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## Meetings for Field Service

**JANUARY 4-10**

**With current offer**

1. Which book will you use?
2. What point will you feature?

**JANUARY 11-17**

**When householders express themselves**

1. Why should we listen?
2. How can we use their expressions?

**JANUARY 18-24**

**Offering new tracts**

1. Which one will you feature?
2. How can you arrange for a return visit?

**JANUARY 25-31**

**In inclement weather, how can you**

1. Still work from house-to-house?
2. Tactfully try to get invited in?

## TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

**Religion That Has Real Value.**

**2 Tim. 3:1, 2, 5—A mere form of worship is not enough.**

**John 4:23—Religion that God approves.**

# Sowing Kingdom Seed

<sup>1</sup> Psalm 126:6 speaks of sowing literal seed and says: "The one that without fail goes forth, . . . carrying along a bagful of seed, will without fail come in with a joyful cry, carrying along his sheaves." At Ecclesiastes 11:6 the sower of seed is encouraged with the words: "In the morning sow your seed and until the evening do not let your hand rest; for you are not knowing where this will have success, either here or there, or whether both of them will alike be good."

<sup>2</sup> When we share in the field ministry we, too, in effect carry a bagful of seed but of a spiritual kind. The effectiveness of our sowing spiritual seed is enhanced by literature that features the Kingdom good news. This literature discusses subjects of concern to many persons and shows how vital it is for them to learn about the Kingdom good news. Jehovah, through the faithful slave, has provided us with a fine supply of Bible literature to use in the work of sowing Kingdom seed during this time of the end.

### AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY

<sup>3</sup> In our field ministry during January, we will be featuring some of the older publications that have proved to be effective in helping people to grow spiritually, including *Choosing*, *Commentary on James*,

*"Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News*, *Holy Spirit*, *Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life*, *Truth*, and *World Government*. You may offer any two of these publications for \$1.00. Some may find it beneficial to offer four or more of these publications to those they meet in their ministry.

### PREPARATION ESSENTIAL

<sup>4</sup> Take a few minutes to review the contents of the older publications that are available to you for field service. You will find that *This Life* discusses such subjects as "Can You Talk with the Dead?" "How Did Old Age and Death Come About?" and "Why Many Now Living Have Opportunity Never to Die."

<sup>5</sup> Some may appreciate having a verse-by-verse commentary on the book of James, and this is available in the *Commentary on James*. In offering the *Choosing* book, you may find it effective to read the statement from the publishers on page 2: "Many sincere persons would like to find a way of life that brings peace and contentment now and assures the enjoyment of a secure future. This book has been published in the hope that it will aid honest-hearted ones to identify the truly superior (Continued on page 2, col. 3)"

## Helping New Publishers

<sup>1</sup> Jehovah continues to bless his people by bringing in "the desirable things of all the nations." (Hag. 2:7) Thus, many new ones are joining with us in true worship. Last service year saw an increase of over 45,000 new publishers in the United States. While we rejoice to see this increase, it is now our desire to help these become more effective "fishers of men" as they share with us in publishing the good news.—Mark 1:17.

<sup>2</sup> When can a Bible student be invited to join us in the field service? Before identifying himself publicly with Jehovah's Witnesses, he must first meet the Scriptural and organizational requirements stated in the *Our Ministry* book on pages 98 and 99. The questions provided there will help you to determine whether the Bible student meets these requirements. If he qualifies, he may be invited to share in the public preaching work and report his field activity to the congregation.

<sup>3</sup> New publishers may have zeal and

enthusiasm but lack experience. Perhaps you can help them to begin having a part in the house-to-house work by offering a tract or the magazines, or you may ask them to read a scripture. Commend them for their effort and eagerness to share. Remind them of the apostle Paul's encouragement for all to "press on to maturity." (Heb. 6:1) Help them to do this.

### MAKING PROGRESS

<sup>4</sup> Just as children learn to walk by taking one step at a time, new publishers can be helped to make progress step-by-step. If you are training a new publisher, could you progressively help him to give the introduction at the door, to use the Topic for Conversation, and to present the regular literature offer? Is he ready now to begin referring to the *Reasoning* book, using questions to draw the householder into the conversation or to lay the basis for an effective return visit and eventual Bible study? (Continued on page 2, col. 1)



# Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

## WEEK STARTING JANUARY 3

Song 104

5 min: Local announcements. Discuss highlights of current magazines to be offered. Encourage all to share in magazine work on Saturday.

