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NEWS FROM THE PASTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

Television and Radio Station Update

We are continuing to expand media in the United States as God opens these doors to His Work. The following list of television and radio stations detail the new buys, changes and renewals we have been able to make in the past five weeks.

TELEVISION

Alabama

*WEAR (ABC--Ch. 3), Mobile--12:30 p.m., Sun.

California

*KSEE (NBC--Ch. 24), Fresno--6:30 a.m., Sun.
KTTV (Ind.--Ch. 11), Los Angeles--9:30 a.m., Sun.

Florida

*WAWS (Ind.--Ch. 30), Jacksonville--9:30 a.m., Sun.
*WFTS (Ind.--Ch. 28), Tampa--7:00 a.m., Sun.

Indiana

*WISH (CBS--Ch. 11), Indianapolis--7:00 a.m., Sun.

Iowa

*WOI (ABC--Ch. 5), Des Moines--6:30 a.m., Sun.

Minnesota

*KMSP (Ind.--Ch. 9), Minneapolis--7:00 a.m., Sat.

Nebraska

*KMTV (NBC--Ch. 3), Omaha--7:00 a.m., Sun.

New York

*WIXT (ABC--Ch. 9), Syracuse--6:30 a.m., Sun.

*New Stations

North Carolina

*WXII (NBC--Ch. 12), Winston-Salem--10:00 a.m., Sun.

Ohio

*WTVN (ABC--Ch. 6), Columbus--6:30 a.m., Sun.

Oklahoma

KOKH (Ind.--Ch. 25), Oklahoma City--9:00 a.m., Sun.

Pennsylvania

*WNEP (ABC--Ch. 16), Wilkes Barre-Scranton--8:30 a.m., Sun.
WPXI (NBC--Ch. 11), Pittsburgh--8:00 a.m., Sun.

South Carolina

*WFBC (NBC--Ch. 4), Greenville--6:30 a.m., Sun.

Tennessee

*WTVK (NBC--Ch. 26), Knoxville--6:30 a.m., Sun.

Texas

*KPRC (NBC--Ch. 2), Houston--7:00 a.m., Sun.
*KENS (CBS--Ch. 5), San Antonio--7:00 a.m., Sun.

Utah

KUTV (NBC--Ch. 2), Salt Lake City--9:00 a.m., Sun.

Virginia

- *WVIR (NBC--Ch. 29), Charlotte-ville--7:00 a.m., Sun.
- *WSET (ABC--Ch. 13), Roanoke-Lynchburg--6:00 a.m., Sun.

Wisconsin

- *WLUK (ABC--Ch. 11), Green Bay--6:30 a.m., Sun.
- *WISN (ABC--Ch. 12), Milwaukee--9:00 a.m., Sun.

RADIOIllinois

WMAQ, Chicago--4:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri., 6:00 a.m. & 10:00 p.m., Sun.

Washington

*KCKO, Spokane--7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8:30 a.m., Sun.

New York

WOR, New York--11:30 p.m., Sun.-Fri.; 6:30 a.m., Sun.

Wyoming

KYCN, Wheatland--9:30 a.m., Sun.

*New Stations

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICESDeath of Local Elder

Mr. Ron Goethals died from leukemia after a short illness. He died in his sleep without pain, Friday, December 18. Mr. Goethals was 44 and is survived by his wife and two teen-age children. A baker by trade, Mr. Goethals was ordained as a local elder in 1977 and served in the Sedro Woolley, Washington congregation. He served very well and will certainly be missed by all.

International News

Philippines Report November has been an eventful month, with the shocking vehicle accident resulting in the death of Tacloban City Church pastor Nicanor Enriquez overshadowing all other events. (Details of Mr. Enriquez' death were published in the November 30 WORLDWIDE NEWS.)

The same week that Mr. Enriquez met with the fatal accident, Regional Director Guy Ames had held a series of pocket ministerial conferences in Cebu City, Cagayan de Oro City and Davao City. Mr. Enriquez had come to the Cebu City conference. Earlier, he had attended the last session of the Ministerial Refresher Program in Pasadena together with his wife.

A fellow minister described Mr. Enriquez as "the most enthusiastic member of God's Church" he has ever met. His death is truly a great loss to the Church and Work in the Philippines, yet we know that God in His wisdom knows best. Taking his place as pastor of the Tacloban City Church is Mr. Pacifico Mirto, concurrently pastor of the Cebu City Church.

In his meetings with the Visayan and Mindanao ministers, Mr. Ames evaluated the last Feast and got their suggestions on improving next year's Feast. Mr. Ames ended his Mindanao meeting with his first visit to Zamboanga City, where he held a Bible study with 26 brethren and their families.

Later in the month, the most recent of the approximately 20 typhoons to hit the country this year thankfully spared brethren from any serious damage.

The typhoon, locally code-named "Anding," packed 205 kph [127 mph] winds along the eastern coasts of the country. Thanks to the prayers of God's people, the typhoon traveled at a rather high altitude thereby causing less havoc than it would have otherwise.

A record 34 baptisms were reported in November, bringing the total baptisms for the year to 98. The overall membership count is now 2,222.

Financially, November ended with a 32% increase over the same month last year. The January through November 1981 income is now 24% higher than a similar period last year.

News From The Netherlands For the first time in 15 years, on November 1 the Dutch-speaking brethren listened to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong on The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast over Radio Luxembourg. For many this was the first time ever. Radio Luxembourg covers Belgium and Holland, although at times the signal is somewhat hard to get. An announcement promoting the broadcast will form part of the semi-annual letter to the Dutch language PLAIN TRUTH subscribers in January, 1982.

