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"Say among the nations: 'Jehovah himself has become king.'"—Ps. 96:10.

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## Dear Fellow Publishers:

Returning from their trip around the world, Brothers Knorr and Larson gave the Bethel Family very interesting reports. In our last letter we shared with you some of their experiences on the first half of the trip—as far as Kenya in East Africa.

From Kenya they went to Rhodesia, then on to South Africa, where they joined in the dedication of a new addition to the Branch. They then flew to Australia. There they learned how the Strathfield town council at first denied us a building permit, but when all the neighbors signed a petition of approval the council reconsidered and granted the permit. This addition to the Branch will house their first rotary magazine press.

After a short stop in Papua, it was on to the Philippines. An addition to the home, also to the factory to accommodate a rotary press, is being built there, mostly by the labor of our brothers.

When our travelers reached Japan they found the building of a new branch home and factory well under way. It is located at Numazu, some distance outside Tokyo. The trip to Japan was most timely, for while visiting the concern manufacturing three rotary presses for us, certain improvements in design were recommended in time for them to be included.

On the way home our two brothers stopped in Hawaii and spoke to a gathering of more than 4,800 in the famous Waikiki Shell. Finally, after traveling some 38,000 miles, touching down in 21 countries, visiting 16 Branches (12 of which were engaged in building new facilities), Brothers Knorr and Larson were back in Brooklyn Bethel, February 20—in time to participate in the graduation exercises of the fifty-second class of Gilead, March 6.

Your brothers and fellow servants,

BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

## Act On the Call for Kingdom Proclaimers

<sup>1</sup> "Say among the nations: 'Jehovah himself has become king.'" This call, found at Psalm 96:10, is a call to action. It reminds us that there is a work to be done. Personal and family study, also meeting attendance, are vital in our lives. They have various purposes, and one is to make us better preachers and teachers of the good news. Yes, Jehovah's people are evangelizers and that requires that we act. Studying and meeting together take place primarily at home and at the Kingdom Hall. Heeding the call issued at Psalm 96:10 means moving out into the territory and becoming a proclaimer.

<sup>2</sup> And what joy is to be found in that activity! You represent "Jehovah himself," the Creator and universal Sovereign, by His invitation. The work is under angelic direction. (Rev. 14:6) The truths preached are of the utmost importance, involving the lives of those with whom we speak. We please the One we serve. (Prov. 27:11) We ourselves are rewarded with eternal life. (Rom. 10:10) So there are many reasons for being joyful in Jehovah's service.

<sup>3</sup> While we do not exert any pressure on our brothers to engage in the field ministry, it is entirely appropriate for us to set a good example of zeal in the field ministry and then lovingly invite or even exhort them to share our happiness in speaking the truth to others. Is it possible that every publisher in the congregation could be helped to share in April? Surely the spirit of the entire congregation would be strengthened if this took place, and what a mighty shout of praise to Jehovah that would be!

<sup>4</sup> To whom is this call addressed? Not alone to the experienced publishers in the congregation. Is this not a good time to direct some

attention to those with whom we have been studying for a while? If they have come to an accurate knowledge of the truth, if their hearts have been appreciatively touched by what they have learned and if they are ordering their lives so as to conform to Christian principles, then should we hold back from inviting them to accompany us in the field ministry?

<sup>5</sup> This month will provide many occasions for upbuilding association and activity. Having been stirred to increased appreciation by the theocratic events of March, fellow workers with God eagerly look forward to the service in which he now allows us to share. April with its five weekends should prove to be an outstanding magazine month. The April 15 *Watchtower* will contain the special talk "Mankind's Deliverance into God's New Order," and the *Awake!* of April 22 will have revealing information on the theme "Where Is Religion Leading Mankind?" What a fine thing it would be if all in our territories could be given the opportunity to read these two timely issues!

