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Over 5500 Attend Joyous Feast of Tabernacles!

A thrilling and JOYOUS Feast of God has just ended! God's presence and POWER was felt in the huge new Tabernacle near Gladewater.

by Roderick C. Meredith

A TREMENDOUS congregation of over 5500 people thrilled to the inspired sermons at the Feast of Tabernacles this year! Great *enthusiasm* and JOY was apparent everywhere.

Countless times, Mr. Armstrong had to pause in the middle of a happy announcement until the spontaneous applause had subsided. This feeling of *love* and *unity* was unusual even for the Feast of Tabernacles! Many commented that it was the best Feast in every way that they had ever attended.

This was the SEVENTH Feast of Tabernacles to be held on God's own property near Gladewater, Texas, and God certainly BLESSED His people in an unusual way this year! The sermons brought by God's ministers were the most *inspiring* and *powerful* of any year so far. The atmosphere of *love* and spiritual *brotherhood* was outstanding. Camping and dining facilities turned out to be *excellent* for most. And the weather was almost *perfect*—resulting in fewer colds and sicknesses than in any other Feast of recent years!

"Booth City"

Hundreds of the brethren who camped on our own grounds were housed in the well constructed metal booths which were rushed to completion just before the Festival. Two hundred and fifty of these booths were completed just before the

Festival began. More than 200 of these, plus two new sanitary buildings, formed the beginning of the new "Booth City" on a 142 acre tract, newly purchased, adjoining the campgrounds on the east.

Although the planned bunk type of double-deck beds were not yet available for most of the booths because of the current steel strike, the brethren we interviewed seemed to be very happy and satisfied with the booths—and thankful to live right on the festival grounds.

The "camp of Israel" was kept neat and clean as a whole. Although there were some infractions requiring correction and exhortation from Mr. Armstrong, the brethren as a whole dwelt together in unity, decency and order.

To the casual visitor, the largest group of these booths over in the new "Booth City" must have looked like a temporary miniature city. Because of the haste with which the booths had to be constructed, the builder, Mr. Fleming, suggested that the housing area be named "Sudden City"!

Beside these fine metal booths, hundreds of the brethren stayed in comfortable house trailers bought or rented for the occasion, and many camped in tents on the grounds. Hundreds of others stayed in temporary abodes in motels, hotels, and in rooms in private homes in Big Sandy, Gladewater and other nearby communities.

Our gathering this year was so large and impressive that we received newspaper coverage in three or four local papers. Even the unconverted newspaper writers—although they couldn't understand the real spiritual purpose behind these meetings—were filled with admiration for the enthusiasm and dedication shown by God's people at His Festival! We were a "*light*" to the world!

Outstanding Meals and Organization

Delicious and wholesome meals were served in the smaller tabernacle under the direction of Mrs. Roy Hammer. The meals were of high quality this year, and the service and organization was exceptional considering the huge crowd. In addition, many campers as well as those who stayed in trailer houses on the grounds cooked some of their own meals.

A great deal of THANKS is due to Mr. Roy Hammer and Mr. Don Billingsley for their outstanding direction and organization of the large staff of deacons, deaconesses and assistant deacons who helped in the many tasks required for a smoothly run Festival of Tabernacles. These men had to think and plan ahead for efficiency in the parking of cars, the setting up of tents and trailers, the lighting, water and sewage systems, the seating of people and collection of song books, the registration of *everyone* who attended the Festival, and the "thousand

and one" other things that had to be taken care of to insure real orderliness and harmony at God's Feast.

And certainly we should all give God *thanks* for the hundreds of services performed by the entire crew of deacons and deaconesses who served so unselfishly during the entire Festival!

This year, there were several organized skating parties in nearby roller rinks for all "children" from ages 6 to 106! And many went horseback riding or fishing during the free afternoons. And, of course, much *personal fellowship* was enjoyed by everyone with scores of other brethren from all over the United States and Canada. It is an experience one does not soon forget!

Beautiful Music

Outstandingly beautiful music added a great deal to every single preaching service at this year's festival. In addition to his preaching, Mr. Ted Armstrong sang a number of vocal solos during the services. Our song leader, Mr. Al Portune, provided us with a couple of in-

spiring solos with his beautiful tenor voice.

Among the others who contributed their musical talents to this festival were Mr. Dwight Armstrong, Mr. Armstrong's brother, who has composed so many of the hymns we sing in our own hymn book. Mr. Dwight Armstrong displayed great feeling in his beautiful violin solo work. His wife, Karen Armstrong, thrilled the congregation with her beautiful soprano solos. Mr. Morgan Olson and Mrs. Ruth Plache both sang beautifully in their vocal numbers.

Miss Ruth Myrick displayed brilliance and color in her piano rendition of "The Holy City." And Miss Kathryn Meredith played beautifully and feelingly in her violin numbers.

Many exceptional numbers were offered by the Ambassador Chorale during the preaching services, and in a special concert given Sunday night during the festival. Mr. Leon Ettinger, director of the Ambassador Chorale, and Mrs. Lucy Martin and Mrs. Dorothy Williams were all with us during the first half of the

festival to aid in the direction and accompaniment of the Chorale and special musical numbers.

Truly, the inspiring and uplifting atmosphere was greatly enhanced by the beautiful music which was offered during this year's Feast of Tabernacles. This was certainly a foretaste of God's millennium, when all men will REJOICE and praise God in the song and on musical instruments! (Psalm 150).

Ordinations and Future Plans

Regular ministers' meetings were held during and immediately after the festival. During these meetings, many plans were laid for the future of God's work and also for the improvement of the Feast of Tabernacles year by year.

As a result of these conferences, two new *local elders* were ordained in God's Church! They are Mr. Albert Portune, whom all of you will remember as our inspiring song leader during the Feast, and Mr. Dale Hampton, also an older man and dedicated student in Ambassador College who served God's churches

Part of the near-overflow 5500 who were in constant attendance for the eight days of the Festival. There will just be room enough next year to seat the 7000 anticipated to attend.

Leo Dubry Photo





The beautiful, BIGGER, new Tabernacle which your prayers, efforts and special offerings have made possible. Observe the surrounding landscaping.

in the Chicago - Milwaukee area this summer. These men have *proved* themselves. Now God has placed them in the office of *elder* in His church, and you will be hearing much from them in the future in the service of Jesus Christ.

