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8 Days! 38,585 Workers!! 2,447,840 Testimonies!!!

"Memorial Saints" vs. Jehovah's witnesses

47 Percent of Memorial Participants Are Workers

Thanksgiving Testimony Period affords an opportunity to make a comparison between the number of so-called "Memorial saints", meaning those who appear just for the Memorial or only attend meetings, and the number of actual workers. Since not all of the countries from which Thanksgiving Testimony Period reports have been received have yet sent in their Memorial reports, the comparison is based on only the countries reporting both. These countries report a total of 38,463 workers and 81,778 who attended the Memorial. In other words, only 47.03 percent of those who started

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It Was a Glorious International Thanksgiving Testimony Period

You Will Enjoy This Trip Around the World with Jehovah's witnesses

This Is the Lord's Doing 45 Countries Represented in the Report

Who would ever have thought, a few years ago, that the remnant would live on earth to see the day when two million, four hundred forty-seven thousand, eight hundred and forty testimonies concerning Jehovah and His kingdom would be given within a short period of eight days? Yet this is actually what has occurred. International Thanksgiving Testimony Period, from March 20 to 27, resulted in this glorious

shout of praise and thanksgiving lifted by the voices of 38,585 joyful witnesses of Jehovah who desired to show their thankfulness to Jehovah by singing forth his praises.

International Thanksgiving Testimony Period found those who love the Lord unitedly carrying on the work in accordance with the Lord's commands. The results themselves show that Jehovah does have a people in the earth who are serving as his witnesses, who see eye to eye, and who are working unitedly as one man in the same great cause. Those in the temple class, whether located in the most isolated and remote sections of the earth or in the thickly populated sections of "Christendom", were found singing in unison during this Thanksgiving Testimony Period. How truly the words of Isaiah 52:8 apply to God's people

at this time: "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."

To get a world-wide outlook upon the activities during this particular period let us make a mental tour of the world and behold with what unity and zeal the anointed have responded to the call to service. Starting in the northwestern part of the continent of North America, we will proceed south through South America, taking in the West Indies en route, and then make a tour of Europe. From the British Isles we will move north to the Scandinavian countries and Iceland and from there southward through central and southern Europe and the Balkans, and then across the Mediterranean into Africa. From Africa we will look in upon Australia before going to Asia. Our last stop in our trip around the world will be in Hawaii.

Our journey starts in Alaska, where we find one pioneer valiantly facing all odds to have his part in this Thanksgiving Testimony Period. His efforts resulted in 120 persons' receiving the testimony. From throughout Canada and Newfoundland reports were received from 1,637 workers, showing that 68,816 testimonies were delivered. In the United States more workers participated in the service during this period than at any other one time. The total of 13,540 workers places this country at the head of the list in number of workers, and the 611,361 testimonies which these gave puts a real responsibility upon the rulers of "Christendom" who will not heed Jehovah's message of warning. Into Mexico we now proceed, where 5,401 persons heard the glad song sung by 68 workers, and then continue south into Central America, our first stop being Guatemala. One pioneer reports 87 testimonies given in that country. Costa Rica is not far distant, where 26 witnesses testified to 886 persons. Panama reported 9 workers and 188 testimonies; and the Canal Zone had 8 workers, who gave 390 testimonies. Before going to South America we look over the large group of islands known as the West Indies. There we find 6 workers in the Bahamas, 12 in Cuba, and 2 pioneers in Porto Rico, delivering 92, 2,070 and 295 testimonies respectively. The branch in Trinidad reported 171 workers in Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada and Barbados, and a total of 6,563 testimonies. No report was received from the branch in Jamaica.

The reports from South America are also incomplete, as we have not heard from the branch offices in Brazil and Argentina as to the work done during this period in their respective countries and in Chile. However, British Guiana reported

Tabulated Report for International Thanksgiving Testimony Period, March 20-27, 1932