10 min: Offer for January. Display and comment on older pocket-size books available locally for field service in January. Encourage brothers to get a good supply. Two books can be offered for \$1.00 or four for \$2.00; more books can be offered if desired. Demonstration: Publisher makes transition from last scripture in Topic for Conversation and presents two of the older books, featuring just one in presentation.

15 min: "1988 'Divine Justice' District Convention"—Part One. Question-and-answer consideration of insert, paragraphs 1-8 by convention coordinator. Read ONLY paragraph 4 and make application of scriptures as time allows.

15 min: "1988 'Divine Justice' District Convention"—Part Two. Talk on paragraphs 9-13 of insert. Highlight need to select accommodations from "Recommended Lodging Locations List," and avoid abuses; otherwise Society's rooming arrangement will become ineffective and may have to be discontinued. To be handled by presiding overseer. Conclude with announcement that all baptized Witnesses should make special effort to be present at Service Meeting next week.

Song 122 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING JANUARY 10

Song 136

8 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Theocratic News.

### New Publishers

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Having practice sessions and working with a new one in service will help him to take these progressive steps.

5 If you are a parent, are you helping your children who meet the Scriptural requirements to make progress in the field ministry? Follow the suggestions in the paragraphs above as you endeavor to aid them. Do not underestimate the ability of your children to make progress in the ministry. Many young ones have shown

Accounts report; read appreciatively Society's acknowledgments of all contributions to the Society, including those to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund and those for helping missionaries to attend the 1988 conventions in their home country.

15 min: Medical Directive and Identity Card. (Secretary will distribute cards prior to meeting to all baptized Witnesses present.) Presiding overseer will read to congregation Society's letter of December 21, 1987, regarding use of these cards. He will use information on reverse side of Society's letter to explain clearly how cards are to be filled out. Baptized Witnesses not present at meeting may request these cards from presiding overseer. Brothers are encouraged to fill out cards promptly and see that they are properly signed and dated.

10 min: "Sowing Kingdom Seed." Questions and answers. Include expressions from two or three publishers who have had good success in placing the older pocket-size books.

12 min: "Helping New Publishers." Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 4, include brief demonstration of practice session between pioneer and Bible student who now qualifies for field service. New publisher presents Topic for Conversation and literature offer. Pioneer makes practical suggestion for improvement, comments and encourages new publisher to continue to make advancement in field ministry.

Song 224 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING JANUARY 17

Song 209

10 min: Local announcements. Suggest talking points in current mag-

commendable ability in placing literature and in starting and conducting Bible studies. Work closely with your children. Start them at an early age. Help them to develop according to their abilities. Commend them for their effort and progress.—See *Our Ministry*, pages 99-100.

6 All dedicated servants of Jehovah should endeavor to make advancement in effectively presenting the good news. Help new ones to make progress too.

azines and demonstrate a brief presentation of *Awake!* or *The Watchtower*. Encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News —To Everyone." Questions and answers. Brief demonstrations: (1) presentation of magazines in street work; (2) making current offer in store-to-store work; and (3) presenting tract to busy householder in house-to-house work. Encourage all to have a full share in the field service this weekend.

15 min: Local needs or talk based on article "Young People Ask . . . Does Being God's Friend Matter?" in November 22, 1987, issue of *Awake!*

Song 216 and concluding prayer.

## WEEK STARTING JANUARY 24

Song 225

10 min: Local announcements. Mention locations and times of all meetings for field service for the remainder of the week. Encourage all who can to share in the witness work.

15 min: "We All Need to Study." Questions and answers. Conclude with expressions (1) from publishers who buy out the opportune time and have a good schedule for study, and (2) concerning the benefits derived from reading the older publications mentioned in paragraph 5.

20 min: "Do Not Let Your Hand Rest." Service overseer discusses article with audience. Make appropriate references to January 1, 1988, letter regarding territory seldom worked. Make local application of information.

Song 1 and concluding prayer.

### Kingdom Seed

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course of life and then to pursue it."

6 If the congregation's supply of older books is depleted quickly, the service overseer may check with neighboring congregations to see if they have additional supplies. *Choosing, Commentary on James, and Holy Spirit* books may still be ordered from the Society.

7 As you plant and water the seeds of truth, pray constantly for Jehovah's direction and blessing because it is 'God who makes it grow.' —1 Cor. 3:6.



# 1988 "Divine Justice" District Convention

<sup>1</sup> Although the term "justice" has legal associations, basically justice is closely linked to righteousness. The Supreme Judge and Statute-Giver, Jehovah God, "is a lover of righteousness and justice." (Ps. 33:5) This guarantees that he will never abandon his loyal ones but will impartially accept all those fearing him and practicing righteousness and bestow his blessing on them. Since Jehovah's wisdom is far superior to that of imperfect humans, man must humble himself to learn "the path of justice." (Isa. 40:14) He must learn to conform his thinking to the standard of justice that Jehovah, the Creator, has revealed in his Word. Jehovah has always rightly required that those seeking his approval acquaint themselves with his standard of justice and follow it.

<sup>2</sup> Since justice is a divine quality, loyal Witnesses will want always to exercise it in balance with other Christian virtues, even as Micah 6:8 admonishes: "[Jehovah] has told you, O earthling man, what is good. And what is Jehovah asking back from you but to exercise justice and to love kindness and to be modest in walking with your God?" (See also Psalm 106:3.) Would you like to learn more about Jehovah's standard of justice and how we all may conform to it so as to receive his smile of approval? To help us do this, arrangements have been made for many four-day "Divine Justice" District Conventions in the United States branch territory. Undoubtedly your efforts to attend and be instructed in divine justice will be richly rewarded.

## ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

<sup>3</sup> During the announcement period of the Service Meeting for the week of January 3, the letter from the Society dated December 15, 1987, will be read, informing each congregation of the convention it is assigned to attend. Following this Service Meeting, the elders will post on the congregation's information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list that has been received from the District Convention Committee. This list gives all the motels presently cooperating with the Society's rooming arrangement. By cooperating with these arrangements, the congregations will help the convention organization in its efforts to provide sufficient seats, food, literature, and rooming accommodations for everyone. As you make your plans to be in attendance, lovingly include others who need assistance, especially newly interested ones, so they can attend every session as well. (Gal. 6:10) The program will start at 1:20 p.m. on Thursday.

<sup>4</sup> **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** As soon as your congregation posts the Recommended Lodging Locations list containing the addresses of the motels, their agreed-upon rates, and the phone numbers, you should IMMEDIATELY phone the motel of your choice, identify yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and as a delegate attending the Watchtower Convention, and make reservations. Doing so will qualify you for the rates listed, which in most cases have been greatly reduced since the convention has negotiated for a large number of rooms. One night's DEPOSIT will be



required at all locations in order to hold the room and should be sent directly to the motel AS SOON AS you make your reservations. Do not make reservations at more than one motel or at motels that you do not intend to use. (Matt. 5:37) MOTELS ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO HOLD THE ROOMS OR EXTEND THE SPECIAL RATES BEYOND THE CUT-OFF DATE WITHOUT A DEPOSIT. If you must cancel your reservations, you should notify the motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available for other delegates. If the motel you call first is filled, call your next selection from the list, and so on. The convention Rooming Department will continue to provide the congregations with revised lists as long as necessary, deleting motels that have been filled and including additional motels until everyone has a room. Thus, if all the motels on a list are filled, please wait patiently for the next list, and you will be able to obtain a room.

<sup>5</sup> **DORMITORIES:** A few conventions use school dormitories in order to accommodate all those attending. Usually congregations will receive information on these a month or so after the first motel listing. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow the instructions on the list that is sent to the congregations by the convention.

<sup>6</sup> **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Arrangements to care for those with special needs should be made by the congregation where these attend. Elders and others aware of the individual circumstances can lovingly extend help. This often involves publishers taking those in full-time service, the elderly, the infirm, the deaf, or perhaps others with them in their own

group. Also, they may care for such ones in other ways. (Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17, 18) Of course, the convention Rooming Department will endeavor to provide rooming accommodations for publishers with special needs who are unable to care for themselves or who cannot be assisted by those from the congregation where they attend. These may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for a Special Needs Room Request form, discussing their situation with him at that time. Those with special needs are the only ones that should fill out this form. It is to be returned to the convention coordinator and checked for completeness, accuracy, and verification of the circumstances that would qualify them for special needs consideration. This should be done well ahead of the convention. The convention coordinator then forwards the form to the convention Rooming Department and the individual will be notified directly about the accommodations. Those with special needs should NOT go to the convention and request a room when they arrive, because the convention Rooming Department needs the verification of the congregation's convention coordinator.

