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## Thankful for What We Have

<sup>1</sup> "God recommends his own love to us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8) How thankful all of us should be for the supreme sacrifice made both by Jehovah God and by his Son in our behalf! By means of Christ's shed blood, we are given the opportunity for everlasting life, something that no human can give us.

<sup>2</sup> How can we show our appreciation? There are many people who are thirsting for true knowledge, which can only be found in God's Sacred Word. It is Jehovah's will that they come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim. 2:4) We show our appreciation for the truth by 'declaring the good news of the Kingdom of God.' (Luke 4:43) Wholehearted participation in this work shows that we appreciate that Christ died for us and that we want to imitate him by faithfully obeying his command to make disciples of others.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

<sup>3</sup> What are some avenues of preaching open to us? Is it possible for us to enroll as auxiliary pioneers from time to time? After counting the cost, some may be able to take up the regular pioneer service. By taking advantage of these fine opportunities, we can increase the amount of time we spend in spreading the Kingdom good news. In times past you may have considered enrolling, but there were obstacles. Perhaps your circumstances have changed. If so, have you given serious thought to entering the pioneer service or serving as an auxiliary pioneer?

<sup>4</sup> Our thankfulness becomes more intense when we look at what is taking place around us. There is increasing violence, hatred, and strife worldwide. Paul well described our times as "critical" and "hard to deal with." (2 Tim. 3:1) In the midst of these distressing conditions, we have good news in abundance to share with others.

We have two fine magazines, *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* This month we can offer individual copies or subscriptions. We also have brochures on a number of subjects. These publications can bring genuine refreshment to those who read them. Thankfulness for what we have should move us to be liberal in sharing them with others.—Heb. 13:16.

<sup>5</sup> It may be that in the area where you live, people demonstrate little interest in spiritual things. In contrast with that, there are territories that are fruitful. Much interest is being found among foreign-language groups. If you are able to speak more than one language, is it possible that you can serve in an area in this country where there is a real need for your help? Your circuit overseer may have some suggestions along these lines.

<sup>6</sup> There is every reason to be thankful for what we have, truly an abundance of good things. Our thanks to Jehovah can be best expressed by making known his name and purposes to others.—Isa. 12:4, 5.

## Maintaining Our Kingdom Unity

<sup>1</sup> God's Kingdom is a real government, having power and authority. It was the theme of Jesus' preaching. (Matt. 4:17) Teaching others and bearing witness to Kingdom truth was the main part of Jesus' ministry. He taught us to pray for the Kingdom and to keep on seeking it first. (Matt. 6:9, 10, 33) Remaining close to Jehovah and his organization, fulfilling our preaching commission, and keeping separate from the world enable us to maintain our Kingdom unity. By our actions and words, we show that we are on the side of the Kingdom.—John 18:37.

<sup>2</sup> Since 1914, the Kingdom has become a reality for millions of subjects. The unity demonstrated by these subjects of the Kingdom stands in stark contrast to a divided world. We must make the Kingdom real in our lives if it is to be a unifying force. What makes it real to us?

<sup>3</sup> Like other governments, the Kingdom has a set of laws. Yet, it differs in that its laws are found in the Bible. Regular reading of God's Word

gives us needed reminders of what is required of us as Kingdom subjects. Personal study of our publications and direction from "the faithful and discreet slave" help us apply God's laws in our everyday lives. (Matt. 24:45) As we make such personal application, the Kingdom becomes increasingly real to us, drawing us closer together in the worldwide brotherhood, making us a united family of worshippers under Jesus' rulership.

<sup>4</sup> **Unity Through Kingdom Preaching:** Our commission is to preach the good news of the Kingdom "to the most distant part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Preaching "with one accord" unifies us as we strive to "glorify" Jehovah. (Rom. 15:5, 6) Zealously participating with our fellow workers earth wide strengthens our faith and permits Jehovah's spirit to work through us to accomplish his will. "Having plenty to do in the work of the Lord" makes us "steadfast, unmovable."—1 Cor. 15:58.—?

<sup>5</sup> In many lands Satan tries to disrupt our unity by interfering with our

*what is Satan doing?*  
preaching work. He uses every means at his disposal to sow discord and create misunderstandings, to try to produce contention and strife. (Prov. 6:19; Gal. 5:19-21, 26) He would like us to get involved in the world's controversies and even to take sides on political and social issues. (Jas. 3:14-16) The Scriptures exhort us to resist his influence; otherwise, he will devour us as his prey. (1 Pet. 5:8, 9) The reality of the Kingdom hope must not be allowed to fade from our hearts and minds.

