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MAIL SUMMARIES

HEADQUARTERS

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The mail count for the year to date shows a 19.5% decrease compared to the same period last year. The mail count has been rising the last three weeks and for the first seven days of July was only 5.2% below last July. Total responses to the *Reader's Digest* ads are as follows: the April ad on the human mind, 9,901; the May ad on the human mind, 3,084; the June ad on marriage, 4,346; and the July ad on marriage, 1,622, after 13 days.

LONDON

The total mail count for June was 23,000, a 30% drop from last June. The mail count for the first six months was 6% under 1971. A total of 4,200 subscribers were added to the files during the month, 1,230 of which were the result of advertisements. In addition, 5,000 new students were added to the Correspondence Course, bringing total enrollment to 16,500.

AFRICA SECTION

Only a few weeks remain before Mr. Morton's next tour of Africa. The number of those wanting personal counsel is 254, of which 157 will be visited for the first time.

LETTER COMMENTS

HEALINGS

This week we share some of the many reports from members, co-workers, and readers who have been witnesses of God's miraculous healing power.

As a special blessing our family now includes Sarah Jane, age 2 months. It was not until *both* myself and wife were baptized and asked God to heal us that we were given a child of our marriage. Words cannot express, or money buy, the joy we have received. Enclosed is our gift of thanks to the Work of our Father.

— Jasper H.,
North Springfield, Virginia

I was in a car accident and had three fractured ribs, a fractured shoulder bone and fractured collar bone. The bones were healed in three weeks. I am 70 years old and the doctor said this would go down in his record book for being healed so fast.

— Annie S., Houston, Texas

How I thank you for your prayers for our little one's recovery from pneumonia. She was so very sick and as soon as I received the cloth and placed it on her, she was immediately better. Why, she hasn't even so much as coughed since then, and her big blue eyes are as bright and alert as ever! How thankful we are for God's healing power!

— Mr. & Mrs. Dean M.,
Valley Head, Alabama

I had a small cyst or tumor under one (right) breast two weeks ago. Since I didn't want to be
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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Michael and Elaine Bousfield (Glasgow, Scotland): We are happy to announce the birth of our daughter, *Elizabeth Anne*, on Saturday, May 20, 1972. It was a very easy home delivery and little Anne weighed in at 6 lbs., 7 oz.

Melvin and Barbara Dahlgren (Jacksonville): Greetings! Of all days to choose, Barb decided to deliver *Sherisa Lynette* (Shelly's "twin" sister) on the 10th of June — the day of fasting! Sheri was born with the *same* midwife at the *same* location, on the *same* day of the month, the *same* exact time of day — 7:45 a.m.; *same* weight — 9 lbs.; *same* length — 21 inches; and *same* sex as our first daughter, Shelly — "only" 1 year and 7 months later!! That's the longest "labor" for "twins" on record we know of yet. God really blessed us, for Barb delivered only 15 minutes after arriving at the midwife's home, and with *Special Help* she was able to keep the fast with the rest of God's people worldwide!

George and Penny Geis (Pasadena): Our second child and first daughter, *Terry Lynn*, was born on June 16. Penny's 8 lb., 4 oz. "gift" was about the finest present she could give me for Father's Day.

Lyle and Margaret Welty (Columbus): Greetings from Columbus! Margie and I are happy to announce the birth of our son, *Douglas Eugene*. He was born May 31st and weighed 7 lbs., 10¾ oz. Margie and baby are doing fine.

Ben and Linda Wesley (Baltimore-Washington): Brian David has a brother — *Richard Kevin* — born May 25, just about the time Linda decided he was going to wait another 9 months. Kevin weighed 7½ lbs. and was 20 inches long.

COMMISSARY BROCHURE

We of the Crown City Commissary would like to have all of you ministers make an an-

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nouncement to your local congregations and Bible studies concerning a brochure we are preparing. This is a pilot project to test the response of our people to a new program. Needless to say, your positive personal enthusiasm in making this announcement will be a critical factor in the success of this venture. Perhaps you can elaborate on it, to some degree, explaining that this is a *service* to God's people. Just as we help our people with their Festival housing and camping equipment, we can make certain merchandise available to them at a substantial savings because of our buying power. With your help, and the support of our people, we can look forward to a very successful program. Now for the announcement:

Crown City Commissary is pleased to announce a forthcoming brochure for the members of the Worldwide Church of God. The items offered in this first brochure will be directed toward filling some of your needs for the Feast of Tabernacles, 1972. These items represent what we feel will mean considerable savings for you. While the selection of items offered is quite limited, we hope this will be the beginning of an extensive program which will help you stretch your buying power in this age of continuing inflation.