<sup>6</sup> This is also the final month for the *Watchtower* campaign and there will be many promises to follow through on and other prospects on which to make back-calls. Then there is the special talk to be given on Sunday, April 23, entitled "Jehovah Has Become King—How We Know It." Here is "food" we will thank Jehovah for as we listen attentively along with interested ones we have invited.

<sup>7</sup> How many will act on the call for Kingdom proclaimers? The command to make disciples, as found at Matthew 28:18, 19, does not say. Neither does the command to preach the good news to all nations, as given at Matthew 24:14, mention

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★ Act on the call for Kingdom proclaimers. ★



# Your Service Meetings

## WEEK STARTING APRIL 9

Theme: Serve Jehovah the King Whole-souled. (Ps. 96:10; Col. 3:23, 24) Song 1.

7 min: Introduction, text and comments. Include some Theocratic News items along with congregation report for March.

15 min: "Act On the Call for Kingdom Proclaimers." Questions and answers. Might demonstrate points in paragraph 6 regarding following through on all back-calls and promises for subscriptions. Emphasize the importance of this. Can show two publishers discussing what they are determined to do. One tells of how she has gone through her witnessing case and searched out all house-to-house records, notes, expired-subscription slips and is in the process of arranging all of these calls in an orderly fashion and will schedule her affairs so as to contact each one of these persons so that they can have the subscriptions if there is interest. If people are not home, she will phone or make calls on different days and at different times of the day. She may even write some letters. The other publisher is impressed by the plan and is determined to do the same thing. They arrange to check with one another during the month and also make some arrangements to work together.

27 min: The Benefits of Being Long-suffering. ("Aid," pp. 1073, 1074) In introducing this part, stress the need for us to imitate Jehovah in his expression of long-suffering, a fruitage of his spirit. While it will not be necessary to read all the scriptures, be sure that the ones used are explained and applied in such a way as to make the main points stand out. The main goal is, not rapid coverage, but imparting understanding. (a) What is long-suffering? ("Aid," p. 1073) (b) How have we personally benefited from Jehovah's long-suffering, and how should this affect our attitude toward those who transgress against us? (Rom. 9:22-24; 1 Thess. 5:14, 15) (c) Why should Jehovah's exercise of long-suffering deter us from violating his laws? (2 Cor. 6:1) (d) When we are undergoing ridicule at work or at school, why can we, as Colossians 1:11 says, "be long-suffering with joy"? (Prov. 27:11; 1 Tim. 4:16; Heb. 6:10-12) (e) What does Jesus' example of long-suffering teach us about our responsibilities toward brothers who are very sensitive about such matters as food or drink? (Rom. 14:1-3; 15:1-3; "Aid," p. 1392, par. 2) (f) Why would our failure to manifest long-suffering toward those who are spiritually weak be injurious to them as well as to ourselves? (Mark 9:42; 1 Cor. 10:30-33) (g) From what will long-suffering protect us when one of our brothers or sisters speaks somewhat harshly to us? (Prov. 25:28; Eccl. 7:9) (h) What will enable a sister to be long-suffering with an unbelieving husband? (1 Pet. 3:1-6; "Aid," p. 1073, par. 6) (i) How can Jesus' example help a husband to be long-suffering toward his wife? (Eph. 5:25-29) (j) When children do not respond to the truth, what hope can assist parents to be long-suffering? (Luke 15:20-24)

3 min: Accounts report.  
8 min: Concluding comments. Discuss highlights of special April 15 "Watchtower" and April 22 "Awake!" with suggestions on what to say in

presenting them. Remind audience to bring April 1 "Watchtower" to next two meetings and to prepare well in advance as material on "A Test of Humility" will be covered in regular "Watchtower" study fashion. Song 22.

## WEEK STARTING APRIL 16

Theme: "Humble Yourselves, Therefore, Under the Mighty Hand of God." (1 Pet. 5:6) Song 23.

10 min: Introduction, text and comments. Incorporate major thoughts from Branch Letter.