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<sup>6</sup> Maintaining our unity requires soundness of mind and wisdom from above. When difficulties arise, especially if they involve our brothers, we must manifest the fruitage of the spirit to keep peace. Worldly traits, such as pride, envy, and egotism, are divisive and must be overcome. (Eph. 4:1-3; Col. 3:5-10, 12-14) We need to keep our minds filled with positive, upbuilding thoughts. The Kingdom is a reality in our lives! But we have to be vigilant to keep it that way!—Eph. 6:11, 13.

*Rev 18:22*  
<sup>7</sup> The reality of our marvelous Kingdom hope unites us in a spirit of oneness that will never end.—Ps. 133:1.

*How far is message to go?*



## SERVICE MEETINGS FOR APRIL

### Week Starting April 3

Song 203

**10 min:** Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Review "Get Things Ready for the Memorial."

**15 min:** "Thankful for What We Have." Questions and answers. As time permits, make additional comments based on August 1, 1990, *Watchtower*, pages 19-20, paragraphs 15-20.

**20 min:** "The Watchtower and Awake!—Magazines for Our Urgent Times!" Discuss with audience. Relate experience expressing appreciation for the magazines. (991 7/22 p. 9) Have two publishers show how to prepare a presentation using the suggestions given, and then have them demonstrate by giving their presentations to each other.

Song 219 and concluding prayer.

### Week Starting April 10

Song 212

**10 min:** Local announcements. Accounts report and donation acknowledgments. Theocratic News. Remind everyone about the need to help interested ones to attend the Memorial. Urge all to make a special effort to share in field service this weekend.

**15 min:** "Maintaining Our Kingdom Unity." Discuss with audience.

**20 min:** "Plenty to Do in the Work of the Lord." Question-and-answer coverage by the service overseer. Review expanded arrangements for house-to-house distribution of the special *Kingdom News*. Discuss plans for covering all the local congregation's assigned territory. Explain what should be done to help new ones to share in service for the first time. (See the March 1995 *Our Kingdom Ministry*, page 1.)

Song 150 and concluding prayer.

### Week Starting April 17

Song 214

**13 min:** Local announcements. Relate encouraging highlights of the Memorial observance, and review ways that further assistance can be given to new ones who attended. Urge all to attend the special talk on April 23 and also to help newly interested ones to return. Review field service arrangements for *Kingdom News* distribution.

**15 min:** "Do You See a Need?" Questions and answers. Briefly relate current goals elders are trying to achieve in their shepherding work. Explain what individuals can do to help.

**17 min:** "Search for the Teachable Ones." Discuss the importance of making return visits. Encourage use of the Bible. Have one or two presentations briefly demonstrated.

Song 197 and concluding prayer.

## THEOCRATIC NEWS

**Central African Republic:** Service activity during the month of October was outstanding, with a new peak of 1,846 publishers. Special assembly day programs were presented in 19 locations, with a total of 5,577 in attendance and 32 baptized.

**Mexico:** In November, 411,292 publishers reported. This was another new peak.

**Sri Lanka:** There were 1,873 publishers reporting in November, a fine increase of 9 percent.

**Taiwan:** Besides a peak of 2,523 publishers, the November report showed a new peak of 44,514 return visits and 4,234 Bible studies.

**Virgin Islands (U.S.):** A new peak of 647 publishers along with a total of 778 Bible studies brought great rejoicing in November.

### Week Starting April 24

Song 167

**15 min:** Local announcements. Review progress of *Kingdom News* distribution in the territory. Invite publishers to relate experiences enjoyed offering the *Kingdom News*. Suggest magazine presentations that would be appropriate in local territory. Announce any arrangements for the congregation to share in evening witnessing as daylight hours increase.

**12 min:** Local needs. Or give a talk, "Be Encouraging to Others," based on the January 15, 1995, *Watchtower*, pages 21-3.

**18 min:** Conduct Your Family Study Regularly. Husband and wife express concern about a lack of spiritual progress on the part of their children. Husband acknowledges that he has been negligent when it comes to conducting the family study; sometimes several weeks go by without any family instruction. They review the admonition and direction provided in the *School Guidebook*, pages 37-8, paragraphs 12-14. Both agree to give priority to the family study each week, not allowing other activities to interfere.

Song 142 and concluding prayer.