<sup>7</sup> Private home accommodations are usually set aside for those who have limited funds and who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not available. They are not intended for those who can afford motel rooms but who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money. Nor is it proper for delegates to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting to be accommodated extra days so they can visit vacation spots or do other things before or after the convention. These



rooms are for the convention period only. Those receiving such accommodations should see that they and their children act respectfully toward the home of their host and do not damage anything or rummage through the possessions or private areas of the home.

**8 DELEGATES ATTENDING FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSIGNED AREA:** In nearly every case, the location assigned for you to attend is the one nearest to your congregation. Seating, literature, food orders, and so forth, are planned on the premise that the majority will attend the convention to which they are assigned. However, if for some reason you will be attending a convention other than the one assigned and need accommodations, please see your congregation's convention coordinator for the address of the convention headquarters where you desire to attend. These addresses are listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request form. Then write to that convention headquarters and request a copy of the motel listing for that location, sending along a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Upon receipt of this list, use it to make your reservation.

**9 YOUR COOPERATION NEEDED:** The smoothness and success with which this rooming arrangement functions depends on the cooperation of everyone involved. (Compare Genesis 6:22.) Unless everyone cooperates by using ONLY the motels on the list, the Society may have to discontinue the present rooming arrangement. Thus, we are asking everyone to cooperate with the Society's rooming arrangement so as to avoid major difficulties in our negotiations. Because a number of complaints have been re-

ceived, it is necessary to list the following requests:

- Spell it out - ABU*
- 1) Do not make reservations before the congregations receive the Recommended Lodging Locations list from the convention or try to make reservations for the next year while attending the current convention.
  - 2) Do not make reservations with motels not on the list or accept a higher price for a listed motel than what is quoted on the list.
  - 3) Do not make reservations at more than one motel, and after arriving, check each one and then take the best one, canceling the others. *supper at motel*
  - 4) Do not reserve rooms for others without giving names and sending the deposits for each room immediately.
  - 5) Do not put more people in the room than the law and the management allow.
  - 6) Do not check in before 1:00 p.m. or so, which generally is motel policy. (You may check in after the program that day since your deposit guarantees your room.)
  - 7) Do not cook or heat food in the room unless it has a kitchenette for that purpose.
  - 8) Do not get food on floor, walls, beds, or towels.
  - 9) Do not allow children in hallways, elevators, or swimming pools without proper supervision. *Independent*
  - 10) Such abuses are selfish and unloving. They not only make it difficult to negotiate for good rates at the motels (but also bring reproach on Jehovah's name and organization. The convention organization is working hard to save our brothers as much expense as possible, so it is in the best interests of all for everyone to cooperate fully with the Society's rooming arrangement. The listing
- we might be able to pay more*



is broad enough to give a choice of good-quality accommodations and yet give preference to the motels that co-operate. Our aim with this arrangement is to help delegates to be accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible so they will be refreshed and fully able to enjoy the fine spiritual program.

### SIMPLIFIED FOOD SERVICE AT THE 1988 CONVENTIONS

<sup>11</sup> As you know, the Society further simplified the food service arrangement at the district conventions last summer by eliminating hot foods and serving only cold food items along with hot and cold beverages. A similar food service arrangement is planned for 1988. This greatly eased the work load and allowed more attention to be given to the spiritual aspects of the convention, with the workers being able to enjoy more of the program. (Ex. 12:16b; Deut. 31:12; *ad* pp. 375, 574; compare Luke 10:38-42.)

The adjusted menu was well received by those in attendance and although somewhat limited, it provided sufficient sustenance for the morning and noon periods. (Compare Matthew <sup>3:14</sup> 14:14-20.) <sup>Fishes & Bread</sup> For evening meals everyone was free to make his own arrangements. <sup>Go Back To Room + Cook</sup>

<sup>12</sup> The Society appreciates very much the fine support you brothers and sisters have been giving to the food service arrangements at the district conventions over the years. This has made it possible to rent good buildings and care for the convention expenses. It has also enabled you to remain at the convention site during the short noon break and to be present, on time and refreshed, for the more important spiritual program.

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<sup>13</sup> As you will note in the February 15, 1988, *Watchtower*, sign-language translation will be provided only at 16 specific convention cities. (NO provision will be made at any other conventions for sign language.) We know this will prove to be a real blessing to those with this special need by providing good-quality translating and larger groups with which to enjoy upbuilding fellowship. Those who are signers should let the deaf in their congregations know of the arrangements and help them to attend where the sign language provision is made by the Society. *20, 9:48 - FS - older BKS*

[NOTE TO THE BODY OF ELDERS: Please read the Society's convention assignment letter for your congregation, dated December 15, 1987, at your Service Meeting during the week of January 3 and post on the information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list. (NO ONE, INCLUDING THE ELDERS, SHOULD MAKE ANY MOTEL RESERVATIONS BEFORE THIS SERVICE MEETING.) Please read the assignment letter again at your next meeting and then post it on the information board. In this way all the congregations will receive the information the same week.

The elder serving as the convention coordinator should conduct the first of the Service Meeting parts that cover this insert, as well as handle other convention-related material and announcements on future meetings. All elders will want to cooperate fully to ensure the prompt, enthusiastic, and effective handling of convention-related material.]



## Announcements

● Literature offer for January and February: Any two of the older pocket-size books the congregation has in stock for a contribution of \$1.00. May include *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth, and World Government*. (Congregations may request credit for books obtained by publishers and pioneers for the January and February offer. During this campaign only, the rate for regular and special pioneers for the pocket-size books is 30¢. For congregation publishers and auxiliary pioneers, the rate is 50¢ each.) **March:** *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of \$2.50. Small-size books are \$1.25. **April:** *Watchtower* subscription.

● Starting in February the new public talk for circuit overseers will be "Persevering in Fine Works Brings Rewards."

● The special public talk for the 1988 Memorial season will be given worldwide on Sunday, April 10, 1988. The subject of this talk will be "Why Live by Bible Standards?" An outline will be provided soon. Those congregations having the visit of the circuit overseer, a circuit assembly, or a Sunday special assembly day scheduled that week will have the special talk the following week. No congregation should have the special talk before April 10.

● Selective Service regulations require that all men register when reaching 18 years of age. All of those required to do so should take care of the matter promptly, viewing it as a Christian's obligation to the superior authorities. Elders will want to have this in mind when young brothers are nearing the age of 18 and give them appropriate reminders. Questions as to the young Christian's responsibilities in this regard may be answered by the elders.

● As announced at the "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention last summer, 16 new public talk outlines have been prepared. As soon as these are received, they should be assigned to qualified speakers and scheduled to be given in the congregations.

● New Publications Available:

*New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1987 Edition (Deluxe); *DLBI12* with marginal references); available in black or maroon

—French  
*My Book of Bible Stories* —Ukrainian  
*Watch Tower Publications Index 1981-1985* —French, Portuguese  
*You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* —Persian  
*Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*

—Haitian Creole  
Tract No. 13 —Hungarian, Romanian  
Tract No. 14 —Chinese, Croatian, Dutch, German, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish

● New Cassette Recordings Available:  
*Jeremiah, Lamentations* (set of four; congregation and public: \$6.00; pioneers: \$5.00) —English  
*Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon* (set of two; congregation

## We All Need to Study

*How prove we need to study?*  
It was in the presence of his disciples that Jesus prayed to Jehovah, saying: "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ." (John 17:3) Yes, all of Christ's disciples, as well as newly interested ones, need to take in such knowledge. We can do this through personal and family study, and by attending congregation meetings. Do you adhere to a practical schedule for regular personal study?

2 Newly interested persons are greatly benefited by having a personal home Bible study. To grow spiritually, however, they must continue to take in knowledge and then apply what they learn. (Heb. 5:13, 14) Are you doing that?