Watch for your brochure to be distributed in your local area about August 1. It will contain complete instructions on how you may obtain the items offered.

Thanks for allowing Crown City Commissary to serve you — we are eagerly looking forward to your enthusiastic support!

Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

As I mentioned in the last Bulletin to you, I would like to bring you up to date on the status of the special offering, which is now past the \$1,300,000 mark. This is slightly higher than I had expected, and I am very pleased at the response from all of God's people during this time of critical need.

The budget cuts also have been very successful here at Headquarters. We succeeded in cutting almost \$2,000,000 from our current operating budget, and there are other items of equipment that are now surplus to our needs that we will be selling in the near future, giving us savings in excess of \$2,000,000 total.

On top of this, our overall income is picking up fairly well and our income for the year to date stands at a little over 12%. This, of course, is mainly due to the influx of the special offering, but we hope it will not deteriorate as the year progresses. We are now back in the "black" relative to our reserves, and the overall picture does look much brighter now than it did a month ago. Thank you all very much for the help you have been to us at Headquarters in your encouragement of God's people and your own personal contributions. Please tell all the brethren how much we appreciate their dedication and loyalty.

Daily television programming is now well underway, and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong is making strong, straight-from-the-shoulder telecasts that I personally feel will be very effective. Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. Rader and I are watching the program daily — sometimes twice a day — and we are all very impressed with the power and the personality that Mr. Ted Armstrong is evidencing. This is the real Ted Armstrong coming through, letting God's gift in him come out! We are also planning a new booklet each month to tie in directly with the subjects covered. This is going to be a major effort on the part of the Booklet Editorial Division under Mr. Hill. We are all very optimistic and stimulated by the way these programs are shaping up and are expecting some great results. At the present time, Mr. Ted Armstrong is doing two programs a day in order to amass a backlog for when we do actually begin the daily telecast

and, as I am writing, he has 18 already complete programs "in the can."

As a follow-up to the television, he is planning a series of evangelistic campaigns. The first one will take place, beginning August 25, in Calgary, Alberta. In talking personally with Mr. Ted Armstrong about his approach to these campaigns, I can only again state that I am enthusiastic and thrilled about them. He is presently planning a strong message direct to the audience bringing in current affairs, social problems and how they relate to God and to them, etc., and then directing the audience to take personal action even before they leave the place of assembly! By this, I do not mean he will be making an "altar call" but, rather, he will be directing anybody who is interested in further understanding God's way to contact one of the several "counselors" — our own ministers — who will be available for on-the-spot counseling or making appointments for later in-home visiting.

We all really feel this will be *very effective* in bringing many more people to an understanding of God's way and encouraging them to change their lives to become happier, purposeful and fulfilled.

As you can see, this is going to put a great burden on Mr. Ted Armstrong, and he really does need our dedicated prayers for his continuing strength and inspiration as this program gets underway.

As you know from Mr. Herbert Armstrong's letter to the ministers, Mr. Raymond Cole and Mr. Wayne Cole will both be coming back to work directly at Headquarters in positions of high executive responsibility. The effect of their return here has helped to greatly relieve our executive manpower pressures, and we are now able to do much more in the way of planning and organizing for the future. In the academic area, for example, now that Mr. Meredith is able to devote his full time to the establishment of a strong faculty and Department of Theology, we are able to do much more meaningful planning. For example, Mr. Meredith is in the planning stages of creating a handbook, or even an encyclopedia, of our theological beliefs and our background for believing the things we do. He will be setting up a team which will be exploring in depth many areas of theology and history in order to better shore up many of our theological tenets.

This, of course, will lead to an examination of
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Church Administration

DAVID L. ANTION

This is a new experience for me!

Needless to say, Mr. Meredith and I have been stunned in the last couple of weeks with our changeover in job responsibilities. We are both working furiously to get on top of both our new respective responsibilities.

The changeover came right at the time a number of layoffs were being made in both areas, which makes it both unpleasant and difficult to come into these new responsibilities at this same time. This can be somewhat discouraging — but it is necessary.

It is our hope that in the future we will have a direct policy with regard to layoffs as a result of financial cutbacks so that all of God's ministers in the field will be able to understand just how these decisions are made.

Overall, we are laying off mostly Ministerial Assistants and basically those Elders who are able to find work more easily on the outside.