## Get Things Ready for the Memorial

Has everyone, including the speaker, been informed of the exact time and place of the celebration? Is the speaker aware that the program should not exceed 45 minutes?

Has someone been assigned to obtain the emblems? (See *The Watchtower* of February 15, 1990, pages 16-18.) Have arrangements been made for the table to be set with a clean tablecloth and a sufficient number of glasses and plates?

Have plans been made to clean the Kingdom Hall beforehand and afterward? Have the attendants and servers been assigned? Has a meeting been held with them to go over their duties? What procedure will be followed to ensure that all are served efficiently?

Have arrangements been made to help older and infirm brothers and sisters to attend? If there are any of the anointed who may be confined and unable to be present, have preparations been made for them to be served?

### CONGREGATION BOOK STUDY

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax at Hand!*

	From:	To:
April 3:	p. 103, ¶ 13	p. 107, ¶ 9
April 10:	p. 107, ¶ 10	p. 110, ¶ 20
April 17:	p. 110, ¶ 21	p. 112, ¶ 30
April 24:	p. 113, ¶ 1	p. 117, ¶ 13

### JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

Number of:	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	
Sp'l Pios.	173	124.1	69.8	54.4	5.5
Pios.	75,441	77.0	32.5	24.9	2.5
Aux. Pios.	20,472	58.3	24.9	16.1	1.4
Pubs.	808,595	9.7	5.5	3.7	0.4
TOTAL	904,681	Baptized: 2,721			



# "Plenty to Do in the Work of the Lord"

<sup>1</sup> We certainly have a full schedule of theocratic activities to look forward to during April and May! On April 14 we will celebrate the Memorial of Christ's death. As many people as possible should be encouraged to be present for that important occasion: business acquaintances, unbelieving relatives, schoolmates, newly interested persons, and Bible students. Make a list of those you plan to invite so that none are missed.

<sup>2</sup> The following week we will encourage all who attended the Memorial to hear the special public talk on April 23, on the subject "False Religion's End Is Near." It is hoped that many interested ones who hear this forthright message will see the need to associate with the congregation on a regular basis, not just on special occasions.

<sup>3</sup> **Special Kingdom News to Be Released:** A highlight of the meeting on April 23 will be the release of a timely four-page *Kingdom News* No. 34 that will be given wide distribution through May 14. Do you not agree that there will be "plenty to do in the work of the Lord" during this Memorial season?—1 Cor. 15:58.

<sup>4</sup> A supply of *Kingdom News* will be consigned to each congregation. The cartons containing the *Kingdom News* should be stored in a safe place and should not be opened until the conclusion of the program on April 23. At that time the *Kingdom News* will become available for distribution to the brothers and to the public. At the conclusion of the congregation meetings, circuit assemblies, or special assembly day programs on April 23, those in attendance will each receive a copy so that they can become acquainted with its contents and be equipped for its distribution.

<sup>5</sup> **Elders Will Have Plenty to Do:** Early this month the body of elders should meet to discuss details of the special campaign. Congregations should endeavor to cover all their assigned territory. Before the campaign ends, make special effort to work those territories that have not been covered in the past six months. In view of the importance of the work, we will want to set aside as much time as possible for the ministry. No doubt more publishers than usual will enroll as auxiliary pioneers. Quite likely many Bible students will also be joining us as newly approved unbaptized publishers. What an enjoyable time we will have as we labor together in the Lord's work!

<sup>6</sup> Congregation Book Study conductors should make definite arrangements for group witnessing on Saturdays and on Sundays. Everyone should be encouraged to have an active share. In addition to activity on the weekend, evening witnessing should be scheduled at least once a week during the campaign. Some may wish to meet for service after school to accommodate students who would like to have an extra share.

<sup>7</sup> Meetings for field service should be scheduled so that publishers and pioneers can get an early start in the ministry each day. These meetings should be brief. Each should feature a simple presentation of the *Kingdom News*. Afternoon meetings for service may include a suggestion or two for making return visits on those who have accepted the *Kingdom News*. However, some publishers may prefer to engage in the distribution both morning and afternoon. To that end, the service overseer will want to ensure that enough territory is available. The name and address of everyone who shows interest should be noted on a house-to-house record. The main points of the brief discussion may be included in the remarks column. This will pave the way for a return visit later in the week or month.

<sup>8</sup> If one congregation helps another to cover its territory, names and addresses of interested persons should be turned in to the congregation holding the territory.

