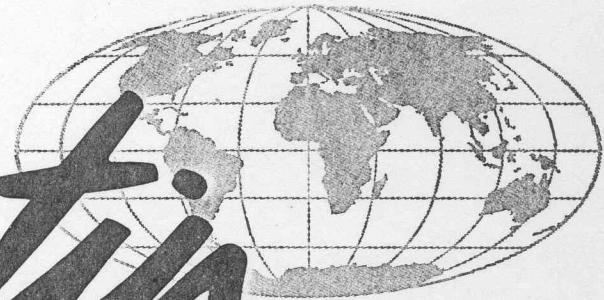


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From the Executive Suite

GARNER TED ARMSTRONG

It is quite likely this beginning college year will see yet many additional important contacts for the Work in very high places. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is planning to conduct the orientation assemblies at all three campuses, plus attend the faculty receptions at each, beginning with the Pasadena campus, then on to Big Sandy and finally to Bricket Wood, England.

From there, he plans to use the college leased "G-II" (Grumman Gulfstream II, called 2) for a trip to India, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Philippines, New Zealand, Taiwan, and Japan, before returning to the United States. It is quite possible Mr. Armstrong will meet leaders of Government in each of these localities, including the Premier in Taipei, and Prince Mikasa, brother of the Emperor in Tokyo. Mr. Armstrong has been invited to speak before several hundred top university officials representing various Japanese educational institutions by Prince Mikasa.

At this early time, since some of the appointments are in the planning stage, we won't go into further detail on the personages who may be contacted. This will mean some exciting articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine (Mr. Armstrong plans to take Gene Hogberg along for any articles he may be able to contribute and also a staff photographer), and will certainly be an inspiration for Mr. Armstrong prior to the Feast

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RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from smoggy Pasadena! I hope all of you living out of big city areas where you have clean air *appreciate it* this time of year — as we are having a good deal of smog here this summer and I know that New York and other areas are as well.

Since my last letter a lot of changes have taken place. Mr. Ted Armstrong is mentioning some of them and told me to go ahead and give you all of the "field changes" in my letter here.

First of all, Mr. Bill McDowell is being brought to the Big Sandy College as a Bible and speech teacher and possibly administrator as well! With Mr. McCullough, Mr. Neff and Mr. Kelly increasingly involved in administrative duties there, much of the teaching has had to be done by younger men who are recent graduates. So it will certainly be a fine thing to have a man of Mr. McDowell's experience and stature there to add weight and depth to the Big Sandy faculty! They will be moving down to Big Sandy *yet this month* in order to get settled before the Fall term begins. So a hearty *congratulations* to Mr. and Mrs. McDowell for this fine opportunity!

This move, obviously, opens up the need for a new District Superintendent. So in counseling with Mr. Ted Armstrong, Mr. Hill, Mr. Antion

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Personal NOTES

ORDINATION

Richard Gene Bailey was raised in rank to Preaching Elder July 18, 1970 — ordained by Carlton Smith. Gene will be taking over the Spokane responsibilities when Jim Lichtenstein comes in to college.

BABY NEWS

Guy and Penny Engelbart: Personnel Office: This is to inform you that we have another child in our family so you can note this for our insurance coverage, etc. Our baby boy, *Kevin Guy Engelbart*, was born May 13, 1970.

Lambert and Nancy Greer: Greetings from Phoenix and my newly enlarged family! On June the 6th Nancy gave birth to a fine baby girl: 6 lbs. and 10 oz., named *Laura Lynn*. Both are doing fine.

Bob and Judy Boyce: Our big boy was born 6-17-70, 9 lbs., named *Danny Ray*. Judy is fine — no complications. My first delivery. Doctor arrived 20 minutes late. Big hands, feet, head and neck. Looks like an Indian Bull Dog.

David and Sandy Orban: Our firstborn turned out to be an 8 lb. 2 oz. little girl. She was born 4:30 a.m., June 26, 1970. *Alyssa Jo* and mother are both doing very fine. The entire experience was very inspiring to all of us. Seeing the miracle of birth certainly strengthened my faith (hopefully enough to have a boy next time).

