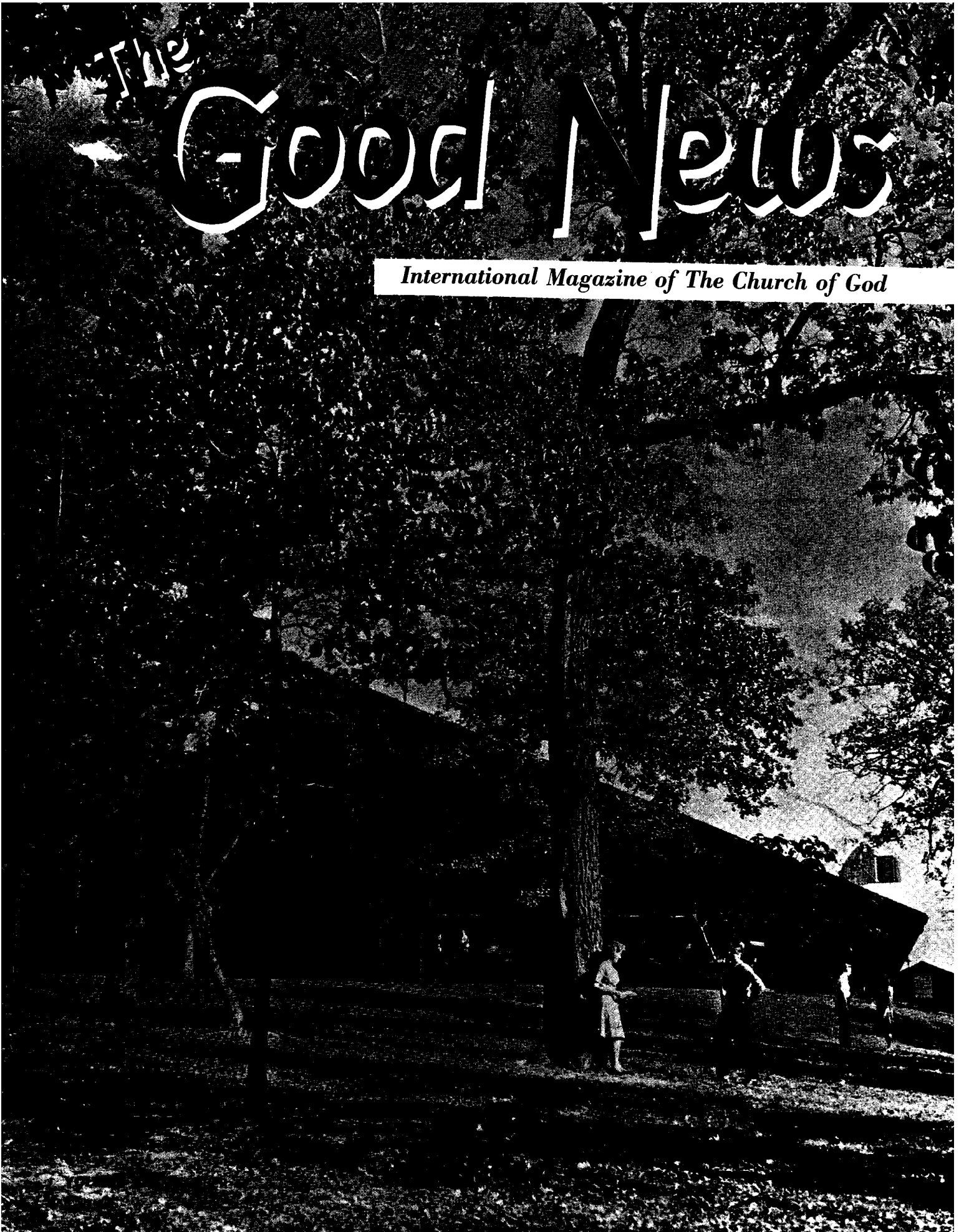


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More About Our Cover...

Designed originally as a Feast site, this lovely setting in East Texas, has now become the site of the THIRD Ambassador College. Here you see some of the students enjoying the sunshine on the grassy slope leading to the student lounge.

The redwood used in the construction ties in beautifully with the natural surroundings. Read in this issue how this college began, how it is developing, what a vital part of God's Work it is.

The article is written by Mr. Kelly, Associate Editor of The GOOD NEWS and Dean of Students for the new college. The photos are from The ENVOY—a very small preview of what to expect from the FULL COVERAGE of this Texas campus in the 1965 ENVOY!

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What our READERS SAY...

Excerpt From French Weekly Comments, 11-6-64

GENERAL INFORMATION: A group of fifteen adults, plus children, from the Island of Mauritius, have just separated themselves from the Adventist Church and turned to us for guidance. They are all French-speaking creoles, determined to follow the Bible rather than men. They already have begun sending their tithes to St. Albans. We haven't figured out yet how these French-speaking people heard of us because we have no broadcast near their island.

"By chance (or was it God's intervention), I turned on my radio at 5:45 and I heard on Europe No. 1 a voice which made me weep. I tell you this in sincerity, although I am past 66 years old. This voice was for me a radiant light in darkness. For the first time in my life, I realize I am a miserable, wretched sinner in need of grace."
Man from France

Edmonton Church

"I would imagine you have received many letters from co-workers in Alberta expressing their joy of a Church

established in Edmonton. This is actually a dream many of us thought could not be possible a year. Although it is a long ways to go for Sabbath Services, we will attend whenever God allows us to go. God's Church is really growing, let's hope we all yield ourselves and grow with it."

Members from Alberta, Canada

God's Protection

"Coral Gables had quite a bad tornado. Its path was across the street from our house and then came right over to exactly beside our house, leaving destruction behind. Ripped great big trees right up out of the ground. One was ripped out right beside our bedroom window and could have crashed through our windows, but went over the other way. It happened at the time my 8-year-old son was to be arriving home from school, but God protected him by causing me to go in the car beforehand and get him."

Mrs. Marjorie S., Florida

Toronto Church

"Might I add, when I went into the
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AND NOW—

The *THIRD* Ambassador College!

Well into the first semester, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Texas, is now a vital and producing reality. One-hundred-and-eight happy and enthusiastic Ambassador students are now creating the spirit and atmosphere that typifies the two other colleges in Pasadena and in Bricket Wood, England.

by Ronald Kelly

HAVE YOU ever wanted to be a PIONEER? In the East Texas woods near the small town of Big Sandy, Texas, Ambassador students are once again PIONEERING A NEW INSTITUTION!

In 1947, four students pioneered in Pasadena, California, the beginning of what has now become a first-class institution—in every way. This small class set the pace and pattern for training hundreds of servants for God's Work in future years.

In 1960, a new door of pioneering was offered when Ambassador College was founded in Bricket Wood, near London, England. This time, the pioneering number was increased to thirty-five. These thirty-five students, eight transferred from the college in Pasadena, and the rest from several different countries around the world, pioneered an institution that has now graduated that first freshman class and is in full production as a training ground for even more servants for

God's Work who will also serve in many capacities *around this world.*

And now in East Texas, an even larger pioneering class—108—sets the pattern for what is another VERY IMPORTANT TRAINING GROUND for God's servants.

But pioneering doesn't end with this third Ambassador College. Ambassador Colleges are going to be pioneered by faculty and students *around this world* until ultimately—within the lifetimes of most of us—Ambassador Colleges

A third college is born! The time was February, 1964. Even then the new college was still in the "idea stage"! Today, it is a reality. This photograph was taken one-quarter mile north of Lake Loma dam.

Ambassador College Photo



to be as successful as they are in producing laborers for the GREAT HARVEST Christ told us to pray for (Matt. 9: 38).

So be sure your interest and heart are in God's Work and that you look forward with great anticipation to the many and varied activities of God's Church—not only in your own local church—but around this world.

More and more, those of you who are reading *The GOOD NEWS* magazine are having opportunities to attend local services with your own local minister to help lead and direct you every Sabbath day. God's ministers visit in your homes, conduct Bible studies, organize Spokesman Clubs for YOU!

Have you ever thought that *this would never have been possible* had it not been for AMBASSADOR COLLEGE?

And now, as God's Church sends out ministers, local elders, and associate pastors *into the field* to raise up new churches and Bible studies, the need increasingly becomes greater every single year that goes by. Churches now dot nearly every corner of the United States, several in Great Britain, three in Australia, two in South Africa, and so it goes AROUND THE WORLD! The badly needed personnel to supply

students! There were nearly twice as many faculty members as there were students.

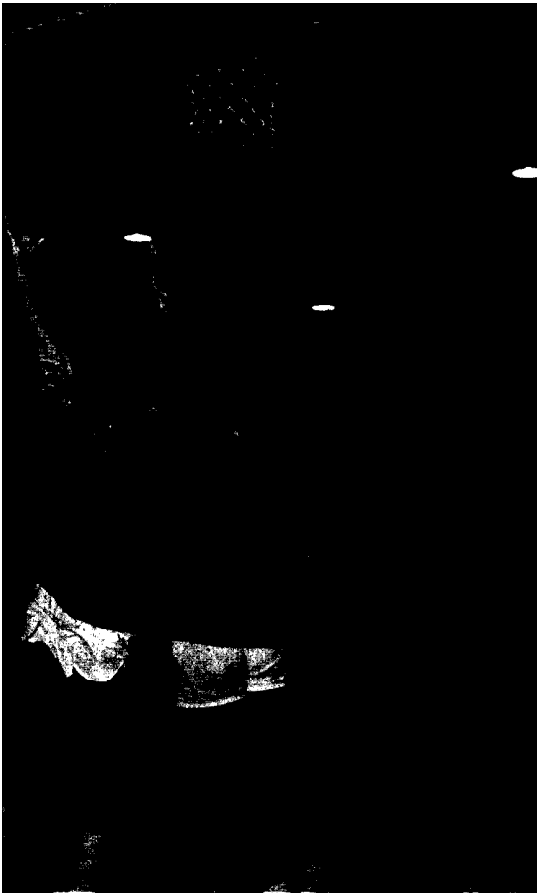
What a small, and seemingly insignificant, beginning!

But as all of God's Work through human instruments begins small, it grows, until ultimately its scope covers the entire world. This will not be accomplished until the return of Christ, as we have already mentioned, but nevertheless, God's College grew rapidly.

This *small* beginning enabled Mr. Armstrong to envision and to see that *Ambassador College should remain somewhat small*. The unique family atmosphere and the ratio of faculty to students should be kept in balance so that more could be accomplished through the students who did attend the college.

Mr. Armstrong could see that the large colleges and universities had become mere factories, grinding out automatons. There was no common understanding between faculty and students. Classes were so large that the faculty members *never knew whether a student was even there*, much less whether that student was learning anything.

This insurmountable problem has



Ambassador College Photo

Students have varied opportunities for exercise.

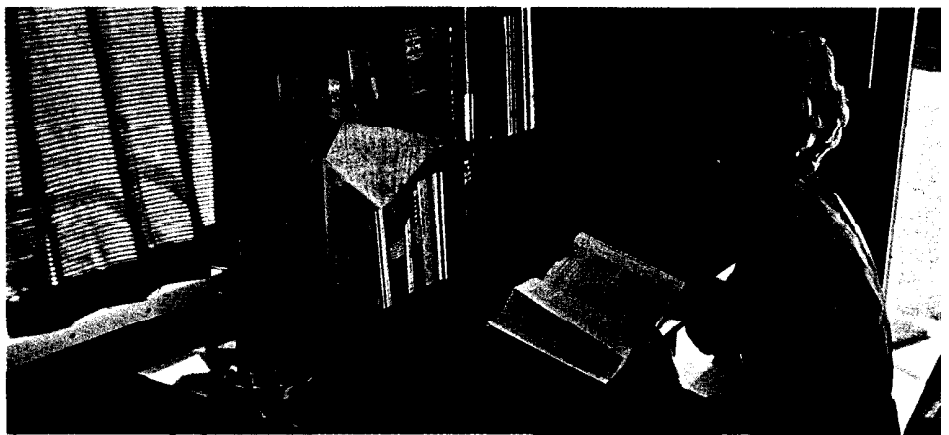
will have completely surrounded this world. Naturally, this will not take place *until the return of Jesus Christ*, but this third pioneering class, in Big Sandy, Texas, is another step toward that ultimate goal of establishing TRUE VALUES IN EDUCATION.