COUNTRIES	Memorial Reports	Total Workers	Pioneers	Auxil-iaries	Company Workers	Testi-monies	Hours	Obtain-ers	Books	Book-lets	Total
Alaska	1	1	1			120	24	26	54	49	103
Algeria *											
Australia *	1,715	743	208	72	463	72,088	10,010	14,807	3,853	17,308	21,161
Austria *	724										
Bahamas, B.W.I.		6			6	92	83	60	34	29	63
Belgium *	88										
British Guiana		32		7	25	3,035	316	582	102	488	590
British Isles	7,494	3,728	222	130	3,367	235,441	23,543	25,411	10,328	16,408	26,736
Canada	3,612	1,637	134	35	1,468	68,816	11,257	16,516	4,772	19,501	24,273
Canal Zone		8	3	2	3	390	177	182	346	51	397
Costa Rica	5	26		2	24	886	187	582	129	493	622
Cuba	10	12	5		7	2,070	267	751	199	856	1,055
Czechoslovakia	1,322	523	54	30	439	34,324	5,004	7,177	2,683	5,303	8,076
Denmark	667	360	20	6	325	29,115	2,465	24,784	58	25,756	25,814
Dutch Guiana		8	1		7	139	36	50	3	67	70
Estonia	38	20	8	1	11	4,524	344	2,811		2,862	2,862
Finland	1,003	485	38	26	421	24,381	4,240	19,096	354	20,591	20,945
France *	1,775										
Germany	23,820	13,534	296	649	12,589	908,593	113,606	202,402	94,377	125,434	219,811
Greece	621	250			250	9,000	1,872	1,500	219	1,747	1,966
Guatemala	1	1	1			87	19	18	6	13	19
Hawaii	14	11	2		9	1,239	239	384	333	489	822
Holland *	136										
Hungary	687	120			120	140,000	2,130	125,000		125,000	125,000
Iceland	1	1	1			264	29	148	3	148	151
India	288	106	20		86	3,458	1,918	1,670	500	1,637	2,137
Italy *	14										
Japan	114	75	55	3	17	27,059	2,663	2,277	713	2,053	2,766
Latvia	64	27	4	4	19	1,261	334	598	56	703	759
Lithuania	134	31	5		26	2,198	308	978	114	1,444	1,558
Mexico		68	10	9	49	5,401	931	586	303	662	965
Norway	364	144	9	5	130	10,274	900	9,310	112	9,756	9,868
Panama	25	9			9	188	26	26	19	20	48
Poland *	2,469										
Porto Rico	2	2	2			295	54	99	55	94	149
Portugal	49	18			18	563	92	300		334	334
Rumania *	2,715										
South Africa	2,841	141	22	7	112	13,312	2,945	4,978	2,272	4,983	7,255
Spain	111	18	2	1	15	1,445	202	320	32	318	350
Sweden	972	486	44	20	422	35,979	4,360	29,114	396	30,110	30,506
Switzerland *	1,425										
Trinidad, B.W.I.	397	171	16	9	146	6,563	1,843	1,413	537	1,178	1,715
United States	25,745	13,540	1,625	825	11,090	611,361	134,138	144,406	52,251	103,467	215,718
West Africa	171	86	10	17	59	8,540	1,700	1,220	500	806	1,315
Yugoslavia *	144										
*Unitemized report of Central European Office		2,157	191		1,966	185,330	20,595	71,056	3,938	80,423	84,361
TOTAL	81,778	38,585	3,018	1,869	33,698	2,447,840	350,833	710,638	179,660	660,680	840,340

444 Pioneers Putting in Pioneer Time

1,285 Pioneers Putting in Auxiliary Time

All Jehovah's witnesses Will Be Interested in These Figures

The Watchtower of May 15, 1932, stated: "JEHOVAH'S real temple was not set up until 1918, when the Lord Jesus came and the faithful sleeping saints were raised and brought into Zion, and the faithful ones remaining on the earth were also brought into the temple. From that time forward the praises of Jehovah must begin and must be sung throughout the nations even within the hearing of the present rulers of the earth. Such is the reason why the vigorous witness work began after 1918, and particularly from 1922 forward. Who, then, are the 'kings [that] bring presents unto thee', as stated in this twenty-ninth verse of the Psalm? Surely not the kings of Satan's organization, because they do nothing of the kind. The words of the Psalm, therefore, must refer to the remnant, anointed to the kingdom with Christ Jesus. This conclusion is supported by Revelation 21:24, to wit: 'And the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.' Members of the faithful remnant class are in the covenant for the kingdom and are now bringing presents unto the Lord, in this, that they present themselves living sacrifices to bring honor and praise to the name and to the kingdom of the Most High. No other kind of presents could be brought into the temple. 'Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God; let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth [satanic earth].'"—Ps. 76:11, 12.