<sup>9</sup> Parents, are your children working toward becoming unbaptized publishers? It has been observed that in some congregations, well-behaved children have accompanied their dedicated parents in the ministry for a number of years, and the children do very well, although they are not yet publishers of the good news. Parents ought to consider whether their children really do qualify for this privilege. Two of the elders can discuss all the factors with the family head and determine whether the child can be counted as an unbaptized publisher.—*om* pp. 99-100.

<sup>10</sup> Are any publishers in your congregation's territory no longer active in offering a sacrifice of praise to Jehovah? (Heb. 13:15) Some who are inactive may have been overcome by discouragement or by the anxieties of life, although continuing to adhere to the Bible's moral standards. A friendly visit by one of the elders may move them to return to regular association with the congregation and, at an appropriate time, to renewed activity in the ministry.

<sup>11</sup> **All Who Qualify Can Share in This Enjoyable Work:** Do some of you children or teenagers find



it difficult to share in the house-to-house ministry? What about you new ones whose experience in the preaching work is quite limited? You will find working with this special *Kingdom News* to be most enjoyable! A simple presentation is all that is needed.

**You might say something like this:**

■ "This month we're distributing an important message in 232 lands around the world. The message is important because it gives us solid reasons to believe that there is a solution to the problems we face today. We would like you to have your personal copy."

**Or you might try this:**

■ "This month about five million volunteers are distributing an important message in scores of languages. It has been prepared for people who would like to see an end to the problems all of us face today. This is your personal copy."

**This simple presentation may suit you:**

■ "We're encouraging everyone to read this important message entitled [read title of *Kingdom News*]. Notice what it states here on page 2 concerning the increasing problems of . . . [read selected sentence from *Kingdom News*]. We're sure you'll enjoy reading the rest of this timely message. This is your copy."

<sup>12</sup> Take a personal interest in each one who accepts the *Kingdom News*. Speak slowly and clearly; there is no need to hurry your presentation. We want to be thorough in covering our territory and see that all who express an interest in reading the *Kingdom News* are given a personal copy. When no one is at home, carefully mark your house-to-house record so that you can return at an appropriate time to offer the *Kingdom News* to the householder. This *Kingdom News* may be used in street witnessing when an individual shows an interest in reading the material. Copies should not be handed out indiscriminately as if they were handbills. Rather, approach passersby, and explain the importance of the message being featured. Use the *Kingdom News* in informal witnessing, such as while traveling or when witnessing to fellow employees during your lunch break. Those who are shut-ins or otherwise indisposed may offer them to visitors, doctors and nurses, salesmen, and others who come to their home.

<sup>13</sup> How many return visits will you make during the campaign? No doubt a great many, since all those who have shown interest in the *Kingdom News* should be revisited. On the initial call, it is best to feature only the *Kingdom News*. Then, when you return, make a few comments about the

timeliness of the message in the *Kingdom News*. Listen carefully as the householder expresses his opinion on what he has read. His comments will help you to know what to offer in the latest magazines and perhaps how to prepare for further discussions. If you get a favorable response on the return visit, try to start a Bible study.—1 Cor. 3:6, 7.

<sup>14</sup> **"Your Labor Is Not in Vain":** Will all this work be worthwhile? Paul assured the Corinthians: "Your labor is not in vain in connection with the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58) Over the years, our efforts to distribute *Kingdom News* have been greatly blessed. One couple who were moving into an empty apartment found an older copy of *Kingdom News* in a drawer. It was the only thing left in the whole apartment. After reading it, they contacted the local congregation and requested a Bible study. They began attending all the meetings and later expressed a desire to be baptized. Perhaps a copy you leave will bring similar results!—*km* 11/74 p. 1; see also *Awake!*, November 8, 1976, page 15.

<sup>15</sup> We have a tremendous task ahead of us. Our goal is for each congregation to cover its assignment of territory by May 14 or by the end of the month if it is necessary to extend the time for the *Kingdom News* distribution. Consignments have been made so that each regular and auxiliary pioneer will receive 250 copies of *Kingdom News*. Each congregation publisher will get up to 50 copies. Publishers and pioneers should accept only as many copies as they will be able to distribute and should return any extras for others to use. Good cooperation in this regard will ensure the widest distribution possible of this important message. If because of having a large territory assignment some congregations have not covered their territory by mid-May and copies are still available, it may be practical to invite nearby congregations to help. In other congregations the need may be filled locally if publishers increase their activity by enrolling as auxiliary pioneers or by engaging in the ministry more often.

