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Meetings for Field Service

JANUARY 3-9

Offering the *Live Forever* book

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. What points from the book will you highlight?

JANUARY 10-16

Using illustrations in *Live Forever* book

Which ones will you use, and how, in talking with
(a) Youths?
(b) Parents?
(c) Older persons?

JANUARY 17-23

Live *Forever* return visits

1. How can you prepare householder for a return visit?
2. What points from book would you use when you return?
3. How would you start a Bible study in the book?

JANUARY 24-30

Group witnessing

1. What are benefits of group witnessing?
2. Why work with others in book study group?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Living *Forever*—Not Just a Dream.
Ps. 37:29—Man created to live forever.
Isa. 55:11—Why we can believe.

Use New Book in Proclaiming Kingdom Truth

¹ How did we feel when we first started taking in an accurate knowledge of the truth? It was a delightful experience—an undeserved kindness from Jehovah. We felt as did the two disciples to whom Jesus miraculously appeared on the road to Emmaus. According to Luke 24:32 they said to each other: "Were not our hearts burning as he was speaking to us on the road, as he was fully opening up the Scriptures to us?" Yes, our hearts, too, were filled with appreciation as the meaning of the Scriptures was first opened up to us.

² But we were not given the truth for just our own benefit. "How will they hear without someone to preach?" asks the apostle Paul. (Rom. 10:14) The answer comes from more than 2 million of Jehovah's people, who want to be like Isaiah and say: "Here I am! Send me." (Isa. 6:8) Now is the time for Kingdom truth to be proclaimed far and wide. We should feel responsible for doing this in the territory assigned to our congregation.

³ Something that will help us proclaim Kingdom truth in our territory during January and February is the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. We have been waiting to offer it from door to door and now the opportunity is

here. Likely by now you have read it and so know for yourself that it is an outstanding Bible study aid. With Jehovah's blessing we trust that it will accomplish a tremendous work in the months ahead.

OFFERING IT IN THE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE MINISTRY

⁴ How might we effectively present the new *Live Forever* book in our house-to-house work during January and February? There are some fine suggestions given on page 8 under Presenting the Good News. Additionally, we can keep in mind that the book often places itself. People see it with its intriguing title and they want it. But if they are not sure, a brief look inside at the chapter headings and the beautiful illustrations quickly helps them to make up their mind.

⁵ Why not try to place it at every opportunity? There are those who have previously shown an interest in the Bible and may even have taken literature. Show it to them. Offer it to those you meet in your daily activity, such as tradesmen and neighbors. Keep a copy where it can be seen and offer it as opportunity affords. Do not forget your non-Witness relatives.

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Assisting Others Through the Congregation Book Study

¹ Early Christians met in homes in order to worship Jehovah. (Rom. 16:3, 5; Philem. 1, 2) In many lands today, especially where our brothers work under difficulty, meetings are held in the homes of the brothers. Today, too, many Congregation Book Studies are held in the homes of the brothers and this arrangement continues to have Jehovah's blessing.

² Through the Congregation Book Study, elders can give more personal attention to each individual's spiritual growth—something that may be difficult to do at larger meetings. The study conductor makes a special effort to become well acquainted with all in his group, shepherding them primarily and caring for their spiritual needs. (Prov. 27:23) He endeavors to work with them in the field service and at times to visit them in their home.

³ A study is generally located in the vicinity of those attending. For this reason it usually becomes a focal point for field service arrangements.

This provides you with opportunities to work with different ones in your group and thus benefit from observing their approach at the door. Right after the book study is a good time to make arrangements to work together.

SHOW PERSONAL INTEREST

⁴ Do you find that there is a familylike atmosphere at your book study? When all show a personal interest in other members of the group it contributes to such feelings of closeness. (Gal. 6:10) For example, do you notice when some are not at the meeting and then let them know that they were missed? If a family member was missing from a meal it would surely not go unnoticed by others in the household. All would be concerned. Such a spirit in a book study group draws brothers closer together and encourages them not to miss a "meal." When you take a personal interest in each one in the group you will be helped.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 2

Song 103

10 min: Local announcements and Announcements in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Briefly review instructions in July 20, 1980, letter regarding use of Medical Alert card.

18 min: "Use New Book in Proclaiming Kingdom Truth." Talk, along with questions and answers. (Invite publishers a week ahead of time to bring *Live Forever* book with them for this discussion.) As various features of the book are considered, chairman can refer to certain pages as examples. Thus, we all get better acquainted with the book. Chairman should be well prepared and enthusiastic so publishers appreciate value of *Live Forever* book and will want to share in presenting it in the territory. (Ask brothers to bring *Live Forever* book again next week.)