Also, in our meeting immediately after the festival, it was decided that we should raise three of our preaching elders to the higher rank of *pastor* in God's Church! The three ministers now holding this higher rank are Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, Mr. Benjamin Rea, and Mr. Carlton Smith. This recognition of their progress in Christ's ministry was a most happy occasion for us all!

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse has left with Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Frank Longuskie to establish a branch office,

and later a church, in Sydney, Australia. Many of you brethren will remember his dedicated service in God's churches in London, in St. Louis and Springfield, and in Denver, Pueblo and Garden City. Let us *pray earnestly* for Mr. Waterhouse as he goes to the land "down under" to assume this most important post in God's service.

Mr. Benjamin Rea, on temporary leave from Ambassador College, left immediately from the festival for Saltillo, Mexico. He is studying there at a university in order to earn his Ph.D. degree. We feel this to be both advantageous and necessary for the important jobs that lie ahead for Mr. Rea in God's work and college. Meanwhile, he has had to make many Spanish broadcasts ahead which

will be sent to the stations in South America where he is the voice in Spanish of "The WORLD TOMORROW" in that continent. Let us also *pray* for Mr. Rea in the arduous work and study he is now having to devote himself to in Christ's service!

As many of you know, Mr. Carlton Smith left the festival for New York City where he will soon begin holding services in a local Church of God in that huge metropolis. His problems there will be many and varied—as is the nature of the people with whom he will be dealing—so *pray* for this servant of God also in the new post to which he has been called.

And let us REJOICE, brethren, that
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thirteen-year-old Girl Writes

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I listen to you over Station KGO. I would appreciate it if you would tell me on what date all of God's Holy Days fall so that I can observe them. I fear that it would be hard for me to attend the meetings of the Church of God because of parental difficulties, so I will probably have to observe God's Holy Days in the home."

Girl from San Leandro, California

From a 13-year-old Boy

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I am 13 years old and very grateful to you. I formerly thought I was a Christian, a better than average behaving boy, and that I was getting about as much joy out of life as I could. From hearing your program regularly I discovered there is more to being a Christian than just going to Sunday School, and that while I may have been a well-behaved and hard working student compared to the other boys and girls and by the standards of the teachers, I still had plenty of improving to do.

"I am working to get rid of my natural nature and learn to be patient, kind, loving and cheerful; but I really need God's help. I know if I just keep on studying and praying, things will become clearer and clearer to me.

"Now I have more of a purpose in life and spend part of my time in Bible study and listening to The WORLD TOMORROW.

Life is a lot more fun now, and I am learning to enjoy my play, enjoy my work, enjoy my study, enjoy the whole day.

"I read in your autobiography that the way to save others was to show them more and more love, kindness and patience. Then I realized that I hadn't been acting in a Christian-like manner at all. Now I try always to act lovingly to others and to always honor my father and mother, and I pray constantly that I might always be able to do this. I also am learning to control my tongue and to speak kindly or else shut up.

"I have read what you said about children not being baptized until they are fully matured, and I hope that I don't turn out like some of the examples you gave; that is, being interested in the things of God now and of doing good, but then later changing and slip away from God and the Bible into evil and misery."

Boy from Redwood City, California

Editor's Comment: With so much juvenile delinquency in the world, it is heart-warming to read such refreshing letters from teenagers whose lives are being changed through the WORLD TOMORROW program and God's Holy Word.

Husband and Wife Being Called

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"My husband and I have been receiving your material for nearly a year and a half now. We sent for it through your ad in Capper's Farmer magazine. At first, because it was so contrary to everything we had always been taught, we found it hard to believe. The more we read the more we became confused until finally we decided to take out Bibles and prove to ourselves who was right. We are very happy to say that the Lord opened our eyes to the real truth, and the greatest blessing of all is that He has chosen both of us. We are very grateful for all He has done for us and give Him all the praise, but we do want to most sincerely thank you for presenting the truth to us for we realize that we must first hear before we can believe and repent. As we are quite new in the faith, we have so much to learn and are always hungry for new truths. As we study the Bible it is amazing what the Holy Spirit reveals, where before there was no meaning. Neither my husband nor myself have very good health. He has had undulant fever for many years along with a rheumatic heart. I have a severe spinal infirmity and a

chronic anemia. We earnestly seek your prayers, for we have every faith that God will heal us."

Couple from Butler, Indiana

Lady Convinced of Truth

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I am so grateful that I tuned in your program. I listened to many religious programs from many denominations and felt I got some good out of each. That's why I didn't turn the dial the night I turned on the radio and got your program. I listened to several 'sermons;' the more I listened the more I wanted. However, I knew California was quite full of different fanatical cults and was a little leery that this might be one of those. You see, you said several things that didn't coincide with what I had been taught. However, when you said to send in for The PLAIN TRUTH which included your autobiography, I wanted to find out more about this man who dared preach these things. I was not going to change my beliefs just on someone else's say so. Now, I am convinced that you are a sincere and an appointed man of God and I am now trying to lead a true Christian life."

Woman from Paterson, New Jersey

Eye Healed Miraculously

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I had an infection in my eye and I wrote you to pray for me and send me an anointed cloth. My eye was healed before you had time to get the letter, but this is what I want to tell you: I had this infection in my eyes eight years ago. I have taken every kind of shot the doctors could think of to give me —because my husband and son said it had to be or I would lose my eye. But this time I had more understanding. I took God at His word. My eye was healed in less than three days. I thank God for His wonderful love and what He has done for me. Can you imagine how my husband and son looked after the things they said to me about that kind of 'faith stuff?'"

Woman from Winnfield, Louisiana

Beginning to Tithe

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"After reading your booklet on making ends meet, which I found interesting, and full of facts, I am enclosing my obligation to the Lord's work, which is given without feeling of remorse."

Man from Northport, Michigan

Editor's Comment: These are only a few of the many hundreds of letters received each day that tell us of the great changes God's message is making in the lives of people. Let's pray that such blessings shall continue to grow as this work expands into every country.

Don't Cheat Yourself!