3 Young servants of Jehovah are in a fine position to take in knowledge. Their minds are eager to absorb vast quantities of information, and they often desire to know the reasons why things are so. Jehovah created us with this desire. Use your time wisely! to take in spiritual knowledge. Do as the apostle Paul said and "buy out the opportune time" for such enriching and faith-strengthening personal study.—Col. 4:5.

### PERSONAL LIBRARY?

4 Do you have a personal or a family library? Does it contain volumes of *Awake!* and *The Watchtower*, the *Aid* book, and the publications we use at the Congregation Book Study and meetings at the Kingdom Hall? Do you have the *Watch Tower Publications Index 1930-1985* and the available older publications of the Society?

5 You will find valuable information in the older publications. Have you read or studied the booklet *Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood?* The 1975 *Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* gives a history of Jehovah's people from Brother Russell's time up until our present time and answers many of the questions

and public: \$3.00; pioneers: \$2.50) —French

*Jehovah Delivers Those Calling Upon His Name*—Drama (single cassette; congregation and public: \$2.00; pioneers: \$1.75) —French

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God*:

January 3: Pages 91 to 94  
January 10: Pages 95 to 98, par. 8  
January 17: Pages 98, par. 9 to 102  
January 24: Pages 103 to 105, par. 5  
January 31: Pages 106, par. 6 to 110

that have been asked about Jehovah's Witnesses.

6 There is a need for individual and family study in order to be both spiritually strong and well equipped for the field service. How are you doing in this? Do you prepare for congregation meetings? Do you prepare for the field ministry in an effort to be as effective as possible? Are you reading your copy of *Reasoning From the Scriptures*? Have you been using it in the field service?

7 Use the *Watch Tower Publications Index 1930-1985* to find answers to your own questions and those presented to you by persons you meet in the field service. Elders will find the Index to be a most valuable tool to use in locating information that is encouraging and appropriate for those who come to them seeking spiritual assistance.

8 Second Timothy 2:15 counsels: "Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God, a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of the truth aright." To do this we all need to study and apply what we learn. *Brother Balth*

## Do Not Let Your Hand Rest

1 The 1988 *Yearbook* report gives us reason to rejoice greatly as we reflect on the spiritual prosperity of Jehovah's people everywhere. At the same time it shows that there is still "plenty to do in the work of the Lord." —1 Cor. 15:58.

2 In this country alone, a total of 1,778,066 attended the Memorial on April 12, 1987, and 13,562 were baptized at the "Trust in Jehovah" District Conventions. Since this fruitage was brought about in part by a diligent, systematic coverage of territory, should we not continue giving our territory thorough coverage during the 1988 service year? Our labors will not be in vain.

### INCREASED EFFORTS TO COVER SELDOM-WORKED TERRITORY

3 If your congregation has seldom-worked territory, you may request one of these as a personal territory assignment. Your requesting such may allow the congregation to cover areas that are not often worked.

4 Additionally, in such congregations elders can make appropriate group arrangements to cover the seldom-worked territory. It may be that publishers could take along a lunch and spend a whole day working

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## To Everyone

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus Christ preached he showed intense interest in reaching as many people as possible. (Mark 6:34; John 4:7, 40, 41) We too must try to reach as many people as we can. Lives are at stake—theirs and ours. (1 Tim. 4:16) We want to help others to come to know Jehovah so that they too can call on his name to be saved.—Acts 2:21.

<sup>2</sup> A common problem many of us face, whether working in urban or rural territory, is locating those who are not at home when we first call. Have you tried to call later the same day? Many have had good success in doing so. Or try calling on a different day. Those persistently not at home might be reached by means of a letter. In working urban territory, take the initiative to speak with those you see in the hallways and lobbies of apartment houses or on the sidewalk. If your conversation must be brief, you may find it beneficial to present at least one of the four new tracts: *Why You Can Trust the Bible*, *What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?*, *Life in a Peaceful New World*, and *What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?*

## STREET AND STORE-TO-STORE WORK

<sup>3</sup> Sharing in street work may help you to reach individuals ordinarily not at home when we call. When approaching people, it is beneficial to be friendly and direct as you endeavor to start a conversation. Posing a brief, pointed question may help you to arouse interest. You will likely find it easiest to approach those who are not moving along hurriedly. Some have had success in walking a few steps with a person as they briefly present the magazines. If the street is crowded, some have found it practical to speak to those on the fringes of the crowd. Store-to-store work may help you to reach proprietors and employees who are often missed when we call at their homes. Thoughtfully try to call at a

time when there are few customers in the store.—*km* 5/85 p. 8.