You Can Have a Part

You, the members of God's Church, are not pioneering students at one of these institutions. Ambassador College, like all colleges, is designed to train and teach students of normal college age. Once in a while, an older, married family can be accepted to Ambassador College, but only under special circumstances. The training of young people who will be able to serve in God's Work is a vitally important function of God's Church today.

But as you read of Ambassador College in Pasadena, Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, and now Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas, YOU ALSO MUST REALIZE you are a *valuable aid in training these students*.

It is through your tithes and offerings, and more especially through your diligent and fervent *prayers* that these colleges have been and will continue



Ambassador College Photo

Karen Curtis at her desk in the temporary but very fine "booth" dormitory.

the *ministry* of the Church of God and to staff the offices in the world, is becoming more and more of a *crying need!*

Why a Third Ambassador College

In 1947, Ambassador College began as probably the *smallest* college which has ever begun. There were *only four*

made an education in today's world merely a matter of pouring facts into one's head—there were *no tangible values of life* being taught. Students did not learn how to live.

Therefore, Mr. Armstrong determined Ambassador College would never become so large that it would

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Should YOU Move to Headquarters?

Is Headquarters just ONE STEP away from the Kingdom of God? Is it UTOPIA? PARADISE? Many brethren UNWISELY act on IMPULSE, deciding hastily to MOVE to Headquarters. Here from the manager of our Personnel Department, is what YOU should do.

by Paul Royer

JESUS CHRIST says He has called the *weak* of the world! Do you believe it?

Unless you believe and understand His words—you may be headed for trouble!

Everyone Wants to Succeed

Everyone wants to succeed in this life. Yet we are the **WEAK** of the world. How can we succeed? How can we overcome our weaknesses?

We need to look at the wise, we need to *imitate Jesus Christ* and learn from those who *have* succeeded in life! Stop going off half-cocked! God says the **FOOLISH** are to become wise (Ps. 19:7). We are told what we *are* in I Corinthians 1:26. But God demands we *change* from being foolish, weak, and unwise. One of the first steps in achieving success requires that you take the time for a candid, honest appraisal of your self, your abilities and the situation at hand!

Learn to Evaluate the Situation

During World War II we were forced to fight with equipment and airplanes that were inferior in many ways to the Japanese Zero. However, *this did not prove disastrous*. Before we jumped into the fury of battle, we took time to *evaluate* our abilities as pilots, the equipment, and the planes that we flew. On careful *analysis* we found there were a number of superior features on which we could *capitalize*.

With the proper application of the

forces at hand, and by using the right analysis of the situation, our small and vastly outnumbered fighter force was able to achieve victory in the sky over China at the ratio of 14 to 1. Our shark-nosed P-40 fighter planes became highly respected and feared by the Japanese Air Force.

Each one of us needs to *learn this lesson*. We need to properly *evaluate* ourselves, then proceed toward *becoming perfect*. Some of you do not now take the time to fully analyze your strong points and your weak points. You leap before you *think* and then you find yourself in trouble!

Unwise Moves

As Personnel Director in God's Work here at Headquarters I have had the unhappy task of telling a number of God's people they have made a very unwise choice in moving to Pasadena! Sad but true, they are usually the members who have decided to *move to Headquarters in hopes of solving all their problems!* With few exceptions they have made up their minds to do so *without the facts and without proper counsel!*

Far too many have it burned into their minds that *Headquarters is Utopia*, the place where *all problems* miraculously vanish, where children can bask in the warm California sunshine and be guided and perfected by Imperial Schools. *Headquarters and Imperial Schools become a goal just short of the Kingdom of God!*

What would happen if *we all* moved to California and we *all* attempted to

get on the Headquarters payroll? I think you know the answer to that! Yet this is what many of you are considering!

A Sad Experience

Several days ago a member of God's Church from the Pacific Northwest stopped by the Personnel Office seeking employment. He was desperate! His *uncalled for* sad situation typifies the utter foolishness of changing areas without proper consideration, evaluation, and counseling.

This member had sold his furniture and all his personal belongings in order that he might move his family over 900 miles across two states to Pasadena. He left behind lifelong friends, home, and community. He left a place he knew for a place that he had *only heard* of through the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH, The GOOD NEWS*, and from the reports about the Work at Headquarters.

Headquarters became a winter wonderland and another Disney fantasy in *his imagination!* He didn't have all the facts that pertained to his particular situation and his desire to live in Pasadena.

The Intention Was Good

In his imagination he was filled with zeal and enthusiasm at the thought of providing a new, more abundant life for his family, especially for his children, *by enrolling them in IMPERIAL SCHOOLS.*

He had to come to Pasadena to have this dream *shattered!* On arrival, this

member found that it occasionally rained in sunny California and that the whole Los Angeles area is heavily *overpopulated*. Also he saw that the air is often laden with *smog* that burned his eyes and nose. He learned to pray and ask God to give him and his children fresh, clean air like they had back in the Pacific Northwest.

After canvassing the whole of Los Angeles area he found that there were *very few jobs available for semiskilled and unskilled workers*. As hard as he tried he continued to hear the same old answer, "SORRY, NOTHING AVAILABLE!"

In despair, he came to the Personnel Office asking for employment—any kind of a job—any kind of salary would do! I had to tell him that he had made a mistake, that he had made a very unwise move in coming to this area!

No Room in Imperial

He had to be told *that there wasn't room in Imperial Schools* for his six children! As he sat there and thought, the last vestige of happiness in coming to Pasadena drained from his face. Not only was he unable to find a job—he was *broke* with no home of his own and no money to feed his *nine children and pregnant wife*. That evening he had to go back to his wife and children, who were sharing a one-bedroom home with another member and his family of four, and tell them the bad news!

As a result of this unfortunate incident, and because of a shortage of facilities here in Pasadena and Big Sandy, Mr. Ted Armstrong recently instituted a *new policy* for accepting new students in Imperial Schools. Before a family is eligible to *make an application* to enroll their children, they must be residents of the area for a *minimum period of six months*. However, this would not necessarily apply when a legitimate transfer is accomplished by a company who determines to move a church family to an area within one of the Imperial School districts.

Some of us need to understand that, as valuable as Imperial Schools are,

they are not the *total* answer to well-behaved children. The *responsibility* of properly training and rearing our children is *delegated to the family by God!* It is true that Imperial Schools help in this responsibility. So does the *Bible Correspondence Course*, church attendance, *The GOOD NEWS*, the broadcast, and *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

As much as I personally *appreciate and want* my own children in Imperial Schools, I wouldn't consider staying in Pasadena for that purpose *alone!* How many of you realize that most of God's one-hundred-twenty-six ordained ministers *have never had*, and probably never will have, *their* children enrolled in Imperial Schools?

Imperial is *a great blessing, an ADDED BLESSING* that all of us are grateful for and it is our desire that all children, both in and out of the church, could attend Imperial Schools—that is what we are working for—this is one of our goals that will soon become *a reality when Jesus Christ establishes* such a system of education throughout the whole world in just a few more short years!

It Happens All the Time

Was this an unusual case?—No! It happens all the time! Perhaps this particular family had a few more children over and above the average family who *hastily* leaves all and moves to Pasadena. However, for most who make such a move, the end result is the same! Frustration, despair, and a feeling of helplessness overshadow their lives when they, of necessity, must ask for assistance from the Poor Fund. In all reality, they become a ward of the church!

Or perhaps they are a little more fortunate and find a job in "sunny California." Usually the job is low-paying, requiring the individual to live under conditions well below the national standard of adequate living conditions. Often the family must occupy and live in a low-rent area in or near the slums. Diet becomes a problem! Milk is expensive—the living standard is higher—*everything* is more expensive. Yet the family may decide to stay on and sacrifice the

health of their children in order to continue living in depravity.

A Better Way

How much better would it be for such a family to move to a clean, rural area where they could live on a few acres and have a garden where the children could participate in its care. Think of all the valuable lessons they could learn in addition to the blessings of a clean environment and the wholesome living it would afford.

Not only would they be able to have a cow in a rural area which would provide their children with plenty of good wholesome butter and milk; their total cost of living would be reduced to compensate with their lower earning power, thereby allowing them to enjoy an above-average living standard.

Unwise moves load extra burdens on the Work that has a *FIRST MISSION* of preaching the "Good News of the World Tomorrow"! Valuable time must be spent in feeding and clothing the family, and taking the time to help counsel them relative to their many problems. *Often it means helping the family return to the home they left* or another area of greater promise.

Competition of Overpopulated Areas

Just like Jesus said, our people are the *WEAK* of the world. All have not taken the command and challenge of Christ and learned how to act in wisdom and how to change and become wise. Many of those who move to California generally *tend to be the weaker* members of the church who are already loaded with problems. Moving to California increases their problems, rather than diminishing them! For the most part, our people are semiskilled or unskilled workers trying to find work in a *highly skilled* area which is already *overpopulated*.

Even the skilled laborers in the Los Angeles area are experiencing keener competition in obtaining work as various aircraft manufacturers phase out old models as the space race continues. Then there are the industries who lose government contracts because the missile they built, or contributed to, became obsolete. Yet the *cost of living*

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Local Assemblies Are NOT Social Clubs

Believe it or not, assembling together in local groups or churches may lead to loss of salvation to many—unless these pitfalls are avoided!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HERE is what our newly converted brethren need to know.

TRUE, we are commanded not to forsake assembling ourselves together—and so much the more in these last days, as we approach the Day of the Eternal and the second coming of Christ.

But there are pitfalls. Those inexperienced and unlearned in all the instruction of God to His ministers would never see them. They would trap the unwary and the innocent. And they are a very real and potential danger!

You have heard me say often that most of the worldly churches have degenerated into *SOCIAL CLUBS*.

Most of us probably would never believe that could happen to any of us! We just don't think of ourselves in that language. Yet some of those oldest in our fellowship have actually fallen into that snare *without realizing it!*

When the PURPOSE of assembling in a local group departs from God's purpose—when the *method* of conducting the local assembly departs from the Bible instructions and example, members often are driven *away* from God and into loss of eternal life!

For the safety and welfare of all, I must speak plainly and candidly. God commands His true ministers: "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things *without preferring one before another*, doing nothing by partiality" (I Tim. 5:20-21).

An Unscriptural Attitude

Some, who have attended a local con-

gregation of God's Church for years, have gradually succumbed to the influence of Satan and the pull of the flesh, until they have come to look on the purpose and function of the local church something like this (and I summarize their unscriptural view as a warning to ALL!):

"We just want to have peace," they protest, justifying their departure from the BIBLE ways. "We just want to attend church every Sabbath, and enjoy the fellowship, without having any preacher lambast us, or tell us what's wrong with us, or use the Scriptures to hit at us. We want a pastor who will show LOVE toward us, by letting us do as we please, and as each of us sees it for himself. We don't want a pastor to use the Bible to strike out at us, and tell us we're wrong, and make us feel uncomfortable.

"And another thing," this attitude continues, "we want to have the 'say-so' in what we do, and how our services are conducted. We don't want any part in what our pastor calls 'God's Work'—that's just *his* own personal work, and we're not interested, and we don't want to hear about it—we want no part in it. We don't care anything about going into all the world and proclaiming the Gospel. We don't care anything about whether people in Florida or Maine or Britain are being brought into the Truth and converted—they live too far away for us to enjoy fellowship with them, and so we have no interest in them, and don't want to be bothered or made uncomfortable even hearing about them."