20 min: "A Test of Humility." From "The Watchtower" of April 1, 1972. Consider first half of article. Last half to be considered next service meeting. To be covered in regular "Watchtower" study fashion. Chairman should make up his own questions, taking paragraphs singly or in groups, as material and available time dictate. Look up and read scriptures. Read all paragraphs. Involves the appointment of elders and ministerial servants; possibly congregation servant or other member of committee could handle this.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Special Magazines." Present in form of talk, but draw audience into discussion freely. If time allows, demonstrate how a special issue of the magazines might be presented to one who likely would be interested in the subject. Include use of special issues being distributed during April.

12 min: Concluding comments. Mention special talk on Sunday, "Jehovah Has Become King—How We Know It." Encourage all to be in attendance with interested ones. Song 43.

## WEEK STARTING APRIL 23

Theme: Strength from the Right Source for All Things. (Phil. 4:13) Song 77.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: "Strength for All Things." Questions and answers.

20 min: "A Test of Humility." Conclude study of article from April 1, 1972, "Watchtower," following the same suggestions for handling as mentioned in last week's service meeting. Same brother or another capable brother could conduct this part.

12 min: "What Do You Really Know About God?" Discussion of Bible study folder. Distribute copy of folder to each one in audience.

(2 min.) Chairman: Folder gives fine witness concerning Jehovah. Acquaints one with "Know Jehovah" book, but outlines study arrangement in such a way that you can use any book you choose. Leave folder with literature or when literature refused, also when no one at home, or any other time. Prepare by studying it carefully. Discuss it with family. Remember, goal is to give a witness and to start studies.

(4 min.) Discuss with audience the contents of study folder. Isolate and make clear just what questions are asked and how answered in folder. Get publishers to think and then make expression.

(4 min.) One or two brief demonstrations of how folder can be used under different circumstances.

(2 min.) Chairman: Summarize points. Emphasize being alert to opportunities to use it and also being flexible in various situations. Many new studies will undoubtedly be

started as good use is made of this folder.

8 min: Concluding comments. Bring meeting to close with Scriptural discussion of subject "Do You Keep Your Word?" from "Watchtower" of January 1, 1972. Song 87.

## WEEK STARTING APRIL 30

Theme: Let People Know the Prophetic Truths. (Isa. 12:5) Song 91.  
12 min: Introduction, text, comments and Question Box.

20 min: "Living a Dedicated Life." From "The Watchtower" of February 15, 1972. Can be given in the form of a talk but also drawing the audience into the discussion. This information sets out the principles involving dedication and its relationship to problems that many brothers are now facing. Thus the one assigned should prepare thoroughly so that important points are made clear.

15 min: Encouraging Others to Know Jehovah.

(2 min.) Chairman: Offer for May will be the "Know Jehovah" book. Publishers enjoyed presenting this book in November and placed many of them. We want to be prepared to present it effectively this month. We are better acquainted with it now, having been studying it at our book studies and having heard the eight public talks on it. Good to review some points from book now that can be used in field to demonstrate purpose and value of it. What did publishers find successful in creating interest in November? Can also select points from insert in "Kingdom Ministry" of October 1971 and mention some of these.

(6 min.) Comments from audience on what worked for them in presenting the "Know Jehovah" book. Chairman could talk to some publishers beforehand so that they can give consideration to this in advance and thus discussion will provide profitable suggestions.

(5 min.) Demonstration of how book might be presented, using the "Know Jehovah" sermon as outlined on page 2 of October "Kingdom Ministry."

(2 min.) Chairman: Summarize points. Encourage publishers to have full share in distribution of "Know Jehovah" book in May.

13 min: Concluding comments. Bring meeting to a close with talk on theme for May, "Let People Know the Prophetic Truths." (Isa. 12:5) Song 59.

## WEEK STARTING MAY 7

You may plan your own service meeting for this evening.