*Are you still cheating yourself out of some of God's blessings?
Many of you are and don't realize it. Here is why!*

by L. Leroy Neff

GOD'S Church has just celebrated the greatest Festival of Tabernacles since the time of the apostles. Thousands came to this great spiritual feast, and yet, in spite of this vast multitude, many were not there that should have been!

Cheating Yourself

God has commanded His people to attend the Feast of Tabernacles and to *rejoice* there. But, many of you are still CHEATING YOURSELVES from enjoying these wonderful festivals.

God tells us many times in His Word that by obeying His commands, happiness and joy and all kinds of blessings inevitably result. There is a *joy* in serving God, and keeping all of His commandments. By obedience to God's commands, *we* not only receive spiritual and physical rewards in this life and in the world tomorrow, but *others* of God's Church share in our blessings as a result of our obedience. But not all are obedient!

You may ask, "What am I disobeying?" Some of you do not follow God's vacation plan for His people. Most of you already know about this vacation plan, and have read about it in the GOOD NEWS Magazine. If *you* KNOW to do God's will and do it not, to YOU it is SIN!

Others of you have been baptized more recently and would not yet know about this wonderful plan. We need to examine God's Word on this vital subject so that we may all know and practice it.

God's Vacation Plan

God has commanded His people to assemble on His annual festivals. But how can we afford to go to these festivals? The answer is found in Deut. 14:22-27.

God here instructs you to save out *for yourself* a tenth of your income—a "second tithe"—for you to *spend* at His festivals. This second tithe is *for you!* It is a different tithe from the first tithe as explained in the July GOOD NEWS. The first tithe commanded of each Christian goes to the support of the gospel work. The first tithe does not belong to you! It is for the spreading of the gospel to the world as a witness before the end comes.

The "second tithe" is for an entirely

different purpose. Notice! "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And *thou* shalt *eat* before the Lord thy God, in the place which *He shall choose* to place His name there . . . and if the way be too long for thee . . . then shalt thou turn it into money . . . and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shalt choose" (Deut. 14:22-25).

Some say that the way is too far for them and do not go. God knew this. That is why He made provisions for those who live far away to *turn their second tithe into CASH* (verses 24 and 25). They are *not* to stay at home to keep these festivals. They are to use this cash to go to the place God has chosen and to rejoice there in God's presence with the brethren.

Yet, many of you did not go and rejoice as God has commanded you at this recent festival.

What was your excuse? You probably can think of a thousand and one reasons why you could not obey God, but the fact remains, it is only by obeying God in *all of these things* that we will receive the eternal reward and joy that comes from obedience.

Consider this test of your spiritual growth.

Are You Growing Spiritually?

Each year those on the baptizing tours come in contact with various scattered members of God's Church, who have been baptized in past years. They report that the ones who are not attending God's festivals are usually not growing spiritually.

Yes, they have all kinds of excuses why they don't come. And yet these excuses do not "excuse" them in God's sight! In a few cases, of course, it is not physically possible for a person to come to the Feast. God understands. But these few cases are exceptions.

God specifically commands all of the men in His Church to appear before Him (Deut. 16:16). They are given first responsibility of attending. But they are to go there and rejoice *with their families*.

In some cases, God has not yet called the husband, but has called the wife to repentance and conversion. Even in such cases, it is still possible for many of the women to come to the festival. Their husbands are not antagonistic and would

willingly permit them to go to the festival.

On the other hand, some wives have husbands who are completely antagonistic to God's way of life. Such a man may not permit his wife to go to the festival.

God has called us to live at peace with all men where that is possible. He has also commanded that the women be in subjection to their husbands, *in the Lord*. Since God has not absolutely commanded all women to go to the festival, those women may have to remain at home if such a problem exists.

God has also called some of the poor of this world. As a result, a few of those in God's Church do not have each year an adequate amount of second tithe to pay the necessary expenses of going to the festival. It requires money to travel a distance, and it also costs additional money to supply family needs away from home. In such a case, where a man has *faithfully* saved *all* of his second tithe, if there is still not enough money, he should save this money and go the following year.

Don't Cheat Yourself

Others, however, should be saving this second tithe and do not do it. If you are such a one, you are *cheating yourself!*—and disobeying God!

You may believe that you have so many expenses that you are not able to save this tithe.

In other words, you feel that God has commanded something that is impossible to do. How wrong! God does not command anything from us that is impossible for us to do, assisted and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

If you have not been saving your tithe because of this reason, you need to sit down and analyze your problem very thoroughly. If you think you are not able to save a second tenth of your income, then you are *living beyond your means*. You have made a very serious mistake somewhere. Possibly you are living in a home which costs more than you are able to afford with your income.

Possibly you are spending too much for food. Many people are very wasteful with their food, and spend a lot of money on things which do not nourish them, and yet are very high priced. Such foods as prepared cereals, canned goods, expensive meat cuts, delicacies, and des-

serts should be eliminated by a person who cannot afford them. In fact, many of these things can be eliminated from everyone's diet, and better health would result. If you have been spending too much money on expensive "processed" foods, you should plan to spend your money for less "de luxe" living. Often, less expensive cuts of meat are more nourishing. Some families have been able to cut their food bills in half by just following these simple suggestions.

Others spend too much on clothes. By being a wise thrifty buyer, clothing expenses can sometimes be cut drastically. Where a person has a low income, he can often find satisfactory clothing, which still has much wear, in some of the used clothing stores.

If God has not yet prospered you, it may be because you are unwisely using the money that He has given you. Examine your budget, decide on a course of action and then carry it out.

There is no excuse for disobedience to God's laws. Your problems will not be solved by disobedience. They will be solved by obedience!

If you are one of those who do not come to the Feast of Tabernacles and yet could come, you should repent of this *sin!* How can you ever expect to enter God's Kingdom? You cannot grow spiritually as you should!

If you do not go to the Festival, you do not receive the "spiritual food" which is very necessary to your Christian development and training. You are not learning to live together in peace and harmony with God's people. If you are not learning such vital lessons, how can you ever expect to be able to go to a place of safety? Then, you will have to live with God's people twenty-four hours a day for three and one half years! You need to learn how to get along with God's people now.

