

INFORMANT

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"He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah."—Psalm 112: 7, AS.

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PRACTICING TRUE LOVE EVERY DAY

Show True Love While Attending Assemblies

Offer Book and Booklet

¹ True love is practical! But only by being practiced can it become perfect. Therefore, it is necessary for each of Jehovah's servants to practice true love daily, not only by preaching by word and with the tongue, but by displaying love in deed and truth so that his love may be perfect before Jehovah.—1 John 3: 18, NW.

² Having this in mind, each of Jehovah's "little children" will be more than anxious to display his love every day during July by his actions in behalf of true worship. What opportunities will be ours to display true love at the assemblies we attend? Many! We can do this by our consideration of those attending, not being noisy or causing annoying disturbances; by the keen attention we pay to talks given; by the preaching we do to those we live with and meet in the assembly city and by our all-around, good Christian conduct. These are some of the ways we can practice true love that will bring

honor and praise to our God. Also, the information dispensed at the assemblies must be fully taken in so we can put it to use when we return home.

³ Of course, our love is not practiced just at assembly time, but it is an every-day thing. We shall show that love by offering life-giving Bible instruction to the people. The literature offer of one book and one booklet on a contribution of 50c should be presented at every opportunity. Whether we are working in our home territory, in unassigned territory, at the assembly city or traveling to and from the assembly, we shall want to display love by presenting the book and booklet offer to the people. So carry the offer with you and present it on all appropriate occasions.

⁴ Those magazines that have become such an integral part of our ministry should not be forgotten either. Each of us has a goal of magazine placements to reach. Whether we reach our goal or not depends
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WORLD-WIDE CONVENTION SERIES

¹ This is the convention month! There is still time for you to make plans to attend one of the "Triumphant Kingdom" Assemblies.

² In traveling to conventions you will be able to advertise en route by having bumper signs on your car and by wearing a lapel badge. You can still obtain these from the Society, but you should send your order in IMMEDIATELY. Take literature too, and place some here and there with those with whom you talk.

³ Traveling, attending, sharing the joys of assembling together, will enthrall all to greater activity in serving the Most High, which is the desire of every dedicated servant. Attending one of the conventions will help you to grow in maturity. The program is one that will help us all in our spiritual needs.

⁴ The president and the vice-president of the Society along with others will be at every one of the convention cities. Be sure to attend one of this year's "Triumphant Kingdom" Assemblies.

To All Conventioneers Staying in Private Homes

¹ Thousands of Jehovah's witnesses attending one or more of the eleven conventions will be housed in private homes. In addition to witnessing to householders during your stay and thanking them when leaving the convention city for their hospitality, it would be well to write a short letter of thanks upon arriving home. Many householders go to much trouble and expense preparing rooms, purchasing linen, etc., to care for conventioneers. A short letter would be appreciated by them and give opportunity for us to express our thanks further. Additionally, it may open the way for convention-city publishers who will call on all who housed delegates to give an additional witness.

² Many householders have become acquainted with Jehovah's witnesses through the convention activities and today are Kingdom publishers. Would you not like the following results to be forthcoming for the person in whose home you stay? "Dear Brothers: [this letter to the Society starts] Three years ago when one of
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Help New Publishers to Keep Preaching

Mature Publishers Have Responsibility

¹ With Jehovah's blessing, a grand new peak of 187,120 publishers was reached in April! A special effort was made by each congregation to see that not only did all publishers participate in the service, but that persons of good will shared in the ministry of praise. What does this mean in the way of responsibility for the servants and more mature brothers in each congregation? It means that these thousands of new preachers of the good news as well as the irregular publishers must receive regular assistance if they are to grow to further maturity and be regular publishers.

² If we were to think of the job of giving this assistance in terms of the great number that should receive help and the amount of time and patience needed to accomplish the job, it would appear beyond our capacity.

But look at it from this angle: Almost without exception the new publishers had home Bible studies conducted with them by publishers in the congregation and these same publishers in most cases gave them the necessary assistance to begin sharing in the field service. If each publisher continues to assume this responsibility, which rightly is his, beyond doubt each new publisher will be assisted to continue telling others of the good things he has learned and build up his appreciation for Jehovah's service. Do not help persons of good will to share in the service for only one month and then let them lapse into inactivity.