Rather astonishing, isn't it, that peo-

ple who have heard God's TRUTH preached for many years—people who at first accepted it in the love of God, professed it, started out practicing it—should, through the years, *fall away* from the Truth, reject *new* truth as it is uncovered, begin to embrace false doctrines and errors, and finally come to such an attitude as above quoted?

It Has Happened Here!

But I assure you, my brethren, that such has happened! I do not here accuse any individual. I say to those concerned, look down deep into your own hearts! If the shoe fits, either put it on and wear it—INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE, TO BE BURNED!—or else REPENT before it is everlastingly TOO LATE! But to those who do *not* share this degenerated, carnal attitude, I say, "I *don't* mean you!"

But that's not all. Hear some more of this attitude into which ANY ONE OF US might degenerate, unless we are AWAKE to the *danger!*

These people, if they express how they really feel, would continue to say:

"We just want to ENJOY this fellowship and Sabbath services each Sabbath. We want it to be a *change*—a rest from our weekly work and routines—a place where we can come for diversion and ENJOYMENT, and we want it to be uplifting and encouraging, so that we can go home feeling better pleased with ourselves. We don't want a pastor getting us all upset by showing us our sins—telling us that because we were divorced and remarried we are living in adultery—telling us we are robbing God if we don't pay tithes. Why, we

don't think God would be fair if He split up families just because one member has a former, living husband or wife—and we don't want any of OUR money to go into a Work we don't consider is OUR work, and we don't want any of *our* money to go to the preacher, either. Just because it is taught from Pasadena that divorce and remarriage is adultery—just because Armstrong and his worshipers say it's a sin if we don't pay tithes—well, if we disagree with what is taught at Pasadena, that's our God-given right! We want the right to believe as we reason it out for ourselves. We want a preacher to show LOVE toward us by telling us how good we are, and sending us home better pleased with ourselves, feeling good, encouraged for the week ahead."

Perverted Love!

To these people, the minister who properly uses God's Word as God commands, to correct and reprove, is not showing love. The preacher who will twist the Word of God to lull them to sleep in their sins—actually condemning them to everlasting DEATH—is showing what *they* call love!

Some of them derive a certain satisfaction out of a disagreement with God's chosen servant. Instead of feeling guilty where the BIBLE condemns what they are doing or believing, it seemingly elevates their ego. If they can convince themselves that God's chosen servant is wrong, and they are right in various points of Scripture, then they feel superior. This helps them ride right over their sins. But they are riding straight into the jaws of ETERNAL DEATH!

We might think: "Why, that couldn't happen to any of OUR people who have heard the TRUTH!" But I assure you, brethren, it has happened already, to a small few! Thank God!—only a few!

What is God's sentence upon them? Listen!

"It is IMPOSSIBLE for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, *and have tasted the good word of God* . . . if they shall fall away, to renew them again

unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh" (Heb. 6:4-6).

Let it be a warning to ALL, and let all FEAR, and TREMBLE before the All-powerful WORD OF GOD

Why, we would not be the True Church of God, unless a few had turned away from the Truth!

It happened in the churches God raised up thru the Apostle Paul. Leaders rose up and turned brethren against Paul. To the elders from Ephesus, Paul said:

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:29-30).

It happened to Paul. It has happened in our experience. But never fear! All such shall be dealt with, by the power of God. God is showing His servants what they must do. And we shall know by the fruits—the RESULTS—whether the power and the authority of GOD in His chosen ministers is the stronger, and master of the situation, or whether perverted and disgruntled human self-will can triumph! God will DEMONSTRATE His power thru His servants! The gates of hell shall not prevail against GOD's Church!

Purpose of Churches

Brethren, if we are to continue to grow—and to grow SPIRITUALLY as well as in number—we must remember that the PURPOSE of the church is, first, to GO INTO ALL THE WORLD and preach Christ's GOSPEL. The FIRST commission to the church is just that. Anyone who looks on that great commission of Christ as "Armstrong's private work" is just not a member of GOD's ONE, True Church.

Anyone who does not have his whole heart in that Work IS NOT A MEMBER OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH, and has no right whatsoever to attend or fellowship in any of its local congregations. The very FIRST purpose, then, of each local congregation is the FIRST purpose of God's Church as a whole—to encourage, pray for, hear reports about, and help—in whatever manner may be possible—the great Work of God in

preaching and publishing the true GOSPEL to all the world.

After that comes the SECOND commission Christ gave His Church—"FEED THE FLOCK." For this purpose, GOD has set some in His Church, first, Apostles, then preachers, and then teachers, to be His instruments in feeding the local flocks each Sabbath.

No Elections or Politics

Yes, it is GOD who has set Apostles, Evangelists, Pastors and teachers in His Church. The call must come from GOD. These men are merely HIS INSTRUMENTS. He trains them and prepares them.

And WHY? TO FEED the Church of God, as Paul told the elders at Ephesus (Acts 20). "For the PERFECTING of the saints," writes Paul in Ephesians 4:12-13; "for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: TILL we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the KNOWLEDGE of the Son of God, unto a *perfect man*, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

And HOW does God instruct His ministers to preach? Does He say, "Don't tell them their sins"? Does God say to the ministers, "You are sinners yourselves, so you can't tell others their sins—instead, show love by ENCOURAGING them in their sins"?

God's Command

God commands, "CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT, . . . and SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSION."

God's instruction to ministers of local churches is this:

"I charge thee therefore before God . . . PREACH THE WORD; keep at it in season, out of season; REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT with all patience and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:1-2). He said the time would come when some in congregations ministered by GOD'S TRUE MINISTERS "will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to *themselves* teachers . . . turning away their ears from the TRUTH."

Brethren, do you realize what that means?

In God's True Church, GOD has set
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The Tithe of the Tithe

Is it NECESSARY? What is it for? How will we use it? What will it ACCOMPLISH? Is it GOD'S WAY? Here are the answers!

by Albert J. Portune

THE 1964 Feast of Tabernacles is over!!

This last year's Feast was *again* the most profitable, the most wonderful, enjoyable and thrilling Feast ever. Over TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND people attended in the three locations in the United States this year. Twenty-two thousand lives were enriched and deeply influenced by powerful messages from God's servants, by the many hours of fellowship and the unforgettable experiences that only God's Feast of Tabernacles can bring.

Planned Success

Behind the success of this year's Feast of Tabernacles there has been a monumental amount of planning, preparation and work that most of you brethren *never see*. The smooth functioning and co-ordination of the many activities and functions associated with the Feast don't JUST HAPPEN!! Only through many, many hours, days, weeks and months of diligent thought, careful planning and hard work come the smooth functioning and efficient Feasts we enjoy.

Within a few hours after the last strains of "God Be With You" echoed through the giant Tabernacle in Big Sandy, the sound of bulldozers and heavy equipment could be heard beginning the work of preparing for the 1965 Feast of Tabernacles.

Only a few moments after the last sunset at Squaw Valley painted the mountains with splashes of crimson in a blaze of glory and even while crews of diligent workmen were "wrapping up" Blyth Arena, plans and preparations for an even bigger and better Feast were under way.

Over in Jekyll Island, where a giant tent stood looking almost lonesome in the morning sun, more activities had

begun into making 1965 an even greater and more profitable Feast.

Brethren, I wonder if most of you realize how much goes into making God's Feast of Tabernacles the blessing that it is? Planning for the Feast of Tabernacles is now a YEAR-ROUND job and one that involves the expenditure of *thousands* of dollars each year.

This coming year we must plan for twenty-nine thousand! Our three locations must be improved and enlarged to accommodate this 30 per cent increase. To accomplish this is a *frightening* organizational and FINANCIAL responsibility. We must all *do our part* if next year's Feast is again going to be the "greatest ever."

Where Does the Money Come From?

In order to finance His Feasts, God has shown us how to provide the money to take care of this responsibility. He has made it a *mutual* responsibility for us all!

God has commanded us all to save a second tithe—one-tenth of our income—to come before Him and *rejoice* and to keep the FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Deut. 12:17-18). God's Feasts are *commanded assemblies* or HOLY CONVOCATIONS (Lev. 23:4).

A place to meet together—to convoke—is a vital part of the Feast of Tabernacles. These facilities in which to meet are part of our responsibility in rejoicing before Him. Therefore, using PART of our second tithe is the means God has shown us to provide these facilities.

Tithing—God's Principle

The principle of tithing—or tenths—is God's way. Therefore, if each of us *mutually* shares in providing these locations through tithing ONE-TENTH

OF OUR SECOND TITHE we are following His principle.

God has blessed His Church with a 30 per cent increase in members for many years. This phenomenal growth has in the last few years reached "snowballing" proportions. Now, *each year* there are several THOUSANDS added to the Body of Christ.

With this tremendous increase God also provided us the *way* to provide facilities and prepare for His annual Feast of Tabernacles. He has led Mr. Armstrong and those of us here at Headquarters to see that if each of us gives TEN PERCENT of his second tithe we can provide adequate facilities for all without hampering or slowing down the WORLD-WIDE Work of God.

Brethren, this is a *blessing!* We should all REJOICE that we can have a part in making it possible for multiple thousands to attend God's annual Feast of Tabernacles and rejoice before Him.

Are We Doing Our Part?

With the phenomenal growth in God's Church, we must carefully plan and accurately budget this "tithe of the tithe." This last year we carefully estimated the amount of tithe of the tithe that would come in from you brethren. We were *most conservative* in our estimates, using information from our member files and from the average income of God's people. Our conservative estimate was a tithe of the tithe income of \$300,000.

Using this figure we set up our "Feast Budget" for 1964. We carefully planned the NEEDS in each of the three areas. Every available means of providing the very most for all the brethren at the least possible cost was explored.

Then, we went to work!

We did our part here at Headquarters! From all three areas all of YOU

said it was "the greatest Feast ever" But brethren, some of YOU didn't do YOUR PART.

Now that the Feast is over, and all the figures are in, the total amount of tithe of the tithe that came in was \$265,650.

We fell \$34,350 SHORT!!

This can only mean that there were some of you who simply did not send in YOUR tithe of the tithe.

We go "ALL OUT" here at Headquarters. We work *around the calendar* planning for your convenience, comfort and benefit. This must be a "team" effort. We are all part of the one BODY of Christ. If any of the members *let down*—they let down the rest of the Body. Let's all earnestly strive to make up this deficit this coming year.

How the Money Was Spent

I have here on my desk in the Business Office in Pasadena a complete financial report and balance-sheet for the 1964 Feast of Tabernacles. I wish you could look over my shoulder for a moment and see the *tremendous* list of expenses involved in the three locations here in the U. S. A. I think you would be surprised.

Some of the many "smaller items" here on the list are: telephone service, lighting, maintenance supplies, draperies for stage, loud speaker systems, bus rentals, sanitary service, electrical supplies, rentals for wheel chairs, oxygen, first aid supplies, chairs, pianos, organs, office supplies, printing expense, transportation, flowers, fuel, tire repairs, permits, U-haul equipment and so on.

Although these are only the minor items, they still run up into the thousands of dollars. The really big items are providing for huge tents, canvas backdrops, camping and sanitary facilities, dining facilities, parking areas, etc.

In Big Sandy, Texas, this year we erected four improved and enlarged sanitary facilities at a cost of over \$100,000 alone. In addition to this, the huge "pine grove" area was completely renovated and prepared for FIVE THOUSAND campers. Extensive road paving and grading was done to provide access into the camping areas and to facilitate the movement of thousands of people. These new paved roadways

were an additional blessing in keeping down the severe dust problem resulting from the hundreds of automobiles and from the extensive foot traffic. A completely new four-lane divided entrance road was a "must" at Big Sandy to accommodate the arrival of the thousands who came.

All of these things, plus a complete new water supply system, new lighting and extensive new parking areas and many other items were provided in Big Sandy. Although considerable more was spent in Big Sandy than in the other areas, many thousands of dollars were expended in each area to make God's Festival the blessing He commands it to be. We all can certainly feel rightfully proud to have had a part in it.