17 min: "Young People Ask"—A Series With Bible Answers." Talk and discussion with audience based on January 8, 1983, *Awake!* article. Stress the need for parents to use this material in assisting their own children spiritually. It appears in every issue of *Awake!* Encourage participation in magazine work on second Saturday of month. May have opportunity to highlight this feature or other articles in the magazines. Announce field service arrangements. Song 10 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 9

Song 25

10 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements and accounts report.

25 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *Live Forever* Book." Discuss paragraphs 1 and 2 with audience. Then review new Topic for Conversation. Help the brothers appreciate the main idea we want to leave with the householder, namely: Man can live forever. Psalm 37:29 brings out three main points: (1) Life is promised only to the righteous; (2) life will be on earth; (3) life will be everlasting. Isaiah 55:11 establishes that the promise of everlasting life is not just a dream, for God holds true to his word. Encourage publishers to use appropriate questions in developing the Topic for Conversation at the doors: Was man created just to grow old and die? Is it not the natural desire of man to live? Would a loving God create humans with a desire to live forever and then not make it possible for them to fulfill

that desire? Man does react to death as something unnatural. Why does man alone have a concept of eternity? Why is only man able to think about the future? Is it not logical that man, who can cultivate abilities and a sense of values, should continue living? Is it not strange that some animals and trees live longer than man? Following the above discussion, review with audience the suggested presentations in paragraphs 3-5. Comment on the value of being familiar with the references quoted in paragraph 3 and using them if the circumstances are appropriate. After considering paragraphs 3-5 present two well-rehearsed demonstrations based on paragraphs 3 and 5. Conclude with paragraph 6, encouraging all to keep in mind these points so as to be effective in using the new *Live Forever* book. Keep in mind two important objectives in this assignment, namely, helping the publishers to use the new Topic for Conversation effectively and helping them to present the new book effectively.

10 min: Question Box. Discuss material with audience. Song 40 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 16

Song 48

5 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements.

15 min: "Come and See Kingdom Unity in Action!" Consider first half of insert through subheading entitled "Dormitories." Handle by means of talk with questions and answers.

15 min: "Assisting Others Through the Congregation Book Study." Questions and answers. Assign to elder who is a capable book study conductor. Encourage publishers to assist one another to share in magazine work this coming fourth Saturday of January.

10 min: Field Experiences With *Live Forever* Book. While we have had only the first part of January in which to place the book in the door-to-door work, a number of publishers may have had encouraging experiences with the book. Also, we have had the book since our "Kingdom Truth" District Convention last summer and some have had experiences placing the book and studying it with relatives, friends and interested persons. It will be upbuilding to hear these. Arrange for experiences in advance of meeting. Song 72 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 23

Song 112

5 min: Local announcements, including field service arrangements.

10 min: "Circuit Assemblies—A Spiritual Stimulus." Discussion. Encourage all in congregation to make plans to attend local circuit assembly and help interested persons to attend as well.

15 min: Prepare locally according to needs or consider "Do You Have Affection for Jehovah?" from November 1, 1982, *Watchtower*. Highlight importance of zealously proclaiming Jehovah's name and Kingdom locally.

15 min: "Come and See Kingdom Unity in Action!" Consider last half of material in insert beginning with subheading "Special Needs." Handle by means of talk with questions and answers.

Song 8 and prayer.

Circuit Assemblies —A Spiritual Stimulus

What a fine circuit assembly program was presented to us on the theme "Making the Truth Manifest in Our Lives." (2 Cor. 4:2) It certainly made us aware of the need to take practical steps in making the truth manifest not only by proclaiming it but also by demonstrating it in every aspect of our lives.

The theme for the series of circuit assemblies starting in February is "Be Rich Toward God, Not Covetous." (Luke 12:15, 21) The program on Saturday will give full consideration to the subject "Working What Is Good Toward All." (Gal. 6:10) It will strengthen our determination to lay up spiritual treasure and conquer imperfect fleshly desires. The Sunday morning part "Producing Doers of the Word" will assist us in being more effective in our home Bible study work. The Scriptures encourage us to be not just hearers of the Word, whether at congregation meetings or assemblies, but doers—workers in Jehovah's service.—Jas. 1:22.

Circuit assemblies are an important part of the worship of our God, Jehovah. Listening carefully to the program that has been prepared by the 'faithful slave' class will stimulate us spiritually, enabling us to receive added refreshment. Make sure you attend every session of your next circuit assembly. It will be spiritually rewarding.

Come and See Kingdom Unity in Action!

