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## Meetings for Field Service

JULY 6-12

When offering the  
*Live Forever* book

1. What do you highlight?
2. What questions will stimulate interest?

JULY 13-19

How do you respond  
when someone says:

1. "I already have that book?"
2. "You were here last week?"

JULY 20-26

What steps can you take to

1. Improve the quality of your field service?
2. Increase your time in field service?

JULY 27-AUGUST 2

After placing the current offer,  
how do you

1. Prepare for the return visit?
2. Offer a Bible study?

Schedule for congregation studies  
in the book *Worldwide Security Under the 'Prince of Peace'*:

July 5: Chapter 15  
July 12: Chapter 16  
July 19: Chapter 17  
July 26: Chapter 18

## TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Why Study the Bible?

2 Tim. 3:16, 17—It is God's Word.

John 17:3—Provides knowledge that leads to everlasting life.

With one accord all of us, including many new ones, glorified Jehovah by giving a tremendous witness during April. (Rom. 15:6) A few encouraging highlights of the report are given below:

**Total Publishers:** 746,956. This all-time publisher peak is 2,037 over the number reporting last August, and 21,157 more than we had in April one year ago.

**Auxiliary and Regular Pioneers:** These totaled 148,885, or 7,015 more than last April.

**Total Hours:** 16,237,743. This is 823,855 hours more than our April 1986 peak.

**Return Visits:** 5,465,816. A 7-percent increase, 380,151 more than our previous peak reached last April.

**Home Bible Studies:** 549,023. An increase of 7,741 over our peak in March of this year and a 4.5-percent increase over last April.

We obtained a total of 152,275 new subscriptions during April. That was 12,471 more than during last October's subscription campaign.

It is commendable to see that congregation publishers devoted more time to field service, averaging 10.1 hours per publisher for the month.

Surely Jehovah is pleased with the effort put forth by new ones along with experienced publishers, old and young alike, in making known the good news and in bringing praise to him.—Ps. 145:12, 13.

## 'Keep Our Minds on Maintaining Fine Works'

<sup>1</sup> Fine works are those activities directly related to God's righteousness and the good news of salvation that is through Jesus Christ. Paul encouraged Titus to remind the brothers "to be ready for every good work" and "to make firm assertions constantly, in order that those who have believed God may keep their minds on maintaining fine works." (Titus 3:1, 8) By keeping the good news to the fore and by conducting their lives in harmony with Jehovah's righteous standards, the brothers would not be led astray.—Matt. 6:33.

<sup>2</sup> Paul's counsel applies to us today. Surrounded as we are by a wicked system of things that could easily turn our attention away from Jehovah's service, we need to be on guard. That involves keeping our minds on maintaining fine works. How can we do that?

### HELP PROVIDED

<sup>3</sup> We need to take advantage of the spiritual provisions Jehovah has made through the Christian congregation. (Heb. 13:20, 21) He has given us his Word, the Bible, along with an abundance of excellent study aids. Spiritually older men have been appointed to render personal assistance as shepherds of the flock. Regular weekly meetings at the Kingdom Hall and in private homes, as well as periodic larger assemblies and conventions, provide wholesome upbuilding association and faith-strengthening instruction.

<sup>4</sup> Convenient arrangements for field service, including personal assistance for those who are less experienced, are made through the congregation. Such arrangements help us to be well equipped to carry out our

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## Regular Pioneering—Can You Begin in September?

<sup>1</sup> September marks the beginning of the 1988 service year. It will also be the first month of regular pioneer service for many. Will it be for you?

<sup>2</sup> Many have served as auxiliary pioneers during the 1987 service year. As stated in the June issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*, the auxiliary pioneer service could very well be a stepping-stone toward becoming a regular pioneer. If this is true in your case, why not begin in September? While it is good to have sufficient advance preparation, balance is also necessary so that this important personal goal does not elude you. Appropriately, the Scriptures admonish: "Do not loiter at your business. Be aglow with the spirit. Slave for Jehovah."—Rom. 12:11.