Jehovah's witnesses realize and appreciate the fact that they are being taught of Jehovah, and they desire greatly to follow the instructions He gives them through *The Watchtower*. The pioneer witnesses have been released from all secular work and duties, and are free to devote all their time and effort to Jehovah's service. These at all times are endeavoring to increase their usefulness in Jehovah's service, that they may better sing forth his praises. Now the plight of the people is such that it is a most opportune time to present to them the message of the Kingdom. Also this is the most favorable season of the year in which to go from house to house witnessing. It is hoped that a mighty witness will be given during the summer months by "kings bringing presents unto thee", to the honor and praise of Jehovah's name. It is to be expected that thus presenting themselves living sacrifices to Jehovah will require time and much effort. In fact, it will demand each one's keenest determination and whole-souled devotion to Jehovah, to the exclusion of all else. But Jehovah's witnesses have found the privilege of serving him so great as to be worth their best efforts, and so they are joyfully singing his praises as they fight for his kingdom.

To aid the pioneers in their work, the following facts are brought to their attention. During the month of March pioneers to the number of 1,729 engaged in the work. Of this number only 444 met the minimum time requirement of 25 hours each week in witnessing, and 1,285 pio-

neers failed to do so and devoted less than that amount. It is surprising indeed to see the contrast in results accomplished by the 444 pioneers who did meet the minimum time requirement with those of the 1,285 who did not. The figures are:

	By 444	By 1,285
Month of March:	pioneers	pioneers
Hrs. witnessing	60,943	68,844
Testimonies given	227,884	279,013
Clothbound books	35,470	42,629
Booklets	63,632	79,860
Obtainers	60,541	70,736
Av. hrs. per week	34.3	13.5

Notice that the 444 pioneers devoted almost as much time as the 1,285 other pioneers did. Also that the 444 gave 227,884 testimonies, to compare with 279,013 testimonies given by the other 1,285 pioneers. Note, too, that the 444 pioneers devoted an average each of 20.8 hours more per week in the witnessing than did the 1,285. In fact, on the average the 444 pioneers devoted two and a half times as much time each to the work as did the group of 1,285 other pioneers. This fact enabled them to place 90,102 books and booklets, while it required nearly three times as many other pioneers to place 122,489 books and booklets. The group of 444 placed literature in the hands of 60,541 persons, whereas the other 1,285 pioneers reached 70,736 persons. Thus it is to be plainly seen that about one-quarter of those on the pioneer list accomplished almost as much work in the field during March as did the remaining three-quarters of the pioneers enrolled.

These figures are not based upon the work of those placing the most literature, but the reports of the entire list of pioneers for March were gone over, and the work of every pioneer who devoted an average of 25 hours per week was included, and is shown in the tabulation "By 444 pioneers". The work of all the remaining 1,285 pioneers for the month of March is included in the other tabulation, "By 1,285 pioneers." These figures also show that if all the pioneers devoted as much time and effort to the witnessing as these 444 pioneers did, the placement of literature by pioneers for March would have been approximately doubled.

The purpose in calling this to the attention of the brethren is to invite, encourage and urge the pioneers to do their very utmost to devote as much time as possible to the work of house-to-house witnessing. The great results accomplished by the group of 444 pioneers show what can be done if each one will exert his best endeavors to put in his full time in the actual work of house-to-house witnessing. *The Watchtower* for May 15 further states: "The faithful remnant are near the end of their earthly pilgrimage. Soon these shall see the manifestation of Jehovah's power for the vindication of his name." Therefore it behooves each and every pioneer to press on with greater determination and an increased desire to devote as much time as is possible to the work of witnessing from house to house, singing Jehovah's praises to the people.

Some will say, "Well, there were things that hindered me from putting in as much time as these other brethren did." If so, it is hoped that each one so hindered will make a greater effort to remove such hindrances as prevented him from put-

ting in pioneer hours in the field service. What these various obstacles were is immaterial and does not matter. What is important is the fact that the 1,285 pioneers allowed such to interfere with their activity to the extent of their devoting an average of only 13.5 hours per week to Jehovah's service.

It is suggested that each and every pioneer witness take to heart this matter of time spent in witnessing, and consider it seriously, and plan how he may increase the time spent in actually witnessing from house to house, and then do it. Jehovah bears the burdens of his faithful ones, and each one should take advantage of the privilege of presenting this important matter to Jehovah in prayer. Thus doing, each pioneer may joyously feel that he is indeed 'presenting himself a living sacrifice to bring honor and praise to the name and to the kingdom of the Most High'.

While these figures are cited from the records of the pioneers, it is a matter of concern to every one of Jehovah's witnesses, and each auxiliary, company worker, and sharpshooter may have the privilege of increasing the time he spends in the field and thus increase the scope of the witness.

