity year, as well as the annual activity calendar.

<u>DIST.</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>	<u>DIST.</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
11	Lyle Welty	46	Ron Washington
12	Lloyd Briggie	51	Bob Peoples
13	Britt Taylor	52	Clyde Kilough
14	Richard Frankel	53	John Elliott
15	Reinhold Fuessel	54	Jim Duke
21	Warren Heaton III	55	Randy Dick
22	Mike Swagerty	56	John Ogwyn
23	Gerald Weston	61	Jim Reyer
24	Al Barr	62	Chuck Zimmerman
25	Garvin Greene	63	Keith Walden
26	Ray Meyer	64	Judd Kirk
31	Mike Booze	71	Ron Howe
32	David Orban	72	Jim Peoples
33	Ken Martin	73	Jim Turner
34	Harold Lester	74	Joel Lillengreen
35	Craig Bacheller	75	Leroy Cole
41	David Fiedler	81	Randy Schreiber
42	Dave Havir	82	Fred Davis
43	Victor Kubik	83	Bill Quillen
44	Dan Creed	84	Richard Parker
45	Don Hooser		

Y.O.U. ANNUAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR 1982-1983

Sept. 1	Beginning of activity year
Sept. 1 - 30	District Talent Contest
Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	Girl's volleyball season
Sept. 18	Feast of Trumpets
Sept. 27	Day of Atonement
Oct. 2 - 9	Feast of Tabernacles/Last Great Day
Oct. 16 - Nov. 14	Regional Talent Contest
Nov. 1	Basketball teams may begin practice sessions
Nov. 15 - Dec. 30	Essay Contest
Late Nov. or Dec.	District Family Weekend with Volleyball Tourney, if one is held
Dec. 1 - Feb. 28	Basketball season, cheerleading, bowling
Dec. 20 & 21	National Talent Contest
Jan. 31	International Exchange Program application deadline
Early March	District Family Weekend with Basketball Tourney, if one is held
Mar. 15 - May 15	Photography Contest
Mar. 28	Passover (observed the evening before)
Mar. 29 - Apr. 4	Days of Unleavened Bread
May 1 - July 31	Golf season
Before May 10	District Track and Field
Before May 24	Regional Track and Field
May 22	Pentecost
TO BE ANNOUNCED	S.E.P. -- all sessions
Aug. 1	Volleyball teams may begin practice sessions
Aug. 31	Last day of the activity calendar

International News

German Office Report This month the summer student program at the office here was in full swing with three major activities. From July 2 to 4 the Ambassador College students, accompanied by Regional Director Mr. Frank Schnee, visited the Paris, France Church where Mr. Schnee gave the sermon that Sabbath, July 3. Meeting French brethren and seeing the historic capital of France on Sunday proved a rewarding experience for all involved.

From July 15 to 18 the College students traveled to Salzburg, Austria for an enjoyable weekend of fellowshipping. This Sabbath (July 17) Mr. Schnee gave the sermon and after services the entire congregation picnicked by a beautiful lake with the Alps in the background. A truly uplifting Sabbath setting!

Finally, the students met the brethren in Hamburg, Germany on the weekend of July 23-25. Sunday morning they toured the city.

The Ambassador College students commented that the chance to meet with brethren in Europe was the most valuable and inspiring educational opportunity of the summer program. They departed for London, England on July 29, after concluding a full program of work and study.

Also this month, Mr. Schnee flew to England twice for meetings with Mr. Armstrong. On July 30th Mr. Schnee left for Pasadena to participate in an editorial conference taking place the first week in August. Then on July 26, Office Manager John Karlson and his family returned from Pasadena after taking part in the two-week Ministerial Refreshing Program.

Overall mail increased a modest 10% in the month of July. Mail is generally low during this month due to the fact that most Germans take their vacations then. Also, last year Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letter was sent inside the July-August edition of KLAR & WAHR, which brought a large response in July. This year the semiannual appears in the September issue of KLAR & WAHR. Regular mail (letters and postcards), however, showed a 31% increase over July, 1981 in spite of vacation time.

NOTICE TO ALL MINISTERS

Mary Elizabeth Gainey has been disfellowshipped and marked according to the principle in Romans 16:17. She has indicated that she will try to attend services at any of the Churches within the southern California area or other parts of the United States.

Appreciation for the Second Ministerial Refreshing Program

Mr. Tkach:

Cheryl and I want to express our appreciation for the opportunity of attending the seventh session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena recently. It is very encouraging to see the progress that the Work has made since Mr. Armstrong, under Christ's direction, started putting us back on the track.

The sessions were all very interesting and informative. The opportunity to have contact with those working at Headquarters makes us all feel like a family. The spiritual meat we received helps us keep our priorities straight in our responsibilities in the ministry.

Bill and Cheryl Jahns

Mr. Tkach:

What a profitable and enjoyable time! MRP II was a real highlight in our ministry. Two weeks is surely an optimum length and it seemed an excellent balance between classes and leisure. The worthwhile discussions we had with fellow ministers from around the world were stimulating. We especially appreciate Mr. Armstrong taking the time to address us. His dedication, hard work and love seemed to permeate the whole program. Thanks to all who were involved.