Watch Your Health

I received news this morning [Friday] that Dr. Charles Bogart, a long time Church member and now Principal of Imperial High School in Pasadena, had suffered a severe heart attack in a restaurant last evening. He had fainted at the restaurant, after which he was anointed. But when Dr. Riley got there, he suspected a heart attack and requested that Dr. Bogart have a thorough examination to be absolutely sure. It was confirmed. He is now in the intensive care unit at the Huntington Hospital here in Pasadena. It happened suddenly and unexpectedly as these things often do.

I hope all of you will pray for him and his wife. His daughter, Beverly, is married to one of God's ministers, Mr. Fred Davis, now in the Kansas City area.

I would like to take this opportunity to exhort all of you to take care of yourselves and *your health*. It is difficult for you to serve God — to take on the problems and trials of others — without being in good health and in good condition yourselves. The Bible points out that we who are strong should bear the infirmities of the weak. But we *must be strong!*

District Superintendents Conference

Starting July 10th, the District Superintendents Conference will convene here in Pasadena. All the District Superintendents will be flying out on Sunday, after which we will have four days of meetings. We have had a little over two weeks to gear up and prepare for this conference and we hope and pray that it will be inspiring and profitable for all.

By the way, Mr. Raymond Cole will be here for the District Superintendents Conference and will be conducting some of the lectures. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cole have now completed their 29th move since they have been married and are now here in Pasadena. However, they will be moving once more — just down the street for their 30th move — in about six weeks. So if we think the ministry is just a normal life like anyone else leads, I think Mr. Cole could tell us all differently.

At the District Superintendents Conference we hope to go over some plans for a Ministerial Training Course here at Pasadena. Dr. Meredith and George Kemnitz are working on some ideas for a course for our ministers when they come in from the field. In the past we have had no real program for incoming ministers. We need something just for our ministers — a program to enhance their training and skills with regard to the ministry. It will be a good opportunity for more training which we all need periodically.

We hope to talk over other things with the District Superintendents and get their ideas and input on many subjects. Some of the meetings will probably be workshop types where we just sit around and talk about ideas and plans.

Mr. Cole and I will be visiting some of the districts at their District Conferences this summer. We hope that a few of the other Evangelists can come out from Headquarters as well and be with you in your District Conferences. But where they can't, I feel the District Superintendent will certainly be able to bring you all the ideas and things we discuss here next week.

Campaigns

Mr. Ted Armstrong talked to me the other day about C.A.D. involvement in the new campaigns and evangelistic meetings that will be held. We will be working up ideas and plans that can be discussed with you. It will involve perhaps some of your leading deacons and pillars in the Church, as well as you. But we have to have specifics and hopefully they will be

worked up in the next month as Mr. Ted Armstrong prepares for his campaign in Calgary, Canada. He wants to use ministers, elders, and leading men from the local Churches as counselors at these campaigns. The idea is that those people who are persuaded to take a step toward inquiry about God's Church, repentance and keeping God's Sabbath will have someone to talk with. They can give their name and address and request a visit from the local pastor in that area, if they so desire. This will mean added responsibility and added workload for all of our ministers. But I am sure we can do it and I know the brethren will be encouraged by such growth.

Have you ever noticed that the first surge of God's Spirit upon conversion is the desire to evangelize and spread God's truth? Sometimes over a period of years we can become casual about God's truth. But, when you think of reaching new people and showing them these wonderful truths, it tends to stir up that first surge of the Spirit. Let's recapture that wonderful evangelizing spirit in our own lives.

A Work of Service

Let's make the ministry of God a real ministry of *service*. That's what the word ministry means. We are in a work of service (Eph. 4:11-12). There are many organizations in the world whose motive is profit that stress *service*. They give pep talks to their sales force, to their backup people, to their manufacturing people, etc. They stress service to the customer — on-time deliveries, fewer repairs, quick consultation, etc.

But no organization should stress service as much as the true ministry of God. We are here to serve God's people at any hour of any day. We are here to answer questions and to anoint. To give counsel for marriage and to perform funerals. We are here to listen — *just listen* — to a person's heartfelt problems and sometimes deep disappointments. So when one steps into the field ministry, he steps into a work of *service* to the people that Christ purchased with His own blood.

And speaking of service, we here at Headquarters, and those on the C.A.D. team, want you all to know that we feel the same way and want to develop a total attitude of service to all of you so that your service to God's people can be constantly growing and improving in efficiency.

If there is anything we can do to make your work better in quality, or efficiency, or greater in capacity, let us know.