Some still ask the question, "If we save God's tithe, also the second tithe, how will we have enough money to buy our clothes? Who will buy our food, pay the taxes, our insurance, and all the other bills which nearly every household has?"

God very plainly and explicitly states in Matthew 6:25-34 that if you are seeking His Kingdom FIRST, then *all* of these physical necessities will be cared for. Yes, if you obey God, if you seek His Kingdom first, if you obey the first, second and third tithing laws, you will have what is needful. God will supply you with the food, clothing and other necessities that you need.

Faith WITH Works

Along with this faith you must have works, too. You cannot spend or budget your money foolishly, and still expect

God to rain down money from heaven. Each of us must do our part. Most, if not all, people have been taught wrong economics in the home. Money is not spent wisely. Many are financially involved beyond their ability to pay.

Some are *lazy* and can't hold a good job! We need to *repent of these grave sins*, and put our financial affairs in order.

The problem that many still have is that they are trying to serve two masters. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Yes, some of you are still serving the god "mammon," that is *money*. Some still have the "love of money" (I Tim. 6:10). Are you one of these? Is the love of money and what it will buy keeping you from obeying God in regard to the tithing laws? If so, and you do not repent, you may find yourself completely shut out of God's Kingdom.

New Testament Example for Today

The New Testament Church faced the same problem that we do today in regard to the support of needy widows by the third tithe of the people. You will find this mentioned in I Tim. 5:16. "If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the Church be charged; (burdened) that it may relieve them that are *widows indeed.*"

From this it is plain that the Church is responsible to care for the financial need of the widows who cannot support themselves by any means. This cannot be done from the tithe which goes to spread the gospel to the world. Nor is it to come from the "second tithe." It must come from the "third tithe" fund.

If you are new in the Church, you possibly do not know that God has commanded an additional tithe. It may seem impossible at first that God could expect so much from His Church. And yet it is very plain and clear. Notice Deuteronomy 14:28-29:

"At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest."

Here is a tithe that is kept just once in three years. It is for the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner who are unable to support themselves. This cannot in any way be confused with the *first tithe*

which is given to God's work, or the *second tithe* which is used by each person at the festivals.

God has even made it possible for us to have two years to set our "financial house" in order before we must pay that third tithe during the special "year of tithing." He does not require this of the Christian for the first year. Now is the time to prepare, if you are learning about these commands for the first time.

At first it may seem impossible to save both of these additional tithes, since for some it seems almost impossible to pay God *His* first tithe! What a lack of faith! God has plainly instructed us through Jesus Christ (Matt. 6:25-34) how to make ends meet, how to receive our food, clothing and necessities of life.

Notice the example in Acts 6. Here is an account of the Church taking care of the widows. Since the apostles needed to spend their time in prayer and study, deacons were appointed to take care of this matter. Here was the administration of the third tithe in action. Here was how the New Testament Church took care of the widows. God still uses this third tithe to take care of the needy widows in His Church today.

Holy to God

In spite of the plain and clear scriptures regarding the third tithe, some have still refused to obey this command. They have not removed from their premises the "hallowed things," which are *holy* to God (Deut. 26:13). Are you one that has held back this tithe that is *holy* and *sacred* to God, keeping it for *yourself*? If so, you had better fear and tremble before Almighty God, until it is removed and you are obedient.

Read Deuteronomy 26:12-15, where you will see the seriousness of this command with God. I hope that you will obey God in this, so that you too can rejoice before God, and ask God for the blessings that come from obeying Him.

A Lesson to Learn

The second letter of Paul to the Corinthians gives us many lessons regarding this matter of tithing, and offerings. Paul recounts to the Corinthians in chapter 8, how the churches in Macedonia, in spite of their "deep poverty" were liberal in giving for the needs of the Jerusalem Church. This was in addition to the tithes that God had commanded.

Paul further mentions in chapter 9 that if we sow sparingly, we will also reap sparingly. Verse 6. We should not give of our offerings sparingly, nor our tithes grudgingly. God loves a cheerful giver. He owns all things, and He can bless us far more with spiritual and
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AUSTRALIA, at last!

At last God has OPENED THE DOOR to Australia! With the *World Tomorrow* program on the air *six times weekly*, it has been necessary to establish offices in Sydney, Australia. Here, **FIRST HAND**, is the exciting news!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Sydney, Australia

OVER nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus Christ said, *somewhere, somehow*, there would be a **WORK OF GOD** on this earth.

He said this *work* of God would be fulfilling His own *commission* to His Church to "preach the GOSPEL to every creature" (Mark 16:15). He described His Church as the "little flock," having but "LITTLE strength," but before whom He would set an OPEN DOOR! "I know thy *works*: behold, I have set before thee an *open door*, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a *little* strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name!" (Rev. 3:8).

A NEW DOOR Opened

And now—God has *opened another door* before His work! For the first time in all history, the very Gospel *Jesus* preached is being thundered with great power to the great "down under" continent of Australia! That Gospel has been *hidden* from the eyes of men for over 1800 years! It hasn't been preached. It has all but been totally forgotten—buried under false doctrine, *pagan* customs and traditions—and has been neglected *so long* that today it sounds **TOTALLY NEW**, startlingly *different* to everyone!

But now God is sending the **SAME** gospel to Australia. Recently, our agents in New York were able to open time for the "World Tomorrow" program *six times each week* on nearly all of the network stations of the Amalgamated Wireless of Australia.

This means a tremendous leap forward—it means new listeners, increased mail, and many thousands of new readers of the *Plain Truth* magazine.

With this powerful new door of radio opened before us, it has become imperative to *establish offices* here in Sydney. And so, I have come here, together with Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, an ordained minister of God's Church, and Mr. Frank Longuskie, both of whom spent over two years in our overseas office in London. Both men are graduates of Ambassador College.

We are beginning preliminary ground-work toward locating and equipping

adequate offices for receiving and distributing mail, sending out the booklets and the *Plain Truth* magazine, and the Bible Correspondence Course.