JULY MAIL SUMMARY

July was a very good month for both letters and money. The biggest factor in the mail was the Semi-annual response. Of our 310,589 letters, 191,500 were replies to the Semi-annual. The percentage of letter increase compared to last July was 77.8%. Last summer the Semi-annual response came mostly in June.

Money increase for the month was quite good based on present standards, with a 22.5% increase for mail income. This is almost identical

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with the July increase last year — 22.6%. August poses more of a problem, for we had a 29.8% last year. If we receive the same amount of money in August as we received in July, it will give us only a 10% increase for the month.

White Mail was very weak in July. We showed a -1.6% which brought our year-to-date

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From the EXECUTIVE SUITE

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of Tabernacles; coming from a quick trip clear around the world, once again seeing first-hand the unbelievable plight of all of sick mankind, and visiting the many outposts of this great Worldwide Work.

You may all know Mr. Armstrong is planning to begin the Feast in France this year, flying on to England for a sermon there, and then on to the U. S. for a sermon at each of the six U. S. Feast sites and the one in Canada. That will mean nine different Feast locations in just eight days.

Remember to maintain your own and your congregations' prayers for Mr. Armstrong — for grace and favor in the eyes of these officials he will meet, for his safety, for his continued strength and good health through this grueling schedule — and keep your hearts deeply centered on this GREAT WORK!

Garner Ted Armstrong

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Dear Fellow Ministers:

HOWDY (I'm in Texas, so that's more appropriate than "GREETINGS"). Quite a few changes are being made in various areas, so I'll plunge right in and give you the news.

These are not necessarily in order of occurrence or importance, you understand, but here goes.

We finally bought "Maw Tucker's" Truck Stop and Motel! After a 60-day escrow, we'll be rejoicing to hear the crunch of bulldozer blades chewing up that ramshackle collection of hovels, and perhaps we can at last have a nice entry to Ambassador College Big Sandy!

We're moving the National activities of the Transportation Department to the Big Sandy Campus. That means auto leasing, purchasing and selling; the big trucks and heavy equipment, and all that is not of necessity required to remain at HQ. Obviously, with a large fleet of buses, trucks, maintenance vehicles (for the College, Imperial, the Buildings and Grounds Department, etc.,) and lease cars still based at Pasadena, this will involve only a certain percentage of equipment. But the prime time consumer has come to be (in terms of the big trucks) the moving of ministers' and employees' furniture, and Big Sandy is nearer the center of things in that regard. Very likely, a number of employees, including Mr. Schreiber, will move to the Big Sandy area. The housing situation around here is horrible, as most of you know -- but we're working toward additional faculty and department head housing whenever feasible (meaning dollars!).

Also, the Festival Planning Office (perhaps not the right title, as I'll explain) will move to the Big Sandy campus, to be housed in the new Festival building being completed to the east of Booth City and south of the Tabernacle building. This means the personnel who have been working under Mr. Portune and Mr. Royer will move to Big Sandy -- handling the preparation of Festival forms and literature, reservations, change of area, etc., etc. Overall Festival planning, such as location and development of Feast sites will be done as in the past, with Mr. Raymond Cole as

Vice-President for Festival Site Development, and in concert with Mr. Portune and others -- so do not misunderstand this move to Big Sandy as a change in the top-level Festival responsibilities; it is a clerical move, only. However, it will accomplish yet another important thing. It means the garaging, repair and maintenance of the many, many pieces of machinery we have purchased for festival site development over the years can be accomplished at Big Sandy where we will have the transportation facilities, and the bulk of our automotive mechanics, etc.

We have made a number of changes in the Imperial Schools Administration I'd like to announce. Dr. Lochner will now function as Assistant Superintendent of Schools, with his main job being an advisor to me; plus continuing his courses in the Graduate School of Education. Dr. Germano will be Supervisor; with a principal over each division of the school in Pasadena. Mr. Bogart becomes High School Principal; while Mr. George Geis has the same job for the Junior High School, and Dr. Farrow for the elementary grades. Mr. Antion is Ministerial Liason, as well as continuing to teach the Senior High School Bible Class.