Foreign Educational Service

RONALD L. DART

The news from the Foreign Work is all good this time! Some of the best is that Mr. Harold Jackson and Mr. Bob Morton have been granted visas to visit Nigeria! So far, they have 269 visits scheduled throughout Africa, and the visiting information forms are still coming in. Mr. Morton estimates that they will have close to 300 before they leave on the tour. Some of the most encouraging news is that Ghana has now gone over to a five-day work week which will make the Sabbath problem a lot easier for quite a number of prospective members. Mr. Jackson's and Mr. Morton's itinerary and the breakdown of their visits is as follows:

Date	City	Visits
August		
9-11	Kano, Nigeria	10
12-17	Lagos, Nigeria	44
18-21	Benin, Nigeria	22
22-26	Enugu, Nigeria	36
27-28	Douala, E. Cameroon	3
29-30	Victoria, W. Cameroon	12
31-Sept. 7	Accra, Ghana	66
September		
8-11	Kumasi, Ghana	28
12	Monrovia, Liberia	1
13-Oct. 1	Feast in South Africa and Rhodesia	
October		
2	Kitwe, Zambia	6
3-4	Lusaka, Zambia	24
5	Dar-es-Salam, Tanzania	7
6	Nairobi, Kenya	4
7	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	1
8	Kampala, Uganda	5
9	London	

Mr. and Mrs. Morton handled all of our visits in Malta on their vacation this year. They were able to see all but one of the prospective members on the island, and, as he put it, "spent most of the week pulling people out of spiritual mire." Nearly every prospective member there knows every other prospective member, and as a result, they're all suffering from a combined 1972

let-down syndrome. Furthermore, there's been an effort in Malta to discredit the Work with newspaper articles, and some person is picking up names and addresses from PT wrappers (probably at the Malta Post Office) and writing to subscribers on the island.

Rhodesia

I recently received a very interesting letter from Russell Johnson in Rhodesia, and wanted to include one item of it in the Bulletin:

We continue to receive an average of about ten new visit requests a month. There's a lot of dead wood in this, of course — we've dropped 72 people since we've been here, and baptized about 20, but *still* have over 100 PMs to visit! Most of these are Africans, of course, so no doubt we'll have to drop a lot more of them. On the whole, though, Africans here seem a lot more responsive when it comes to obeying God than those in South Africa.

One thing we do have in common with South Africa when it comes to visiting Africans is the attitudes of the whites. We often have to meet Africans at post offices, and the hostile, suspicious stares of many Europeans at seeing a white and a black talking together gets a bit annoying at times. It helps one to appreciate how the Africans are made to feel, anyway! There has been a bit of a stir in the newspapers recently about black faces appearing on TV. Some Bulawayo people have gotten to feeling this is being overdone, and have taken the matter up with their MPs. Apparently the problem lies mainly with American films, as Americans don't regard it as being particularly offensive if a black and a white appear in the same film.

I received a letter from an African recently whom I had met at a post office. The English isn't too good, but I thought I'd include an excerpt from it, as it illustrates the situation. He wrote: "In the bus [which he caught after leaving us] the driver and the people see you shaking your hand with a very smile cheerful and friendly face saying goodbye! I found the people in the bus laughing and admiring. And the driver ask me how or why this white men love you like that?"

It still amazes me that a simple thing like a handshake should be regarded as being that unusual. Of course, I'd rather avoid any possible problems by meeting somewhere other than in public, but that's often not possible.

South Africa

We reported in the last issue of the Bulletin that we were now on Radio Lakeland in Malawi, broadcasting into South Africa. Unfortunately, the program has not yet started. We don't know the reason at this moment.

Word has now come from South Africa that elements in the government are attempting to

put restrictions on stations broadcasting into South Africa. How can they do that, you ask? Simply by passing laws with criminal penalties for South African sponsors on those radio stations. In other words, there would be nothing to keep us from broadcasting into South Africa from an independent station outside, but our Johannesburg office would be subject to penalties.

Mr. Fahey at the moment does not believe that Radio Malawi will be designated as objectionable by South Africa since Malawi has been the one friendly black African state. To designate the station would be an affront to President Banda. The chances are good that we will be allowed to broadcast into South Africa, but we would very much appreciate your prayers that God would keep this door open. It has enormous possibilities for reaching the people of Southern Africa.

It may not be too surprising to you to learn that other religious broadcasts are largely responsible for the problem. One large consortium of religious broadcasts has proved at times to be particularly objectionable to the South African government. Fortunately, we are in no way associated with that group.