Plans for Next Year

Now we are faced with the planning for 1965. We have already been at work here at Headquarters for some time planning how to make the 1965 Feast even more profitable and enjoyable for all you brethren.

This next year we anticipate TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND to attend in the three areas. The Big Sandy attendance will jump from 8,000 to 12,000! The Squaw Valley attendance will increase from 6,800 to 10,000! By taking the bulk of the increase in these two areas, we hope to hold the attendance at Jekyll Island at the 7,000 level.

Many changes, additions and improvements will be necessary to accommodate this tremendous leap in attendance. In Big Sandy, bulldozers and heavy ground-leveling equipment are already completing the work of grading and leveling the site for the HUGE tent which will accommodate TWELVE THOUSAND. This vast new tent site will soon be ready to receive the final paving with several inches of special asphalt to provide a clean and level surface for the "sea" of chairs.

The giant tent to be utilized each year will be leased from The Canvas Specialty Company of Los Angeles. One special feature of this tent is its capacity for enlargement. This tent is built in sections and can be extended to almost any length. This tent is used for huge Industrial Shows, Fairs and

other large exhibitions. Actually, we will only be using a *portion* of the total size of the tent the first year. Therefore, as we increase in Big Sandy we will simply add additional center sections up to whatever size we need.

Additional major items for Big Sandy will be to further increase the camping areas, add additional rest room and sanitary facilities, provide more parking facilities and roadways, build a new stage for the new tent, set up kitchen facilities to convert the Big Tabernacle into a dining hall and many, many other smaller items.

In Squaw Valley, in order to accommodate the TEN THOUSAND who will attend there, we have had The Canvas Specialty Company work out a tent design to extend Blyth Arena an additional 120 feet in the rear. This will enable us to swing the two large bleacher sections out to the sides and move the stage nearly 100 feet back to the end of the tent. Utilizing the two bleacher sections and by setting up additional hundreds of chairs, we can increase the capacity of Blyth Arena to ELEVEN THOUSAND. This special tent will cost several thousands of dollars over a period of three years.

Jekyll Island will remain essentially the same for 1965. Yet, both at Jekyll Island and at Squaw Valley there will be many smaller changes and innovations which will require additional expense.

Brethren, these items will cost a considerable sum of money. Yet, we are saving multiple thousands of dollars in working out these tent facilities over the cost of erecting permanent facilities.

This is how the money is being spent!

Tithe of the Tithe Just Enough

As carefully and as wisely as we are able to estimate and project expenses over the years ahead, we *will* be able to continue providing facilities for the burgeoning growth of God's Church through the tithe of the tithe from God's people. But, God has given us ONLY what we need, and it is going to take every resource at our disposal to continue to make these great Feasts

a joy and blessing as they have always been.

BUT YOU MUST DO YOUR PART!!

ALL OF YOU BRETHREN should send in your tithe of the tithe (10 per cent of your second tithe) *as soon as possible*. The planning and work for the Feast is already well under way. As I mentioned before, the planning for these Feasts is a year-round undertaking.

Each of you should *estimate* the amount of your second tithe for the *whole year* and send immediately 10 per cent of that figure from the second tithe you have already set aside.

For example, if you estimate your second tithe for the period from this last Feast until the 1965 Feast to be—let's say \$500—then, you should *immediately* send 10 per cent of that, or \$50, from the second tithe you have already set aside.

If, at the end of the period you have *underestimated* your second tithe and the total for the year will be *more* than \$500, you may send in the 10 per cent of the additional amount toward the *end* of the year.

If you find later you have *overestimated*, you may write and we will refund any overage you may have sent if you so desire.

Some few of you may have to send in partial amounts from time to time "as you go" because it is impossible to estimate your income for the year.

An Accurate Budget

By receiving your tithe of the tithe *now*, we will be better able to anticipate the total income. We will be able to carefully and accurately budget the tithe of the tithe for the year. Also, we will be able to GO TO WORK NOW to begin these projects and to PREPARE for the 1965 Feast.

Looking Ahead

The 1965 Feast attendance will be TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND. In 1966, the attendance will *leap* to over THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND.

In 1966, we expect to expand facilities to *still* accommodate everyone in the three present locations. Attendance will jump to SIXTEEN THOUSAND at Big Sandy in an even larger and more monstrous tent.

Squaw Valley will reach maximum capacity of ELEVEN THOUSAND. Jekyll Island will be jammed full with TEN THOUSAND attending in an even larger tent there.

By 1967 attendance will have reached the staggering figure of over FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND.

In 1967 we must provide location NUMBER FOUR! But, we must plan for it NOW. We are planning in our *tithe of the tithe budget* a RESERVE for area NUMBER FOUR! By setting aside a portion of the tithe of the tithe income over the next three years we will be able to provide this FOURTH location.

As God leads us, we plan to purchase a tract of ground in a pre-selected area on which we will erect a kitchen unit and necessary sanitary facilities. Then, utilizing these huge tents for auditoriums and smaller tents for dining halls, we will be able to provide a FOURTH Feast facility for 1967.

By 1971—based on our record of 30

per cent increase each year Feast attendance may reach ONE-HUNDRED-FORTY THOUSAND. Yet, we have already planned ahead and projected the TITHE OF THE TITHE INCOME forward through these years. If all of us do our part we will have TEN such areas across the country with *tens of thousands* of God's people in each place rejoicing before God and *keeping* the FEAST OF TABERNACLES.

We can do it all from the TITHE OF THE TITHE if we are all diligent and co-operate 100 per cent in this TEAM effort. In the meantime our COMMISSION to preach the Gospel to the world as a witness will go on *unhindered* in ever-increasing POWER.

Brethren, this is OUR JOB! This is OUR WORK! This is OUR RESPONSIBILITY!

Let's all DO OUR PART. Let's also try to make up the deficit from this last Feast. And, above all, let's all PRAY EARNESTLY for this phase and ALL PHASES of God's great Work.

What Our Readers Say . . .

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service on Saturday, I felt like lying down and going to sleep. When I came out, I was wide awake and I hadn't been sleeping. You people certainly preach to keep one alert. It is the first time this has happened to me at a church service. I usually came out yawning my head off."

Lady from Ontario, Canada

Buffalo Church

"Tomorrow we will be privileged to attend Sabbath services in Buffalo for the first time. We are most thankful to God for this. We have been praying for it since our baptism in 1958 and we know God does hear our prayers."

Mrs. Cyril H., New York

Some Comments on The Feast of Tabernacles

"I appreciate the friendliness and thoughtfulness of the many brethren I met, especially Mr. May, who is a Deacon and straightened out my bus ticket; Mrs. Zebrowski, who was very thoughtful and made my first Feast truly memorable by buying me an

Envoy, taking me to Bacchi's for dinner, plus doing many other good deeds; Miss Marlys Jantz baby-sat for me and showed my two children a wonderful time; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson took us for a ride to see Lake Tahoe and bought us supper at a small cafe. There were many others who helped us, visited with us, and were very good to us. After fellowshiping with all the West Coast brethren, it is easier to visualize what the World Tomorrow will really be like and to pray for God's Kingdom to come soon. Please know that I am truly grateful to all who turned in excess second tithe which paid for our Feast."

Hemietta K., North Dakota

• *Even our light to our fellow brethren is important—read Matthew 25:34-40.*

"Home again after a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles. Yes, and we were all able to go. I must tell you how God made it possible. After I had asked my husband if we could go and he said, 'Not unless we get the crop off, but you and Frances can go anyway.' I be-

gan to pray for fair harvest weather so that we all could go. The fair weather didn't come. About two weeks before we were to leave it came to me I was praying wrongly for I was putting harvest before God's command. I told my husband this changed my prayer. Almost immediately the weather changed and even though the weather man forecast rain, it didn't. One night it looked like rain so we worked until three in the morning. The next morning was sunny again, but it changed the wind to the east and every sign said rain would come so we worked without a stop until eleven that night. Well, we had all off but ten or fifteen acres before we left. Maybe this experience of how God makes things work when we obey Him first will help someone else. We are all hoping to go again next year anyway."

Lady from Saskatchewan, Canada

"The Feast of Tabernacles was the best ever this year. We were overjoyed that you and Mrs. Armstrong could be with us three days. My wife was just beaming as she came out of a store saying, 'I just talked with Mrs. Armstrong.' The whole Feast was made perfect when Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong sang for all of us."

Clayton E. S., New Hampshire

"My husband has been unemployed since March 10. This is tithe for his first (\$45.00) check. He junked old cars to get funds for the Feast. We sold timbers off our property to buy the tent and camping gear. We used home-canned goods from our own garden for food. It was our first Feast. Marvelous! Breath-taking! We can hardly wait for next year. When we returned home my husband had a job waiting for him. God does take care of us."

Mrs. Edgar W. S., Oregon

"Our tithe check this week is somewhat larger than normal. The week before we left for the Feast my husband asked his employer for his two weeks' vacation pay in advance so we could pay our bills before we left. They usually don't like to do this but said 'Fine' this time. Well, the first pay day

after the Feast my husband received a very large check which included another week's vacation pay. He took it back and asked to talk to the bookkeeper. He was called into the office, and with the extra check and the stubs from the previous vacation checks, tried to explain what had happened. No one in the office would accept responsibility for the error. My husband kept trying to explain to them until he felt the bookkeeper was beginning to think he was a complete idiot. There was nothing to do but accept the full amount very gratefully as a gift from God. We are expecting our third child in December and weren't looking forward to having to pay the doctor bill. Now our Father has so graciously supplied the full amount for the doctor plus more. And that is why our weekly tithe is larger this week—it includes our regular tithe, the tithe of the extra vacation pay and a special offering to thank God for the wonderful way He cares for His Church."

Mrs. Raymond A., Oregon

"Starting this week I am raising my pledge 50 cents per week. God has blessed me again for the third time in 6 months with a 10-cent-per-hour raise. This is more than most companies get when they strike seeking a pay raise for a three- or four-year period. We were also able to move 120 miles closer to the Minneapolis church in our third tithe year."

Russel E., Minnesota

"We had a wonderful Feast in Northern Wales. The accommodations were the best thus far and we had wonderful sermons brought to us by the ministers. There was one colored lady who lives in Meinheim, Germany, where her husband is stationed in the army, who really had the zeal to make it to the Feast. She wasn't allowed to enter the waiting room where we were waiting for the plane, so she missed the flight. Then she drove all the way to Prestatyn; just she and her small six year old daughter, driving during the day only, since she can not do night driving. I believe she was baptized while at the Feast."

Sgt. & Mrs. D. G. B., New York

"I was blessed by being allowed to attend the Feast of Tabernacles recently. I wish I could personally thank each one who put all his effort into organizing and planning it. While there, I got acquainted with several students from Ambassador College. One would have to search long and hard to find a more wholesome, intelligent, alert, and well-balanced group of young people."

Orland S., Washington

Thy Kingdom Come

"I have read '1975 in Prophecy.' I am 13 years old and I want to be baptized before the disaster comes. I have polio and I know what suffering is. I don't want to starve to death or die in any torture chamber. I can't wait until I am 25; there isn't time. I haven't been baptized. I am allowed in water but I must go in on a stretcher. I have asked God to give me understanding and wisdom. My mom helped me, but my dad would rather smoke, drink beer and watch the trash on T.V., than face the future. I need God desperately."

Larry G., Pennsylvania

Sabbath Blessing

"In my letter of September the 9th I reported 'I was not afraid of rejecting the employment on the dairy farm, for I trust in God and have given my life into His hands.' I can see now, with clarity, that God intervened in my situation—perhaps He wanted me to keep that job. Only six days after I had resigned, the same boss pleaded with me to return to his premises and stay this time there and work for him a long time. He consented to my requests of keeping the Sabbath and of avoiding pork with my meal; (now they even cook beef for me when they eat pork!)"

Man from B. C., Canada

Boy Sends Tithe

"I have been saving tithe money for the past two years from odd jobs I have had. Enclosed is \$105.52 which belongs to God."

Boy from Kentucky

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Why Should You Fast?

