

INFORMANT

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"Say to the prisoners, Go forth."—Isa. 49:9.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

"Let Your Kingdom Come" Witnessing Period Final Month of Service Year

Climaxes Unassigned Territory Work

¹With confidence and happy assurance, Christians continue to pray, "Let your kingdom come." (Matt. 6:10, NW) Although "the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ", not yet has the mighty organization of Satan been destroyed. (Rev. 11:15, NW) Its towering hulk continues to cast a shadow of oppression over the face of the earth. But shortly the Kingdom rock cut out of the mountain of God will smite and shatter the feet or foundation of this blasphemous organization, plunging it to destruction. Satan will be abyssed.

²The work of aiding others to know of this kingdom is continually expanding. To keep apace during the summer we have expanded it into territory not regularly covered with the Kingdom message. Two months have already been spent in this special campaign, leaving but one month. We want to utilize it to the full by completing the assignment of this isolated territory if possible. Be sure to keep sending in the names of people with whom literature is placed, in order that the Society may continue to stimulate this interest after you leave the territory. It is encouraging to note that over 50,000 names have already been received. Companies are cautioned, however, not to send in the names of individuals who live in company-held territory. Interest in such territory should be cared for by the companies.

³The offer for August will continue to be three books on the contribution of \$1.50. Reports from all

over the country indicate that much interest is encountered and considerable literature is being placed in these unassigned territories, with many fine experiences resulting. The Lord's blessing is clearly evident upon this abundant sowing of seed in these areas. So, continue to take good supplies of literature with you, including tracts and catalogues, and be fully prepared to "do missionary work" and "thoroughly accomplish your ministry".—2 Tim. 4:5, NW.

⁴August is the last month of the 1952 service year. What does an analysis of the company's activity show? Will you reach the 10 per cent increase in publishers for the year? Most companies should be close to reaching their quotas and, by an all-out effort in the final month, they will be reached. Servants, pioneers, conductors and mature publishers, make it your business to render the needed assistance to those who are new and inexperienced in the field service. Do not just invite them to go with you. Make definite arrangements to take them with you regularly and patiently instruct them in effective ways of preaching the good news.

Actual-Count Stock Inventory

Two Stock Inventory forms (S-7) are being sent to each company and pioneer with this *Informant*. An actual-count inventory of stock on hand is to be taken on September 1 of each year and is to be recorded on these forms accurately and completely. Send the original to the Society no later than September 5, and retain the duplicate for your files.

The Society is very pleased to see over 1,700 enroll for the vacation pioneer service thus far this summer, far more than ever before. At the end of August, most of this number will be unable to continue, since many will be returning to school. But what about you now enjoying this service who have al-

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1952 District Assemblies

Which One Will You Attend?

¹Blessings are in store for God's servants. A well-planned and prepared program making for a bountiful feast spread out in abundance is provided in the 35 district assemblies to be held in the United States during August and September. The assembly locations were carefully selected so that it would be convenient for all to attend. (See your copy of the July 15, 1952, *Watchtower* for the dates and locations.) Make every possible effort to attend one of these assemblies so graciously provided by Jehovah through his visible organization.

²The assemblies will be for three full days. Now is the time to begin preparing, planning and arranging your affairs so as to be at the assembly city of your choice from the time of the opening session, on Friday at 9:30 a.m. (interesting and lively discussions start the program), right on through to the completion of the last session Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

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Thrilling Reports from Unassigned Territory

Jehovah's undeserved kindness and blessings have abounded in many ways as is evident in the variety of experiences had by the publishers working in unassigned territory. For example: "Met party who said, 'Never heard of this work, but it sounds like something I've always wanted. Glad to see a work like this going on.' A disabled veteran said, 'I'd give anything to know the Bible.' He was very meek, and asked many questions. Almost asked for a study." Another remarks: "Woman listened eagerly and happy to hear of the new world: has son that is a complete invalid, and he insisted on getting the books, because reading is one of the few things he can do. Hoped he too could 'leap like a hart' in the new world." One said, "Man, I'm sure happy to see you; first time in 25 years that Jehovah's witnesses called on me. I want subscriptions to both magazines and

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Organize for Pioneer Service

Pioneering is a wonderful privilege of service! Nothing in this old world can compare with it, for what possible corresponding joy could there be to carrying out one's dedication vows before Jehovah in this superb way? None, absolutely none.

Defeating Persecution

The 1952 "Yearbook" gives many examples of how our brothers throughout the world are defeating persecution, proving indeed that "no weapon formed against us will prosper".—Isa. 54:17.