Philippines

Things seem to be going well in the Philippines. We just received the following report from Mr. Adair:

Income seems to be improving a little, although the mail is still slow. Even these past two weeks have seen very few visitors to the office. Mr. Ortiguero should be back from Mindanao tomorrow or Thursday. He baptized eight there and was at the Kiara and Don Carlos churches for the Sabbath. Just received a telegram from Mr. Benitez letting us know that they had 339 at Kiara and 134 at Don Carlos, so many people must have come from far away to attend.

I baptized six people on Sunday morning, so that makes 14 new members in the country. That should bring us near 900 or a little over for the total number of members throughout the Philippines.

Personnel Transfers

Some of the biggest news since the last Bulletin was contained in Mr. Armstrong's letter when he told of the transfers of both Mr. Raymond Cole and Mr. Wayne Cole back to Pasadena. At that time, we had not yet settled on Mr. Cole's replacement in Australia. Now we have — Dennis Luker will be moving to Aus-

tralia. The Australian office will no longer have jurisdiction over the Auckland and Philippine offices — both these offices will now report directly to Pasadena. I know Dennis will very much appreciate your prayers as he takes on a new and completely different responsibility!

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has approved the transfer of the headquarters for the Spanish Work to Pasadena. *La PURA VERDAD* is now the largest and the fastest growing of our foreign language magazines, and as such, it absolutely requires a full-time director.

Dr. Dorothy has decided to step out of his responsibilities as Dean of Faculty for Big Sandy and devote himself full time to the Spanish Work.

He has also decided that his presence at Pasadena will put him in closer touch with the Headquarters foreign work team and facilitate the development of the Spanish Work in every area — editorial, circulation, manpower development, church administration and foreign offices.

Plans will start immediately for the transfer of Dr. Dorothy, his key people, and the Spanish office functions to Pasadena.

We thought we had Canada's problems solved. However, Mr. Wilson just keeps pushing growth in Canada and asking for more men. As a result, three more Ambassador College graduates will be sent to Canada almost immediately. They are Bob Millman, assigned to Vancouver; Jon Kurnik, assigned to Kelowna; and Bernie Schnipert, assigned to Calgary.

Unity in South America

I think most of us take the unity of the Church for granted, but occasionally something happens to powerfully underline the unique unity that God's Church has. I just received a note from Robert Flores in Buenos Aires to tell us of the warm welcome that Mr. Armstrong's request for a day of fasting and prayer had in that part of the world. He said: "It was so refreshing and thrilling to hear various expressions of gratitude and thankfulness for the opportunity to unite themselves with the rest of the body of Christ in this time of crisis and at the same time to mark the beginning of the *new phase* in God's Work in proclaiming the Gospel to the world in much greater power and scope than ever before. The fast was observed in Santiago, Los Andes, Temuco, Valparaiso — all in Chile, and also in Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca, Ascasubi — all in Argentina. The fast

was even observed in Paysandu, Uruguay!"

Word also came from the Philippines that all the brethren throughout Mindanao were fasting with us on that day. These people are our brothers, and their hearts are very much in this Work of God! □

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questions some of you have, and the establishment of quarterly ministerial conferences involving the top men here at Headquarters in discussing some of these areas that have, because of extreme shortage of qualified manpower, become somewhat neglected.

Likewise, the other areas that were affected by the latest changes — that is, the press and publishing, as well as C. A. D. — will be able to plan and organize much more closely and effectively. It is really amazing what two qualified men in the right place can do!

As you can see, much is going on here, and we are all very excited about what will happen in the immediate future. I know that we can count on your exhorting God's people everywhere to support these programs through their prayer life, as well as their own personal example that they bear to the world. Please be thinking of us, just as we think of you, and let's all pull together as a team to accomplish God's Work in these pressure-packed days! □

LETTER COMMENTS

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the first guy to die of breast cancer, I was anointed that Sabbath. It was truly inspiring when I checked Sunday night and could find no trace of it.

— J. R., Oxford, Ohio

My husband and I are members of the World-wide Church of God. On May 5th, our daughter, Tamera Kay, fell from the monkey bars at her school, mangling her nose, lips, mouth, inside and out. We had to take her to the doctor to have her cleaned up and have stitches in her lower lip where her teeth cut clear through — almost cutting her lip off. She was so swollen and so sore; it made us sick to see her and to cleanse her mouth for her. The next day, my husband asked for a prayer cloth at church. We also prayed that God would heal her and not allow the doctor to stitch anymore on her on

the coming Tuesday. When she went back to the doctor on the 9th, he said she is healing up fine and wouldn't need to put anymore stitches in her mouth. God had healed her so fast. By Wednesday she peeled the lower lip off and there was a new pink tender lip; Thursday, she took off part of the top lip and there was a new pink lip. Thursday the doctor took the stitches out; Friday, while showering before bed, off came all the scabs, except the one where the stitches had been.