We have recently received confirmation that the entire back cover of the magazine DE KAMPIOEN is available to us for the promotion of DE ECHTE WAARHEID [Dutch PT] in February, 1982. DE KAMPIOEN is a full-colour monthly publication of the Netherlands Automobile Association with a circulation of 2,200,000. After they took notice of our flyer in DE TELEGRAAF, Holland's largest daily paper, they offered us space in their magazine. We negotiated for the back cover and God opened the door.

November showed a year-to-date increase of 21.01% in income. Church attendance increased 11% compared to one year ago. Incoming pieces of mail came to a total of 2,601--a 47.7% increase compared to November, 1980.

Bermuda On Wednesday, December 23rd, one of the TV stations in Bermuda, ZFB, interviewed Mr. Roland Sampson who is pastor of the Hamilton Church. The interview, conducted in Mr. Sampson's office, was on why the Church does not observe Christmas. Parts of the 15-minute interview were played the same day on the evening news broadcast. Thirty minutes later, Mr. Armstrong's WORLD TOMORROW television program was aired in its normal slot, and Mr. Armstrong covered the plain truth about Christmas. The timing was perfect, and the program brought a heavy response!

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

MAIL PROCESSING CENTER UPDATE

Ministers of Other Churches Use Our Literature

Occasionally we receive letters from ministers of other churches who tell us how our publications are helping them. Some of our books and booklets have aided ministers in their personal study and been used as source material for sermons. Our magazines and literature have also been used in counseling teenagers with drug problems and their parents.

Our publications are used by Bible class teachers and even placed in a church library for the congregation to read. Finally, one minister goes so far as to urge his church to listen to our program!

Following is a sampling of the letters received:

Source Material for Sermons

I have many of your books and have used them as source material for sermons, since I have been a lay preacher in the United States for many years. Many thanks.

A.M. (Verdun, Canada)

I love to read your books. You see, I am also a minister and they help me a lot in my studies. I am soon beginning a revival, so please pray for me. I am 67 years old and am not afraid to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God. So keep the books coming.

R.P. (Saltville, VA)

Literature Read By Church

Newly founded, and though our congregation be small, our church is strong and dedicated in its doctrine. We include your publications in our library and adopt much of your philosophy. Thank God for you and you for your efforts. I have listened to you for years and have learned a great deal of the bounty of God and the "good" life as a result....You and your foundation are and will be a lasting inspiration.

D.K. (Huntington Beach, CA)

Asks Congregation to Tune In

I am interested in receiving your book called, WHAT IS THE TRUE GOSPEL by Herbert W. Armstrong. I rush home each Sunday evening from my parish to listen to your program which I find interesting. I am now asking my congregation of true believers to listen to your program.

J.K. (Newark, NJ)

Literature Helps In Counseling

I have been receiving The PLAIN TRUTH, and also received your booklet on alcohol and drugs. I cannot tell you how much these magazines have assisted me in my pastoral counseling with teenagers having drug problems.

They also help me counsel parents who cannot understand why their children are experiencing such problems with marijuana, LSD, PCP, cocaine and alcohol.

I was introduced to this wonderful magazine by one of your members. I only wish that other churches had such a program and valuable information to send to their members and the public. I pray for your continuance.

P.S. (Sunrise, FL)

Bible Class Enjoys Lessons From Our Literature

Your books and Bible course have been a great blessing to me, my family and our church....I have a Saturday night Bible class each

week. The class very much enjoys the lessons I teach from many of your books.

I appreciate the free books that you have been sending me. God is opening up many doors for me since I began to understand and appreciate His Word through your books and The PLAIN TRUTH magazines.

R.H. (Valdosta, GA)

Likes Correspondence Course

I would like to commend you on your Bible study course. In this busy world it is hard to learn and review the elements of the Bible we should know. Your course is very clear and concise. I find it very relevant to today's news and the understanding of the Bible. Keep up the good work! I recommend your course very highly and am sure God will bless your work.

E.K. (Cleveland, OH)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

AMERICA'S EMPTY GESTURE With PLAIN TRUTH responsibilities and the semester final examinations ritual compressed into a New Year's Day-shortened work week, I haven't had time to compose my usual column. We have so much good material about Poland and Europe/U.S. relations that I want to take some more time to analyze it before writing.

Suffice it to say here that President Reagan's unilateral imposition of sanctions against the Soviet Union and Poland's military government for the crackdown in Poland will do nothing to reverse the existing situation. The measures have been met with a cold shoulder by America's European allies (excepting Britain), who of course have a much greater stake in East/West trade. (Isn't it interesting that the Soviets waited until the massive natural gas pipeline deal was signed and sealed before the Polish military stepped in?)

The sanctions represent hardly a slap on the wrist to Moscow. The Japanese will be all too eager to sell the construction vehicles needed for the pipeline which no longer will be available from the Caterpillar Corporation in Illinois.

Mr. Reagan's actions, long on ideology and emotion, are short on reality. The reality is Poland's strategic importance to the Soviet position in Europe. The United States, by announcing these actions, only stands to be further isolated from its allies while gaining nothing at all from Moscow. Editorialized the LOS ANGELES TIMES: "In international relations, useless gestures are worse than useless; they can leave a nation looking impotent, and therefore less able to deal with the next crisis."

Hopefully more material next time.

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau