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## Meetings for Field Service

**FEBRUARY 6-12**

### Making campaign offer

1. Suggest appropriate introductions.
2. How will you illustrate main point?

**FEBRUARY 13-19**

### Laying groundwork for return visits

1. How can this be done on the first call?
2. What notations should you make on house-to-house records?
3. What will you discuss on the return visit?

**FEBRUARY 20-26**

### Using the *Reasoning* book, pages 227-32

1. What Kingdom blessings may interest those in your territory?
2. What points might be used with children?
3. What points might be used with parents?

**FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 5**

### Offering the *Revelation Climax* book

1. What introduction will you use?
2. What points from the book will you highlight?

## TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

**Blessings of God's Kingdom.**  
(See *Reasoning*, pages 230-1.)

**2 Pet. 3:13—Promise of righteous conditions.**

**Rev. 21:4—Death and pain to be no more.**

# Demonstrating Love for God and Neighbor

<sup>1</sup> When answering one who asked: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus said: "'You must love Jehovah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. The second, like it, is this, 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.'"—Matt. 22:36-39.

<sup>2</sup> Jesus' deep love for God was evident in the way he lived his life. He said: "My food is for me to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." (John 4:34) His genuine love for neighbor moved him to preach the good news of Jehovah's Kingdom with zeal. He also performed acts of healing. And what a superlative display of love was seen in the giving of his life as a ransom in behalf of mankind! How can we imitate Jesus in demonstrating our love for God and neighbor?

### HOW TO DEMONSTRATE LOVE

<sup>3</sup> Telling others the good news of the Kingdom is a major way for us to do this. People need to be given a basis for hope and information to help them deal with these critical times. (2 Tim. 3:1) Our faith in God's Kingdom should motivate us to speak about it with an earnest desire to give all an opportunity to hear the truth. Speaking the truth about God's King-

dom and his purpose toward the earth honors him. Do we have such love for God and neighbor? Are we sharing fully in the work of Kingdom preaching? Do we take advantage of opportunities to witness informally to relatives, neighbors, and others? All of us must give such genuine evidence of our love for God and neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> Some may have felt that only those who are skilled and well educated are really qualified to bear such an important message. Rather, it is our reliance on Jehovah that is important. (Luke 11:13; 1 Cor. 1:26, 29, 31) Love for God and neighbor will enable us to overcome negative feelings and find real joy in the ministry. When we realize that we are helping people described as being "skinned and thrown about like sheep without a shepherd," we no longer are overly concerned about ourselves.—Matt. 9:35, 36.

### HOW TO SHARE IN FEBRUARY

<sup>5</sup> During the month of February, we have a fine opportunity to express our love for God and neighbor by offering some of the Society's older books for a contribution of 50¢ each. These older publications feature a variety of subjects, some of which will no doubt appeal to various ones  
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## Are You Making Your Return Visits?

<sup>1</sup> What a thrilling report of dynamic activity is presented in the *1989 Year-book of Jehovah's Witnesses!* Millions of people have been hearing the good news and millions of pieces of literature have been placed with interested people. The report indicates a keen awareness of the need to call back where seeds of truth have been sown. (1 Cor. 3:6, 7) Further care is essential. Sharing fully in this work has brought great joy to Jehovah's people, who made a total of 288,017-474 return visits last year.

### WHEN?

<sup>2</sup> When you locate interested people, do you make return visits before the initial interest cools off? Calling back within a few days often brings good results. Keep an accurate and complete record of all placements and the interest you find. Regularly review these records to see that all your return visits are made promptly. Your diligence and persistence will be blessed by Jehovah and will

greatly benefit those who have shown interest.

<sup>3</sup> Inclement weather in your area may make it more difficult to be out in the ministry in February. If so, why not spend more time making return visits and starting Bible studies? Are there people who have taken the magazines regularly and who may now be willing to study? One brother placed two magazines with a man but did not make a return visit, thinking he was not really interested. The man wrote a letter to the local congregation, asking for spiritual assistance. Many pioneers report that fine studies have resulted from following up magazine placements. Are there individuals who have attended the Memorial or other meetings on occasion who would like to study?

### STARTING A STUDY

<sup>4</sup> The *Live Forever* book has proved to be an effective instrument in our ministry. Placing it, however, is only  
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# Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

## WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 6

Song 72

**10 min:** Local announcements. Include appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage all to share in magazine witnessing on Saturday. Suggest talking points from current magazines.

**20 min:** "Demonstrating Love for God and Neighbor." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Include brief demonstration featuring an appropriate subject from one of the older books. Or demonstrate how to offer one of the 192-page books being offered for the regular contribution of \$1.

**15 min:** Help Youths Defend Their Faith. Two well-prepared demonstrations showing practical value and use of *Reasoning* book. Comment briefly on need to be prepared to meet objections and to answer sincere questions. (1) Have exemplary youth demonstrate use of material under "What is the origin of Valentine's Day?" when speaking to a teacher. (pp. 181-2; g82 1/22 12) (2) Have parent reason with child on "What scriptures have always had a bearing on the attitude of true Christians toward ceremonies involving flags and national anthems?" (pp. 274-5) Emphasize need to be pleasing to Jehovah in all aspects of life and to preserve a good conscience. Song 37 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 13

Song 49

**10 min:** Local announcements. Accounts report. Theocratic News. Call attention to "Our Identification as Jehovah's Witnesses."

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in our territory. These publications have already proved their worth in helping many people to respond to the good news. So if we have any of these books left in stock, we are encouraged to put forth a concerted effort to get them into the hands of interested people who can be helped onto the way of life.

<sup>6</sup> Congregations that do not have older books in stock will be offering any other 192-page book. Special effort should be made to use all the older books that are on hand locally.

<sup>7</sup> Be sure to keep good house-to-house records. As we cover our territory more frequently, this becomes more important. When interest is

**20 min:** "Are You Making Your Return Visits?" Question-and-answer discussion of article. When considering paragraph 4, include demonstration of how to start a study using the *Live Forever* book.

**15 min:** "Into All the Earth Their Sound Went Out." Enthusiastic talk based on pages 3-7 of the January 1, 1989, *Watchtower*. Show how we benefit from reports from other places. Song 192 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 20

Song 39

**10 min:** Local announcements. Encourage support of magazine witnessing activity Saturday. Include brief magazine presentation featuring an article from *The Watchtower* or *Awake!*

**20 min:** "Prepare Now for Increased Activity Ahead." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Encourage setting goals and families' working together to enjoy increased activity in the field ministry during March and April.

**15 min:** Question Box. Apply information to local needs and circumstances. Song 44 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 27

Song 84

**10 min:** Local announcements. Encourage all to obtain adequate supply of *Revelation Climax* books and share in field ministry the first Sunday in March.

**23 min:** "Presenting the Good News

found, try to get the person's name. Take note of all placements as well as interest shown when the literature offer was not accepted. Make note of what you talked about, what seemed to interest the individual, and the time he would most likely be at home. Also, keep a careful record of addresses where no one was at home. Good organization in this regard will contribute toward being more productive in the ministry.

<sup>8</sup> Observing the two greatest commandments is no less important for Christians today than it was in the first century. May we strive to demonstrate our love for God and neighbor by announcing Jehovah's Kingdom at every opportunity during the month of February!

—With the New Offer." Question-and-answer discussion. Read paragraphs as time permits. Feature a demonstration on both paragraphs 5 and 6. Use well-prepared publishers to make clear and simple presentations.

**12 min:** "Do You Remember?" Consider article in the December 15, 1988, *Watchtower* by audience participation. Give preference to questions that are field oriented. Song 6 and concluding prayer.

## Question Box

● How should meetings for field service be conducted?

The meeting for field service is an established congregation arrangement. It should be orderly and conducted with dignity. The attitude and decorum of those attending should be the same as when attending other congregation meetings. The meeting should start on time even when it is known that others will be coming later. The one assigned to conduct the meeting should be prepared to present something practical that can be used that day in service. *Our Kingdom Ministry* provides useful information and suggestions for this meeting.

It is not necessary to discuss the daily text at each meeting. If the text for that day obviously provides a basis for giving encouragement in field service, it may be considered briefly. The meeting should be held early enough to allow spending the full scheduled time in the field. It should be only 10 to 15 minutes in length. However, it may be shorter if it follows a regular congregation meeting. The schedule of the pioneers should be taken into consideration, since prolonged or late meetings for field service may place a burden on those who have to hold closely to a time schedule.

Arrangements should be made for everyone present to have an assigned place to work. Of course, some may have made personal arrangements to engage in return-visit or Bible-study activity and will not need to be given an assignment of territory to work.

All present should be attentive and cooperate throughout the meeting until the field groups have been made up and prayer has been offered. Those who have already made ar-

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## Announcements

● Literature offer for February: Any 192-page book published prior to 1980, for a contribution of 50¢. Although the *Choosing, Commentary on James*, and *Word of God* books may have been reprinted on better-grade paper, these too should be used in this offer. Alternate offer for congregations that do not have older books: any other 192-page book available locally for a contribution of \$1.00 each. (See January *Our Kingdom Ministry* regarding credit request.) **March:** *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* for a contribution of \$3.00. **April and May:** Subscription to *The Watchtower* for a contribution of \$5.00 for each one-year subscription.

● On April 29 the Brooklyn Bethel Home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours or for the congregations to pick up literature on that day.

● The Memorial celebration will be held Wednesday, March 22, 1989. Although the talk may start earlier, please remember that the passing of the Memorial bread and wine *should not begin until after sundown*. Check with local sources to determine when sundown occurs in your area. No other meetings are to be conducted on that date. If your congregation normally has meetings on Wednesday, you may want to switch those to another time of the week if the hall is available. If your Service Meeting is affected, it may be possible to incorporate into another Service Meeting any parts scheduled for that week that are particularly applicable to your congregation.

● Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

*God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached* —English

## Our Identification as Jehovah's Witnesses

As ministers of the good news, we are known publicly as Jehovah's Witnesses. Our voluntary participation in the field service is motivated by love of God and neighbor. It is not carried on at the insistence of any man or organization but is according to our God-given commission to preach the "good news" and make disciples. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Therefore, publishers do well to avoid representing themselves as agents or representatives of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., or any other corporation used by "the faithful and discreet slave" to advance Kingdom interests.—Matt. 24:45-47.

In case of an accident or an emergency or if problems are encountered

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## Prepare Now for Increased Activity Ahead

<sup>1</sup> During harvesttime, those involved are busier than usual. And during a time of urgency, people expect themselves and move about more vigorously than usual. We are living in a harvesttime and a time of urgency. There is much to do. Have you been preparing to accomplish all that is required?—Matt. 9:37, 38; 13:39; Luke 13:24; 1 Tim. 4:10.

### THE MEMORIAL *9 AM*

<sup>2</sup> The Memorial season is the most important time of the year for Jehovah's people. This year the Memorial celebration will be held on Wednesday evening, March 22. Are you making necessary arrangements so that nothing will prevent you and your family from being in attendance? Have you been extending invitations to relatives and acquaintances so that they too can be in attendance? What about interested ones in your territory, your Bible students, and former Bible students?—Luke 22:19; Rev. 22:17.

<sup>3</sup> The elders usually arrange for a thorough cleaning of the Kingdom Hall before the Memorial so that all will be in readiness. Have arrangements been made for the Memorial speaker, the emblems and those who will serve them, as well as extra seating and sufficient attendants for this special occasion?

### AN INCREASED SHARE IN THE FIELD SERVICE

<sup>4</sup> The Memorial season reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice in our behalf. Thus, it is an especially appropriate time for us to consider how to increase our activity in the field ministry. This is one of the ways to express our appreciation for Jehovah's undeserved kindness through his Son.