Do you know why YOU need to fast—and fast often? Why does God enjoin fasting on His people? How should you fast—and what are the pitfalls you should avoid? Your salvation may depend on the answers!

by William F. Dankenbring

TO MANY people in the world, "fast" is merely the opposite of "slow"! They do not know what it MEANS to voluntarily "fast" or "go without food or water" for a certain length of time. Such an idea would sound absurd—incredible—like the foolish, wild-eyed ravings of a fanatic!

If you told a worldly acquaintance you were going to *fast*—go without food or drink for a few days—that person would think you'd "gone off your rocker!" "Why, don't be crazy," he would likely exclaim. "You'll STARVE to death!"

Which goes to show how IGNORANT this world IS, of the way of God and the plain teachings of the Bible!

God's Command—Fast!

On one day in the year, God absolutely commands His people to FAST. We read, "Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls . . . And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be CUT OFF from among his people . . . It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and YE SHALL AFFLICT YOUR SOULS: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath" (Lev. 23:27-32).

Notice! God's people were commanded by a "Thus saith the Lord" to "afflict your souls" one day of the year—the DAY OF ATONEMENT! What does it mean to "afflict the soul"?

David knew. He declared, "But as

for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled [afflicted marginal reading] my soul with FASTING" (Ps. 35:13). He also declared, "When I wept, and CHASTENED MY SOUL WITH FASTING, that was to my reproach [from the world]" (Ps. 69:10).

To "afflict one's soul" was to FAST—to abstain from all food or drink. Luke, the author of the book of Acts, knew the Day of Atonement was a day of fasting—he called it "the fast" (Acts 27:9).

Anyone who did not FAST upon this solemn day was "CUT OFF" from among the congregation.

But this is not the ONLY command God gives His people to fast! We read in the New Testament, that Jesus Christ went into the wilderness and fasted for forty days and nights (Matt. 4:1-4). He fasted to draw close to God the Father and receive SPIRITUAL STRENGTH from Him. He fasted so that He would be able to withstand Satan the devil when he came around, tempting Him.

The Apostle Paul shows that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). If He fasted when He trod the dusty roads of Palestine, then, He will be fasting TODAY, in you, if He lives in you!

Since Jesus fasted, 1900 years ago, and since Christians are those who follow Jesus' example, they will fast TODAY! (1 Pet. 2:21). He that says he abides in Christ, ". . . ought himself also so to walk, EVEN AS HE WALKED" (1 John 2:6). Therefore, he ought to FAST!

Christ Taught Fasting

What did Jesus Christ say about fasting? Did He say it was important? Or

did He pass it off as meaningless, insignificant?

Notice! The first mention of fasting in the New Testament, other than the actual example set by Jesus Christ, is found in the "sermon on the mount." Jesus TAUGHT His disciples, "Moreover, WHEN YE FAST, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which SEETH in secret, shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:16-18).

Jesus TAUGHT His disciples to FAST. He gave them clear-cut, concise instructions as to HOW to fast. He did not say, "If, sometime, you think you want to fast"—He stated, "WHEN YOU FAST"! He knew His true followers would be fasting!

Yet, the disciples of John didn't see Jesus' disciples fasting. They wondered why. They asked Him, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?"

Jesus replied, "Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the DAYS WILL COME, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and THEN SHALL THEY FAST" (Matt. 9:14-15).

Example of the Early Church

The early New Testament Church of God was a *fasting* church. And it was filled with spiritual POWER! "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and

Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, AND FASTED, the Holy Ghost [Spirit] said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. *And when they had FASTED AND PRAYED*, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:1-3).

Notice also Acts 14:23. "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, *and had prayed* WITH FASTING, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed."

In his instructions to the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul also showed that God's people would be a *fasting* people. He instructed husbands and wives, "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may GIVE YOURSELVES to *fasting and prayer*; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency" (I Cor. 7:5). As the Moffatt translation explains, Paul was instructing husbands and wives not to withhold sexual intercourse from each other, except it be with consent, in order to devote themselves to prayer and fasting.

Paul himself set an example in spiritual fasting. In recounting his harrowing exploits as a minister of God, he related, "In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, IN FASTINGS OFTEN, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches" (II Cor. 11:27-28).

But why? Why should a Christian FAST? Why did Christ fast? Why did the Apostle Paul fast? *Why should YOU fast?*

What Fasting Is

Fasting is, undoubtedly, a "painful" experience. It requires self-discipline and will-power—in other words, *character*—to prod yourself to FAST. It is not easy. It is totally contrary to human nature!

Yet, the Bible shows that fasting is VERY IMPORTANT in God's sight! It is not merely painful abstinence in order to please a harsh, unyielding, monster god who relishes seeing people suf-

fer! Fasting—doing *without any food or water* (Jonah 3:7)—teaches a VITAL, priceless spiritual lesson!

It not only teaches—it *drives home* the tremendous lesson God is teaching! It makes you FEEL it—in your head, your stomach which seems to stretch against your backbone, your arms, your legs—YOUR *WHOLE BEING!*

If you have ever fasted for a day or more, you have noticed how WEAK your body becomes. The strength seems to drain away, out of your body. The energy and forcefulness evaporates into nothingness. Yet, after many of the poisons leave your system, your mind becomes clear and sharp.

Your whole body *cries out* for food water something to eat or drink! You HUNGER! You experience a deep *thirst!*

But in the meantime, you learn a vital lesson. What *is* this great lesson?

David expressed it when he said, "I HUMBLED my soul with fasting."

WHY Fast?

When you fast, you learn how weak, insignificant, useless—utterly *worthless*—you, yourself, are. You learn how LITTLE and weak you are of your OWN strength. Your pride is toppled, your vanity is burst, your self-esteem is shattered. The facade is stripped away—and YOU *are laid bare!* Exposed! Just you.

It is a *humbling* experience. You learn humility. You learn that you are merely a very physical human being. You are not nearly so "impressive" as you thought you were! In fact, you are just a big windbag, a hulk of cringing human *flesh—of your own self.*

Without fasting, you may *mentally* admit that you are not much. But you don't really comprehend it—you *don't FEEL it!* You don't SEE how really weak and insignificant you ARE, until you begin to do without food or drink for a period of time. *Then* the lesson is driven home—right into the pit of your stomach!

Not only do you learn how weak and worthless YOU are, when you fast—but you are made aware of the greatness of God. You learn how much you

NEED HIM—you begin to see how greatly you must rely upon Him, and receive of HIS strength. You realize you have no strength of your own, but GOD is the source of ALL POWER, all might—the source of *the miracle-working POWER of His Holy Spirit!* His Spirit is the SPIRIT OF POWER and strength (Eph. 6:10; II Tim. 1:6-7).

Being human, as long as you feel strong and sufficient of yourself, you will by nature trust in yourself. God is not so *important* to you.

But when you FAST, God becomes VERY important! You begin to feel in your innermost being how much you NEED and DEPEND UPON *God.* Fasting brings you to grips with REALITY. You see—and *feel*—yourself as you REALLY ARE. You are brought face to face with your dependence *in everything* upon your Heavenly Father!

Fasting Brings You Closer to God!

Notice a few examples from God's Word.

Ahab was certainly one of the most wicked men who have ever lived. The Bible records of him, "But there was *none like unto Ahab*, which did *sell himself* to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up" (I Kings 21:25).

Because of his wickedness, Elijah the Prophet was sent to warn him of the punishment God was going to bring upon his house (Verses 17-24). When Ahab heard these words, he was frightened—*terrified.* "And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, AND FASTED, and lay in sackcloth, *and went softly* [displaying regret even in his gait]" (Verse 27).

God saw Ahab's repentant actions, his regret, and his fasting. God said to Elijah, "Seest thou how Ahab HUMBLETH himself before me? because he HUMBLETH *himself before me*, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house" (Verse 29).

Because Ahab sincerely humbled himself and *fasted* before God, the

punishment God inspired was postponed until after Ahab's death!

God's Deliverance

Another example is that of King Jehoshaphat. A huge heathen host menacingly approached Jerusalem to do battle. What was Jehoshaphat's reaction? Did he trust in his *own* military might, as the United States would do, today, if attacked?

"And Jehoshaphat feared, and SET HIMSELF TO SEEK THE LORD, and proclaimed a FAST throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: *even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD*" (II Chron. 20:1-4).

Jehoshaphat did not know what to do. He took his problem to God WITH PRAYER AND FASTING. All Judah sought God, and fasted.

The King prayed, "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; *neither know we what to do*: BUT OUR EYES ARE UPON THEE" (Verse 12).

God answered through His Prophet, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; FOR THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S . . . Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, *stand ye still*, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD WITH YOU, O Judah and Jerusalem . . ." (Verses 15-17).

God supernaturally intervened and wrought a great miracle that day. He saved Jehoshaphat and the people who sought Him and fasted! He supernaturally interposed Himself on their behalf. The foreign armies fell upon each other and *destroyed themselves!*

How about YOU? When YOU are faced with a seemingly insurmountable problem, what do you do with it? Do you attempt to fight it upon your own tiny strength? *Or do you seek God by prayer and fasting?* Do you FAST, and commit your problems into God's powerful hands?

God is no respecter of persons. He will intervene for YOU as much as for King Jehoshaphat of Judah. If you humble yourself by prayer and fasting,

you *also* will see your problems "fall upon each other" and destroy themselves!

But you need to *seek God by FASTING!* You need to *fast AND PRAY!*

Some More Examples

Ezra, another man of God, knew the value of FASTING. When he and many of the children of Judah were about to return from Babylon, he realized that many perils lay in his path. He was frightened lest enemies fall upon his defenseless group, slay them, and scatter them to the winds.

He declared, "Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, *The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him*; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. So we FASTED and besought our God for this; and he was INTREATED OF US" (Ez. 8:21-23).

God heard them and delivered them. He saw how sincere they were—He saw their "fruits" by their PRAYER and FASTING—and He safeguarded them and protected them!

This example is in God's Word for YOUR benefit (Rom. 15:4.)! Are you following it?

Daniel was another who knew the value of fasting. He declared, "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by PRAYER AND SUPPLICATIONS, WITH FASTING, and sackcloth, and ashes" (Dan. 9:3). He acknowledged the sin, the wickedness, the evil committed by Judah. He confessed his sins and the sins of the people, and claimed God's mercies and forgivenesses (Verse 9). When his fervent prayer was ended, the archangel Gabriel came to him and explained when transgression and sin would be finished, when everlasting righteousness would be ushered in (Verse 24).

Later, Daniel was told, "O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the

words that I speak unto thee . . . Fear not, Daniel: for *from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand*, and to CHASTEN THYSELF before thy God, thy words were heard . . ." (Dan. 10:11-12).

Daniel FASTED and prayed. He was "greatly beloved." From the time he began chastening himself by fasting and seeking God, his prayers were HEARD!

Are YOU following his example? Perhaps *this* is why YOUR prayers, or many of them, seem to bounce off the ceiling and *are not heard!*

The Purpose of Fasting

As Christians, we need to fast. There is no excuse for being derelict in this duty and failing to obey God. God's servants have always been FASTING servants! Fasting has often changed their lives. It has *literally* CHANGED EVENTS! Many times God has miraculously INTERVENED because His people fasted!

They humbled themselves, abased themselves—admitted that they were insufficient of themselves. They EXTOLLED God's greatness, His divine might and power, and DEPENDED UPON HIM. They admitted their carnality, their wickedness and guiltiness—*they fasted and REPENTED* of their sins!

As a result, God heard them and SUPERNATURALLY DELIVERED THEM!

What about YOU?

If you have not been fasting, no wonder your life lacks *spiritual impact*. No wonder you have been bogging down in countless problems, trials, difficulties, frustrations! If you have not been drawing CLOSE TO GOD by afflicting yourself and FASTING, as Jesus Christ COMMANDS you to do, is it any wonder you have not been growing spiritually, overcoming yourself, conquering your human nature, learning to submit to the WILL OF GOD, or been receiving of the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT to zealously serve God? Is it any wonder, then, why YOU have been a spiritual *weakling* rather than a spiritual MIGHTY MAN OF VALOR?