A district assembly was being held in Cyprus. The Devil's agents tried to break up the public meeting by creating a disturbance that lasted for 15 minutes, during which blows were exchanged and chairs smashed. Eventually the troublemakers were ejected from the hall. This disturbance attracted hundreds, and so instead of breaking up the meeting as they planned, the Devil's agents caused a greater witness to be given. (119)

Particularly bitter is the persecution that our brothers have to endure in Greece, where officials brutally beat Jehovah's witnesses and boast that they "will make them useless even for Jehovah!" Yet in spite of all such persecution, and though without the benefit of any assemblies, Kingdom Halls or even the singing of Kingdom songs, the report of our brothers in Greece shows a 26 per cent increase for the past year. (144-147)

Not have the weapons formed against Jehovah's servants in Bechuanaland, Africa, prospered. There, "in the face of [severe beatings] and cruelty of the tribal chiefs the local brothers continue to let their light shine. They are learning to defeat persecution, and some persons of good will, noting the courage of the brothers, are also taking their stand on Jehovah's side and learning to publish. The . . . prospects for expansion are brightest . . . where the persecution has been the greatest" (220). Are we as successful in voiding the weapons the Devil forms against us as are our brothers in Cyprus, Greece and Bechuanaland?

Our Assemblies

As our district assemblies draw near the questions arise, "Will each servant of Jehovah attend if at all possible? How many will fail to attend because of lack of appreciation or lack of resourcefulness?"

Those who have failed to attend assemblies because of lack of funds would do well to consider the example set by our brothers in the British West Indies as given in our 1952 "Yearbook". For these brothers to attend an assembly involves a great sacrifice. One group hired a schooner to take them to the island where the assembly was being held, and to pay for the transportation they shipped along bananas, mangoes, etc., which they sold upon their arrival. (101)

Circuit assemblies in the Philippines often provide much excitement and fan the enthusiasm of the brothers to a bright glow. At one assembly a government official tried to cancel the public meeting but failed. Mobsters threatened to break up the meeting; hoodlums stoned the meeting place and those going to and from it. Yet in spite of it all 1,000 attended the public lecture, 700 of whom were strangers. What a joy it must have been to have had a share in that triumph over the enemy! (206)

In Italy the clergy caused the permit for an assembly to be canceled after it had been given. The assembly was nevertheless held by using two homes which were connected by public-speaking equipment. Again the Devil's efforts boomeranged as this high-handed procedure caused more to get their eyes opened. (160-162) Regardless of the opposition or circumstances Jehovah has a blessing awaiting us at our assemblies.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

To Those Who Are Indifferent

Often we meet people in our ministerial activities that are indifferent toward the message we carry. They do not want to be rude and will politely listen to us, but they may be thinking, "This may be all right for somebody else but it doesn't concern me." Yet it does concern them, being a matter of life or death. We want to direct their minds to appreciate this good news, if at all possible. The problem is, how? Usually the best thing to do is to get them to express themselves and thus locate their interests. Thought-provoking questions, hypothetical problems and reasonings may be used to do this. Consider the subjects of law, education, world conditions, science, etc. Work these discussions into a constructive witness about the Kingdom.

When an indifferent person is obviously a parent you might say: "Being a parent you are doubtlessly concerned with the proper education of your children. Schooling is important for the children, yet how much more important it is that all persons, young and old, receive a proper religious training. The majority of people do not regularly attend church, and it has been found that most of those who do attend do not have an accurate knowledge of the purposes of Almighty God, the blessings of his promised kingdom or of the requirements for entrance into God's kingdom. They fail to realize that *this* knowledge means everlasting life and sure success. So, whether you attend church or not, I am here to bring you this life-giving knowledge as contained in the holy Word of God. Let me

show you what this book *'This Means Everlasting Life'* says on page 247 about 'Rearing Children in Divine Favor' . . ."

Or you might take this approach: "As you view conditions existing in the world today that adversely affect all of us, have you not also noticed that these conditions are fulfilling Bible prophecy? Did you know that the very work that I am doing was foretold in the Bible? and that all of this is a sign of the early destruction of wickedness and the taking over of earth's rulership by the righteous kingdom of God? Allow me to show you this from the Word of God and the Bible aids that are provided for this very purpose."