<sup>5</sup> Can you serve as an auxiliary pioneer during March or April, or during both months? These months, and also May, will feature an all-out campaign to publicize the powerful message of Revelation. March will mark our in-

### Question Box

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rangements can make this known. Specific assignments of groups and territories should be completed before concluding the meeting for field service—not in the parking lot or at some other public place. The meeting for field service should be closed with prayer. We can confidently expect Jehovah's greater blessing on the preaching work for that day if all concerned adhere to these suggestions.

tial campaign with the *Revelation Climax* book, and surely all Kingdom publishers will want to expend themselves in this activity. The more favorable weather will be conducive to this. April has five weekends. What a grand opportunity to make magazine days of five Saturdays in succession, offering the colorful *Watchtower* issues on Babylon the Great! Of these, the April 15 *Watchtower* will contain the complete text of the forceful talk on "The Infamous Harlot" (and) the stirring resolution that followed at our "Divine Justice" conventions. What more incentive could we want to be busy on those five weekends, if possible as auxiliary pioneers, in giving this dynamic message the widest possible distribution! And to supplement this rousing message, the April 8 *Awake!* will set forth eye-opening articles on the Holocaust of the Nazi era.

<sup>6</sup> Extra effort is needed in order to have an increased share in the field ministry. Even if you cannot pioneer, it would be appropriate to set a personal goal of hours for March and April. Could you arrange to have more time for the field ministry by cutting back on personal pursuits and recreation? Put forth the effort. Ask Jehovah to strengthen you and bless you. Those who have physical limitations may find that with the help of others, they too can have an added share in this campaign.

<sup>7</sup> For all of us, March and April should be a very busy time in Jehovah's service. The elders will be diligent to have everything well organized. Literature needs should be determined and orders placed well in advance. Make sure extra magazines, especially the April 15 *Watchtower*, are available. Arrange for territory, and make plans to cover it thoroughly. Have appropriate arrangements for field service, including evening witnessing. As we earnestly pray for Jehovah's blessing, let us make wise use of the time to his praise.

## NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bt.St.
Sp'l Pios.	268	127.8	77.7	52.8	5.5
Pios.	62,202	81.5	36.1	27.0	2.7
Aux. Pios.	32,556	58.7	26.7	16.6	1.5
Pubs.	684,939	9.5	6.1	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	779,965				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,962



## With the New Offer

<sup>1</sup> Sincere Bible students have for centuries desired to understand the book of Revelation. Since 1917, when *The Finished Mystery* was released, several books have been published by the Society to help God-fearing people understand this Bible book. *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* provides the clearest and most comprehensive explanation to date of the inspired Bible book of Revelation.

<sup>2</sup> Jehovah's people especially have a keen interest in Revelation, with its fascinating visions of "things that must shortly take place." (Rev. 1:1) So it was with great joy and appreciation that we received the new *Revelation Climax* book at the "Divine Justice" District Convention. Have you been reading your copy? During the month of March, we will have opportunity to present this new book to all we meet.

## FEATURES APPRECIATED

<sup>3</sup> *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!* is especially appreciated because it gives a verse-by-verse discussion of the entire book of Revelation. This will prove to be invaluable for personal study and in teaching others.

<sup>4</sup> No doubt your attention was captured by the book's striking illustrations. They are a great aid in visualizing the symbolisms described by John. Use these illustrations effectively when presenting the book in the field service. Although we want to feature the Kingdom blessings in presenting the good news, we also need to help interested people appreciate the urgent message from Jesus Christ found in the book of Revelation. As the speaker at the district convention urged: "Use this new book . . . in announcing to the world that Babylon the Great is doomed, that the nations now face Armageddon, and that the grand climax will be reached in Jehovah's magnificent Kingdom rule by Christ and his bride."