**Act On the Call . . .** (Cont'd)  
any number. But Revelation 7:9, 15 very encouragingly foretells that "a great crowd" would respond and enthusiastically serve Jehovah in his temple day and night. Why not be certain that we personally are responding to the call to act, and then patiently take note of Jehovah's maneuvering of matters to His praise? There is much with which to be occupied during April, and God's promise is that there will be rich fruitage.



# Strength for All Things

<sup>1</sup> There is much to do, isn't there? Study, attending meetings, field service, visiting and encouraging others, to say nothing of the unexpected things that come up. No matter who we are or what position we hold in the congregation, there are times when it seems there is more to do than time permits. When those times come, do not forget Paul's words at Philippians 4:13: "For all things I have the strength by virtue of him who imparts power to me."

<sup>2</sup> Yes, Paul was referring to God, who has unlimited power and who backs up his servants as they have need. That does not mean that he will perform a miracle on our behalf just because we have an unusual amount of work to do. We must put forth a real effort, using our various capabilities, but God will help us, strengthening us to accomplish any divinely assigned task. Note what Paul further says at 2 Corinthians 4:7: "However, we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the power beyond what is normal may be God's and not that of ourselves."

<sup>3</sup> So, it is obvious that there is no reason to be discouraged when there is much to do. In fact, it is good to have much to do in Jehovah's service. First Corinthians 15:58 says: "Consequently, my beloved brothers, become steadfast, unmovable, always having plenty to do in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in connection with the Lord." Rather than our experiencing discouragement when there is much to do, God provides for us to be happy as we keep caring for his interests. If we are unhappy in our abundance of work, could it be because we do not have quite the right Scriptural view?

<sup>4</sup> Do you sometimes struggle with a student talk for the ministry school, spending quite a bit of time on it to the exclusion of other things? Well, it does take time to prepare a good talk and fix the thoughts in mind. Find joy in the fact that here is a subject that you will learn thoroughly and remember for a long time, maybe forever. Be happy in knowing that in delivering a good talk you will contribute a great deal to the spirituality of the congregation. Find satisfaction in completing an assignment and doing it well.

<sup>5</sup> Do others seem to find more time to engage in the field ministry than you do? Well, maybe they have more

experience in being good organizers and will be willing to help you with some practical suggestions. Possibly they have eliminated some worldly distracting activity in order to bring about more favorable circumstances for themselves, and from this you can learn. (Eph. 5:15, 16) But, it might also be true that you have family or other responsibilities that they do not have and thus they actually have more time available to devote to the field ministry. So after considering your own circumstances and making any advantageous adjustments possible, rest assured that Jehovah knows your circumstances. He does not withhold his approval because someone else, in different circumstances, is able to do more than you can do. (Luke 21:1-4) Rejoice in what you are able to do. Remember, though, that field service schedules can often be improved, and thus continue seeking ways to make such improvements, looking to Jehovah to bless your efforts. Proverbs

## Announcements

◆ Literature offer for May: "Know Jehovah" book and a booklet for fifty cents. For June: *New World Translation* and the *Great Teacher* book for \$1.25; or just the *Great Teacher* book for twenty-five cents. For July: *Truth* book for twenty-five cents. For August: *Great Teacher* book. For September: *Evolution* book.

◆ It is not too late to vacation pioneer in April if you now find you can do so. Please send us your application immediately and we will promptly process it.

◆ Regular pioneers desiring to serve as temporary special pioneers devoting a minimum of 150 hours a month to field service in unassigned territory for two or three months during the summer may write for further information. Each assignment is organized for a team of two. Arrangements should be made for a partner (give partner's name when writing) and a car (which is in good condition) before writing to the Society. Some financial assistance will be provided by the Society.

◆ New Publications Available:  
"Then, Is Finished the Mystery of God" —Portuguese, Spanish  
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Cinyanja, Kikongo, Samar-Leyte

◆ Again Available in U.S.A.:  
"Let Your Name Be Sanctified" —French

◆ The Society is not arranging for any charter flights or trips to any conventions this year. If you are planning your personal vacation and want to attend an assembly or a Kingdom Hall meeting in another country that you will visit, it will be necessary for you to communicate with the branch office for that country to get details. Branch addresses appear in the back of the Society's books. Please do not write to Brooklyn about conventions or Kingdom Hall addresses in another country unless there is no branch address for that country.

