

# PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

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## THE MYSTERIOUS "WATERGATE BREAK-IN" ON CAMPUS

by Herbert W. Armstrong

It seems there are rumors being maliciously spread of one or two "Watergate break-ins" supposed to have taken place on campus.

I am informed that on one occasion a slandering, anonymous typed letter was being circulated on campus, copies of which were slipped under office doors during the night. I am informed a former secretary authorized a check of typewriters in various offices on campus to ascertain on which typewriter the slanderous letter had been typed.

The man in charge of typewriter maintenance is also custodian of campus keys and is the campus locksmith. He was authorized properly to open office doors for typewriter inspection to compare which typewriter--if any--had been used in typing the anonymous letter.

There was no "break-in."

The other rumored "break-in" occurred in the Spanish Department. Mr. Leon Walker, director of the Spanish Department, was in South America at the time. Information was received from somewhere that our manager of our Mexico City office was there on a visa technically illegal. One of our ministers sought visa information so our Legal Department could correct the error.

He needed to examine papers regarding the visa in the offices of the Spanish Department. He called a secretary, office employee and Spanish-language translator in the evening. She said she would go with him to the Spanish offices, but it was after hours and she did not have a key to the Office Facilities building. The minister called the man in charge of campus keys, who agreed to let them in the building. The secretary-translator's husband also accompanied her and the minister. (The Legal Department later found that the visa was in fact legal.)

Later the minister and the secretary-translator's husband were accused to me of a "Watergate break-in." I called them to question them. The whole episode had been improperly reported to me, as I learned later. I had revoked the minister's ministerial status, and sent both him and the secretary-translator's husband away. I have since investigated more thoroughly. It was a case of misguided zeal, but no wrong intent. THERE WAS NO BREAK-IN. Those who spread such a rumor are spreading false rumors to discredit the minister and the Church.

There is no need to make an announcement of the foregoing. It is furnished to you simply to aid in answering Church members that might hear of the rumor and ask a question of you regarding the same.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Greetings again from the financial offices. God has continued to bless the Work in the U.S. this month with a good increase over last year. At present the increase is still a few tenths of a percent over 18%.

Our bank balances are in a very healthy condition at present, though we expect a considerable drop this month. The reason relates to feast expenditures. In a few days, ministerial festival allotments will go out, and a few days after that the member festival assistance checks will go out. About this time we will also begin paying for festival facilities. Putting all these things together, we expect to pay out almost two million dollars in feast-related expenses. When the Holy Day offerings come in, our balances should recover and increase above present levels.

This information should inform you about some of the inner workings of the financial area that you otherwise might not know or think about. When your allotment arrives, you may be reminded of how the festival expense affects the financial area of the Work.

For the first time in many years, we expect second tithe allocations to make it possible for all qualified widows to attend the feast. This is encouraging to me, and I believe we should thank the Head of the Church Who has made it possible.

I am sure you have noticed the new radio and television stations that are being added lately. Even though the numbers are small at present, we are hoping to increase allocation of funds for this important area of the Work.

We appreciate your continuing support, and that of all the brethren from your area.

--Leroy Neff, Treasurer

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

We have just received the following telex from Bob Morton in Australia. Melbourne is the only major city without TV coverage. Now read on!

Bob Fahey (9-11-81) Greetings. Have finally found an open door to preach the Gospel to Melbourne. Have an opportunity to run World Tomorrow TV program on the giant 50-foot video screen in Melbourne Square.

Melbourne's commercial and business activities revolve around the Square and the video equipment is modern and very effective. At any given time, as many as 2,000 people are normally within viewing range and the audio reproduction is excellent. Speakers around the Square allow anyone interested to listen. The screen normally carries regular TV programs and is very popular.

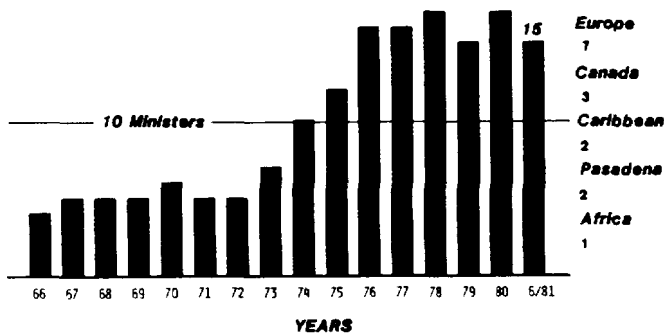
Have been offered contract for three days per week at 200 dollars per week. Would Mr. Armstrong approve of this type of media outlet? Seems to me there are plenty of precedents where God's servants have raised their voices in the centre of the city before. Would be grateful if you would telex me back on this.