## WHAT WILL YOU SAY?

<sup>5</sup> After introducing yourself, you might say: "Many have wished they could understand the book of Revelation. Of great consequence is 'the hour of the judgment' mentioned at Revelation 14:7. [Read.] It may greatly surprise you to find out who it is that has received an adverse judgment by God. [Read Revelation 18:2a, 4.] Have you ever heard the expression 'Babylon the Great'? [Allow for reply.] What is it referring to, and what is it that we need to get out of? [Display *Revelation Climax* book.] What makes this book so interesting

and so helpful is that it provides enlightening comments on each verse in the Bible book of Revelation. The information presented in chapters 33-38 identifies Babylon the Great and tells of its imminent destruction. [Highlight a specific reference or picture in the publication.] This information will be of great value in helping you and your loved ones to take steps to gain God's favor, thus avoiding the fate of Babylon the Great. I encourage you to accept a copy of this book, *Revelation—Its Grand Climax At Hand!*, for just \$3."

<sup>6</sup> To make a brief presentation, some may choose to read Revelation 18:4 and then turn to the picture on page 241, stating that the book explains what Babylon the Great pictures, what the beast pictures, and why it is so important for us to heed God's warning concerning them. Newer or less experienced publishers could explain the picture on page 302, using Revelation 21:4 as quoted on page 303.

<sup>7</sup> Your introduction and the points you feature can be varied according to circumstances and by using the scriptures and information under "Babylon the Great," on pages 49, 52, and 53 of the *Reasoning* book.

<sup>8</sup> We love Jehovah and we love our neighbor. This moves us to declare God's judgment message. While Babylon the Great must be exposed further, honesthearted ones must be given the opportunity to "come out of her" and take a firm stand for the truth. To that end we raise our voices in unison, saying "Come!" to those who are thirsting for "life's water." —Rev. 22:17.

## Identification

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while working trailer parks, apartments, or certain other territory, publishers may need some form of personal identification beyond giving their name along with a brief Scriptural explanation of the nature of our religious work. If questioned, or when asked for credentials, baptized publishers may use the identification card (S-65) signed by the presiding overseer, which shows one is preaching the good news of the Kingdom in association with the local congregation named on the card.

A supply of identification cards (S-65), which may be issued to baptized publishers when there is a need, will be included with the annual shipment of congregation forms. If any publishers use a personal name card in connection with their field service activities, they should not print thereon that they are representatives of the Watchtower Society.

♦ The British Virgin Islands had a new peak of 114 publishers in September, a 13-percent increase. They are conducting 145 studies.

♦ Haiti had a new peak of 5,629 publishers in September, a 12-percent increase. Congregation publishers averaged 13.2 hours and 1.2 studies.

♦ Japan had a new peak of 129,602 publishers in September. During three summer months, 308 congregations and 77 family groups shared in covering 385 towns and villages in unassigned territory, reaching an additional population of about 1.9 million.

## Return Visits

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the first step toward starting a study. On the initial call or when making a return visit, ask: "Have you ever thought about living forever? [Allow response.] Of course, many would not relish having to endure forever the suffering, violence, and hunger that plague so many at this time." While turning to pages 11-13, you might ask: "But suppose you could live forever under conditions like these. Would that not be pleasurable? [Allow response.] Living forever under such perfect conditions requires something of us. Notice what paragraph 19 says. [Read.] Let me demonstrate how this book is designed to help you to take in such knowledge."

<sup>5</sup> Publishers are encouraged to leave tracts with individuals who may not accept the regular literature offer or where no one is at home. These can be effectively used on return visits to demonstrate our study method. Each tract discusses two or three points. Read one paragraph at a time with the householder. When a question is asked, stop and invite the householder to express himself. Look up and apply the scriptures cited.

<sup>6</sup> Experience has shown that it is best to schedule set times for making return visits and developing and conducting studies. Having a definite time for this work will help us to follow up interest promptly. Perhaps time can be set aside in the evening, on the weekend, or after completing our house-to-house work. Determine the time that is best for you and for the territory. Then endeavor to share in this work regularly, so as to make disciples. —Matt. 28:19, 20.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?*:

February 6: Pages 196\* to 201  
February 13: Pages 202 to 207\*  
February 20: Pages 207\* to 214\*  
February 27: Pages 214\* to 220\*

\* To or from subheading.