Dave and Linda Fiedler

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend the Ministerial Refreshing Program classes. Not only did we receive more spiritual meat, but we had the opportunity to see firsthand how much Headquarters has grown in love and the spirit of unity.

It's great to see a full house at Friday night Bible studies and to watch brethren fellowshiping long after services have finished. The "Kaffee Klatsch" was a nice way to meet the Pasadena membership. Also, the Wednesday night dinners and the entertainment by the Spanish-speaking Church were highlights of the trip. There seemed to be more camaraderie with the ministry on this trip as well.

Most of the students were away for the summer break, but those we did meet impressed us with their interest and dedication for God's Work. Any minister who has not done so should participate in Sabbath singing with the young people; it's a good way to make new friends and brings back old memories of our own student days.

Of course, the highlight of the session was Mr. Armstrong's inspiring and sobering visit. We will need to stay close to God so that we may avoid the complacency and lethargy that so easily afflicts us.

Gary and Kimberly King

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Thank you for the opportunity of attending the second Ministerial Refreshing Program. I am a local church elder and my wife and I had never taken any courses at Ambassador College previously. Certainly being in the Ambassador College environment was the perfect setting for the material we received.

The information was outstanding and we appreciate the time, effort and dedication of all involved in presenting the lectures and tours. And I certainly will do my best to teach others as I have been taught.

Again, thank you for this wonderful opportunity. We are also grateful to Mr. Armstrong for instituting the program as well as allowing those of us who are not employed by the Work to attend.

David and Joy Metzel

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

UPDATE FROM MAIL PROCESSINGAnother Record Weekend for Mail

On the weekend of July 24-25 Mail Processing reported the highest weekend in the Work's history for incoming mail. We received 58,991 pieces of mail (letters and cards)--an eight percent increase over another all-time weekend high tallied just a couple of weekends before! Once again responses to Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letter caused this heavy influx of mail.

Telecast Convinces First-time Viewer to Donate Large Sum

Recently, God's Work received an unusual offering. A middle-aged gentleman, on his way to Germany from his home in Mexico, stopped off in Los Angeles to visit some friends. He happened to see The World Tomorrow program on Sunday morning and was so impressed by Mr. Armstrong's forceful and convincing message that he came to Headquarters and donated \$5,850.00 in cash!

This man had never seen the program, heard of the Church or received any of our literature before. It was his first contact with us. He had been saving the money to give to the church he sincerely felt was doing the Work of God. The bills emitted a peculiar, mildew odor from having been stashed away over a long period of time.

Members and Coworkers Blessed Despite Hard Times

Despite a depressed economy and unemployment faced by many, God is still intervening in and blessing the lives of members and coworkers, as the following accounts show.

Despite Low Income, God Continues to Bless

God is indeed blessing us all. I am a building contractor and have just finished my first job since the Feast of Tabernacles.

I have not earned much this past year, but God has blessed me in so many ways since He called me into His Church. God, through you, has taught me how to get out of debt, so that today we own our home as well as three automobiles. The only debt we have is for a piece of property in the country which we are trying to sell. If I had not learned to get on a cash basis and put aside for a rainy day, I would have lost my home long ago because of poor money management and the state of the economy. So instead of complaining, I'm counting my blessings--and they are too many for me to enumerate here.

D.M. (Salem, OR)

God Intervenes for Dedicated Mother

Recently I had to make a choice between working steady, and even being promoted, or taking the summer off to be with my children. I felt I could not leave my children at home all by themselves. Their ages are 11 and 15. Others told me they were big enough to stay alone, but I didn't buy that. I think they need me more than ever. I was also told that I would lose my job and never be able to work anywhere else.

I went and talked to my boss and shared how I felt. He understood and told me to come back when school starts again, and I could have my job back. He was very kind and praised me for caring so much for my children. I may have lost my promotion, but I did not lose my job. I know this had to be my heavenly Father's doing. How wonderful He truly is in taking care of His children!

N.W. (Madera, CA)

Unexpected Check In Third Tithe Year

About two weeks ago I happened to think of a fellow I used to work with about seven years ago. I called the company to see if he was still there, and he was.

He asked how I was and where I lived. Then he asked if I had received a check from him. I said, "What check?" He explained that the company had changed ownership and that I had a check coming for \$448.00 for profit shares. I told him I had not received a check. He asked me to send a letter to him stating that I had not received it and he would immediately mail a new one.

The check arrived yesterday and it just happened to cover first, second and third tithe, a car insurance premium, new glasses for my wife, and a three-day trip to visit our relatives. It is beautiful and fantastic to see how God works things out in ways we never expect.

B.G. (Andover, VA)

New Members Abundantly Blessed

We first attended Sabbath services in November, 1981, and were baptized in February of this year. We were called by God while homeless and during a time of unemployment. Since having accepted God's calling and seeking His Kingdom first, we have been blessed with more than we have room for. God truly works miracles! In a time of high inflation and unemployment, God has provided us with a full-time job (with every Sabbath and Holy Day off), a beautiful trailer house, a car (to deliver PT's with), a TV (to watch world news), a piano (to develop our talents), and so much more I couldn't begin to name everything! Before this time, we had never owned many of these things nor ever dreamed we could.

T.K. (Mitchell, SD)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center