³ And what about the irregular publishers, many of whom need additional help to be regular preachers of Jehovah? The assistant congregation servant should continue to work
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Around the World with Jehovah's Witnesses

Assemblies, both circuit and district, are of vital importance to all of Jehovah's witnesses. Attending assemblies results in so many blessings for each individual publisher that whatever effort might be required to attend is not considered too great.

But assemblies are not just a source of blessing to mature publishers! They are the means of assisting others to see and appreciate the truth. Two young men in the Bahamas well appreciate the value of assemblies now and will be diligent to assist and encourage others to attend. (94)

Long before conventioners start arriving at assembly cities the local brothers spend days and weeks making necessary preparations. A big thing is rooming accommodations. Not only is it more economical to stay at a private home, but much good can be done there by alert, tactful publishers. (95)

Sometimes assembly halls are easily obtained in good condition, but this is not always the case. Much work must sometimes be done to put the halls in good, usable shape. An example of what brothers can accomplish and the effect their efforts have upon people in the community is given in Brazil's report. (101)

Assemblies are properly looked to as a favorable time to symbolize one's dedication. A couple of the many interesting baptisms are found on pages 76 and 194. Are you contemplating taking this step at the next assembly?

Local people take note of conventioners' Christian conduct and are deeply impressed. How much? The day following an assembly in Yugoslavia a woman who had been one of the greatest opposers of Jehovah's witnesses asked for someone to call on her. Be conscious of your conduct at assemblies. (211)

Truly, assemblies, district and circuit, are a source of blessing to Jehovah's people and good-will persons.

Help New Publishers . . . (*Cont'd*)
closely with the book study conductors, keeping them advised of those who have not published throughout the month. Book study conductors, what do you do with the lists of those who have not published during the month? Do you accept your responsibility to see that all are called on and offered the necessary assistance to be active praisers? Do you make definite arrangements for them to go with you in the service whenever possible? or do you just limit your help to a few words of encouragement when you see them? If you are unable to call on all yourselves, do you arrange for other mature publishers in your group to call and give assistance and encouragement? One of your most important duties is to assist all associated with your service center to be regular in the service and to become more and more effective preachers of the good news.—Acts 20:28, NW.

⁴ This assistance will be gladly given if servants and publishers show proper love for the Lord's "other sheep," who are now being gathered. Show your love by your works in their behalf. If you do, you will find

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

At All Opportunities

¹ July and August are two very important months this year for Jehovah's witnesses. From all parts of the earth they will be on a mass move to attend one or more American or European conventions. As they stop to get gas, to eat, sleep, etc., all opportunities for witnessing will be taken advantage of fully.

² At gas stations and on stopping to eat, talk to the ones who serve you. You can briefly tell them you are 'traveling to a Christian convention in . . .', which has been arranged for Jehovah's witnesses. Undoubtedly you have heard about some of our conventions and also our Bible educational work. This most interesting [tract, magazine or booklet] contains some good news that I should like to share with you. . . .'

³ If time permits, a more detailed discussion can be had, particularly with attendants of tourist homes, hotels and motels. You might try saying: "We are on our way to attend one [or more] of a series of eleven conventions Jehovah's witnesses are holding throughout the earth. The purpose of the conventions is for people to learn of God's wonderful purpose to have perfect, God-fearing people living forever on earth in a peaceful, contented condition. If any

of us are to have a share in God's marvelous arrangements, we must know what his will is and then do it. He has given us the Bible so we can study and learn what his purposes are and how it will be to our everlasting benefit if we do what he commands. This book and booklet have been published to help God-fearing people to understand important Bible truths clearly. You may have them for the small contribution of 50c. Also, I should like to encourage you to contact the congregation of Jehovah's witnesses in this vicinity and enjoy studying the Bible with them. They will be glad to answer your Bible questions and to give you additional information."

⁴ During your stay in the convention city invite your hosts to attend with you and, when opportune, discuss interesting points of the assembly. When you leave the city it would be well to thank them for their kind hospitality, encourage them to study the Bible and study aids you left with them and to attend the local Kingdom Hall meetings.

⁵ Appropriate literature should be taken by all for incidental witnessing while traveling to and from conventions and for regular preaching activities during the convention, so you may present the good news at all opportunities.

Memorandums Available

Congregations desiring information on ownership of Kingdom Hall property by trustees or corporation may write to the Society's legal office for a copy of *Memorandum on Kingdom Halls*.

Brothers desiring information on preparation of wills and deeds may write to the Society's legal office for a copy of *Memorandum on Gifts and Wills*.

Memorial Report Correction

In the article "Attend 1955 Convention" in the June *Informant* paragraph two said there were 244,959 who attended the celebration of Memorial in the United States and Canada. The correct combined United States and Canada attendance is 281,562. There were 36,603 in attendance in Canada and 244,959 in the United States.

that your joy and happiness will increase, and the prosperity and increase of the New World society will be steady, month after month, to Jehovah's praise.

Practicing True Love . . . (*Cont'd*)
largely upon the support that we give to Magazine Day activity and our being magazine-minded at all other times. Are you as a congregation publisher reaching your goal of nine each month? As a circuit or district servant or regular pioneer, 90 a month? As a special pioneer, 110? Keep on placing magazines.

⁵ One other point to keep in mind: report your field service. We shall be traveling about considerably either to or from an assembly or, as many will, working unassigned territory, so we should make definite arrangements to report our field service either personally when we attend our congregation meetings or, if we shall not return before the end of the month, by mailing our reports to the congregation servant in sufficient time for them to be counted.

⁶ True love must be practiced as well as preached to be a practical force in our lives. So display that true love every day and in every way and it will become perfect, acceptable to Jehovah.

European Convention Travel Information

¹The date of the first departure for Europe is rapidly approaching. Many brothers will be leaving from Quebec city on July 14, 1955, aboard the chartered steamships. Two special trains are arranged to carry passengers who desire the service directly to shipside. One train is scheduled to depart from Grand Central Terminal, New York city, 8 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), July 13, 1955. No special tickets are required; just be sure when you purchase your rail ticket that it is routed by way of the New York Central, Delaware and Hudson, and Canadian Pacific. Another special train is due to depart from Central Station, Montreal, 10 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), July 14, 1955. Tickets for this train should be routed over the Canadian National Railroad. Both trains will take passengers to shipside. These will be the last trains to arrive in

time for the sailings. It is not required that ship passengers take the trains; the trains are arranged for the convenience of those who travel by that means.

²Tickets for travel between Southampton and London will be available aboard ship. Tickets for travel between Nuremberg and Bremerhaven (for "Arosa Kulm" passengers) and between Stockholm and Gothenburg (for "Arosa Star" passengers) will be sold on the respective ships. No special trains are arranged for travel between Stockholm and Amsterdam.

³All chartered air flights from New York will leave from Idlewild International airport, New York city. All flights from Montreal will depart from Dorval airport, Montreal. Passengers should check in at the airport of departure at least one hour before

flight time. Further details will be provided air passengers when tickets are delivered.

⁴All convention delegates traveling under the Society's arrangements should understand that no changes will be made in Europe.

⁵All special trains in Europe are now filled and no further orders for the trips can be accepted. If applications were not pinned together at the time passengers submitted their orders, the Society cannot guarantee that groups will be assigned together on the trains.

Legal Notice

Brothers above the age of 26 whose draft boards are ordering them to do service instead of giving them the V-A classification should write to Hayden C. Covington, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn 1, New York, for a memorandum. If classified V-A it is not necessary to write.

Telephone Listings

¹As the mushroomlike growth of Jehovah's organization continues the need becomes more acute for persons of good will to be able to locate Kingdom Halls. Many inquiries for Kingdom Hall addresses are received at the Brooklyn office from people of good will who have read literature, know one of Jehovah's witnesses in another town, or have some other contact and desire to attend congregation meetings. With Jehovah's witnesses' continually being in the news, items in the press may stir the curiosity of some and they may wish to locate the congregation. Others may wish to contact Jehovah's witnesses to conduct funeral services, have questions answered, etc. Also, when traveling or vacationing in another city brothers may desire to attend meetings. How can Jehovah's witnesses be contacted if the Kingdom Hall addresses are unknown and the congregation does not have a telephone?