In Britain, Mr. Sherwin McMichael will assist Mr. Hunting as Ministerial Liason and Mr. King will remain as Headmaster.

The Correspondence Course has been totally revised -- being telescoped down into twenty-four strong, hard-hitting lessons! At the end of number 24 we merely inform the person it's quite likely a team of wild horses cannot move them to action if the past lessons haven't -- and that our job is over where they're concerned if no real changes have been effected in their lives. This will save thousands of dollars, and countless man-hours of time! It also makes the job of the local pastor somewhat simpler.

One thing I discussed with Mr. Meredith recently, and he may wish to say more about, was a thought that came resulting from recent court actions, bad press, and the growing tendency of bitter persons attempting to attack the church actively when leaving fellowship.

That is the conducting of "sex classes" for adults by local pastors. I do not know whether much of this has been done in recent years (I know it was to some degree in the past), but I see no need for it WHATEVER at the present time. It's quite doubtful any of us will say what needs saying any better than it is presented in the "New Morality" book; remembering that there is much "mind conditioning," and a careful psychological approach in the book we might not be able to duplicate under lecture conditions. If couples are having difficulty, or you feel there are a number of "sex problems" in the area, then simply tell them to "READ THE BOOK!" But the NOTE-TAKING of sex "lectures" is what disturbs me. I won't repeat here what

has actually been said in such classes in the past -- but I believe we all realize what may be said in levity, under much careful mind-conditioning, and in a fairly decorous manner could appear quite brutish and uncouth in the "notes" as they are taken, even by the most well-meaning student! What is said, HOW it was said, the ATMOSPHERE in which it was said, and even the way it was received by the person taking notes at the time is utterly lost as the years yellow the pages!

British papers have accused us of teaching "The Bible and Sex," as you may know. Can't you just see the headline of the story in the local paper if the disenchanted mate leaves, sues her husband, or his wife, and gives all the "notes" to the energetic young newspaper reporter?

So let them read the book from now on -- and bear down in your sermons on MORALITY, and let fly all you wish against adultery, fornication, masturbation, homosexuality and the like -- even then being CAREFUL, knowing there are children present, and knowing there could be a REPORTER in the audience. But long-drawn-out "Sex" classes are not necessary. It is not the urgent responsibility of the ministry to insure under all cases that each couple achieve as many satisfactory orgasms as possible in this life! (Of course, I speak bluntly here -- but if you think this is blunt, you ought to see the notes from some of the classes!) This does NOT mean private counsel cannot be given with teams of two present and BOTH members of a family (or, even more ideally, the minister and his wife present in the counsel!) when personal sex problems are involved -- as I'm sure you understand.

By the way, Mr. Armstrong has wondered for years why such EXTENSIVE note-taking is necessary? I know we've all made it a practice to bear down on how important it is to TAKE NOTES, and to a DEGREE, perhaps it is... but you sure get tired of preaching to all those tops of heads, sometimes. Perhaps some modification is overdue -- keeping in the backs of our minds the knowledge that some ex-members have threatened sending their total collection of notes, magazines, lessons, private correspondence, sex notes and tape recordings to lawyers, news-papers, and radio stations!

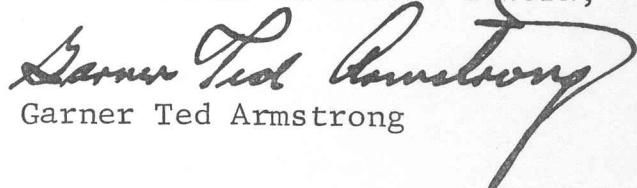
Finally -- and I say this facetiously -- what are you currently setting as a standard that is DIFFERENT from Headquarters? Is it the WAY you "decide" whether a woman's hair is too short? Or do you, in YOUR (?) church have a "different" way of deciding about skirt lengths? What about diet? Are your members all just "death" on white bread and white sugar? I say this jokingly, of course -- except that I have heard of a couple of additional little touches added by a minister in recent times which seemed unnecessary. It can be a problem, of course, when a girl from the HQ church shows up in her home "local" church, and is not

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allowed to come to services until she lengthens her dress.
(I'm sure you all understand what I mean!)