<sup>4</sup> When in street work and store-to-store work, do not feel that you are limited to presenting magazines. Books and brochures can also be offered. One successful publisher begins the conversation by asking, "Have you seen our latest book?" Another simply says, "I have something that I would like to show you."

<sup>5</sup> How can interest found in street and store-to-store work be further cultivated? Many have had success in asking interested ones for their address so that they can speak to them further at a more convenient time. If you find that they do not live in your territory, the call can be referred to the appropriate congregation. The presiding overseer in your congregation will be happy to assist you in this regard.

<sup>6</sup> It is Jehovah's will that all be given an opportunity to hear the truth. "Let anyone thirsting come; let anyone that wishes take life's water free." (Rev. 22:17) When we make a sincere effort to contact all persons, we show that we love others as Jehovah does.—John 3:16.

## Hand Rest

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distant portions of the congregation's territory. Why not make it a goal to cover as many of these territories as possible this year?

<sup>5</sup> If your congregation regularly covers all its territory, on a temporary basis you may have the opportunity to assist congregations in other areas in the coverage of their territory. During the past service year 120 groups of publishers did so, resulting in many promising return visits and Bible studies. The presiding overseer of one congregation receiving such help stated that 14 publishers "did in ten days what the congregation would do in one month." Can you assist in such a way this year?

<sup>6</sup> There are also those who could request to work one or more of the approximately 240 unassigned territories in the United States. While many served in this way last year, not all these territories were worked. Consequently, we invite you to apply for an assignment this year and increase your share in 'declaring abroad the kingdom of God.'—Luke 9:60.

<sup>7</sup> Finally, there are those who plan to serve where the need is greater. If that is your desire, we encourage you to discuss the matter with the elders in your congregation. You will also want to review what was written on

♦ On Saturday, October 3, 1987, the annual meeting of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania was held at the Jersey City Assembly Hall with 4,390 in attendance. Reports were heard concerning the work in Alaska, Canada, Korea, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, and the United States. All were enthused by the positive information presented relative to Kingdom increase.

♦ Barbados reported that 3,361 attended their convention and 50 were baptized. Attendance was more than double their peak of 1,598 publishers. The convention in St. Lucia was attended by 803, also over double their peak of 340 publishers.

♦ Britain reached a new peak of 109,624 publishers in August, an 8-percent increase over last year's average.

♦ Dominican Republic had a new peak of 10,403 publishers in August and their eighth consecutive peak in regular pioneers.

♦ Two district conventions held in Haiti were attended by 10,131 and 215 were baptized. Their peak of publishers was 4,894.

♦ India reported new peaks of 8,077 publishers and 5,594 Bible studies for August.

♦ Mexico reached their 46th consecutive publisher peak with 222,168 publishers reporting in August. Their Memorial attendance was outstanding with 957,081 present.

♦ During August the Philippines reached an all-time peak of 14,445 regular pioneers. This was an increase of 33 percent for the service year.

♦ Puerto Rico reported a new peak of 22,468 publishers in August. Their six district conventions were attended by 43,077 and 362 were baptized.

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## SHARE IN SOWING KINGDOM SEED

<sup>8</sup> Any who would like to assist a congregation in the coverage of its territory or work unassigned territory should review the Society's letter dated January 1, 1988, on this subject. Please keep in mind that, if at all possible, you should be willing to work territory at least 1,200 miles inland from either the east coast or the west coast of the United States.

<sup>9</sup> We have every reason to put our hand to the plow of increased activity and look to the things ahead. (Luke 9:62) Remember, we do not know from where further increase will come. (Eccl. 11:6) Therefore, like Philip, let us place ourselves as willing instruments in the hands of Jehovah and his organization, prepared to sow Kingdom seed wherever it is necessary before the end comes.—Acts 8:26, 27; Matt. 28:20.

## OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	258	128.8	100.8	53.8	5.6
Pios.	59,330	85.1	46.0	28.2	2.8
Aux. Pios.	44,318	59.8	34.2	16.4	1.4
Pubs.	652,304	9.8	7.2	3.7	0.4
TOTAL	756,210				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,096