(Continued from page 1, column 1) Thanksgiving Testimony Period by partaking of the bread and the wine, symbols of their communion in the body of Christ, their willingness to be broken with him and to drink the potion which the Father pours, responded to the call to action during the week that followed. The other 52.97 percent, for some reason, the Lord is the judge as to whether or not it was good, did not report any efforts put forth to carry the Kingdom message to others. While some countries reported fewer workers than during Bound Book Testimony Period, others reported more than ever before. Thus the Lord's work progresses, and all honor is due to him for that which is accomplished, and to no man. There are many who claim to love the truth who do not have the love of the truth. They enjoy the truth because of the personal satisfaction they receive therefrom, but when it comes to doing something to praise and thank Jehovah they do not have that unselfish devotion to God which moves them to act. Jesus' question to the one leper who, out of the ten whom he had cleansed, returned to give thanks was, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" The question might well be asked, "Where are the 52.97 percent?"

Failing to appreciate the real issue and the privilege of uniting with their brethren in obeying the Lord's commandments they are the ones who miss the rich blessings which the Lord pours out upon those who joyfully obey him.

It is interesting to see that throughout the earth there were 3,018 pioneers and 1,869 auxiliaries who engaged in the work. Many of these are carrying the message into sections of the earth which might not otherwise hear the Kingdom gospel preached. We feel sure that the Lord's heart is made glad by their zeal and loving devotion which prompts them thus to joyfully endure the hardships which they encounter that his name might be magnified.

(Continued from page 1, column 4) 32 workers and 3,035 testimonies, and Dutch Guiana 8 workers and 139 testimonies.

And now we take a trip north-eastward to Europe, stopping first in the British Isles, where 3,728 workers lifted their voices in praise and thanksgiving so that 235,441 heard their glad song. Across the North sea, in the Scandinavian countries, the Northern European office informs us that in Denmark 360 participated in the work and witnessed to 29,115 persons; in Norway there were 144 workers giving 10,274 testimonies; in Sweden, 486 workers giving 35,979; and in Finland, 485 giving 24,381. Latvia reported 27 workers and 1,261 testimonies; Lithuania, 31 workers and 2,198 testimonies; and Estonia, 20 workers serving notice on 4,524. These Scandinavian countries certainly did well in their average testimonies per worker. Even in Iceland the voice of one pioneer was heard witnessing to 264.

Our route now takes us south through Germany, and here we find 13,534 workers engaged in the service; only 6 less than in the United States, but they gave many more testimonies, as their final report shows 908,583 delivered. Surely that is a cause for rejoicing on the part of all. The Central European office, at Berne, reports in one total the work done in France, Belgium, Holland, Yugoslavia, Austria, Poland and Switzerland. Italy, Rumania and Algeria may also be included, as these countries are likewise under the supervision of that office. Throughout this territory they show 2,157 workers delivered 185,339 testimonies. In Czechoslovakia 34,324 people heard the message from 523 witnesses of Jehovah; and 9,000 in Greece from 250. The warning to 563 of the leaders and people was delivered by a little band of 18 in Portugal, and by the same number in Spain to 1,445.

From Europe we travel through Algeria (where some work is being done, but just what we cannot tell, as the detailed information has not been given by the branch) to Nigeria, which is just below the equator, in West Africa. Even here we find 86 workers were in the field during this period, delivering 8,540 testimonies. Still farther south we come to North and South Rhodesia and Nyasaland, together with Cape Town and territory in that vicinity. The South African branch reports 141 workers, and 13,312 testimonies were the results in these places for this period.

Still continuing eastward, we hear of the voices of 743 which were lifted in praise during Thanksgiving Period, and 72,088 testimonies delivered, in Australia and New Zealand. The branch there reports that they had not at that time heard from the South Sea Islands workers.

In Asia notice was served on the rulers and the comforting message given to the people by 106 workers, in India, Burma and Ceylon, and 3,458 testimonies delivered. Japan reports 75 workers and 27,059 testimonies. This probably also includes the work in Korea, as the work in this country is under its supervision. With a stop in Hawaii, where we find 11 participated in Thanksgiving Testimony Period, witnessing to 1,239, our trip around the world comes to an end.

And that is how 2,447,840 testimonies were delivered by 38,585 workers throughout the earth during the short period of eight days. Jesus foretold that the Kingdom gospel must be preached in all the world unto all nations as a witness before the final end would come. There is much yet to be done, and by the Lord's grace the remnant will press on with the zeal peculiar to the Lord's house and joyfully respond to every opportunity of service that is afforded by the Lord through his organization.