— Mr. & Mrs. Abraham M., Peru, Indiana

Back in January my daughter was very sick with a heart condition which restricted her to bed for three and one-half months, and she was getting worse. The doctor had done all he could do for her. So one night my husband wrote you a letter asking you to pray for her and also send a prayer cloth. When we received the prayer cloth it was put on her. When she went back to the doctor the second time, she got to return to school — her heart was normal.

— Mrs. Willie R.,
Staffordsville, Kentucky

I want to thank you for your prayers and the prayer cloths you sent for me and my husband to use. I am a firm believer in divine healing. I am glad to say, I am healed. My ear has opened up and I can hear as well out of my left ear as I can out of my right. I had a burst blood vessel in my head which filled my left eye with blood, then my ear stopped up, but after using the prayer cloth I can truthfully say I am healed. My husband also used his prayer cloth and he seems to be doing fine. He is still under the care of his doctor, but Dr. Thompson said he thought one more visit would be all he would need as he is almost healed. He had skin cancer on his forehead.

— Mrs. Clyde M.,
Concord, North Carolina

I received the anointed cloth that I requested for the healing of my twin sons. I know I don't have to tell you that they were healed even before I received the cloth. It seems that after I mailed you the letter requesting prayer that they began to sleep peacefully the whole night through, and this is something they have never done. I thank God every single morning over and over again, for this is a miracle direct from Him.

Their speech is also better. They are speaking plainer and not stuttering.

— Mrs. Odis M., Townley, Alabama

I just recently had a premature baby that the doctor didn't give a chance for survival. The baby had a respiratory disease, pneumonia, jaundice and an open valve in his heart. He also lost weight down to two pounds, twelve ounces. I sent for an anointed cloth and my husband took the cloth and used it as directed. The doctors are amazed! This was two weeks ago and now my baby weighs 4 pounds and has no sign of any problems! The doctors can't figure out what happened. I'll never give another drop of medicine to any of my children.

— Nancy D., Kenner, Louisiana

I had a bad infection in my gums. I went to two doctors. I wrote to you for prayer and you sent me a prayer cloth. In two days all the infection was gone. I know the Lord heard.

— Lillie S., Milo, Oklahoma

I was recently bitten by the venomous brown recluse spider. I waited too long before being anointed, developed toxemia, etc., but as soon as I was anointed things began to change dramatically. Another healing. This is the God we serve.

— Dennis V., Bellaire, Texas

Last Friday, May 19, at 8:37, my wife had a baby boy naturally. It was an experience I will never forget. My wife's first child was taken from her by cutting her side open and removing it. She was anointed because the doctors said her bones would not give for childbirth. God healed my wife and she had our son naturally. This was a miracle we could see.

— Mr. Earl K., Jacobus, Pennsylvania

We would like to write to you concerning our three-year-old daughter who had a hearing loss of approximately 50 percent from birth. We had her anointed several months ago at Sabbath services. Recently she has become aware of sounds she never seemed to notice before. According to her last hearing test, she should not be able to even hear a whisper, yet she now plainly does, even responding to phrases that we whisper to her from behind her back. It's evident that God has healed her and we are very grateful and thankful to Him.

— Mr. & Mrs. John H., Gibsonburg, Ohio

INTER-OFFICE

To: All Ministers

Date: July 11, 1972

Department:

Subject: Disfellowshipped Minister

From: David L. Antion

Because of conduct unbecoming a minister of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 5), Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Blackwell have been put out of God's ministry, and disfellowshipped from the Church of God. We are not publicly marking them. This is by way of announcement for your information. They are not to have any contact with church members until reinstated, at which time you will be notified.

INTER OFFICE

Date: July 11, 1953

To: All Ministers

Department:

From: David L. Bailey

Subject: Disfranchised Ministers

Because of constant questioning a minister at 1885
Street (1 Cor. 7) Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Blackwell have been
put out of God's ministry, and disfranchised from the
presence of God. We are not publicly making them, this is
the way of announcement for your information. They are
not to have any contact with church members until released,
at which time you will be notified.