<sup>16</sup> Whole-souled devotion to Jehovah will be required if we are going to accomplish our work. (Col. 3:23) Lives are involved. People cannot afford to ignore the meaning of world conditions today. Time is running out. They must face the fact that man does not have the solution to this world's problems. God does. Those who wish to obtain God's blessing must act decisively, without delay, in harmony with his requirements.

<sup>17</sup> At the conclusion of the special campaign on May 14, will we let our hand rest? No! We will keep busy in harmony with Paul's inspired counsel.



## THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW

Closed-book review on material covered in Theocratic Ministry School assignments for the weeks of January 2 to April 17, 1995. Use a separate sheet of paper to write down answers to as many of the questions as you can in the time allotted.

[Note: During the written review, only the Bible may be used to answer any question. References that follow the questions are for your personal research. Page and paragraph numbers may not appear on all references to *The Watchtower*.]

*Answer each of the following statements True or False:*

1. The issue of sovereignty is really a question of who is the most powerful, Jehovah or Satan. [*ju* pp. 11-12]
2. The Christian congregation of the first century was a loose association of independent local congregations. [*ju* p. 29 pars. 1-3]
3. To accept counsel is a sign of weakness. [*uw* p. 127 par. 4]
4. The terms "overseer" and "older man," or "elder," all actually refer to the same position. [*ju* p. 35 footnote]
5. Proverbs 11:25 is an example of parallel thoughts or ideas in Hebrew poetic style, and Proverbs 10:7 is an example of contrasting parallelism. [*si* p. 107 par. 7]
6. In 33 C.E., when he was resurrected and took his place at God's right hand, Jesus began to rule at that time over his anointed disciples. (Col. 1:13) [*gt* chap. 132]
7. About 3,000 years before scientists discovered the genetic code, Psalm 139:13-16 reflected knowledge of it. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w92* 5/15 p. 4.]
8. Proverbs 8:22-31 is solely a description of wisdom. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w87* 5/15 p. 28.]
9. A true Christian should not hate anything. [Weekly Bible reading; see *w92* 1/1 p. 21.]
10. Because many of the early Christians witnessed in the face of death, the Greek word for "witness" acquired

the meaning that applied to people who were willing to die for their beliefs. [*ju* p. 13]

*Answer the following questions:*

11. Name three pre-Flood witnesses of Jehovah. [*ju* pp. 13-14] *Shem, Ham, Japheth*
12. According to Isaiah 43:10 and 61:1, 2, for what two reasons did Jesus have to be a witness of Jehovah? [*ju* p. 19 par. 4] *to fulfill his God's desire to glorify his name as it is written in the Bible*
13. If Jews who later became Christians already knew God's name, in what sense did Jesus make it manifest, or known, to them? [*ju* p. 21 par. 1] *by his life and death*
14. What two significant organizational changes found their way into the congregation within 150 years or so of the death of the last of the apostles? [*ju* p. 35 par. 2, p. 36 par. 2] *Bishop & elders*
15. Although the Reformation accomplished some good things, cite at least two basic flaws the Protestant churches carried over from Catholicism. [*ju* p. 39 pars. 2, 3] *Unity & love*
16. What false teaching repulsed the honest heart of teenage Charles Taze Russell? [*ju* p. 43 par. 2] *Humanism*
17. What made Brother Russell's approach to explaining Bible teachings distinct from that of many writers of his day? [*ju* p. 53 par. 3] *use of script*
18. Of what benefit to Jesus was his knowledge of the Psalms? [*si* p. 105 par. 30] *Fulfillment & Comfort*
19. Why were the faithful apostles, Jesus' half brother James, and upwards of 500 disciples convinced that Jesus was resurrected? [*gt* chap. 131] *now ascend*



20. Who gave Solomon his wisdom, and what should that make us appreciate when we read Proverbs? [si p. 106 par. 1] *gh*

*Provide the word or phrase needed to complete each of the following statements:*

21. Those to whom Jesus addressed his words at Acts 1:8 were already witnesses of *Jesus*, and they were now to have the added privilege of being witnesses of *Jesus*. [jv p. 26 pars. 1, 2]
22. Brother Russell was convinced that Christ's return would be *unmistakable*, and it is of interest to note that long before Russell's time, Sir Isaac Newton wrote that Christ would return and reign "*in bodily*." [jv p. 46 footnote]
23. In his famous speech at Pentecost 33 C.E., Peter quoted repeatedly from the book of *Saful*; on that occasion about *3000* persons were baptized and added to the congregation. [si p. 105 pars. 25, 26]
24. The Psalms foretold that Jesus would be offered *gall vinegar* to drink, that lots would be cast for his outer *garment*, and that he would appear to be forsaken by *God*. [si p. 105 par. 30]
25. Christianity became known as *the way* because it was a way, or manner, of life that centered on faith in *Jesus* and the close following of his footsteps. [jv p. 29 par. 5]

*Select the correct answer in each of the following statements:*

26. At his impalement, Jesus was offered wine with myrrh, but he refused to drink it because (the Law forbade it; he was a Nazirite; he wanted to have full possession of his faculties). [gt chap. 125]
27. To wash our robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb

means that we (cease from committing sins; recognize our need for the sin-atonement merit of Jesus' sacrifice; dedicate our life to God and get baptized). [uw p. 106 par. 7]

28. Jesus was declared innocent at least five times by (Herod; Pilate; Felix), who later caved in to the Jews' relentless demands and handed Jesus over to be executed. [gt chap. 124]
29. All of God's faithful servants who died and remained dead before Pentecost (36; 35; 33) C.E. were not anointed with holy spirit for heavenly life. [uw p. 111 par. 5]
30. Satan contends that all humans are motivated by (love; hate; desire for personal gain) and that their chief concern is for (God's name; others; self). [uw p. 124 par. 14]

*Match the following scriptures to the statements listed below:*

Prov. 3:27, 28; John 19:4-6; 19:25-27; Rom. 15:2, 3; Rev. 7:16, 17

31. Christians have the responsibility to see to the care of their aged parents. [gt chap. 126]
32. We are genuinely concerned about the effect our appearance may have on others, so we willingly sacrifice the pleasing of ourselves. [uw p. 130 pars. 10, 11]
33. Whenever we have the opportunity to do good to others, whether in a spiritual or a material way, we should seize the opportunity and help our fellowman, especially our spiritual brothers. [Weekly Bible reading; see w93 12/15 p. 20.]
34. Quiet dignity and calm in the face of adversity can bring honor to Jehovah and win the respect of men. [gt chap. 123]
35. We are already beginning to enjoy the promised conditions that are appropriately termed "a spiritual paradise." [uw pp. 107-9 pars. 9-11] *Rev 7:14*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Literature to be used during **April and May**: The *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines. For territory that is covered frequently, any brochure (except the *School* brochure) may be used. Where interest is found on return visits, subscriptions may be offered. **June**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* **July and August**: Any of the following 32-page brochures may be used: *Does God Really Care About Us?*, *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *Look! I Am Making All Things New*, *Should You Believe in the Trinity?*, *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever*, *The Government That Will Bring Paradise*, *What Is the Purpose of Life—How Can You Find It?*, and *When Someone You Love Dies*. NOTE: Congregations that have not yet requested the above-mentioned campaign items should do so on their next monthly Literature Request Form (S-14).

■ As announced previously, the special *Kingdom News* will be released on Sunday, April 23, at congregation meetings, as well as at circuit assemblies and special assembly days scheduled for that date. Distribution of the *Kingdom News* may begin immediately after its release. This applies to ALL congregations, including those that may be required to adjust their meeting schedule because of assemblies, circuit overseer visits, or other activities. Congregations having

the special talk later than April 23 may release and begin distribution of the *Kingdom News* on April 24.

■ Beginning in April, district convention badge cards for 1995 in Chinese, English, French, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese will automatically be included with literature shipments. It will not be necessary to request these. Based on the size of each congregation, cards will be shipped in lots of 25. If additional badge cards are needed by the congregation, these should be requested on a Literature Request Form (S-14). It is necessary to request plastic badge card holders for any in the congregation who desire them.

### ■ New Publications Available:

**Afrikaans**: *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures* (bi7). **Albanian**: *United in Worship of the Only True God; What Is the Purpose of Life—How Can You Find It? Will There Ever Be a World Without War?* (for Jews). **Amharic**: *Should You Believe in the Trinity? Spirits of the Dead—Can They Help You or Harm You? Do They Really Exist? Your Youth—Getting the Best Out Of It; Will This World Survive?* (Tract No. 19); *Comfort for the Depressed* (Tract No. 20); *Enjoy Family Life* (Tract No. 21); *Who Really Rules the World?* (Tract No. 22). **Armenian**: *Look! I Am Making All Things New*. **Assyrian**: *The Government That Will Bring Paradise; Why You Can Trust the Bible* (Tract No. 13); *What*

*Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?* (Tract No. 14); *What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?* (Tract No. 16); *Will This World Survive?* (Tract No. 19); *Who Really Rules the World?* (Tract No. 22). **Bengali**: *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century*. **Croatian**: *How to Improve Your Speaking and Teaching Ability*. **Gujarati**: *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century; Should You Believe in the Trinity?* **Hebrew**: *A Peaceful New World—Will It Come?* (Tract No. 17; for Jews).