Perhaps personal interest may be developed with the following: "Moral collapse is the shame of our generation. Principles are being set aside for expediency. Indeed, people the world over are falling away from the righteous principles of the Bible, having no respect for the laws contained therein. Take for example the sixth of the Ten Commandments: 'Thou shalt not kill.' Then look at all of the wars fought in the lands claiming to worship God—Christian killing Christian. Jew killing Jew, etc. Certainly this shows a lack of proper understanding and a flouting of the principles of God. Christ Jesus said if you want life that is everlasting you must love your neighbor as much as you do yourself; also love your enemies. . . ."

Be fully convinced yourself that the message you carry concerns everyone and then express that conviction.

Organize for . . . (Cont'd)

ready completed your schooling? Could you, by diligent organization of personal affairs, continue in pioneer service as many others are doing? And those of you who contemplate the pioneer work, would it be possible to start by considering and arranging your affairs so Kingdom interest receives first attention? And you who are in the regular pioneer service, are you organized so as to be able to continue in this most wonderful of privileges? Here is an example of what can be done.

One pioneer sister tells how she organizes her home for more efficient service to Jehovah: "Although I have been in the truth for only three years and have family responsibilities, I have taken advan-

tage of the pioneer privileges and enjoy this work tremendously. I find that I always achieve the best results in my pioneer ministry by being thoroughly organized for the Lord's service. My husband is in the truth and he tries to do everything he can to aid me in organizing my pioneer service. This co-operation gives me the necessary help to remain in the full-time work.

"I schedule my time to harmonize with my family responsibilities. Each day at 6:30 a.m. I rise and prepare all essentials for the morning and noon meals. We are ready for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. My husband reads the daily text and comments from the *Yearbook* and we respond with questions and thoughts

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YOUR SERVICE MEETING

August is the last month of the special campaign to present the three-bound-book offer. How is your company doing in the campaign? And you as an individual? The first demonstration will enable each company to see how it has been doing thus far. The other will assist to improve company organization by having a discussion of things that will benefit all publishers.

SCENE 1 (7 min.) Assistant company servant is sitting at a desk checking the Publisher's Record cards when the company servant enters. The company servant relates the results of a back-call he made on party who promised to take the offer when contacted in the door-to-door work last Sunday. Did he place the combination? Yes, and he had a very enjoyable discussion with householder and was able to show him how the books are to be studied. It may develop into a Bible study. The assistant company servant then says he has been checking the Publisher's Record cards to ascertain just how many books have been placed by publishers thus far in campaign. During June, 331,446 books were placed by publishers in United States and our company placed For July the company placed making a total for June and July of books. Appropriate comments are made as the company servant begins to check through the card file. He notes that some cards show no placements at all during the two months. Why? Their discussion considers the importance of all publishers' engaging in the door-to-door work (April "Informant") and that necessary assistance be given to publishers in aiding them toward maturity, as often stressed in the "Informant". The servants make a note to organize company activity during August so as to give these publishers the assistance needed for field service. Checking further, the company servant notes some cards show only one or two books placed during the campaign, and asks the assistant company servant what he thinks might contribute to this. The reply: possibly not sticking to the offer, publishers' not being properly prepared with literature when going out in service and not having a good presentation in mind, etc. After briefly discussing these points the company servant says, "By having the combination along and really offering it to householders with an effective presentation, many fine experiences are enjoyed. Some times on the program can now be profitably used in relating a few experiences so let's invite publishers to relate some they have had while placing the three bound books in the current campaign".

SCENE 2 (8 min.) Each placement is an experience and often points are made in making the placement that are helpful and beneficial to others. The week before this part is handled on the service meeting, it would be well for the company servant to announce that part of the next service meeting will be devoted to relating encouraging field service experiences. This will enable publishers to fully prepare to bring out helpful points that will assist other publishers to

overcome obstacles met in the field. These can be experiences in assigned or unassigned territory.

SCENE 1 (3 min.) A company book study is closing. Conductor, Bro. Drowsy, says (in a tired way), "Well, I guess that's as far as we'll go tonight. Here are some names the company servant gave me who haven't been in the service this month." Reads names. Then those attending begin talking about their own affairs; make no mention of theocratic or company arrangements.

SCENE II (3 min.) Company servant talks to three study conductors after service meeting. He says one group is doing extra well, one doing all right, but Bro. Drowsy's seems to have trouble progressing. He asks if they can devise a plan to help. Bro. Drowsy says he does not know what to do more than he does now; publishers just do not seem to take interest in study or service. Company servant offers to substitute for Bro. Drowsy while he attends study of Bro. Alive; perhaps he will get some pointers.