Editor's Note: Mr. Armstrong gave his enthusiastic approval!

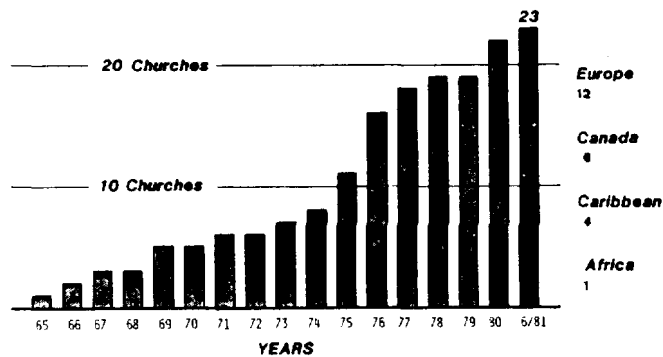
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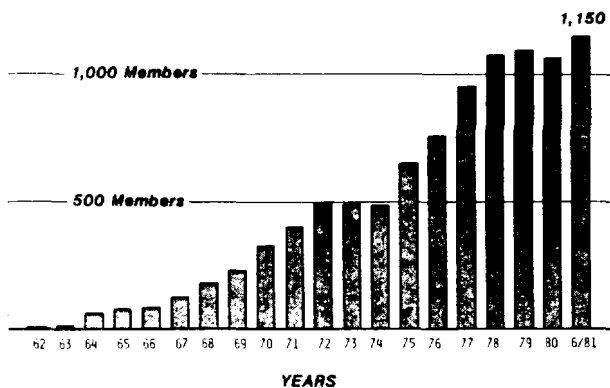
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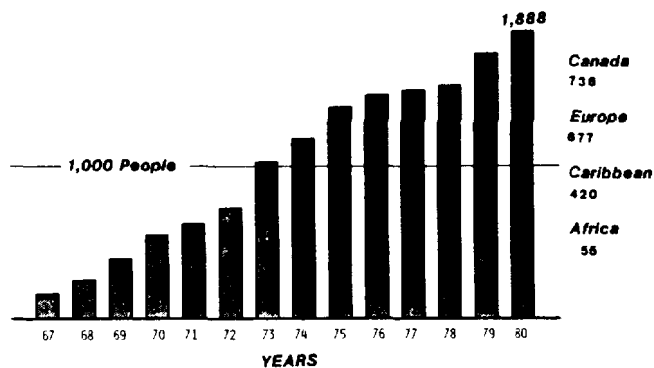
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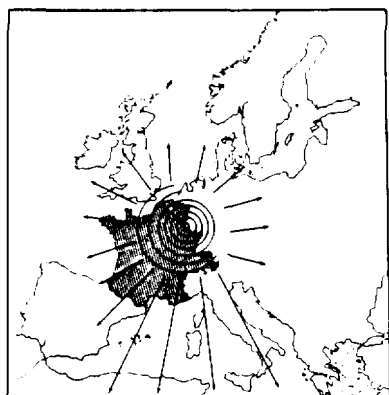
**NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS**



**FESTIVAL ATTENDANCE**

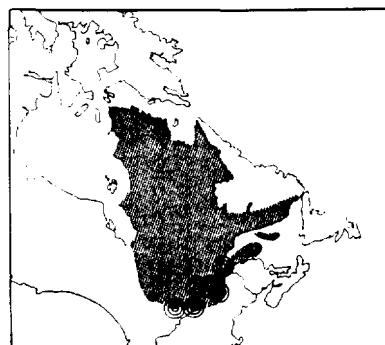


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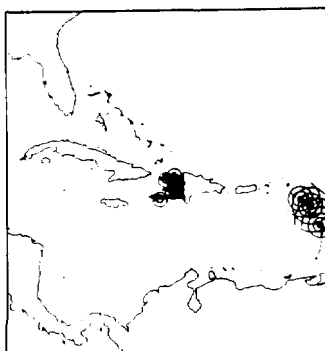
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Radio Luxembourg  
(shortwave)