<sup>3</sup> Before you decide to enroll as a

regular pioneer, you should follow Jesus' admonition to "sit down and calculate the expense." (Luke 14:28) Factors such as health, family obligations, age, and congregational responsibilities are to be considered. But if you have already analyzed your circumstances and have determined that with some adjustments you can be a regular pioneer, do not hold back.

### TRUST IN JEHOVAH'S POWER

<sup>4</sup> When considering your personal circumstances, do not conclude that just any handicap, disadvantage, or family responsibility will prevent you from being a successful pioneer. Likely you are acquainted with regular pioneers who serve in spite of

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# Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

## WEEK STARTING JULY 5

Song 192

**10 min:** Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Demonstrate two brief magazine presentations appropriate for local territory, and encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday. Give names of those enrolled as auxiliary pioneers for July, and encourage others to work in service with the pioneers.

**20 min:** "Keep Our Minds on Maintaining Fine Works." Develop material with questions to audience, including questions that require local application. When discussing paragraph 6, one or two brief pre-arranged experiences on witnessing while away from home may be included. Also, discuss new Topic for Conversation and demonstrate its use with *Live Forever* book offer.

**15 min:** "God Will Finish Your Training." Talk on article in June 15, 1987, *Watchtower*.

Song 91 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING JULY 12

Song 70

**10 min:** Local announcements. Accounts report. Express appreciation for financial support of congregation, and report Society acknowledgment of any contributions sent in during June. Mention contribution made to help missionaries attend 1988 convention.

**20 min:** "Regular Pioneering—Can You Begin in September?" Question-and-answer consideration of materi-

al. Encourage those who qualify and are in a position to enter the regular pioneer work in September. Explain local arrangements to support pioneers through convenient service arrangements and other personal assistance. May include brief pre-arranged experiences that would be encouraging to those contemplating enrollment as regular pioneers.

**15 min:** "Unitedly Worshipping Jehovah." Talk. Encourage all to plan on being present each week for the Congregation Book Study. Help those in audience who have studied the book previously to reason on Philippians 3:1; 2 Peter 1:12, 13; and 2 Peter 3:1, and thus appreciate value of reminders concerning basic elements of Christian faith contained in *United in Worship* book.

Song 59 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING JULY 19

Song 151

**13 min:** Local announcements. Question Box. Review highlights of outstanding April report. Commend congregation on local accomplishments in the field.

**12 min:** Using *Reasoning* Book in Your Territory. Pick one or two subjects from *Reasoning* book that often come up locally, and demonstrate how the *Reasoning* book can be used to help the householder. As time permits, call for experiences on using the *Reasoning* book.

**20 min:** "Presenting the Good News—With New Ones." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Use one or two brief preselected experi-

ences to illustrate points in article. Emphasize need for experienced publishers to be alert to help newer ones. When possible, volunteer assistance individually and respond positively when overseers request your help for newer ones. Encourage all to share in field service with magazines on Saturday.

Song 133 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING JULY 26

**10 min:** Local announcements. Theocratic News.

**10 min:** Preparation for August literature offer. Suggest and demonstrate use of talking points from brochures that will be appropriate for local territory. Show how to tie in Topic for Conversation with brochures. Encourage all to be out in field service this weekend.

**10 min:** "Make Sure of the More Important Things." Talk.

**15 min:** Local needs or talk on "Help in Making Wise Decisions," based on article in the May 15, 1987, issue of *The Watchtower*.

Song 210 and concluding prayer.

## Regular Pioneering

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advanced age, poor health, and various personal or family obligations. Such factors can be considered on an individual basis with complete trust that "power beyond what is normal" can be ours when we rely on Jehovah rather than trusting in our own strength.—2 Cor. 4:7.

<sup>5</sup> The Society's office is already receiving applications from those who wish to begin regular pioneering in September. Thousands are expected to apply before the end of August. This is all evidence of Jehovah's power in action. With prayerful planning and implicit trust in Jehovah, many will be able to make the necessary adjustments and join the regular pioneer ranks with the beginning of the 1988 service year. Will you be among them?