**Hindi**: *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century; Will This World Survive?* (Tract No. 19); *Comfort for the Depressed* (Tract No. 20); *Enjoy Family Life* (Tract No. 21); *Who Really Rules the World?* (Tract No. 22). **Hungarian**: *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (Lyrics only). **Italian**: *Why Should We Worship God in Love and Truth?* (for Hindus). **Korean**: *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures* (bi7). **Latvian**: *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (29 Songs). **Lithuanian**: *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (29 Songs). **Persian**: *The Time for True Submission to God* (for Muslims); *What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?* (Tract No. 14); *Will This World Survive?* (Tract No. 19); *Comfort for the Depressed* (Tract No. 20); *Enjoy Family Life* (Tract No. 21); *Who Really Rules the World?* (Tract No. 22).

### ■ New Compact Discs Available:

**English**: *Sing Praises to Jehovah on Compact Disc* (set of eight discs).

### ■ New Videocassettes Available:

**Chinese**: *The Bible—Accurate History, Reliable Prophecy*.

## Do You See a Need?

<sup>1</sup> Jehovah is described as a Helper and a Refuge. We know we can go to him in time of need and he will help us. (Ps. 18:2; 46:1) We can imitate this empathetic quality by offering to assist others when we see a need.

<sup>2</sup> What motivates a person to go out of his way to help someone else? Most people recognize this as the loving, humane thing to do. Certainly God's Word encourages it. (Rom. 15:1) Paul urged us to keep 'an eye, not in personal interest upon just our own matters, but also in personal interest upon those of the others.'—Phil. 2:4.

<sup>3</sup> This is something we can all find joy in doing. (Acts 20:35) Paul singled out young Timothy as an example of one who would "genuinely care for the things pertaining to" his brothers. (Phil. 2:20) It is good that we have many young people in the con-

gregations today with a similar disposition. But whether we are young or old, there are things that we can do if we see a need.

<sup>4</sup> Have you ever felt that some have needs that could be given better attention? Perhaps a brother or a sister was in the hospital, and few came to visit; or someone became incapacitated, but there was no one to run errands or assist with household chores. Jesus views those serving Jehovah as members of a family who genuinely care for one another. (Mark 3:33-35) In the parable of the sheep and the goats, he showed that those who enjoy the right hand of the King's favor do so because of their helpfulness to the King's brothers.—Matt. 25:40.

<sup>5</sup> **How Can I Help?** What can be done to provide help when there is an obvious need? Could we take the initiative to assist in some way? Perhaps there are older ones who need encouragement, but they have no close associates to help them. There may be young peo-

ple who need a helping hand. A newly interested family with several children may show up at the Kingdom Hall when the publisher who studies with them is not present. They may appreciate having someone volunteer to help them with the children.

<sup>6</sup> As we grow in love for the truth and for Jehovah's organization, we also grow in appreciation and concern for others in the congregation. Paul encouraged us to widen out in this regard. (2 Cor. 6:11-13) Jesus emphasized that our showing love to one another is the primary way we demonstrate that we are truly his followers.—John 13:35.

<sup>7</sup> So when we see a need, genuine love for our brothers and for the congregation should motivate us to take the initiative and assist in whatever way we can. (Gal. 6:9, 10) This concern for others draws us together in close bonds of love and unity. (1 Cor. 10:24) In this way, we do our part to help fill a need in the congregation.



# The Watchtower and Awake!

## —Magazines for Our Urgent Times!

<sup>1</sup>In fulfillment of Bible prophecy, world-shaking events are taking place! As we contemplate what is happening around us in the world and also within the theocratic organization, we can appreciate how urgent it is that we preach "the good news" of the Kingdom. (Mark 13:10) This gives us reason to carry on our ministry with zeal during the month of April.

<sup>2</sup>The importance of our message is being emphasized by the special work we will undertake this month. With eager anticipation we await the release of the *Kingdom News* that we will distribute during April and May. To build our enthusiasm for this work as well as cultivate interest in our territory, *The Watchtower and Awake!* will carry timely articles that emphasize the prophetic significance of disturbing world events. How can we prepare a presentation that will stimulate interest in the magazines?