Sydney is a *beautiful* city, built around blue harbour areas, over rolling hills. It's a city of parks and golf links, beautiful beaches and scenic wonders. It's a lively, *progressive* city, the largest in Australia, and a major port of the world. As such, it is ideal for the offices of the very work of God! Here, we can have available all the printing, mailing, and broadcasting equipment and facilities we will ever need. God has miraculously led us to just the *right* people in beginning this most important office here—and we have found the Australian people to be warm, friendly, and *very* cooperative in every way!

As a WITNESS

But some may ask—"Why are you going over to Australia?" And the answer is simple! Jesus Christ told His true servants, "Go rather to the *lost sheep* of the house of Israel!" (Mat. 10:6). Australia is a part of ISRAEL! We are the same people! Not only do we have the *feeling* of kinship and brotherhood for one another, but we come from the same common ancestor—Abraham!

This great continent is peopled by *our own brethren*! They *look* the same, they have the same general customs, they have the same language! Here is a whole continent—as large as the United States—where a major part of ISRAEL is found!

But then, are we seeking to bring Australia a "new religion?" The answer is *absolutely not*! We are bringing the same religion of *Christ*, the religion of the *Apostles*, the religion of the Bible! Jesus said, "And as ye go, *preach*, saying 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand!' (Mat. 10:7). His command was, "Go ye therefore, and teach *all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mat. 28:19). And He said, "This GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM *shall* be preached in all the world *for a witness* unto *all nations*, and THEN shall the end come!" (Mat. 24:14).

Notice it! He said, "for a *witness*,"

NOT to bring a new "brand" of religion, NOT to begin a new "movement," NOT to try to "get Australia saved!"

World CHAOS Ahead!

We're living in frightening times! You've never seen times like these before—not in all this earth's history. Your Bible foretells a time of world trouble such as has NEVER before occurred—which is going to strike **IN YOUR LIFE-TIME**! For *this reason* Christ has commissioned His servants to **WARN** His people of the impending *disaster* they are bringing on themselves!

The Australian people live in a vast, sprawling continent to the south of the teeming hordes of Communistic Asia. They have a slogan now, "Populate or Perish!" They *know* the inevitable outcome of present trends means the threat of millions upon millions of Japanese, Chinese, Mongols, Southeast Asians and others pouring into their land—bringing the slavery of Communism and the diseases of Asia with them. *Most* of the people live within the major city areas—principally Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra, the capitol. New South Wales and Victoria hold the major portion of all the population. To the north, the vast, almost endless stretches of Queensland, Northern Territory and further to the west, of Western Australia, lie like a beckoning mat of welcome to the crowded Asiatic territories. The Australians are concerned. They *know* the horrible outcome might well be Communist domination! They are determined it **WON'T HAPPEN**!

But they haven't yet heard—from the very *Word of God*, what the surprising **OUTCOME** is really going to be!

God is going to **TELL** them! "Ephraim shall be *desolate* [Ephraim is Great Britain] in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel [Australia is a part of the tribes of ISRAEL] have I **MADE KNOWN THAT WHICH SHALL SURELY BE!**" *This* startling prophecy was foretold by Hosea, hundreds of years ago—and not until **JUST NOW** has it ever begun to be fulfilled *here* in Australia.

God says He'll **MAKE KNOWN** to His
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5500 Attend Feast of Tabernacles

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God is adding *new ministers* to His Church, and is giving increasing *ability* and *power* to many who are already in His service!

Inspired Sermons

Throughout the festival, the *power* and *wisdom* of God's Spirit was manifest in every sermon delivered by God's ministers!

It is certain that those who had attended other church "camp meetings" were impressed by the spirit of *unity*, of *love*, and of *spiritual understanding* exhibited in every single sermon. This *unity* and *understanding* comes from Almighty GOD whom we serve!

Mr. Armstrong welcomed everyone on opening night and demonstrated that we had hundreds of people present from all over the United States and from many foreign lands as well. In his opening sermon, "Why are we here?", Mr. Armstrong brought out that most people are just *victims* of circumstance and do not

understand the real *purpose* in life. They do not understand that purpose because they have lost the knowledge of God's Holy Days which he then explained to us.

The first afternoon, Mr. Ted Armstrong brought an outstanding sermon entitled, "Who Was Jesus Christ?" He showed exactly how the people of this world have been *BLINDED* to the real Christ of the Bible.

Sunday, Mr. Roderick Meredith *proved*—point by point—*WHY* we must keep God's festivals and described their basic meaning and purpose. That afternoon, Mr. Herman Hoeh gave a revealing sermon on, "Why Does God Hide Himself?" He showed that whenever God *DID* reveal Himself in olden times, *men didn't like it!* They pleaded to hear from a *man* instead. But when they hear only from God's prophets and ministers, then they make the excuse that they will believe only when they hear from God "direct"!

Setting the theme of the entire festival, Mr. Armstrong continued in his series, "Why Are We Here?" He showed that there was to be a great falling away in the last days from the truth, and that Christ was coming to restore the truth to this earth during the happy millennium. Later, he showed *why* Jesus went

to heaven. Then he showed that Jesus will come again to *restore* the kingdom to Israel, to *rule* the nations of this earth and to *restore* the *WAY* of God on this earth which alone will bring us real *peace*, and *joy* and *happiness!*

Very helpful sermons on Christian living and the problems of overcoming human nature were delivered by Mr. Raymond Cole, Mr. Dean Blackwell, and Mr. Wayne Cole. Mr. Gerald Waterhouse brought out feelingly how we should rely more completely on the tremendous *sacrifice* which Jesus Christ made for us! Mr. Norman Smith delivered an outstanding message on family problems and the need for the proper spiritual atmosphere and the leadership of a converted father in every home.

On the final Friday night, Mr. Roderick Meredith brought a message showing in clear detail what it really *means* to be born into the very family and kingdom of God.

Through the festival, Mr. Ted Armstrong continued his messages with powerful sermons on *prophecy*, on the "experience" of really being *changed* and *CONVERTED*, then a message on the technique of training your children, and closed with a sermon entitled, "Let's Be *One* in the Faith!" In this message, he brought out *dozens* of clear examples of

Part of the extensive trailer park between the Dining Hall and the new "Booth City." Camping facilities were greatly expanded this year.





The Dining Hall—originally the Tabernacle in which the Festival was held from 1953 to 1957. Notice the beautiful shade trees and green lawns.