Now you have been exhorted—ad-

monished—and warned. You have only yourself to blame if you fail to obey God!

God exhorts YOU, in His Word, "Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with *all your heart, and with FASTING*, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is *gracious and merciful, slow to anger*, and of GREAT KINDNESS, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and LEAVE A BLESSING behind him..." (Joel 2:12-14).

How Not to Fast!

One caution needs to be made plain, so that when you fast, it will *not* be IN VAIN. God warned ancient Israel, "Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, *did ye at all fast unto me*, even to me? And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?" (Zech. 7:5-6).

Fasting for VANITY is useless! Fasting—yet not having your *heart* set on returning to God and drawing near to Him—is futile. Fasting in order to drive a "bargain" with God—fasting in order to try to bend God to YOUR way of thinking, in order to get your own way or your own *will* about some matter is an ABOMINATION!

Such a fast will do you no good whatsoever!

Hypocritical fasting—fasting to be seen of *men*—is loathsome *in God's sight*. God will turn away from fasting in such a self-righteous attitude. It is NOT well pleasing to Him!

God commands His ministers to cry aloud, warning His people of their sins. Speaking of His people, God says, "Yet they seek me *daily*, and *delight* to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in *APPROACHING* to God" (Isa. 58:2).

But, with many, it is a hypocritical parade—a self-righteous display—a

"holier than thou" approach. *It is not sincere REPENTANCE from the heart*, a sincere CHASTENING of the self!

Such people exclaim, "Wherefore have we fasted, say they, *and thou seest not?* wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge?" (Isa. 58:3). God replies, "Behold, *in the day of your fast* YE FIND PLEASURE, and exact all your labours [griefs, or things wherewith ye grieve others]."

God continues, "Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the FIST OF WICKEDNESS: ye shall NOT fast as ye do this day, *to make your voice to be heard on high*" (Verse 4).

Such a fast is futile—VAIN!

God declares, "Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? *wilt thou call this a fast*, and an acceptable day to the LORD?"

Fasting for penance—merely as an act of contrition and suffering to get God to *notice* you—is loathsome to God. Such insincere and self-righteous fasting is nothing more than ghastly, gruesome VANITY!

God explains, "Is not *this* the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"

"Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry [do your part in God's Work so the gospel can go forth to *hungering* souls around the world!], and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" (Verses 5-7).

This is the kind of fast God desires—a sincere, humble, *self-searching* fast, striving to root out sin and wrongdoing and drawing *close* to God.

God declares that IF WE FAST *with the RIGHT ATTITUDE*, "Then shall thy light break forth as the *morning*, and thine *health* shall spring forth speedily: and thy *righteousness* shall go before thee; the GLORY OF THE LORD shall be thy reward [re-ward or protection]."

"THEN SHALT THOU CALL, AND

THE LORD SHALL ANSWER: thou shalt cry, and he shall say, *Here I am*. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, *and speaking vanity*; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: *And the LORD shall GUIDE THEE CONTINUALLY, and satisfy thy soul* in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not" (Verses 8-11).

That kind of fasting is worthwhile! It is WELL-PLEASING to God!

How Long? And When?

How long should you fast? Generally speaking, fasting for spiritual benefit may be from one to three days. If the problem is serious, or the need *urgent*, it would not be wrong to fast longer. But in the case of longer fasts, great care needs to be maintained!

The Bible does not set any time limits to fasting. The self-righteous Pharisees fasted two days in the week, one day at a time. Of course, the day of Atonement is a DAY-LONG fast, from sunset to sunset.

David fasted for seven days when his child by Bathsheba was sick unto death (II Sam. 12:16-18), doing without any nourishment of any kind until the child died. But this was a very SERIOUS MATTER. David had committed an *enormous* sin in God's sight! He knew he had to *TOTALLY repent*, have his heart cleaned up, and get right with GOD (Ps. 51:1-19).

Moses, Elijah, and Christ Himself are the only three examples in the Bible where a servant of God fasted for *forty* days. They had very *special* missions to perform! Such fasting most definitely is NOT recommended for *you!*

Generally, one to three days fasting is enough, for spiritual reasons.

But, then, *WHEN* should you fast?

A one-day fast may be taken any time during the week. If your work is arduous and you feel fasting would unnecessarily hinder you, perhaps Sunday would be a good time.

Often, it is more convenient to fast over the week-end, if you contemplate a three-day fast. Many of God's ministers have said a fast from Friday thru Sunday is a good time, since it does not generally interfere greatly with your work. And, also, on the week-end you will have *more time* to study the Bible, draw close to God, and PRAY. Thus, this would be a particularly recommended time.

One caution needs to be observed. Since the Sabbath is a holy day of God, a FEAST Day, it is not generally advisable to spend the Sabbath fasting. On rare occasion it would be permissible, especially if the spiritual problem is URGENT. However, since the Sabbath is a Feast, fasting should NOT be a constant routine during that time.

If you think you may desire to fast for longer than three days, it would be good to seek wise counsel prior to attempting such a lengthy fast. A minister would be able to consult with you and advise you properly.

For further information on HOW to fast, and fasting for physical reasons of health, be sure to read Mr. Armstrong's article "Fasting for Health." It will explain these principles to you.

Fast for Spiritual Power

When did you last fast? Was it on the Day of Atonement? Do YOU only fast "once a year"—the day God commands it?

If so, you are only kidding yourself—you are not fooling God. He knows how spiritually WEAK you are! And He knows what you probably *don't realize*—that if you don't *repent*, and GROW, you will not make it into God's Kingdom!

It is that serious!

The longer you go without fasting, the further you drift away from a close contact with God. The more *blind* you become to His reality—His presence—His great POWER! The weaker you become spiritually!

You need to FAST! You need to draw close to God and seek His face in *fasting and prayer!*

If you fast and draw close to God, depending on Him and acknowledging your NEED for Him, He will turn to you and strengthen you, and *fill you*

with His Holy Spirit! He will give you the SPIRIT OF POWER, LOVE AND A SOUND MIND (II Tim. 1:7). He will give you the Spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, humility, faith, self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

God will INSPIRE you with His Holy Spirit. Even while you are doing *without* physical food, you will be receiving SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT. Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, *out of his belly shall flow RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.* (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive...)" (John 7:37-39). "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are LIFE" (John 6:63).

By fasting, you recharge your spiritual batteries. You receive spiritual *power!* At one point during His ministry, a man came to Jesus' disciples and asked them to cast a demon out of his son. They could not do it. But when Jesus Himself appeared on the scene, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying, "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him" (Mark 9:25). The evil spirit left him.

Later, the disciples wondered why *they* had not been able to cast this wicked spirit out. Jesus replied to them, "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by PRAYER AND FASTING" (Verse 29).

Because Jesus was close to the Father in prayer and fasting, He received spiritual POWER to cast out this particularly obstinate and rebellious foul spirit! Yet, Jesus Himself said, "I can of mine own self do nothing" (John 5:30). But He added, "...the Father that dwelleth in me, *he doeth the works*" (John 14:10).

Jesus received power from God the Father to do mighty works, miracles, and accomplish the Work of God! He fasted and prayed.

You ALSO can receive that spiritual power and strength. By drawing close to God in prayer and *fasting*, you can receive new vigor, enthusiasm, spiritual steadfastness and staying power! Fast-

ing can CHANGE your approach to God, broaden your horizons, fill you with greater FAITH. Fasting will not only cause you to feel more *thankful* for the blessings of God—the little things like food and drink—but it can change your entire approach and OUTLOOK! It can literally alter and change your whole life!

When you draw close to God in fasting, the tenacious grip of the lusts of the flesh and the pride of life will lose its strength. You will leave the well-worn rut in which you have been constantly plodding along! Your attention will not be centered, focused on SELF.

Do you want God to intervene on YOUR behalf? Do you want to receive MORE of the Holy Spirit? Do you desire to have close, intimate contact with your Heavenly Father, who bestows every good and perfect gift?

Do you desire to have greater spiritual POWER AND IMPACT in your personal life? Do you want to be FILLED with the Spirit of God—the Spirit of love, POWER, and sound-mindedness?

Do you desire to WALK WITH GOD?

Fast Soon!

Then follow the examples set for you in God's Word! Seek God by chastening and humbling yourself before Him in prayer and fasting! Remember the examples of Moses, David, Jehoshaphat and ancient Judah, Ezra and Daniel. Remember the New Testament examples of Christ and Paul! Remember the very words of Jesus Christ, speaking of His followers:

"Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. *But the days will come*, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, *and THEN SHALL THEY FAST in those days*" (Mark 2:19-20).

If you will obey Christ, and seek God by fasting often, your life will be CHANGED! You will be blessed beyond your ability to comprehend! You will be blessed with spiritual strength, closeness to God, and dynamic spiritual *power!*

MOVE TO HEADQUARTERS?

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continues to be one of the *highest* for all areas in the nation.

Since they are unable to enroll their children in Imperial Schools they must put them in the public schools. The *public schools* here are as *bad* as in any other big city in the United States. With increasing problems the family who was filled with hope for a more abundant life begins to experience the pangs of despair. Problems multiply as their spiritual life is affected by their poor surroundings and living conditions.

What if You Are Out of Work?

What should you do when you find yourself out of work? First, take time to think! Evaluate your abilities and your responsibilities. Look to the problem at hand *realistically*. *Seek wise counsel*. Don't decide that Headquarters is the place to solve all your problems. The ministers in your area are there to help you when you are in need. Don't neglect this valuable counsel!

If we need you to work for the press or the construction and maintenance crews, or on any other job, we will come to you! We will be looking for *skilled* workers who are **ALREADY HOLDING DOWN GOOD JOBS**. We will be looking for men *who can think and act wisely*. Men that are able to produce *quality* work and properly manage and care for their families.

Our Advice to You

Our advice to you, if you are thinking of moving to Headquarters, is to *stay right where you are* and continue to *increase your skills* in the field for which you are best suited, and above all, to continue to grow spiritually in grace and in knowledge (see II Pet. 3:18).

Many others have done this and have been richly blessed for their efforts in being used directly in God's Work when the *need* for their services arose. They were much better prepared to *serve*, because they had used the intervening time to the best advantage. They had also enjoyed the

blessing of better jobs, because their ability was continually increasing. Whatever they found to do, they did it with all their might (see Eccl. 9:10).

Trained Personnel Needed

As you probably already know, most of our employees are supplied by Ambassador College. One of the purposes for founding the college was to provide *trained* personnel for the continued expansion of God's Work in this endtime period. By employing students we are able to observe their character outside the classroom and give them additional training that will help fit them for important jobs in the future. The student is benefited by being able to earn part of his education and at the same time benefit the Work of God.

Occasionally there are needs of additional personnel in excess of those trained here at Ambassador College. However, these job openings usually occur in the *specialized fields*, such as our recent need for pressmen expanding Ambassador College Press. At the present time we are adequately staffed in most respects. In addition, Mr. Armstrong has directed that employment be held at *last year's level wherever possible*.

You can see that the prospects for your finding work here at Headquarters is rather small, even if you are skilled. *How much less if you are unskilled* in a trade! If you really feel that you can help by working directly in God's Work, write and ask for a work application. After you return it, we will evaluate your abilities and our needs.

The Kind of Men We Look For

As the work grows we do search for competent personnel for the various technical jobs and professions for which our students are not trained or qualified. When we have your application on file and a job opening occurs we examine your application in detail.

If it looks like you may qualify, then we contact your minister and investigate to determine if you are capable, can you hold a job, how is your **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**, your *attitude*, do you *take correction*, do you properly

manage your family, can you be *dependent* upon, do you produce *quality* work, do you act with wisdom or do you go off the deep end with just half the facts, and lastly, *would the move to Headquarters be good for you and your family?*

What if You Can't Find Work in Your Area?