SCENE III (9 min.) Bro. Alive's study closing. Conductor makes remarks bringing out high point or two from study that can be used in field with three-book offer. Then he makes final arrangements to get all in group ready for service on week end. (They may be going in isolated territory or in own locality.) Then he asks who wants help on back-calls, and mentions several placements made by group last week. One desires help; another volunteers to go along. Conductor very briefly recites experience he had calling on a brother needing help last week, mentions two or three such who need to be called on this week. He selects brothers living nearby to see these and suggests what they can do to help them. He shows real interest in getting all in group to study and work as one.

After meeting, Bro. Drowsy asks Bro. Alive how he does so well. Bro. Alive explains: He always prepares list of announcements in advance, then at end of study he does not forget them. He plans ahead to make study interesting and also plans remarks to make while group is together to direct conversation into proper channels, so this hour will be fully theocratic. Publishers have personal and secular affairs they can handle at other times; he tries to keep this study hour as "unto the Lord" and wholly dedicated to His service. Bro. Drowsy seems awakened, declares he will start immediately making his study as progressive.

my use in the field service during the day. I always make arrangements to take some publishers along with me into the field service. We organize our work by doing house-to-house service in the morning and devoting our afternoons to back-calls and Bible studies. During lunch time members of our car group usually eat our home-prepared food together and discuss some of our contacts with persons of good will. We find this eliminates unnecessary

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1952 District Assemblies (Cont'd)

³ Promptly and accurately fill out the Room Request forms, checking them over for accuracy before sending them in. Do this immediately. All mail regarding these assemblies should be addressed to Watchtower Convention Committee, in care of the rooming address at the city where the assembly is to be held. Remember, if you write for rooms and you receive no reply or assignment card for some reason or another, do not worry or be unduly concerned. Simply proceed to the assembly city, inquire for your rooms at the rooming department and then accept and occupy them. This in itself is a good witness and shows forth the proper Christian attitude of good conduct. If you are unable to accept the rooms assigned to you for reasons beyond your control, please cancel your reservations immediately so that others may be assigned. Check on transportation facilities and schedules. Enthusiastically invite all persons to have a share with you in this feast of the pure language. Make a special effort to encourage and aid your back-calls and persons of good will to attend.

⁴ Pioneers on the list prior to March 1, 1952, are being provided a meal ticket sent with this *Informant*. Do not lose these; no others will be issued. Pioneers should not go to the assembly city ahead of time unless the Society invites them.

⁵ The district assemblies will play a large part in rendering proper praise to Jehovah, in saying to the prisoners "Go forth", and will prove beneficial in aiding all toward full theocratic maturity. Come prepared to attend each session, bring literature for witnessing and bring someone with you to the assembly for feasting and service.

Thrilling Reports . . . (Cont'd)

every new publication you have."

Thousands of such letters and remarks coming in daily are heart-cheering. One stated: "It was difficult for us to leave this territory. We wanted to stay there and work with these sheeplike people. The return trip home was enthused as anxious publishers related their experiences."

There is still some time left for you to enjoy some of the blessings in working unassigned territory. Extra effort and planning are necessary to reach these persons thirsting for the waters of truth, but the happiness and blessing received far outweigh all the energy expended.

Publication Now Available

Evolution versus The New World

—Swedish

Organize for . . . (Cont'd)

on the scripture considered. This spiritual stimulation is appreciated by all of us. After we complete our meal, the children of school age cooperate by pitching in together to take care of the necessary breakfast chores.

"Each morning as soon as the children are sent off to school my husband and I leave together. He drives to his work and has arranged so he can return home with a neighbor, turning the car over to me for

"Be Transformed by Making Your Mind Over"

New World Translation and Book to Be Offered

To serve Jehovah God acceptably and gain his approval for life in his new world, we must 'be transformed by making our minds over'. (Rom. 12: 2, NW) No longer can we walk according to this system of things, for to do so would mean to suffer its inescapable fate of destruction. And how can we show that our minds have been transformed and made over? By our course of action. By diligently studying God's Word and applying it in our daily living. By preaching it to others of good will who are in mental darkness and thus assist them to transform and make their minds over for new world living.

To aid others in this transformation work, two effective instruments, the *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures* and the book *What Has Religion Done for Mankind?* will be placed with the people during the month of September on a contribution of \$2. Most of us are acquainted with the presentation of this offer, since it was used last May. A review of the May, 1952, *Informant* will be helpful.