<sup>6</sup> Blessings in store for those who become regular pioneers include the joy of sharing in the full-time preaching work and being able to assist new ones in the field. Also, those who are able to start pioneering in September have the prospect of attending the Pioneer Service School in August 1988. How true the proverb: "The blessing of Jehovah—that is what makes rich!"—Prov. 10:22.

## Make Sure of the More Important Things

<sup>1</sup> The insert to the February 1987 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* announced arrangements starting September 1987 for a special assembly day to be scheduled for each circuit. Wholesome spiritual instruction that is needed for our times will be presented. In many cases it will be possible for a qualified Bethel speaker or district overseer to share in the program along with the circuit overseer and other capable elders in the circuit. Arrangements will also be made for a baptism.

<sup>2</sup> The theme of the first special assembly day program will be "Make Sure of the More Important

Things." (Phil. 1:9, 10) Individuals who desire to put themselves in line for the deliverance that Jesus promised must act wisely and without delay. (Luke 21:28) They need help to get answers to their questions, overcome doubts, and take a firm stand for the truth. Practical information will be provided on how to direct new ones to the organization.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to being diligent in helping Bible students to grow spiritually, each one of us also needs to continue making spiritual advancement. The program gives attention to this matter of serious

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# Announcements

● Literature offer for July: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of \$2.50. Small-size edition is \$1.25. **August:** One of the following 32-page magazine-size brochures may be offered for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *Look! I Am Making All Things New*, *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever*, and *The Government That Will Bring Paradise*. **September:** *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for contribution of \$2.50. Small-size book is \$1.25. **October:** One-year subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or both.

● An adequate supply of forms for use during the 1988 service year is being sent to each congregation. Since considerable expense is involved in printing and shipping, these forms should be used conservatively and only for their intended purpose. Some congregations have had to reorder forms before the end of the service year because so many were used improperly, such as for writing notes. Congregations should make other arrangements for scratch pads and not allow Society forms to be wasted.

● New Publications Available:

*Sing Praises to Jehovah* (Small size)

—Cebuano, Iloko, Tagalog

*Is There a God Who Cares?* —Estonian  
*Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* —Indonesian  
*There Is Much More to Life!*

—Estonian

*Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1984

—Japanese

● New Cassette Recordings Available:

*Judges, Ruth* (set of two; congregation and public: \$3.00; pioneers: \$2.50)

—German

*Beware of Losing Faith by Drawing Away From Jehovah*—Drama (single cassette; congregation and public: \$2.00; pioneers: \$1.75)

—Vietnamese

● The Society has available a quantity of orchestral recordings of the music from the 1966 songbook *"Singing and Accompanying Yourself With Music in Your Hearts."* This set of ten long-playing stereophonic records (P1-P10) is available at a reduced cost of \$6.00 per set for publishers; \$5.00 per set for pioneers.

## Question Box

● How is the hour requirement determined for one who enrolls as a pioneer after the beginning of the service year?

Regular pioneers should meet the requirement of 1,000 hours when enrolled for a complete service year, which begins on September 1 and ends August 31. Pioneers starting after the beginning of the service year should meet an hour requirement proportionate to the number of months remaining in that service year. For example, one who starts

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# Unitedly Worshiping Jehovah

<sup>1</sup> The psalmist captured well our feelings regarding the worldwide brotherhood unitedly worshiping Jehovah when he wrote: "Look! How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1) By growing in accurate knowledge of the truth and being motivated to apply it daily in our lives, we all maintain 'the same mind and the same line of thought.' (1 Cor. 1:10) Unity among us has been enhanced in recent years through use of the book *United in Worship of the Only True God*, released at the "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions in 1983. We should come to appreciate this outstanding publication even more as we consider it again at the Congregation Book Study beginning in September.

<sup>2</sup> All will benefit, whether we were in the congregation when the book was studied previously or we are among the thousands of new ones who have come into the truth since the *United in Worship* book was last considered in the Congregation Book Study. New ones will benefit from the varied comments and applications made by mature fellow believers. Local application of the material and points emphasized by experienced conductors will no doubt touch on areas of our personal life and ministry needing further attention. Since none of us are in the identical circumstances we faced when we studied the book previously, reviewing the information and applying the counsel in the *United in Worship* book, as it relates to the problems and pressures we face today, will strengthen us as we continue to

"put up a hard fight for the faith." —Jude 3.