If you are out of work and find it impossible to locate work in the community in which you are now living, *don't make a move* before you counsel with someone who knows the job potential in the area that you are considering. Then go investigate **BEFORE** you move your family. Read the various reprint articles on how to get and hold a job. When you find the right working and living conditions, and have landed a job, then you can send for your family.

Act wisely and you will reap the benefits. Act quickly and foolishly, without forethought, and you will probably end in despair.

Remember, *Headquarters isn't Utopia!* It isn't the place where all problems miraculously vanish. No one should plan on moving to this area unless he has followed the foregoing advice—and after *proper counsel* and evaluation it is determined that this would be the best move.

Where the Kingdom Will Be

Above all, learn to be *content where you are!* Too many chase rainbows looking for the pot of gold, only to find it is in their own backyard! After all, you are promised the greatest gift of all—the *Kingdom of God!* The Apostle Paul learned this lesson, he learned to be content in whatever state he found himself (Phil. 4:11). He was content to seek the Kingdom with all fervor no matter in which area he found himself!

Study and learn where Christ will set up His Kingdom and how you can be a part of this *everlasting Kingdom* that will wipe away all tears and bring peace and joy to this sick and dying world! This should be your goal, to serve in that Kingdom. The Headquarters of the soon-coming Kingdom, the World Tomorrow, is not going to be in Pasadena!

HELP GOD'S WORK

With nearly half-a-million names and addresses on file at Headquarters, it is necessary to have a system to keep track of them. You can help us in keeping these files accurate by following the requirements explained in this brief article.

THE WORK of God is being burdened with unnecessary expenses, wasted man-hours and subjection to unnecessary persecution! This is caused by the carelessness and negligence of many of you in the way you correspond with Headquarters.

An Example

Many times a member will move to a new address and fail to send us his old address as well as the new one. As a result we often cannot find the old address card in our files, because our files are not in order alphabetically by name but are in order by ZIP CODE number to comply with postal regulations. Therefore, the old address card remains in our files as well as the card which we type for the new address. You receive your GOOD NEWS, PLAIN TRUTH and letters, but another copy is also delivered to your former address.

This waste costs the Work of God extra money.

It is in this way that *The GOOD NEWS*, member letters and Co-Worker letters often fall into the hands of persons who are antagonistic toward Mr. Armstrong, *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and the Church of God. This causes unnecessary persecution toward God's Work. In addition, some of you fail to notify us at all of your change of address, and your literature is returned to Headquarters each month. This costs God's Work additional money for return postage.

What YOU Should Do

When you move to a new address, you must write us promptly and tell us your OLD ADDRESS as well as your NEW ADDRESS. As our files are in order by ZIP CODE number, you must always include your old ZIP

CODE number—so we can pull your card from the file—AND your new ZIP CODE number so we can put a new card in the file for you.

If you have an apartment or room number, be sure to include it in your address. This insures delivery to you. We will not send you back issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *GOOD NEWS* or letters if mail is undelivered to you because of your neglect to inform us promptly and properly of any changes in your address. Often receipts we send you for money you send in are lost because of this same negligence. You need these receipts for your income tax returns, since we no longer send you annual receipts at the end of the year unless they are specially requested.

How to Write Your Address

The way you write your return address on the tithes and offerings you send in also causes God's Work difficulty. Often you write only your name. This is especially true on Holy Day offerings, and too often it is written so hurriedly we cannot tell who it is.

To insure that your tithes and offerings are always credited correctly to your account, you should always PRINT (not write) your FIRST and LAST name, street address, city, state and ZIP CODE number on everything you send in to Headquarters or on any contributions you make during the Holy Days.

You must also print your name the same way each time you write us. For example, we often have a man on file by his name, such as John Jones. Then one day we receive a contribution from Mary Jones who lives at the same address. Mary could be John's wife, but she could also be his sister, his daugh-

ter, his mother, or his aunt or even no relation to him at all. We have no way of identifying her. You must print your name the same way each time you send in, to be sure all your tithes and offerings are properly recorded, and you should always put complete names, addresses and ZIP CODES on ALL correspondence with Headquarters.

Any partial, incomplete or illegible names and addresses cost God's Work time and money and may cause you to lose literature or receipts.

Often those of you who marry fail to send us the former name of the bride, the name of the husband and your former addresses as well as your new address. You must send us the maiden name and old address of the bride, the name and old address of the groom and the new address for both of you.

Finally, we are establishing a new system to set up definite church boundaries to enable your minister to visit you more effectively. In this system we must have your home address and ZIP CODE number. Some of you are listed in our files with a Post Office box number. It is absolutely necessary for us here at Headquarters to have you listed in our files at your HOME address in order to make this new system effective. Therefore, we request that all of you who have been receiving your literature at a Post Office box, send us your HOME address as well as the address at which you are currently receiving your mail (the P. O. Box). Send this information in an envelope marked on the outside, ATTENTION DESK 1. Those of you who may have some special problem with this request please write us at DESK 1 and explain your situation, so we can help you help God's Work!

What Our Readers Say . . .

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Visit Helps

"Mr. Bob Steep called on me yesterday, and he certainly was an inspiration to me. He taught me more during his visit than I have learned in a lifetime."

Mrs. M. C., Missouri

Getting Warm

"I overcame atheism and Catholicism in my teens and early twenties. I went to various Protestant Churches. There seems to be a great nothingness beyond salvation. Your magazine steps into this void and neatly fills it. My daughter used evolution as her subject for a report at school. The only other student using evolution was a minister's daughter, and she was all for Darwin. The teacher, also a minister's daughter with atheistic tendencies, was angry and disturbed by my daughter's report. We observed the year's beginning March 14th and Passover at the setting of the sun on March 26th, followed by seven days of unleavened bread. Instead of a Jewish Rabbi blessing it, my son did it! He's 16. We

hope someday to find when and where you gather in Texas. Maybe we can get there and learn of your people and the proper way to conduct Passover. Could you tell me where that is held and when?"

Marion Z., Illinois

From Africa

"We have just returned from Durban after attending the Bible study there, conducted by Mr. Waterhouse. God Almighty has certainly blessed us by making it possible for us to travel down each week. My husband has recently acquired his private pilot's license and when weather conditions permit we fly down with our three children—otherwise we travel down by car—a distance of 235 miles which takes approximately 6 hours. The flight is one and one-half hours, so we are very fortunate to have an aircraft for this purpose!"

Member from

Republic of South Africa

• *Commendable zeal!*

mandments when we live in adultery. And when we STEAL from God by embezzling HIS TITHE, we break another! There are TEN Commandments—not just one about the Sabbath!

God has given instruction in HIS WORD as to how His ministers whom He has set in authority shall deal with those who have thus departed from HIS LOVE, and who stir up dissension among brethren.

Authority to Act!

We learn by experience. In past years your Pastor tried to show "love" by not acting drastically or harshly with such people. God has punished him, and brought him to see how such people MUST be dealt with, for a little leaven will leaven the whole lump. And hereafter God's ministers will demonstrate IN POWER, if necessary, the authority God has given, and carry out His instructions, that the love and the spiritual growth of THE MANY shall not be perverted and destroyed by a FEW!

If, in any local church, one member, or a few, offend and endanger the spiritual health of the whole body, Jesus' teaching is to "CUT IT OUT," for it's better to enter into the Kingdom with one arm, or one foot, than to perish in *gehenna* fire!

In this way, it shall be possible in the future for ALL the membership to be FILLED with the true LOVE and the JOY of God the Father—and, rejoicing together, we may PRESS FORWARD toward the mark for the prize of the HIGH CALLING of God in Christ Jesus!

Local Assemblies NOT Social Clubs

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His ministers in charge. He has given them AUTHORITY. He has authorized them to bind and to loose. He has told them to RULE—to preach the WORD which, like a sharp two-edged sword cuts both ways and is profitable for correction, reproof, instruction. But this shows the people would try to SELECT THEIR OWN pastor—"heap to themselves teachers." Not the teachers God set over them—those of THEIR choosing, who would show their kind of perverted "love" by turning them away from the TRUTH, pleasing them with what they *want* to hear!

God's true ministers *will never do that!*

God's ministers will never allow local assemblies to become mere social clubs!

Should the brethren HATE God's minister when he properly uses God's Word, and declares it boldly? If he does this, God will CHASTEN many in the congregation thru him.

True, God says, "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous."

What IS Love?

But what is GOD's kind of LOVE in this regard? "For whom the Lord LOVETH he *chasteneth*" (Heb. 12:6). "My son, despise NOT thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him," says God (Verse 5). "If ye be without chastisement . . . then are ye bastards, and not sons" (Verse 8).

What about those few disgruntled, unhappy and rebellious ones who twist the Truth into believing a preacher shows "LOVE" by condoning them in their sins? Notice the inspired definition of *love*:

"For *this* is the LOVE of GOD, that we keep his commandments" (I John 5:3).

And we break one of God's com-

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become one of these factory, assembly-line educational plants.

As the years whizzed by, Ambassador College grew in character, stature, and numbers.

More Than ONE College Necessary

Ultimately, there was a need for a college in Europe to qualify Ambassador students for foreign service—since the foreign Work had also been well



Outside view of classrooms after rain.

Ambassador College Photo

under way by this time and was in need of personnel for offices and for production of magazines in foreign languages. Also, it was becoming increasingly more of a problem for students to attend Ambassador College in Pasadena when they lived in various other sections of the world.

Ambassador College in Bricket Wood was the answer to this problem as well as helping Ambassador College remain small and able to produce the proper character while educating the students.

This college began and grew. In the meantime the Pasadena campus continued to expand!

In 1962, *several hundred* applications were received from students around the world for admission to Ambassador College. *Only 100* could be accepted. The following year, 1963, *over 600* applications were processed by the Registrar's Office in Pasadena. *Only 70* students could be accepted!

By this time, the need was critical. There needed to be another college so that the Ambassador spirit and God's way of education could be continued. We would not compromise with Ambassador policies and standards.

God Had Prepared the Way

We have seen how the colleges have developed over the years since the founding of Ambassador College in 1947. But let's back-track a moment now, and see how the parallel growth of God's Church caused the Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy, to be founded.

Years and years ago, Mr. Armstrong held the Feast of Tabernacles with only a few score, and then later only one-hundred-fifty people attended in Belnap Springs, Oregon, as late as 1951. By 1952, those facilities had been outgrown and the Feast of Tabernacles was moved into Northern California to Seigler Springs.

But those facilities were outgrown *in the very first year!*

In the meantime, the Work on radio had *continued to expand* and people had been baptized in many other sections of the United States. The problem of traveling all the way to the West Coast was also a problem for them.

God had called a family in East Texas who had been converted, by this time, for a period of a few years. This family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer, and their oldest son, Buck Hammer, had some property in the East Texas woods. Mr. Buck Hammer was willing to donate a section of this property, and made arrangements to purchase some other sections, so a site could be prepared *for the keeping of the spring Festival* for those in the greater Southwestern and Southern United States.

With this in mind, the property was donated, and construction began on a building which was to take care of the spring Festivals. However, *no door was opened for the fall Festival*, the Feast of Tabernacles, to be held on the West Coast. At the last minute, a set-up was necessary for the entire Feast of Tabernacles to be held in East Texas. By late 1953, the beginnings of a Tabernacle were under construction, and people began to pour in for this Festival.

In 1958, the first Tabernacle was already outgrown, and a new and larger Tabernacle had to be constructed. The next year, that larger Tabernacle had to be made larger by one full third so that it could accommodate up to 8,000 people. By two more years, this was outgrown and God's Feast of Tabernacles expanded on to the West Coast once again, where a door at Squaw Valley was opened. In two years, Jekyll Island opened up for those on the East Coast.

All of this time, the facilities in the East Texas woods were expanding to accommodate the Feast of Tabernacles. However, these facilities were *only* under use for *eight days* of the year.