#### CANADA

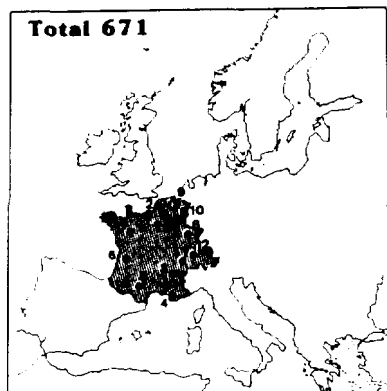
CFMB - Montreal  
CKCV - Quebec  
CJRC - Ottawa  
CHLN -  
Trois-Rivieres  
CJSA - Ste-Agathe-  
Des-Monts  
CKLD -  
Thetford Mines



#### CARIBBEAN

Martinique &  
Guadeloupe  
Radio Caraibes  
International  
Haiti  
4VBM  
4VCM  
4VWA  
4VWB  
4VM2  
4VKB  
Montserrat  
Radio Antilles

### CHURCHES & ATTENDANCE



Total 671

#### FRANCE

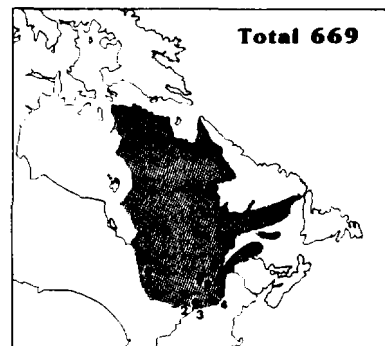
- 1 Paris 200
- 2 Lille 28
- 3 Lyon 29
- 4 Marseille 15
- 5 Toulouse 30
- 6 Bordeaux 35
- 7 Angers 45
- 8 Nancy 64

#### BELGIUM

- 9 Bruxelles 96
- 10 Liège 32

#### SWITZERLAND

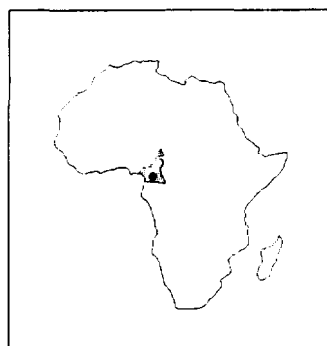
- 11 Genève 73
- 12 Neuchâtel 24



Total 669

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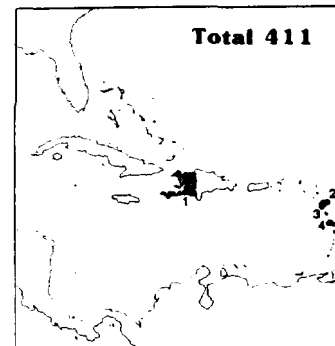
- 1 Val d'Or 35
- 2 Montreal AM 257
- 3 Montreal PM 197
- 4 Sherbrooke 47
- 5 Trois Rivières 51
- 6 Quebec City 82