<sup>3</sup>Likely you will be able to develop an effective presentation by following these basic steps: (1) Select an article in one of the magazines that you feel will

appeal to people in your community. (2) Pick out a statement or a quoted scripture in this article that you believe will stimulate the interest of the householder. (3) Prepare a brief presentation that includes a friendly greeting, a question or statement that highlights an interesting Scriptural thought, and a sincere invitation to accept the magazines. As you can see, this is quite simple and uncomplicated. Perhaps you could get together with another publisher whom you work with in the ministry and prepare a presentation.

<sup>4</sup>Since the April 22 "Awake!" raises the question, "Are These the Last Days?" you could review the material under the heading "Last Days" on page 13 of the "Reasoning" book. You might begin by saying:

■ "We're calling to discuss the meaning of the turbulent events taking place around us. Note what this article says..."

<sup>5</sup>The April 1 "Watchtower" raises the question: "Religion

—A Taboo Subject?" When offering the magazine, you could say:

■ "It's often said that religion is one subject that should not be discussed because it's so controversial. What do you think about that?" Then refer to a statement in the article.

<sup>6</sup>You may be using the April 15 "Watchtower" with the article "Is Religious Truth Attainable?" You might get a good response with this introduction:

■ "Because there are so many religions today, some people wonder if religious truth is attainable. This article reveals a way that you and I can find a satisfying answer to this question..."

<sup>7</sup>Before going out in the work, why not practice your presentation with another publisher to get the feel of it? Likely you will be able to share helpful suggestions with each other that will increase your effectiveness and give you greater confidence.

<sup>8</sup>As the end of this system draws nearer, may we quicken our pace to help honesthearted ones to escape from Babylon the Great. (Rev. 18:4) *The Watchtower and Awake!* play a vital role in this never-to-be-repeated work. We are thankful that Jehovah has provided these fine instruments for our use!

## Search for the Teachable Ones

<sup>1</sup>"No man can come to me unless the Father, who sent me, draws him." (John 6:44) Jehovah, who searches the heart, will reward those who are teachable and act on what they learn. (Jer. 17:10; John 6:45) We have the privilege of being his fellow workers in searching for meek ones who yearn for a new world.—Ps. 37:11; 1 Cor. 3:9.

<sup>2</sup>Jesus described his disciples as "fishers of men." (Matt. 4:19) While that type of work can sometimes be strenuous, there is much satisfaction in getting good results. Instead of working for our personal gain, we are actually rescuing the "fish" from certain destruction. A successful fisherman has to know what to do to attract the fish. Likewise, we must present the Kingdom message in an appealing manner that will arouse the interest of our hearers. This is especially true when we make return visits. What can we say?

<sup>3</sup>If interest was shown in the "Watchtower" articles dealing with religion, you might say:

■ "Previously we spoke about why many people do not like to discuss religion. Don't you feel that's rather strange, since most of our neighbors claim to be Christian? Perhaps you wonder why religion is such a divisive and controversial subject." Allow for response. Turn to page 322 in the *Reasoning* book, and share a few thoughts under the heading "Why Are There So Many Religions?"

<sup>4</sup>You might use this similar approach to start a discussion on the subject of religion:

■ "Is there some way we can be sure that we have the true religion? [Allow for response.] Because there are so many different religions, many people feel confused and uncertain." Turn to the *Reasoning* book, pages 328-9, where it discusses the question "How can a person know which religion is right?" Comment briefly on question number 5, "Do its members truly love one another?" Explain how more can

be learned through a personal Bible study.

<sup>5</sup>If the householder seemed concerned about world conditions, you might want to try this:

■ "Apparently you feel concerned about the bad conditions we have to cope with in living and in raising our families. The Bible reveals a wonderful promise that God will fulfill in the near future." Read Proverbs 2:21, 22, and explain how Jehovah has promised a world of lasting peace.

<sup>6</sup>When making return visits after the special *Kingdom News* campaign has begun, please be sure to leave a copy of the *Kingdom News* with householders who do not have one. What you might say on return visits when following up placements of the *Kingdom News* will be discussed in the May issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

<sup>7</sup>Since the Word of God "exerts power," we should try to use it in our presentations. (Heb. 4:12) Make it a point to encourage the householder to read the Bible for himself. (Compare Acts 17:11.) If we diligently do our part, Jehovah will bless our efforts.