When the need for a **THIRD AMBASSADOR COLLEGE** became so apparent that it could not be avoided, the obvious answer to the problem was to use the

already-existing facilities—God had ALREADY PREPARED—in East Texas.

The Existing Facilities

The original Tabernacle building constructed in 1952 and 1953, had long since been converted into a *dining hall* for the Feast of Tabernacles. It was a natural for the student dining hall in the new college. Its kitchen facilities already existed. Tables and chairs, had long since been purchased and were already there and there was plenty of space.

A beautiful lounge room had been added to the facilities of the dining hall and made a natural location for a combined library and student union for college students. The facilities of the dining hall—since they were originally constructed as the church auditorium—again made a natural auditorium and assembly room for Ambassador students.

Standing right before our very eyes were existing facilities for student union and lounge areas, a library, a dining hall, and an auditorium.

Can you see how *God had* PREPARED THIS BUILDING years in advance of the founding of Ambassador College in Big Sandy?

It's amazing to look back now and see how GOD thinks into the future for us, and that He is working out a plan and a purpose here—and working it out *directly through His Church* and through His established and founded Colleges.

At the same time this first Tabernacle building served as a natural function for these already-mentioned facilities, the new, large Tabernacle building had partially housed Imperial Schools in previous years. In connection with Imperial Schools, and with the existing facilities, a large professional-size, portable basketball floor had been put in the large Tabernacle building. Volley ball courts were set up; facilities for other recreational activities inside the large Tabernacle building made it a multi-use building—not just a Tabernacle building for eight days a year. This building, as the other facilities, was a natural for a gymnasium and recreational building. The facilities were

already in. Very little work was needed to set the building up to be a college athletic field house.

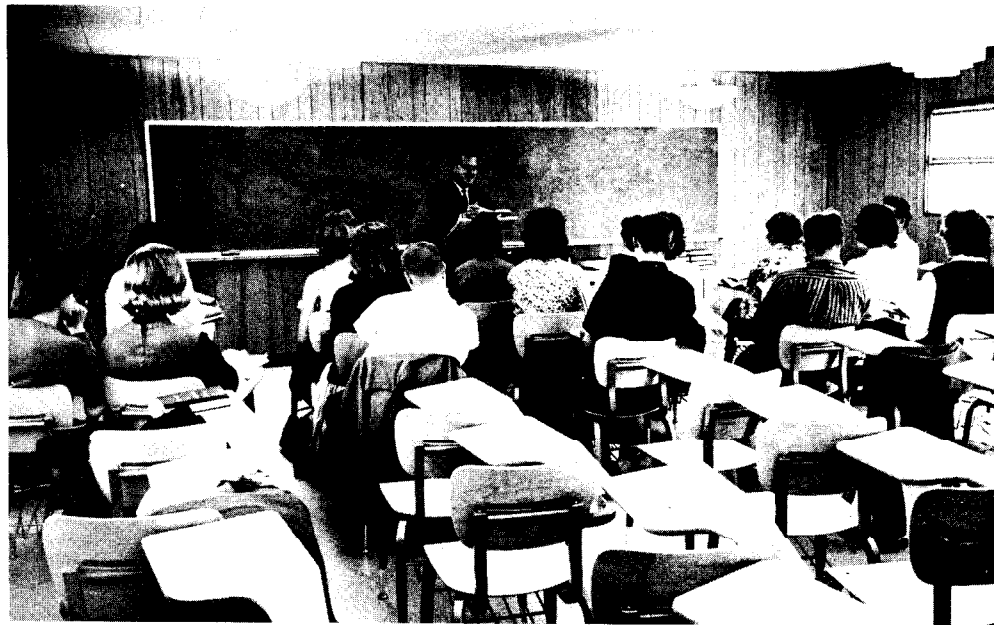
The Dormitories and Classrooms

The next problem that needed to be faced was where would the students live? We thought perhaps it would be necessary to build new buildings. However, there was not enough time, nor money, available for the construction of new dormitory buildings. God had also taken care of this need.

When the Feast of Tabernacles became so large that it was necessary for hundreds—and even in future years thousands—to camp right on our own grounds, facilities were arranged to erect small metal "booths" for the Feast of Tabernacles. Many of you brethren have lived in these booths for a period of eight days during the time you observed God's Feast of Tabernacles. They are of high-quality construction with insulated roofs and with every available necessity for comfortable liv-

preciated the *fine facilities that have* been provided for them—although almost all of these facilities are temporary.

The next need considered was where will the students be able to meet in classrooms. This was the one need that had not already been supplied by the already-existing facilities. However, since Ambassador College could not afford to construct new and modern classroom buildings, arrangements were made with a firm in Houston, Texas, who constructed pre-fabricated classroom buildings. A beautiful site right out in the middle of the trees in the woods was selected and four temporary classroom buildings were constructed. Again, these turned out much nicer than anticipated. Although they were very inexpensive to construct, and are only temporary, they have provided a *wonderful atmosphere* for classes and are every bit as nice as any classroom could possibly be. The only problem is they are intended to be temporary and



Ambassador College Photo

Inside view of classroom. Mr. Lynn Torrance teaching.

ing. All we needed to do was put rugs on the floor, bring in wardrobes and desks, buy blankets and bedspreads for the already-existing beds, and we had a natural dormitory.

At first, we all thought the students were really going to "rough it" this first year. As it turned out, the dormitories were *much nicer* than anticipated and the students have really ap-

preciated the *fine facilities that have* been provided for them—and will be when Ambassador College expands to a more modern campus here in Big Sandy.

College Begins!

With all of the last-minute activities, finally, dormitories were prepared; all the existing facilities were put into



Two views of a real pioneering spirit. Students have the blessing of building their own college.

Ambassador College Photo

shape, personnel were hired, and the faculty moved in.

Sophomore, junior and senior students had been transferred over from the Pasadena Campus to set the pace and atmosphere in Big Sandy so that it would be *exactly the same* as the atmosphere in Pasadena and Bricket Wood—in fact, one student was sent from Bricket Wood so this atmosphere would also have its influence in Big Sandy. Six seniors, twenty-one juniors, and nineteen sophomores were joined by sixty-four freshman students and *Ambassador College was under way.*

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong along with Mr. and Mrs. Garner Ted Armstrong and Mr. Jack Elliott flew over from the Pasadena Campus for the Orientation assembly and for the Faculty Reception.

After exactly the same entrance examinations and entrance procedures, Ambassador College began with the full curriculum of classes on Tuesday morning, September 7, 1964.

Meet the Faculty

About a year and a half ago, concrete plans began to crystalize for the opening of the college in the fall of

1964. A unique plan for faculty housing right on the grounds was begun. We found that lovely homes could be built on beautiful Lake Loma (named after Mrs. Armstrong) and that these homes could be built at no major cost to the college or church.

One hundred per cent financing was made available—no down payment—and then each faculty member could move into a new and beautiful home and for the amount of normal rent payments could pay the monthly cost of the homes.

Five homes were constructed for faculty members and certain department heads—these were first occupied in the summer of 1963. Mr. Leroy Neff had been appointed Business Manager and he moved to Texas for a year of organizing and planning.

Mr. Neff had come to college several years before—an older married man. His oldest son is now a junior at Ambassador College. Having had business experience prior to college, Mr. Neff fit right into the job and worked hard to ready the facilities.

Roads were paved, buildings were refurbished, beautiful landscaping added to the appearance of the grounds.

Next, Mr. Benjamin Chapman was sent to Texas to pave the way for the radio broadcasting studio—a vital need for Mr. Armstrong since the broadcast must be made every day. Mr. Chapman, already a graduate of U.C.L.A. and now Ambassador College, in addition to his radio studio responsibilities, teaches the second year Bible class and the basic speech courses.

The following summer—the summer of 1964—seven more new faculty homes were constructed, and the beginning of college drew nearer and nearer. These seven homes were occupied by the remaining faculty members.

First of all the new Dean of Instruction—Dr. Charles Dorothy. Dr. Dorothy had graduated from the University of Washington, then entered Ambassador College where he later joined the faculty at Pasadena. Doing special work every summer in Mexico, he earned his Ph.D. degree earlier this past summer. He is in charge of the academic class-



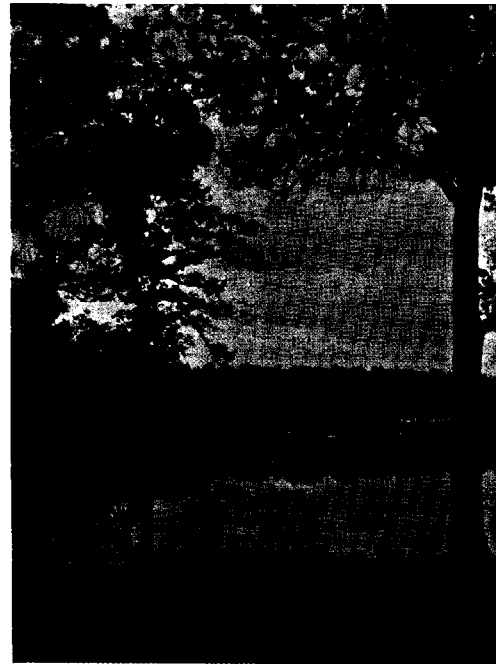
work and the faculty of the college.

The Dean of Students is your author, a 1960 graduate of Ambassador College. And I might insert here, that those of us on the staff of the college here in Big Sandy very much appreciate the bountiful blessings God has poured out upon us and the students in the very first year.

A dual need on the faculty was fulfilled by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hegvold. Mrs. Hegvold, having a master's de-

brethren in New York were saddened to see them move, but are very thankful for the fine opportunity for them to serve in God's College. You who will attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy will hear the result of Mr. Bogdanchik's work when you hear the Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Chorale.

In the Physical Education Department, Mr. Kermit Nelson directs the activities. He has been on the staff of Imperial Schools for several years—



Ambassador College Photo
This is beautiful Lake Loma.

need and would appreciate your prayers so our jobs could properly be fulfilled and so many more of you can be served through the fruits of Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas.

Drop By to Say "Howdy"

Perhaps many of you will have the opportunity to visit Ambassador College in Big Sandy. You have a most cordial "welcome" out at all times to have a conducted tour of the campus, and to become personally acquainted with the faculty and students.

Within a very few months from now the first graduating class will be sent into God's Work—some of them directly to serve you.

As the years go by, you will see the students of Ambassador College in Big Sandy grow and produce and become instruments in God's hands. You will hear much of its growth and development from a physical and cultural standpoint.

We all hope you will diligently pray for this college, the other two colleges, God's ministers, and His people all around the world.

You are all a very important part of PIONEERING God's way of *abundant living*—Ambassador Colleges are producing fruit!



Ambassador College Photo

Faculty row! A panoramic view of the quality faculty housing.

gree from the University of Tennessee had been for many years a fine home economics teacher. Mr. Hegvold, with a master's degree in science from the University of Florida is the principle science instructor. They now can work together as a team on the faculty, which they, as well as the students, greatly enjoy.

Another family team on the faculty are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Walter. Both are graduates of Ambassador College, and both have had considerable music experience—having studied in London, England, and in Vienna and Salzburg, Austria. They are teachers in the Music Department which is headed by Mr. Leo Bogdanchik who comes to Ambassador from the New York City church area.

Mr. Bogdanchik has had many years' music and chorale experience, having studied under a number of well-known individuals in the music field. The

and had come to California as a graduate of the University of Michigan. He earned his master's degree in Los Angeles at Los Angeles State College.

Mr. Nelson also teaches education courses assisting Mr. Guy Carnes, who holds a master's degree in education from Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College. Come to think of it, Mr. Carnes is just about the only "native Texan" on the staff. But after living in Texas for several months, all of us feel nearly like "natural-born Texans."

The English Department is represented by Mr. Lynn Torrance who also holds a master's degree—his degree is from Colorado State College of Education. I'm sure you have all read Mr. Torrance's articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *The GOOD NEWS*.

These are the principle faculty members living on "faculty row" on beautiful Lake Loma. We all very much