God's government from the New Testament, and showed the real *need* of all you brethren in God's Church to follow your true ministers and spiritual leaders with love and zeal.

This year more than ever before, there was real *mature* and **POWERFUL** preaching from the younger ministers. The *reason* for God directing His apostle to train younger men for the ministry was now more evident than ever. *Maturity, wisdom* and *controlled power* was especially evident in the sermons of Mr. Ted Armstrong. This is due both to his spiritual growth and also his experience in making *hundreds* of daily radio broadcasts which are now reaching millions of people around the world.

Plan NOW to Attend Next Year's Festival!

We cannot even begin to give you in one article the real "meat" of the sermons on prophecy and spiritual understanding which were delivered during this recent Feast of Tabernacles. But they were messages that *every one of you NEEDS very much!*

Many of you scattered brethren have just not realized the tremendous **IMPORTANCE** of keeping the Feast of Taber-

nacles as God commands! But you are *missing out* in more ways than one if you do not attend.

So by all means plan **NOW** to attend next year's Feast of Tabernacles! Begin *right now* to save a *second tithe* of your income *as God commands* and as we have explained many times in this magazine to you brethren. Thousands of other brethren from all walks of life have found they **CAN** save this second tithe—and that they are **BLESSED** for obeying their God!

Every one of **YOU** can do the same! Start planning right now to attend next year's wonderful Feast of Tabernacles at our own tabernacle grounds near Glade-water and Big Sandy, Texas. If you wish, write us here at God's headquarters for information about motel, cabin, or hotel reservations. Or plan to buy or rent a trailer for the occasion. Or bring your own tent, with suitable blankets and other provisions.

This wonderful, happy, God-commanded occasion pictures the joyous *millennial* reign of Jesus Christ on earth. It will be one of the highlights of your entire life to attend! God does **NOT** command you what you are not able to perform! But He **DOES** command you to

keep His annual festivals—including the *Feast of Tabernacles*.

So *be there* next year—and receive God's **BLESSING!**

Don't Cheat Yourself!

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physical blessings than we could ever expect, or ask.

Have you proved these promises of God? And have *you* proved to God that you will be obedient to Him in all of these things? It is time now to obey God in the second and third tithing laws.

Prepare Now

It is almost a year until the next Feast of Tabernacles. Will you be there? Or will you be one of those who will have all kinds of excuses why you cannot obey God and not grow spiritually as you should?

Will the widows, and the fatherless who need help from *your* third tithe be there to rejoice with you? It depends on you.

Put God to the test, obey God regarding these tithing laws, and rejoice with us the next great festival of tabernacles. You will never be sorry you did!

How to Win Friends and Influence People

What is your part as a layman in God's Church? How you can effectively influence others in the RIGHT WAY is revealed here by the Supervisor of our Letter Answering Department.

by Robert C. Boraker

DID YOU ever try to show God's Truth to a member in your family or to a friend? It is a *natural* tendency for a newly converted person—a mere "babe in Christ"—to desire to share the truth of God with family and relatives.

Most realize before long that there is absolutely no use trying to cram "your religion" into their minds. You cannot argue friends and relatives into conversion. *You cannot argue or talk ANY-ONE into conversion!*

This is what you *cannot* do, but here's what you *CAN* do as a lay member in the Church of God!

You Are A "Light"!

Christ compared His disciples to a "light" in a darkened world. Just as a city on a hill cannot be hid, so also is a lighted candle seen by all in the house *unless it is covered*, "under a bushel." With this illustration, Christ goes on to say, "Let your *light* so shine before men, that they may see your GOOD WORKS" — *not* your good arguments or constant preaching—"and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16). As the disciples of Christ today, we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." Are we effectively "salting" the earth and does the world see our "light?"

When we realize that *no man* can come to Jesus Christ unless he is *called* (John 6:44), we see how futile and useless it is to try talking someone into conversion. It is by *good works* that you carry out God's will and attract people to the Bible way of life. Throughout his epistles, the Apostle Paul stressed this need in the lives of God's people. He instructed Timothy to be "*rich in good works*" (I Tim. 6:18). He told the Galatians not to be weary in *well doing* and to do good unto ALL MEN (Gal. 6:9-10). He also told Titus that God's people would be ZEALOUS of *good works* and that those who believe in God would "be careful to *maintain good works*" (Titus 2:14; 3:8). We are to be DOERS! (Rom. 3:13).

Along with this instruction, Paul cautions by saying, "But *avoid* foolish questions, and genealogies, *contentions*, and

strivings *about the law*; for they are *unprofitable* and VAIN (Titus 3:9). In verse 8, Paul had said that it was the *good works* which were *good* and PROFITABLE unto men. It is not our *words* that influences anyone, but it is our WORKS—the *kind of life we live*—that brings results.

Be an Example in CONDUCT

Along with good works, we are also instructed to be an EXAMPLE of the right way to live as taught by the Word of God (Matt. 4:4). Paul told Timothy, "*Be thou an EXAMPLE* of the believers, in word, and conversation [correctly translated CONDUCT or BEHAVIOR], in charity [love], in spirit [attitude], in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12). Notice that we are to be an *example in CONDUCT!* How we conduct ourselves in *every phase of life* is the key in how to *influence* unconverted people.

It is so easy to tell people how *they* ought to live, but it is much more difficult to live that way *ourselves*—to "practice what we preach." It takes constant *overcoming*, correcting of bad habits, and CHANGING from the way we once lived.

Once we are converted, a *change* should take place in the *conduct* of our life. The Apostle Paul describes this change in Ephesians 4:22-24, "You must lay aside your *former habits*, your old self which is going to ruin through its deceptive passions. You must adopt a *new attitude of mind*, and put on the new self which has been created in likeness to God, with all the uprightness and holiness that belong to the truth" (Goodspeed translation).

Knowing that we are to let men see our good works, to set a good example, and to become "holy in *conduct*" (I Pet. 1:15—the word "conversation" should be translated as *conduct*), just *how* does a person accomplish these things in his day-to-day life? Perhaps many of you have read these same Bible scriptures many times, but have not known *HOW* to *apply them to your life*. Here, then, are concrete examples:

One way by which you can be an example and can apply the principles of Christian living, is in *personal appear-*

ance. A true Christian will keep himself well-groomed and his clothing will be neat and clean whenever possible. The principle of *cleanliness* is taught throughout the Bible and it is the responsibility of God's people to be clean in both body and dress.