Guess that's about all that I have to say at the moment --
I'll get this out to Mr. Hill. Meanwhile, let's all KEEP
DOING THE WORK!

Your brother in Christ's Work,


Garner Ted Armstrong

Church Administration

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and several others, we recommended, and Mr. Herbert Armstrong approved, and decided to divert Mr. Carlton Smith from his move to Atlanta and have him go to Chicago instead, to replace Mr. McDowell. We felt that was better at this time without "rocking the boat" too much and moving too many men, as Mr. Smith was in process of moving from Portland *anyway*, and since Chicago — as one of the larger Northern districts — demanded one of our older and experienced Superintendents.

Then, to replace Mr. Swisher in Atlanta, we selected Mr. Carl McNair as the new District Superintendent! Mr. McNair is one of the senior men in the field with this type of potential. He has recently been pastor over the huge, 1,000-plus-attendance St. Louis-Belleville Church area, and has proved himself capable of this type of assignment. So *congratulations* to Mr. Carl McNair for this new opportunity in Atlanta!

Selected to replace Mr. McNair in the big Saint Louis area is Mr. Don Prunkard. Mr. Prunkard has been out in the ministry a number of years now, has done a fine job and has developed into an exceptionally fine preacher. So this will be a fine assignment and challenge to him and to his lovely wife Jeanne. Congratulations!

From here on, a series of changes evolved which we at Headquarters and some of the District Superintendents were hoping to make in due time anyway. First of all, Mr. John Bald will be taking over the Sioux Falls Church where Mr. Prunkard was stationed. The Omaha-Sioux Falls circuit will be an easier one in some ways than the hilly, bumpy drive to Des Moines was.

This will give Mr. Bill Quillen — now a Preaching Elder — the opportunity to become full pastor of the Des Moines, Iowa, Church. Also, Mr. Quillen will now be turning the former Cedar Rapids Bible Study area into a full church as soon as he is able to find a hall and make complete arrangements somewhere in the area. Congratulations for this fine opportunity, Mr. Quillen! Also, Mr. Ben Morrison, who was planning to move to Rochester, will now move instead to Sioux Falls as the visiting Local Elder on the other end of that big circuit.

Then, Mr. Milo Wilcox will be given the opportunity of going into a *new area* where we have never had churches or regular Bible Studies

before. He will be headquartered, probably, at Rapid City, South Dakota, and establish a church there. But, by living there, he will be enabled to hold regular monthly Bible Studies or services in much of the state of Wyoming and eastern Montana as well. These areas have never been reached regularly — yet contain some 200-300 converted church brethren, with prospectives coming along in greater number than some small individual church areas! Mr. Wilcox has shown interest and enthusiasm in this challenging new "pioneering" assignment and I am sure that scores of scattered brethren will now rejoice in the opportunity to meet more regularly with God's people. Congratulations, Mr. Wilcox!

Finally, Mr. Keith Hoyt — now a Preaching Elder — will be given the opportunity to take his first pastorship by becoming minister over the churches in North Platte and Grand Island, Nebraska, replacing Mr. Milo Wilcox. Congratulations, Keith, for this fine opportunity!

One special item that has just been approved by Mr. Armstrong: Mr. Phillip Fowler will be ordained this Sabbath as a Local Elder by Mr. Bill McDowell before he leaves. Mr. Fowler is a successful businessman in the Chicago area, yet a fine example of service and dedication. Mr. McDowell had asked if he could ordain him before leaving. So I am happy to announce the ordination of Mr. Fowler which will have occurred before you receive this Bulletin!

Now for some INSTRUCTIONS:

Some have been asking for reclarification regarding the visiting policy and various questions or problems attendant to this. If you will reread my letter of November 25, 1969, you will see that it was pretty well covered there on pages 5-10.