The unassigned territory work being concluded by the end of August will mean that once again we will concentrate on working in our regularly assigned company territory. House-to-house work will be featured, and you should be certain to make a record of placements and follow through by calling back with a definite view to starting a Bible

study. Following the district assemblies, we suggest that each company schedule a public meeting series and advertise it well. September begins the new service year, so let us get off to a good start by organizing and participating in all theocratic activities.

Let us make God's thoughts our thoughts. Exhibit godly conduct in our daily living. Preach the good news to others. Doing so we will not only transform and make our minds over for new world living, but we will also make it possible for those still in mental darkness to do the same, for their everlasting good and to Jehovah's vindication and praise.

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expense and still provides wholesome food and excellent companionship.

"My pioneer obligations come first in my life, so I stay in the field service each day till 4 p.m. and then hurry on home to prepare the evening meal. While we partake of the physical nourishment I discuss the most interesting experiences of the day with my family as well as recount some of the details of my personal Bible studies and the interest that I was able to stir up. I am very pleased with my planning because of the many blessings that are mine as a result of good organization. I wholeheartedly recommend organized pioneer service for all witnesses of Jehovah."

COMPANY ORGANIZATION

Watchtower Study

¹ Jehovah God requires his servants to be qualified teachers, able to 'handle the word of truth aright' and 'instruct in mildness'. Of great importance in acquiring these qualifications is regular attendance and sharing in the weekly study of the *Watchtower* magazine.

² To get full benefit of this study everyone in attendance should come prepared to participate by commenting on the questions propounded. This will improve your ability to speak, broaden your knowledge, more firmly impress vital truths in your mind and also add to the liveliness and instructiveness of the meeting. Read and study *The Watchtower* as soon as you receive it and then go over it again just before the company study. Some find it best to study a complete article at one sitting; others take a few paragraphs each day; and some find it stimulating to study in a family group at a time when other Kingdom activities are not interfered with. (See lesson 45 in *Theocratic Aid to Kingdom Publishers*.) This is a fine way for parents to train children.

³ Each one should make it a point to comment at least once at the study. Comments need not cover every point in the paragraph, in fact, it is better to have two or three short comments. Publishers who desire to comment on a certain paragraph may make this known to the study conductor, by raising the hand high enough to be seen, so that they can be called on to do so. Once you start speaking it is comparatively easy to continue. Speak loud and clear so your expression will be heard by all.

⁴ It is vital that all publishers, pioneers and servants attend this study and keep up with present truths. Persons of good will should

also be encouraged and helped to attend so they will benefit from it. When the study follows the public lecture invite the strangers to remain for the *Watchtower* study. Form the habit of encouraging one another to attend and set the proper example by being there yourself each week, for certainly you could not spend your time in a more profitable way.

⁵ The *Watchtower* study conductor should conduct a lively, interesting meeting. Plan ahead so the meeting is kept within the hour. If time permits occasional comments may be made by the conductor, but these should be limited to points that were overlooked or where additional explanation may be necessary. As time allows, scriptures not quoted may be read by publishers in the audience. Those who are usually hesitant to make a comment are generally glad to read scriptures. Only the most qualified brothers who are fluent readers should be selected by the study conductor to summarize the paragraphs. A different one should be used each week, where available. Notify them at least a week in advance; they should attend the theocratic ministry school for training in good reading. Brief closing announcements relative to activity for the week may be made by the *Watchtower* study conductor or the company servant.

⁶ Taking in knowledge of Jehovah and his Son Christ Jesus is a prime requisite and should not be taken lightly. So take advantage of theocratic arrangements. Show sound wisdom by drinking of the waters of life regularly at the company *Watchtower* study and contribute to the meeting by making comments. It will assist you to become a more qualified teacher of God's precious Word of life.

UNITED STATES QUOTA FOR 1952
130,308 Publishers

Monthly Field Service Report

	June Report			
	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. Bi. St.
Sp'l Pios.	236	135.9	53.5	6.7
Pioneers	7,556	95.5	27.5	4.1
Co. Pubs.	122,545	10.3	2.7	.4
Tot. Pubs.	130,337			

Public Meetings Held: 6,652

Excerpts

A number of persons have written to us for copies of the draft regulations. The Universal Military Training and Service Act and all the Regulations may be obtained on subscription from the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. Excerpts have been copied and are available from the Society, however, on order in printed booklet form. Anyone desiring a copy may obtain it by contributing ten cents. Merely order *Excerpts*. For convenience orders may be sent in through the company.