²In order to fill this need a number of congregations who do not have a telephone at the Kingdom Hall have taken advantage of the opportunity to use an additional telephone directory listing. The congregation servant (or member of committee) having a telephone at his residence also lists it under the name "Jehovah's Witnesses." This additional listing in the alphabetical directory may be secured for a small charge by calling the business office of the local telephone company. Also, some congregations who have a telephone at the Kingdom Hall have an alternate call listing (the residential number of the congregation servant or member of the committee), since generally no

Organizing Interest in Isolated Territory

Chairman (2 min.) Shows need for working isolated territory. (Matt. 24:14) However, do not work only to place literature, but endeavor to organize interested ones for study and preaching after publishers leave area. Observe following demonstration.

SCENE I (3 min.) Publishers have worked their isolated territory and have a number of back-calls lined up where interest has been manifested. They do not want to leave territory without something definitely established as a result of their efforts. They want to organize those of good will so that they can carry on by themselves. These publishers talk over possible homes that would be good to use for organizing a group. They discuss idea of having a 45-minute public talk at a home, followed by a short 15- to 30-minute Bible study, to get new ones started studying. Several good-will persons seem to be likely prospects for going right on to maturity.

SCENE II (8 min.) Brother calls on home where he had started private study and where a considerable amount of interest makes this a most likely home for this meeting. He explains that his work in the area must soon come to an end and that he desires to gather together all who are interested in the Bible, such as they, and have a talk, followed by demonstration of best way to study Bible. He explains advantage of having group in community who

one is at the Kingdom Hall to answer calls except during meeting hours.

³Brothers should not conclude from this article that the Society wants congregations to go to the expense of putting a telephone in the Kingdom Hall. Rather, it is to make known the telephone company's alternate listing arrangement should any desire to take advantage of it. It is suggested congregations use the name "Jehovah's Witnesses" in listing telephone numbers.

YOUR SERVICE MEETING

serve God in unity, and gives real encouragement to family to open their home as a place where the group might meet for purpose of Bible study. Family agrees to hold meeting and study at their home.

SCENE III (8 min.) Three fast-moving scenes show other publishers calling to invite their interested persons to meeting. One offers excuse he will be unable to attend, so "Watchtower" subscription is placed with him so he will have communication with Society. Two other persons, after matter is well explained to them by publishers, agree to attend.

SCENE IV (8 min.) Scene opens with public talk just ending and chairman explaining to group the advantage and necessity of regular group study of Bible. He then starts model study in "Let God Be True". Scene then flashes to end of study. Brother explains that they can carry on with study very easily and suggests that the man at this home conduct the study. Then brother says he will write to them and visit them once a month or whenever possible. He also describes the provision made for the circuit servant to visit them when the circuit servant serves the nearby congregation. Good-will persons express appreciation for arrangements and agree to carry on as well as they can, confident God's blessing will be upon their efforts.

Chairman (1 min.) By applying the above, good-will persons will be organized to receive additional help and attention in order to become mature praisers of Jehovah.

UNITED STATES QUOTA FOR 1955
169,366 Publishers

Monthly Field Service Report

May Report

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. Bi. St.
Sp'l Pios.	309	147.9	56.4	6.9
Pioneers	4,995	95.8	31.0	4.3
Vac. Pios.	230	93.3	26.4	3.4
Cong. Pubs.	167,776	9.8	2.9	.5
Total Pubs.	173,310			

Public Meetings Held: 12,463

Recognizing the Theocratic Organization for Life

Apply Convention Counsel Right Away

¹ Who among men recognize and honor Jehovah's organization? Only Jehovah's true and loyal witnesses, for they alone know it is necessary to gain life. People of good will must learn to recognize Jehovah's organization as his provision to help them render true worship. As Jehovah's servants, we must help them learn of the theocratic organization and how to work with it.—1 Sam. 2:30, AS.

² With the abundant spiritual food received at the "Triumphant Kingdom" Assemblies all publishers are well prepared to do just that! Start applying assembly information right away so it will not be forgotten. By putting it into practice all of us will be better ministers.

³ Knowing that recognizing the theocratic organization means actively working with it, all will support local service arrangements. During August

use the latest book and booklet in stock on a contribution of 50c.

⁴ August concludes the service year. Will your congregation average a 10 per cent increase for the year? Let all be active in August and assist new ones. Also, remember to mail your report to the congregation should you be away at the end of the month.

⁵ For many young publishers August is the final month of vacation. Young ministers, use the month wisely by spending the maximum time you can in field work. It will be the last month of vacation pioneering for many, while for others it will be the start of their pioneer service. To be sure, many will take to heart the assembly admonition and make adjustments in order to pioneer. Will you be one of them? This is one of the best ways you can show that you recognize Jehovah's arrangements and can aid others to recognize the theocratic organization for life.