"Look! How Good and How Pleasant It Is . . . "

¹ In a world so divided, is it not a pleasure to observe the peace and unity of our brothers as they assemble at conventions in large numbers? (Ps. 133:1; Eph. 4:3) Last year 1,108,022 unitedly met together at the 104 district conventions in the contiguous United States and 12,202 symbolized their dedication to Jehovah by water baptism, thus becoming united praisers of Jehovah. Plans are now being made for approximately 100 "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions to be held this summer. These conventions have been arranged by the "faithful and discreet slave" to build even greater unity. For this to be accomplished in our behalf, it is vital that we be present. To assist you in making any necessary arrangements in order to be there, you will find a list of the 1983 "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions on page 6. Additionally, the following information will prove beneficial as you arrange to attend and help others to be there.—Matt. 24: 45-47; Acts 20:35.

SELECTING YOUR CONVENTION

² Listed on page 6, in date order, is each convention city and the circuits (or portions thereof) assigned to attend each convention. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, you should attend the convention to which your circuit is assigned. Where two or more conventions are being held at the same location, you should attend on the dates shown for your circuit or portion thereof.

³ Those circuits in the chart marked with an asterisk (*) may have some congregations located a little closer to another convention city, but it is preferred that you attend at the location indicated so as to prevent unnecessary crowding.

⁴ Where the chart indicates that a portion of a circuit, such as $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$, is as-

signed to a particular location, it simply means that those congregations in the part of the circuit closest to that convention should attend where indicated and the rest of the circuit should attend the convention closest to them as shown elsewhere on the list.

⁵ Our attendance at the "Kingdom Unity" District Conventions will be extremely rewarding. We should attend every session as it will help strengthen our unity with Jehovah, his Kingdom and our brothers. —1 Cor. 1:10.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

⁶ You should make your own rooming arrangements directly with the hotel or motel by using the information that will be provided by the convention through your congregation. In most cases you will pay less than the regular rates charged by the hotel or motel since the convention has negotiated for a large number of good quality rooms to be set aside for this purpose. These rooms will be assigned by the hotel or motel only to those identifying themselves as Jehovah's Witnesses or as delegates attending the Watchtower Convention. By the middle of December 1982, your congregation will have received a list of hotels and motels in the convention city that are cooperating closely with the Society's rooming arrangement. It will show the address of the facility, its agreed-upon rates and the phone number to be used in making your reservations. PLEASE NOTE: The program again this year will start at 1:40 p.m. on Thursday, thus saving lodging expenses for many.

7 WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: As soon as your congregation receives the list of hotels and motels from the convention organization you should IMMEDIATELY phone the hotel or motel of your choice, identify-

ing yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses or as a delegate attending the Watchtower Convention. Doing so will qualify you for the agreed-upon rates listed. One night's *deposit* will be required at all locations to hold the room and should be sent directly to the hotel or motel as soon as your reservations are confirmed, well in advance of the cutoff date listed on the sheet(s) received from the rooming department. Do not make rooming arrangements you do not intend to keep. (Matt. 5:37) *Motels or hotels are not obligated to hold the rooms or extend the special rates beyond the cut-off date without a deposit.* If you find it necessary for good reason to cancel your accommodations you should write or phone the hotel or motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available to other delegates who need accommodations. The convention rooming department will monitor the arrangement and provide additional information through the congregation, such as which hotels or motels are filled after a month or two, as well as any additional ones it may find necessary to add to the list. If the hotel or motel you call first is filled, then call your next selection from the list, and so on.

⁸ 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 hotel or motel listing. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow through in accord with the instructions on the list that is sent to the congregations by the convention.

⁹ SPECIAL NEEDS: Arrangements to care for those with special needs should be made by the congregation where these attend. Elders and others aware of such circumstances can lovingly extend help. This often involves taking others with them in their own group, for example, those in full-time service, the elderly, the infirm, the deaf or other needy ones. Also, they may care for needs in other ways, such as assisting in making arrangements

or even aiding financially, if possible and where needed. (Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17, 18; Acts 20:35) We are confident that loving concern will be shown to all needy ones. (2 Cor. 6:11-13; John 13:35; Gal. 6:10) However, the convention rooming department will endeavor to provide rooming accommodations for those with special needs who can be cared for neither by themselves nor by those in 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 use this form. They should fill it out and return it to the convention coordinator to be checked for completeness, accuracy and verification of circumstances. Even though the convention coordinator forwards it to the convention rooming department, the individual will be notified directly of the accommodation by the rooming department. This should be done well ahead of the convention. The publisher with special needs should NOT simply go to the convention and request a room when he arrives, because the convention rooming department needs the verification of the congregation's convention coordinator.