However, because of the suggestions of some of our Superintendents and additional thought and consideration, let me say that we will now drop the "suggested" number of visits to approximately 10-15 visits per week for each local, full-time minister. Superintendents or men in extreme northern areas in the wintertime, etc., need not worry about attaining this quota as we have stated before. But the *main thing* is to be sure that you are getting to know and really serving your people and *building up God's heritage!*

Be sure you work out an organized program — as many have — of getting right back on the prospectives who are interested every month or two and bringing them along. Be sure you follow

through on the "problem visits" in cases where you really can and should be there to help them. Remember to AVOID wasting your time on chronic "weaklings" and oddballs who would end up wasting way too much of your time *and expense* if you let them! Be sure you get *well acquainted* with any prospective employees of the church or college and any prospective Ambassador College applicants so you can give a balanced and thorough evaluation when asked.

Be sure — as I instructed in the last Bulletin — to "befriend the unconverted." Take time to get acquainted and, if possible, establish rapport with the unconverted mates of any in your churches in order to *head off* any misunderstandings, prospective problems or lawsuits which might arise through the ignorance or brutishness of the converted mate. Take time for both a pre-baptismal and at least one post-baptismal counseling with the unconverted mate present as suggested last time.

God tells *all* of us: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction . . ." (James 1:27). Many of the elderly, the sick and the infirm would deeply *appreciate* even more visits by our ministers and even the Local Elders and deacons not employed by the church.

Then, as stated last November, it is NOT wrong to ask some of the brethren from time to time on the Sabbaths or Bible Studies how they are doing in a general, "friendly" way and see if they would *like* you to drop in on them when it is convenient. *This type* of "general" visiting, getting *well acquainted* with any newer members in your church or similar visits of this sort is certainly both profitable and NECESSARY in order to keep the church growing, to prevent misunderstandings or heresies from arising and to help these people with their personal questions or problems in a way that *cannot always be done through group meetings or activities*.

With this type of visiting procedure — emphasizing *service* rather than numbers — and with the need most of you have to conduct church services, Bible Studies, Spokesman Clubs and occasional Leadership Training Classes, deacons' meetings every three or four months, church socials, weddings, funerals, etc., it ought to be evident that you can *very profitably* use your time to feed God's flock and have a vital part in changing, fashioning and molding literally hundreds of future members of the *very family of God!*

With the lower general standard of only 10-15 visits per week, none of you should ever need to feel guilty or frustrated in not being able to satisfy this *approximate standard* — which is all it is — most of the time. You should also be able to go above and beyond and be an especially profitable servant in this way quite often as well. And, through proper *organization* you should certainly have the time to spend with your families, and in deep and profound Bible study, meditation, prayer and communion with God.

For if we are *really* close to Him as a group, great blessings, healings and POWER will be demonstrated through our ministry in a way that will more than make up for any numerical or organizational deficiencies! Let us just be sure that more of us *use* the time we have to become this type of living instrument in the hands of our God!

In closing, let me say that the church attendance in the U. S. is growing in fine fashion with a recent high of 55,804 attending church nationwide! Three new churches began on the Sabbath of July 25! The second Akron Church started with 377 in attendance; Utica, New York, with 162 in attendance, and Wisconsin Dells began with 199 in attendance.

As noted before, new churches are soon slated to begin also in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in Rapid City, South Dakota. God is blessing the Work. So let's all keep up the good work and ask His inspiration and guidance in the tremendous opportunity we have of reaping the spiritual harvest in the field ministry.

With Christian love,



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increase to a mere 1.9%. The situation did change somewhat for the last week of the month and so far the first week of August looks very promising.

Building Fund contributions were down sharply compared to a year ago. Perhaps this is due to the fact that no letter about Building Fund needs has gone out in more than a year.

We have noticed a good response to the latest TOMORROW'S WORLD. Many church visit requests are being received. Lately we have been averaging about 65 or 70 per day.