<sup>3</sup> Besides containing sound counsel that is encouraging and motivating, the *United in Worship* book stimulates our appetite for spiritual knowledge. Our reasoning powers are strengthened by the way the information is presented. The questions at the bottom of the page, as well as the questions and scriptures within certain paragraphs, require deep thought and personal application on our part if we are to absorb the full sense of the material. Studying this book helps us develop thinking ability and improve our discernment of spiritual matters. We are helped to see the truth in its various aspects and to evaluate not only the relationship of one point to another but also how it applies to us personally. (Prov. 1:1-5) This helps us to "make sure of the more important things." —Phil. 1:10.

<sup>4</sup> A key factor in benefiting fully is careful preparation. If you have considered the material in the past and already have the answers marked in your book, avoid thinking that careful preparation each week will not be necessary. From time to time all of us need to have our minds refreshed on these spiritual matters. The apostle Peter was inspired to remind the brothers concerning basic truths they had already learned. (2 Pet. 1:12, 13; 3:1) Paul reminds us that such is for our spiritual safety. (Phil. 3:1) By examining the *United in Worship* book again, we will be strengthened to remain united in our worship of the only true God Jehovah in these critical last days.

## Fine Works

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commission to preach the "good news" and to help others to become fellow worshippers of Jehovah. —Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20.

## ACTIVITY FOR JULY

<sup>5</sup> July will be a busy month for most of us. Many will be attending the "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention. Some will be working in unassigned territory. For many thousands, July is a month set aside for auxiliary pioneer service. All of us should be intent on doing what we can to place the *Live Forever* book and start Bible studies where possible.

<sup>6</sup> If your schedule of activity for July includes travel away from home, likely you will have many opportunities to meet and talk with people on an informal basis. Many have found that by carrying a small-size *Live Forever* book, they have been encouraged and helped to strike up conversations

that often lead to giving a fine witness. Of course, *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* also are convenient instruments to use when witnessing informally.

<sup>7</sup> In order to make your travel plans complete, be sure to include arrangements for attending meetings and perhaps sharing in field service with the local congregation. The June 1987 *Our Kingdom Ministry* article "Include Meetings in Your Vacation Plans" offered suggestions on how to locate the nearest Kingdom Hall.

<sup>8</sup> Whether we are spending most of July with our home congregation or we are visiting in other areas, we will want to participate to the extent possible in congregation meetings and field activity. By "always having plenty to do in the work of the Lord," our minds will be directed aright, and we will maintain fine works to Jehovah's praise. —1 Cor. 15:58.



## With New Ones

<sup>1</sup> What a wonderful advantage it is to have among us experienced publishers of the good news! They are a real asset to the congregation as they use their abilities along with knowledge and experience to assist the many new ones flocking to Jehovah's organization today. They take to heart the inspired admonition: "In proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another."—1 Pet. 4:10.

<sup>2</sup> Approved associates and those who are newly baptized deserve commendation for their hard work in the field ministry. However, their experience may still be limited to just one or two features of the preaching work, such as the distributing of magazines and witnessing informally. To make their advancement manifest, these new ones need to share in as many features of the ministry as they can and improve their effectiveness as proclaimers of the good news. New ones will be helped to become proficient Kingdom ministers by working along with those who have had more experience.—Eccl. 4:9, 10.

## MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

<sup>3</sup> Can you make yourself available to assist others in the ministry? New ones need to learn not only how to offer magazines but also how to use the Bible in the house-to-house ministry. They need to learn how to initiate and continue conversations with householders. Someone who lacks experience may be apprehensive about making return visits and conducting Bible studies. But those who are willing can learn how to handle these new responsibilities if they receive the needed help and encouragement.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

<sup>4</sup> One way you can help is to get together with less experienced ones and discuss suggested presentations found in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Using the *Reasoning* book, select appropriate introductions and practice responding to objections and conversation stoppers. In practice sessions, you can rehearse the use of scriptures and how to present the current literature offer. You can discuss how to conclude an initial call so as to lay the foundation for a return visit, or you can show how a Bible study may be started. Such preparation will help the new publisher to have confidence in his abil-

ity to speak to people about God's Word.