This principle of cleanliness should also be carried over and applied to the *appearance of our home and property*. The home of every real Christian will be one that is neat, clean, and orderly. Do we put things back in their proper place after use and do we train our children to do the same? Or do we carelessly leave everything where we last used it, thus teaching our children by this *wrong example* to do likewise—creating clutter and confusion.

God is not the author of confusion (I Cor. 14:33), and our homes and property should be kept in good appearance so that our unconverted friends and relatives can see God's way of life practiced and, thus, be glorified.

The *conduct of our children* is another way by which we can set an example for others. Children should be taught to honor their parents by being courteous, speaking politely and being *obedient*. A child should not be allowed to "sass" or speak impudently and disrespectfully to his parents. Parents and children alike should eat with proper table manners and even at those times when guests are *not* present.

When children and young people are taught good manners and proper etiquette so that it becomes a habit with them, a striking impression is made on those in the world who are *accustomed* to seeing *disobedient* children, children who are disrespectful and "rowdy" and the delinquents fostered by today's society. When a saleswoman of a Pasadena store commented recently about the students from Ambassador College, she especially noted that they were "*very mannerly*." May all of God's people be thought of in the same way.

A *working man* can be a "light" by applying the principle of *working with all his might* at whatever job he has to do (Ecc. 9:10). He should work diligently, fervently, and do work of the *finest quality*. A man should respect his

employer no matter how he is treated and be willing to serve him with loyalty in every way he can.

Winning Unconverted Husbands

Many of you married women have unconverted husbands and it is only natural to want your mate to be converted and in God's Church. Notice the instruction of Peter in this regard: "You married women, in the same way, must be *submissive* to your husbands, so that any who refuse to believe the message may be won over *without argument* through the BEHAVIOR of their wives when they see how chaste and submissive you are" (1 Pet. 3:1-2, Goodspeed translation).

It is by the *chaste and submissive* BEHAVIOR of a wife that an unconverted husband may be influenced in accepting the way of God and be converted. It is *not* by argument or by constant "heckling."

Proverbs 31 gives other instructions as to how a woman can be a proper wife to her husband. A man wants his wife to give him attention, to be *affectionate* and to be a *companion* to him. Much grief and family trouble is caused by a wife who becomes so wrapped up in her Bible study and prayer that she no longer has any time for satisfying the needs of her husband. He begins to think of her as some "religious fanatic."

To win your husband to conversion, *don't* hibernate yourself from him in your religious pursuits. Certainly don't neglect your study and prayer, but remember also your obligation to your husband. Love him by being willing to satisfy his desires and needs. And by all means *do not condemn* or look down upon him as being reproachful and the lowest of sinners, or lift yourself up because you may think you know more truth than he.

He is unconverted, yes, but so were we all at one time. We show a *wrong example* by continually voicing our disapproval of the world and its people, abominations and sinful ways. These opinions are best kept to ourselves.

Peter also instructs husbands to be *considerate* of their wives — to "dwell with them *according to knowledge*" — not foolishly or on impulse — "giving HONOUR unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life" (1 Peter 3:7).

A man must be careful *not to force* his unconverted wife into accepting the truth of God. Instead of force, a husband should use *love, AFFECTION* and *CONSIDERATION*, realizing that she has her rights and freedom of belief.

Many other points could be given on family relations if space permitted, but

Question Box

Your questions answered in these columns! Your opportunity to have discussed those problems pertaining directly to members of God's Church.

How should we view the American custom of celebrating Thanksgiving Day?

The Thanksgiving holiday was established in comparatively recent years. It is, of course, not mentioned in Scripture — but the principle of attending and celebrating national holidays is made clear in scripture.

Thanksgiving Day was established by the early colonists, not by any divine authority. But this in itself does not make it wrong to celebrate with good fellowship. Notice the example of Jesus Christ. In John 10:22 we find that Christ attended the "Feast of Dedication," which was established by the Jews years before to commemorate the purification of the temple at Jerusalem. That day was celebrated on the anniversary of the day that the reestablishment of Divine worship occurred after Antiochus Epiphanes had been vanquished and the temple purified about 165 B.C.

Jesus' attendance at that annual holiday clearly illustrated that it is not wrong to attend or celebrate a national holiday established for an honorable purpose. There was nothing wrong in the Jew's celebrating the dedication of the temple and giving God special gratitude on that day. God led Esther and Mordecai to establish the Feast of Purim in commemoration of the miraculous deliverance of the Jews from bloody Haman (see the last chapter of Esther).

The national holidays celebrated by the Jews has, of course, no special significance for the non-Jew — just as Thanksgiving Day holds no special significance for our non-American brethren scattered around the world. God permits these customs only if they do not get out of hand. *What God expressly forbids is the observance of pagan festivals which were invented as deliberate substitutes for the Plan and Program of God.* We are not to adopt in God's worship those customs which the heathen used in serving their gods. But it is proper and fitting for national leaders

to set aside time for the whole nation to give God special thanks for his unique bounty to this nation.

Thanksgiving Day was first celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621 after their first harvest had been entirely reaped. On that day they paid tribute to God for all their bountiful and undeserved material and spiritual blessings. Thanksgiving Day gradually became neglected and was revived during the Civil War as a day of special national thanksgiving for preserving this nation. This American thanksgiving day does *not* have a pagan origin despite the claims of certain fringe sects. It is not usually celebrated with pagan ceremonial customs in honor of pagan traditions and gods, as are Christmas, Easter and Hallowe'en. If this national holiday becomes corrupted, then it would be high time to reject it — but it generally is not so celebrated today.

This day of national thanksgiving can be enjoyed by our brethren in America with an especially deep understanding because we know that our personal and national prosperity have come solely as the result of God's promise to Abraham — and as a result of His choice of this nation as the springboard for his Church in this generation.