#### AFRICA

#### CAMEROON

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Total 411

#### CARIBBEAN

#### HAITI

1 Port-au-Prince 36

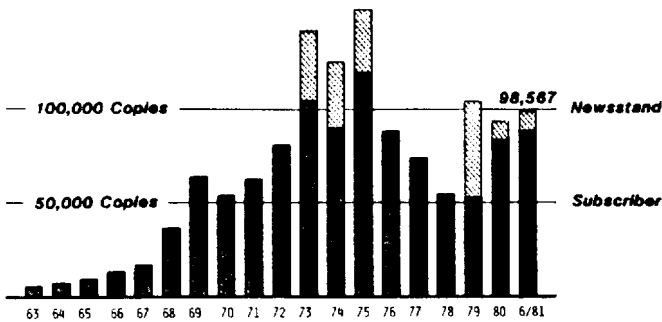
#### GADELOUPE

- 2 Point-à-Pitre 99
- 3 Basse-Terre 14

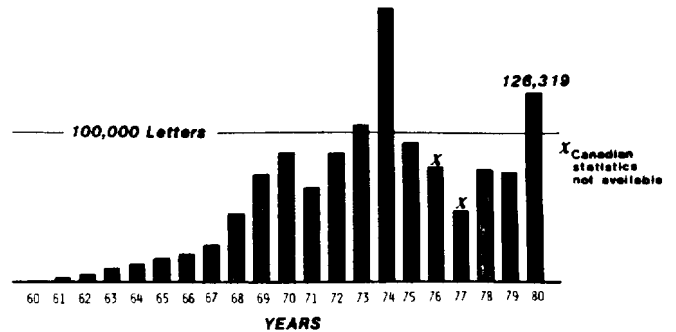
#### MARTINIQUE

4 Fort-de-France 262

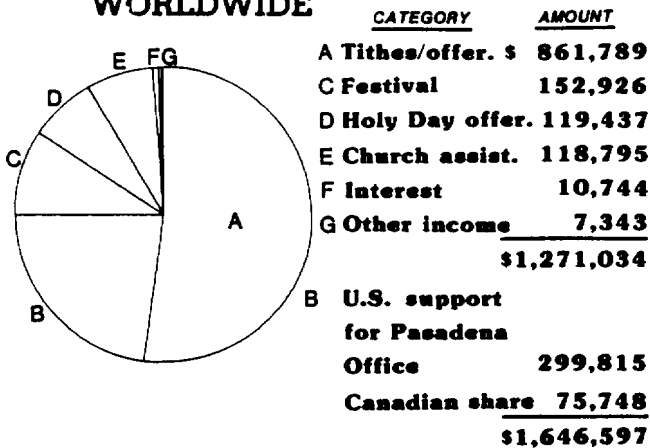
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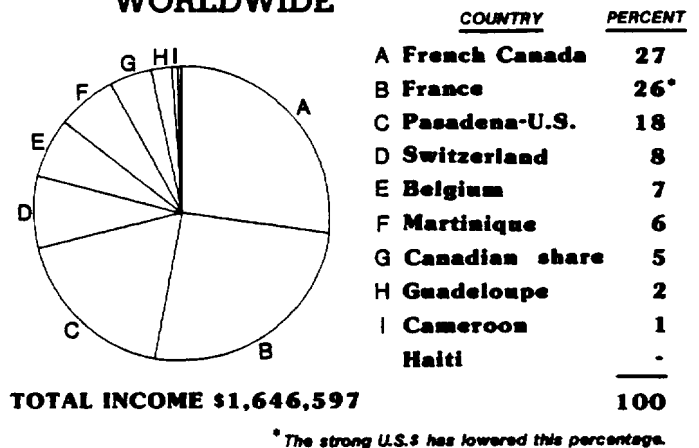
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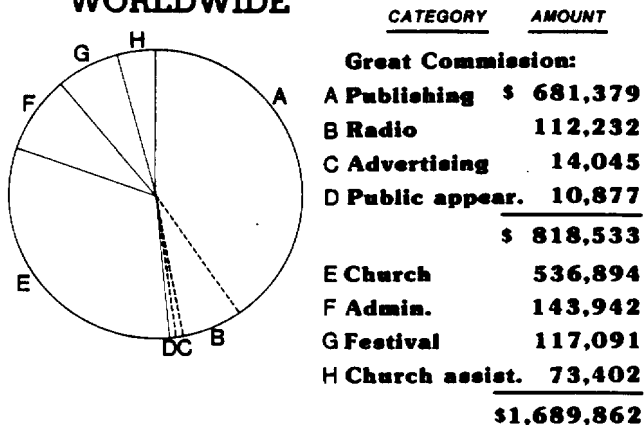
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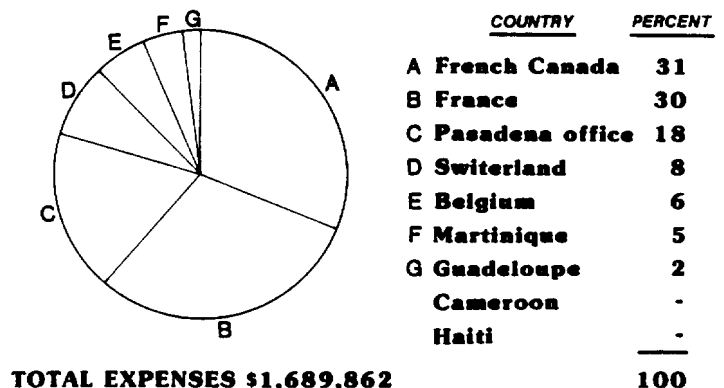
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FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES1982 Festival Housing

A great deal of planning for the 1982 Feast of Tabernacles is already under way. One important factor, that of housing reservations, affects everyone. For several reasons, we are asking that all members wait to book their housing for the Feast until next spring.