<sup>5</sup> Make definite appointments to work in the field ministry. The new one may prefer to go along and just observe for a few calls. Then he can try putting into practice what was prepared in practice sessions. As you work together, discuss how your presentations might be improved and how to handle such things as indifference and opposition. Be encouraging and supportive. Remind the new one that it is Jehovah's work and that he will bless our honesthearted efforts.—Matt. 11:29, 30.

## WORK WITH YOUNG ONES TOO

<sup>6</sup> Young ones enjoy their share in the ministry more when they have a well-prepared presentation. The very young can be encouraged to make a simple magazine presentation. If able, they may be given opportunity to read a Bible text to the householder. Help each one to progress according to his age and ability. Parents and others in the congregation can provide the necessary help and encouragement so that the very young ones as well as those growing to maturity will become adept in "handling the word of the truth aright."—2 Tim. 2:15.

<sup>7</sup> Those conducting Bible studies will want to introduce the students to the field service as soon as they qualify. Elders, ministerial servants, pioneers, and parents should also be alert to offer assistance to those who are just beginning to share in the preaching work. Can you make yourself available to assist new ones? Take the initiative in doing so, for our 'being harmoniously joined together and giving what is needed makes for the growth of the body.'—Eph. 4:16.

## Question Box

regular pioneer service on March 1 will have pioneered six months by the conclusion of the service year on August 31 and would need to have reported a minimum of 500 hours.

Reporting 90 hours each month is a goal for which we strongly encourage pioneers to strive, regardless of when they begin. By scheduling 90 hours of field ministry each month, a pioneer should be able to attend assemblies and conventions as well as take vacation time without getting far behind in the yearly hour requirement. By holding to the 90-hour monthly schedule, he will

♦ Curaçao had their fourth peak for the service year in February with 1,352 reporting. There was a new peak of 84 regular pioneers.

♦ Fiji had their 26th consecutive peak in February with 1,253 reporting for a 14-percent increase.

♦ The regular pioneer ranks continue to expand in Ghana. The 31,603 publishers reporting in February included a new peak of 2,767 regular pioneers.

♦ Jamaica reported new peaks in February of 8,120 publishers and 339 regular pioneers.

♦ In February Korea reported new peaks of 13,349 regular pioneers and 46,001 total publishers.

♦ Liberia had a new peak of 1,432 publishers in February. Their new branch building was dedicated on March 28 with 2,126 in attendance.

## Make Sure

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concern by offering helpful suggestions along with a practical discussion to show just what can be accomplished by searching into the deeper things of God's Word.—1 Cor. 2:10.

<sup>4</sup> A portion of the program will call attention to convincing evidence of our being adequately qualified to serve as God's ministers. In the concluding part, you will hear interesting experiences and reports showing that Jehovah's progressive organization is moving ahead, and you will be encouraged to keep pace with it.

<sup>5</sup> Your circuit overseer will let you know what arrangements have been made for the special assembly day in your circuit. Make sure that you will be there for the full day's program.

## APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	277	130.4	94.9	55.8	5.9
Pios.	52,428	86.0	47.4	31.1	3.1
Aux. Pios.	96,457	58.7	34.7	16.3	1.3
Pubs.	597,794	10.1	7.2	3.8	0.4
TOTAL	746,956				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,014

not come under pressure because of having to overcome a sizable hour deficit as the service year draws to a close.

The circumstances of some pioneers, such as those doing seasonal work, may require them to vary their approach to meeting the yearly hour requirement. But each pioneer should keep a schedule that will enable him to meet the hour requirement by the end of the service year, whether 1,000 hours for the entire service year or that portion of 1,000 hours corresponding to the number of months he pioneered during the service year.