Our brethren in other nations do not celebrate this holiday any more than we celebrate the Jews' feasts of Dedication and Purim. What we all do celebrate are those divinely appointed Holy Days and Festivals established by God in His Word for all men. We *never* regard a national holiday with the same respect, awe and reverence as we do God's Sabbath and His Holy Days. National *holidays* are just that — holidays, not Holy Days. They are a time of secular pleasure and gratitude, nothing more.

But in the midst of the Thanksgiving season, let's not neglect Paul's command in Ephesians 5:20 to "give thanks always." Let's not make a mockery of God's special blessings to this nation.

these will be helpful until we can have more articles on this subject in the future.

Expressing Love to World

In *all these things* we can set a good example by living according to *every word* of God. In our contact with the people in the world we should remember

the command which says, "Thou shalt LOVE thy neighbor as *thyself*" (Rom. 13:9).

This is our *responsibility* and is the *best way* to influence people. *No good* is accomplished by giving God's Word to those *not interested* or by casting the pearls of salvation before those who will trample them in the mire and

turn against us *with persecution*" (Matt. 7:6).

We certainly are not to fellowship with the WAYS of the world and worldly people. We also should not have a "superior feeling" or a bitter feeling of antagonism and critical cynicism toward them! Just as God *loves* the PEOPLE in the world and sent His son to reconcile them to God (John 3:16), we also should love them and NOT hate or despise them because of their sins.

LOVE your unconverted relatives, friends and neighbors—but DO NOT FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM IN THEIR OWN WORLDLY WAYS! It is all right to fellowship with them by being an *example* of right living instead of arguing with them or condemning them for *their* carnal ways! Try to HELP them gain understanding of God's way *by your example*—NOT by criticism and finding fault.

Have you ever wondered how to express love toward your unconverted friends and relatives? Remember that unconverted people are still CARNAL and they express love to each other in a *material* way. They express love and affection in this material way by giving gifts during the Christmas season and on birthdays. After repenting of these pagan customs and dispensing with them, how many of you went to the opposite extreme and now *don't give gifts at all*? As a result, what do your unconverted friends and relatives, or mate, who understand your love by receiving a gift, think of you?

It's not wrong to give gifts! Certainly don't give them on the pagan holidays and birthdays, but give them *at other times during the year* and that will help unconverted people to better understand your love toward them. By doing this, you will show them that there is a *better way* and time to give gifts—a time when it can be done out of real love and affection, rather than because of *obligation*.

Answering Questions

Besides setting a good example and loving our neighbor, we also have the responsibility of being "ready always to give an ANSWER to every man that *asketh* you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Pet. 3:15). Paul further instructs, "Use wisdom in dealing with outsiders, making the most of your opportunities. Always put your message *attractively*, and yet pointedly, and be prepared to give every inquirer a fitting ANSWER" (Col. 4:6, Goodspeed).

Notice that the emphasis is on *answering questions* when they are asked you! If you really are living by every word of God, setting the right example,

this new and different way of life *will provoke questions* from unconverted friends and relatives with whom you are in contact. It is our duty to be able to answer questions in a tactful way that will arouse interest in the truth of God. If we have the *wisdom* and common sense that God gives us, they will have confidence in our ability to answer their questions and help solve their pressing problems.

Yes, this will require *study* of God's Word and *prayer* to have the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It will take *persevering effort* in order to be an outstanding example and the best neighbor in the community and to continually show love toward others through good works. When unconverted people see our good works and the example of God's way of life, some will have a desire to share God's blessings. And if they ask us questions about the purpose of our life and why we believe in living this way, only *then* should we explain the truth of God—only when it's *welcomed* and when they want it and are willing to open their minds and receive it. Don't generally talk about religion unless *they*, the unconverted, bring it up.

But we must be careful, brethren, that we don't go to the opposite extreme and *say nothing* to unconverted people. We shouldn't participate with them in their worldly pursuits, goals, and sinful ways,

BUT WE SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH THEIR WELFARE and try to help them in every way we can. We should always have the attitude of wanting to do some good deed for them and give of our time and effort that others may benefit.

To arouse an unconverted person's interest, we CAN talk about *world events* in the news and bring to their attention what is happening in the world because of the wrong goals of men. If they seem interested in finding the answers to the world's problems, we can *suggest* that they listen to The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and read The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. If *God is calling them* at this time and is *granting* them repentance (Acts 11:18), they will have more questions for you to answer and their interest in the Word of God will grow from then on.

Besides faithfully paying tithes and giving offerings, and *laboring in PRAYER*, the Church of God has a responsibility in being an EXAMPLE to a world which has forgotten God and is living in the depths of sin! Our CALLING is to reach human beings through our love toward them. If everyone in the Church does his part, the *life and example* of God's people scattered throughout the earth can be an *impact* on the world and a *powerful witness* of God's true WAY OF LIFE!

Let's ALL live God's WAY!

AUSTRALIA, at last!

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own people—ISRAEL—what shall surely be! And now He's opening the way to make it known to the people of Australia!

Just a Beginning

But this is only the *bottom* rung of the ladder! From here, it will be a long, uphill climb to fulfill the very commission of Christ!

Before I leave Sydney, I hope to have just the *right* office location picked out, and fully equipped and ready to serve the Australian people. Perhaps later, God will grant such an increase of listeners and readers that we will even have to *print* Australia's *own* edition of the *Plain Truth!* This is now becoming vitally necessary in Great Britain!

With six-times-a-week broadcasting, and the real HUNGER for God's truth that is evidenced here, Mr. Waterhouse, Mr. Longuskie and I all feel the work of God will go forward with great LEAPS

in this great island continent.

Formerly, it usually took *many weeks* for the Australian people to receive literature they had requested. Now, we hope to deliver it to them in just a very few days. Where they weren't able to look forward to a *visit* from one of God's own ministers before—now they can! It's going to mean long, hard hours for these men whom God is sending here—and great personal sacrifice, but they're really HAPPY to have this wonderful opportunity! I hope it makes all of *you* just as happy!

Yes, this is only the *beginning* here. It's beginning just like *all* things of God do—very small. But, just as the little grain of mustard seed becomes a great plant, so the birds roost in it—so we know the work of God "down under" will grow and *grow* and GROW!

Let's all REJOICE in this really GOOD NEWS—and thank God for the *part* He has given us to do!