First, many of our sites are not yet firm for next year. Some may have to be dropped in favor of new sites. If a site where members had made reservations is later cancelled, they could lose a substantial portion of their second tithe.

Second, we cannot guarantee anyone that his transfer will be approved. If members book housing at a site and then cannot attend, they could stand to lose more money than they could afford.

A third factor, and even more important than the first two, is that the Festival Coordinator must negotiate for housing prices at each site early in the year. During this process, he visits each hotel/motel in the area. If our members have already booked large numbers of rooms at those establishments, negotiating for cheaper rates becomes impossible. This spoils a good business relationship and unnecessarily wastes everyone's second tithe. As in many other cases, those who are hurt the worst from this are those who can least afford it--the widows, elderly and low-income members.

Finally, it appears that much of the advance booking occurs from those transferring to the popular sites such as St. Petersburg, Norfolk and Lake of the Ozarks. This puts an unequal burden on the members assigned to those sites, since by the time they begin to make reservations in the spring, some of the housing they need is taken by others who might not need it as badly. If everyone will wait--especially those transferring--the own-arrangements system will be far more equitable for those involved.

Please emphasize by the announcement on the following page, and editorialize from this material if you see fit, that members should wait until the spring Feast Edition of the WORLDWIDE NEWS comes out to make their 1982 Festival housing arrangements.

Thank you for your help.

Shortage of Bible Hymnals for the Feast

Please announce to your local congregations that due to the increased numbers of brethren who have signed up to attend the Feast this year, we are asking that all brethren who own PERSONAL copies of the Bible Hymnal to please bring them to the Feast.

Hawaii, Rapid City, Squaw Valley, St. Petersburg and Jekyll Island have a special need for extra hymnals due to the high percentage of transfers.

Your attention and help in this matter will be much appreciated.

\*\*\*\*PLEASE ANNOUNCE IN ALL CHURCHES\*\*\*\*

1982 Festival Housing Arrangements

Even though the Feast of Tabernacles is still weeks away, much planning for next year's Festival has already taken place. One critical factor is housing. Because of the following reasons, we are requesting that all members wait until next spring when the Feast Edition of the WORLDWIDE NEWS comes out to make housing reservations for 1982.

1. The sites are not yet firm. Almost any site could be changed.
2. We have no way to guarantee that all transfers will be approved.
3. All housing at each site must be negotiated by the Festival Coordinator between now and next year. Negotiating for better prices is impossible if available housing is already partially filled by members.
4. Finally, those transferring to popular sites such as St. Petersburg and booking their housing early, make it much more difficult for those assigned to the site to find housing.

So again--you should wait until the spring Feast Edition of the WORLDWIDE NEWS comes out to make your 1982 Festival housing arrangements. Your cooperation in this area will help make a better Feast for everyone!

--Festival Office

International News

News From the German Office Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong's visit to Bonn made for an inspiring start into August. After Mr. Armstrong's lecture to 886 brethren in the Bad Godesberg City Hall on August 1, many commented on the obvious strength and endurance with which God has blessed Mr. Armstrong. Many letters of appreciation and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were received in Bonn, again pointing to the very positive echo left by the visit.

A three-day conference for the ministers took place in Bonn after Mr. Armstrong's party left for Paris on Sunday, August 2. Discussions were held on the coming Fall Festival in Brno, Czechoslovakia and Bonndorf, West Germany, as well as 1982 Church Budget plans and the Spring Festival 1982. There was also time for social fellowship with the office staff.

A full round of local church activities complemented church services and Bible studies during August. Among these were mountain hikes, boat trips, and even a Swiss picnic featuring water-skiing, which 20 French-speaking brethren from Geneva also attended.

Overall, we received 36% more mail this month than in August 1980. Solicited mail was up 26% over last year. And income was up 23.8% over last month.

Appreciation for the Ministerial Refresher Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Sandee and I have had a chance to savor the memories of three weeks in Pasadena. Words cannot express the value of the refresher program.

How great it is to see everyone striving to support you and to work together in UNITY. What a difference it makes! And how much easier to wholeheartedly support everything coming from Pasadena!

Thanks so much for your unending efforts to give us Christ's leadership and to do things His way. There is no way to criticize your example of drive, effort and purpose. If only we could keep up with it!

We thank you deeply for GIVING us such an opportunity and for spending time with us so we may be more effective in serving those whom God has called--the most delightful people to work with there could possibly be!