16:3 says: "Roll your works upon Jehovah himself and your plans will be firmly established."

<sup>6</sup> Are you a servant who has much responsibility? When you have put forth your best efforts, there is no need to be depressed about the things you cannot get done. It is good to be sure, however, that you are well organized so as to get the most important things done. Keeping a daily reminder will help you so that nothing is forgotten. Maybe someone can be assigned to assist you in some appropriate matters. Shouldering responsibility takes time and effort, but what a joy to realize that Jehovah counted you worthy of that position and that you have the confidence and respect of your brothers. Conform fully to what Jehovah in his Word has said concerning serving your brothers, appreciating that success comes only in this way. Proverbs 3:5, 6 says: "Trust in Jehovah with all your heart and do not lean upon your own understanding. In all your ways take notice of him, and he himself will make your paths straight." Jehovah's active force, along with your sincere efforts, will accomplish the desired results.

<sup>7</sup> Yes, there is much to do in Jehovah's service in these "last days." But to what other work would we rather devote our time? There is nothing that is more joyful and satisfying than having a part in the Christian ministry. And as we keep applying ourselves, always seeking to do Jehovah's will, finding happiness in his work, it will be true of us as was true of the apostle Paul: "For all things I have the strength by virtue of him who imparts power to me."

## FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. Bl.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	892	142.4	62.2	6.3	146.2
Pios.	15,334	95.9	43.1	4.0	104.3
Vac. Pios.	3,369	83.7	30.8	1.9	87.4
Pubs.	394,605	9.2	5.0	.6	11.7
TOTAL	414,200				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,366

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1972  
443,182 Publishers

## HOW DID WE DO IN FEBRUARY?

During February the 414,200 publishers made a total of 2,795,880 back-calls and conducted 305,617 home Bible studies. This represents effort, zeal and devotion not only in February but month after month.

And in what has this steady, persistent work of teaching the truth to interested ones in these two vital features of the ministry resulted? The result is that 18,951 persons have been baptized during the first six months of the 1972 service year. This is a 10-percent increase in baptized ones over the same period last year. A real reason to rejoice and true incentive to keep on preaching and teaching!



# Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

## With Special Magazines

<sup>1</sup> Recently you contacted many of the public officials concerned with law enforcement to make available to them the *Awake!* magazine discussing the question "Are Prisons the Answer?" The response was excellent. Both prison officials and police officers wrote letters of appreciation. In one locality, it was reported, that issue of *Awake!* was even made required reading for rookie policemen.

<sup>2</sup> This kind of response is not new. People representing various professions have, in the past, expressed similar appreciation for special articles in magazines that you have distributed. This, of course, is in addition to the regular distribution of the magazines to people of all kinds from week to week.

<sup>3</sup> You might wonder just what is accomplished by such special magazines and the unusual efforts to distribute them to those persons who are particularly concerned with that problem or subject. One of the good things that results is the building of respect for Jehovah's people, the Bible principles they live by and the work they do. Additionally, they learn that there is a group of people practicing these righteous principles and who, as a result, do not cause or add to the problems of the community but, rather, are an influence for good. Thus prejudice is broken down and the way opened for an additional witness at some future time.

<sup>4</sup> We believe that many of those same men, mentioned above, who read the articles on prisons would appreciate the excellent articles in the May 1 issue of *The Watchtower*. Because of what they have already read, they should be quite receptive. As a result, some of them may be aided to appreciate the truth. And as Paul wrote to Timothy, it is God's will that "all sorts of men should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth."—1 Tim. 2:1-4.