Notice to Ministers

Ministers who have cases before draft boards or who will have dealings with the Selective Service System in the near future should check to see that they have the booklet *Procedure of Jehovah's Witnesses Under Selective Service* and the *Memorandum to Jehovah's Witnesses Concerned with the Draft*. If you do not have them you may order them now. A contribution of 10 cents and postage should be sent to Hayden C. Covington, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn 1, New York.

Publications Now Available

Booklets

Christendom or Christianity
—Which One Is "the Light of the World"?—French, Greek, Japanese
Preaching Together in Unity
—Spanish

Books

"Let God Be True" (Second Edition)
—Finnish
What Has Religion Done for Mankind?—Finnish, Hollandish, Zulu

"Make Sure of All Things"
Evolution (page 112 to Job 39 on page 116)

Discourse by mature brother. It should be easy to follow and, in addition to defining evolution, should point out how the doctrine is illogical from Scriptural and scientific standpoints.

To All Conventioneers . . . (Cont'd)
The witnesses came to my door seeking rooms I was glad I could accommodate two conventioneers. I was unaware of who Jehovah's witnesses were or of the purpose of the convention. . . . I accepted my paying conventioneers' invitation and went to hear the main lecture. It sounded very good. . . . When the witnesses who had obtained the room from me called back, I started studying. . . . Today this householder is an excellent pioneer!

³ This is not an isolated case. Hundreds of times householders have been introduced to the truth through convention rooming activities. So, Kingdom publisher, take advantage of all opportunities to talk truth to your householders. Invite them to attend assembly sessions with you. Set a good example in speech and conduct through your stay. Place literature with them and before and after leaving express your thanks and appreciation. Shortly after the assembly local publishers will make calls on all householders who accommodated conventioneers. Undoubtedly they will be privileged to start many home Bible studies with householders and before long some of them will be active Kingdom publishers.

CONGREGATION ORGANIZATION

Giving Consideration to Baptism

¹ Persons of good will desiring and anticipating salvation in this day of judgment should consider this subject of baptism now. Baptism and that which baptism pictures were essential to salvation in the former judgment periods of Jehovah's people.—1 Pet. 3:21; 1 Cor. 10:1, 2.

² Today we are living in the greatest judgment day of all times. What consideration are we required to give to baptism today? Baptism in water, made in the presence of witnesses, shows to others that you recognize yourself a sinner and that henceforth you are going to do the will of Jehovah God as exemplified and commanded by Christ Jesus.—Ps. 40:7, 8; Mic. 4:1-5; Luke 9:23; 1 Pet. 2:21; 4:1-3, NW.

³ The covering cherub publicly repudiated Jehovah. Our first parents similarly repudiated Jehovah. For this they were condemned and cast out of Jehovah's holy family. All the offspring of our first parents came into existence in this condemned state. The Devil would have you believe that the question is whether you are good enough to dedicate your life to Jehovah God or not. No one of Adam's family is that good. (Rom. 3:1-12, NW) The issues are: Whose side are you on? Are you on the side of Jehovah God and his righteous ways, or on the side of the rebel, Satan the Devil? If you are on Jeho-

vah's side, are you prepared to take your stand for Jehovah publicly and manifest it before all by dedication and baptism? This decision must be made now and quickly, because we are approaching the climax of this judgment day: Armageddon.

⁴ Some disquieting facts are revealed in the analysis of the congregations' reports. There are many thousands of publishers who engage in the Kingdom service in the United States who have not been baptized. Some are newly interested ones; others are children. But after making allowance for these, there are still thousands of adults who should be giving serious consideration to this subject now who apparently are not doing so. Presumably they see the issue and are at the point where they should declare themselves in this great crisis. Remember, it is necessary to become a follower of Christ by dedication and baptism in order to be in the way of preservation.

⁵ These facts should be called to the attention of the congregation, that all may seriously consider the matter and examine themselves. None, of course, should be baptized unless they are dedicated to Jehovah God. None should dedicate themselves until they count the cost and decide that they are prepared to meet the issue on Jehovah's side. But, having seen the issue and made their dedication, then they should declare themselves before witnesses by being baptized.