Garvin and Sandee Greene

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

My wife Kathy and I would like to thank you very much for the 14th session of the Ministerial Refresher Program. The Spirit of unity, cooperation, teamwork and harmony was truly refreshing. The "trunk of the tree" classes were very edifying and just what we needed to keep us moving down the right track. We especially appreciated your coming in to speak with us. Your personal involvement in the ministry is most inspiring.

Although it was hard to leave our three little girls for three weeks, it gave us an opportunity to gain a "refreshed" perspective on our marriage and family, as well as on the Work and the ministry. Thanks again and our prayers are with you for continued strength and vitality in serving the Great God who has called you to fulfill the Great Commission.

Greg and Kathy Johnson

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

A few weeks back I gave a sermon entitled "Contending for the Faith Once Delivered." Had I waited until after the 13th session of the Ministerial Refresher Program, I could have given the subject much more justice.

Having been hired full time in the field ministry only three months ago, this was my first refresher program or ministerial conference of any type. When brethren here in the local area ask me what the highlight of the refresher program was for me, the spontaneous answer is "seeing God's Apostle for the first time since the Feast of



Tabernacles 1976 and hearing him talk to us for nearly two hours!" Surely God has impressed upon your mind the intense need to see personally as many brethren as possible. Your presence there in Pasadena truly inspires more and more loyalty and unity within the Church as all the brethren see how God is renewing your strength daily.

So Mr. Armstrong, I thank you for this Ministerial Refresher Program and for those leading men who taught us faithfully by always stressing that the subject outlines were gone over and approved by you. May we all faithfully teach that faith delivered to us all by Jesus Christ through His chosen apostle!

David Dobson

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

### MAIL PROCESSING CENTER UPDATE

#### Mail Processing Student Training Program

Mr. Armstrong has often stressed the value of experience as well as academic studies. This year eight senior Ambassador students are in a special program to receive practical work experience in the multiple activities of the Mail Processing Center.

Throughout the school year each man will work fifteen to twenty hours per week, gaining experience in each of the five major departments--Mail Opening, Terminals, WATS, Postal and Personal Correspondence. The latter half of their work experience will be in Personal Correspondence where they will read and begin answering some of the letters from people writing for help in applying God's truth in their lives.

This program is a concentrated version of what senior students in the early years of Ambassador experienced while working in Mail Reading and Letter Answering.

It is expected that each man will have a better knowledge of how God's Work functions as it responds to the people being called through Mr. Armstrong's broadcasts and The PLAIN TRUTH. And by understanding more about the real problems that concern people and how to deal with these problems, these students should be better prepared for the responsibilities they will have after graduation.

#### Weekly Letter Comments

This week we selected comments expressing gratitude for the Work's literature. Readers describe how much they have benefitted from the magazines and booklets.

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

#### Work's Literature Has Impact

Receiving your literature has caused me to read and study my Bible as I should have always been doing. I feel I have learned more in a short time than in 30 years of classroom and "church" study. I am so grateful for every truth learned--but I still have a long way to go. Thank you so much for your help.

Mrs. L.F. (Dumas, TX)

I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate receiving The PLAIN TRUTH magazine and other literature. So many of my questions are being answered! Presently I am reading the Bible straight through--something I have never done before but which was suggested in your literature. What a pleasure it is too! Many times I find articles in The PLAIN TRUTH or booklets that enhance my reading. Your literature is opening a whole new world to me. Numerous ideas which you present are shocking, but when I search the Scriptures I find that they are true.

K.B. (Dayton, OH)

Thank you so much for your Bible Correspondence Course and booklets. I have learned more in six months than in all my 48 years. The truth has put to rest doubts I have had about numerous so-called Christian truths. God bless you in this work.

Mrs. J.S. (Windsor, Canada)

I would like you to know, sir, there are no words in the English language (the only one I speak) that would describe the understanding, happiness and peace of mind I now possess since reading the many booklets I have received from you. Please feel free to send any material you publish as I enjoy every word.

L.H. (Jacksonville, FL)

As I write this, I want you to know I still find myself in a state of happy surprise at having recently read one of the booklets of which you (Mr. Armstrong) are the author. It is entitled, WHICH DAY IS THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH? I am now, after reading it, more a Sabbath keeper than ever. Despite the booklet having been printed in 1973, I am accepting the invitation at the end to write for additional material. I would especially appreciate the booklet about Jesus not having been resurrected on Sunday. Thank you beforehand.

G.G. (Cali, Valle, Colombia)