<sup>5</sup> The May 1 issue of *The Watchtower* is particularly appropriate for distribution to judges, the police and prison officials because it discusses matters that are of special concern to them. One of the main subjects is "How Do You View

Authority?" This is a serious problem to these men, and many of them will no doubt appreciate the viewpoint that *The Watchtower* takes on this matter. Also, there is one of the articles dealing with the problems of young folks, which is another matter with which officials constantly struggle. The same magazine contains a fine discussion of the subject "Why Do Jehovah's Witnesses Call on You Repeatedly?" This should help in giving a fine witness. We suggest that you put forth the same effort to reach officials with this magazine as you did with the *Awake!*

<sup>6</sup> There are other people who might also be appreciative of the information in this issue of *The Watchtower*. We have in mind those who are employers. Also, school teachers, counselors and school administrators. Disrespect for authority is a common concern of all these people, and their problems are given attention in this magazine. What can you do as an individual—and perhaps working together with others in the congregation—to get this issue of *The Watchtower* into the hands of the people who may be benefited from it most in seeing that God's Word has the solution to the problems with which they are faced?

<sup>7</sup> There are sincere persons in the world today who want to accomplish good on behalf of their fellowman. But they are often frustrated in their experimenting with various man-made remedies that really never work. They find that things just get worse. Then if they read what God has to say, they may realize that this is what they have been looking for all the time.

<sup>8</sup> Jehovah is accomplishing a marvelous work in these "last days." Not only are people hearing the good news preached orally as we speak the truth on every appropriate occasion but many are reading the publications that we distribute.

<sup>9</sup> Are we making the best use of the magazines in presenting the good news? Appreciating the good that can be accomplished, are we presenting them with confidence? Why not use them fully both in our regular witnessing and for special groups that might be interested?

## THEOCRATIC NEWS

♦ Mexico's 56,619 publishers were pleased to report 95,468 assembled at their 48 "Divine Name" District Assemblies and 2,520 were baptized.

♦ At 18 district assemblies Brazil had 138,343 in attendance—up 18,000 over last year. Number baptized so far (5,210) running 27 percent ahead of last year.

♦ Japan reports that 66 percent of congregation publishers conduct studies. In January, 12,871 reported service for Japan's 54th consecutive publisher peak.

♦ Korea's mild winter aided brothers in reaching new peak of 1,357 vacation pioneers for January. Bible studies increased 2,203 over previous peak to 19,059, with 14,606 publishers reporting.

♦ From the Philippines comes word that their 12 district assemblies were attended by 67,256, with 1,318 baptized.

♦ Ghana's 15,868 publishers rejoiced to have at their 6 district assemblies 49,564 in attendance—three times the number of publishers. Also, 1,046 were baptized.

♦ Nigeria reports that they have now completed 17 district assemblies with a total attendance of 191,627, and 6,077 were baptized. In January, 79,934 publishers reported service.

## Question Box

• Is it appropriate for the audience to applaud each part of the ministry school or service meeting?

Audiences composed of Jehovah's people are truly appreciative. It is a fine thing that they want to show that appreciation for the efforts of their brothers and the material they present from the platform. In some parts of the world in our day such appreciation may be indicated by applause. But applause should be spontaneous, from the heart. Also, it is usually an expression of appreciation for something out of the ordinary. And so, at large assemblies, including circuit assemblies, when special programs are arranged for and our brothers devote additional time and effort to their assignments, we find the audience applauding not only at the end of the talk but sometimes during it.

But should this be true in our Kingdom Halls? Surely there can be no rule against it if it is done spontaneously and out of heartfelt appreciation. But normally we do not applaud these assignments because, for one thing, it can readily become perfunctory and so lose real meaning.

There is something all of us in our Kingdom Halls can do, however, to show genuine appreciation for the efforts of the one speaking and that is to stay alert during the talk, keeping our eyes on him and showing by the receptive expression on our faces that we are following his thoughts and are benefiting. Also, we often find it possible to talk to the speaker personally after the meeting, letting him know that we enjoyed his presentation.

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