¹⁰ Private home accommodations listed by the convention are usually set aside for those with limited funds who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not available. They are not intended for those who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money, such as for a vacation. They are for the convention period *only*. It is improper to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting them to accommodate delegates extra days so as to visit vacation spots or do other things before or after the convention.

¹¹ DELEGATES ATTENDING FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSIGNED AREA: District conventions are arranged at many locations to reduce travel. In nearly every case, the location assigned for you to attend is

the one nearest 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 a few for important reasons must attend a location other than the one assigned, they may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for the address of the convention headquarters where they wish to attend. He will find these addresses listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request Form. Unless these persons have special needs, they should *not* use the Special Needs Room Request Form. Rather, they should write to the convention headquarters where they wish to attend and request a copy of the hotel or motel listing for that location, sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with this request. Upon receipt of this listing of hotels or motels they should proceed just as if they were using the list for their local area.

12 YOUR COOPERATION APPRECIATED: The smoothness with which this rooming arrangement functions depends largely on the cooperation of everyone involved. For instance, if a number of delegates run ahead and make reservations on their own before the congregation receives the list of facilities that are cooperating with the convention rooming department, it could cause a major breakdown in negotiations. Also, it could result in difficulties if a large number of delegates choose, for one reason or another, to make their own arrangements with facilities not listed that have not cooperated with the convention rooming arrangement. The listing is broad enough to give a choice of good quality accommodations and yet give preference to the hotels or motels that cooperate. Our aim with this rooming arrangement is to help delegates to be accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible, so as to be refreshed and fully able to enjoy the fine spiritual program.

SIGN LANGUAGE SESSIONS

¹³ As shown in the accompanying chart,

sign language translation will be provided *only* at 16 specific convention cities. (No provisions will be made at any other conventions for sign language.) This arrangement worked well last year. 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 can do much to let the deaf in their congregation know of these arrangements and help them to attend where the sign language provision is made.

TO THE BODY OF ELDERS

¹⁴ Upon receipt of this insert, the congregation convention coordinator should meet with the presiding overseer before the next Service Meeting to determine from the circuit list which city and dates their congregation is in as of February 1, 1983. (If the coordinator is caring for both positions, he should meet with another member of the congregation service committee.) Where a fraction of a circuit ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and so forth) is involved, they should determine which convention their congregation should attend and plan accordingly. Then, please announce at the next Service Meeting as well as the following *Watchtower* Study the location and dates assigned by the Society for the congregation. It would be good to underline on the circuit list the assigned convention city and dates for the congregation and post that portion of the insert on the information board.

¹⁵ The elder serving as the convention coordinator should conduct one of the Service Meeting parts covering this insert as scheduled, as well as handle other convention material and announcements on the meetings. This will help to acquaint the congregation with their convention coordinator. When covering this insert the important paragraphs should be read. All the elders will want to cooperate fully and offer suggestions to ensure the prompt, enthusiastic and effective handling of convention-related material.

1983 U.S. DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

JUNE 16-19:

Amarillo, TX: Kans. 1/2-A; N. Mex. 2-A, 3; Tex. 1/49, 10.
 Augusta, GA: Ga. 1/3, 1/28; S.C. 1-A*, 3/42, 1/33.
 Billings, MT: Idaho 1/3-B; Mont. 2; N. Dak. 1-A; Wyo. 1.
 Denver, CO: Colo. 1, 2, 3; N. Mex. 2-B.
 Ft. Worth, TX: Tex. 13, 14, 15.
 Greensboro, NC: N.C. 1/2, 5, 6, 8; S.C. 1-B, 1/42.
 Huntington, WV: Ohio 1/34, 15*; W. Va. 1/31, 1/33.
 Jacksonville, FL: Fla. 3, 1/25, 12.
 Johnson City, TN: Ky. 1/24-A; N.C. 1/43; Tenn. 1.
 Midland, TX: N. Mex. 1-A, 1/31-B; Tex. 1/49, 18.
 Nashville, TN: Ky. 1/21, 1/24-B; Tenn. 1/22-A, 2-B, 4, 6.
 New Haven, CT: Conn. 1, 3-B*; N.Y. 14*.
 Philadelphia, PA: N.J. 3, 4*, 6, 7; N.Y. 22-B*; Pa. 1, 2*, 3,
 4, 5-A, 5-B*, 6, 9-A*, 11, 13.
 Phoenix, AZ (sign language also): Ariz. 1, 2-B, 3, 5; Nev. 2*.
 Pontiac, MI: Ind. 1/37-B; Mich. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9*, 10, 11,
 12, 13-A*, 14-A, 1/24-B; Ohio 5-A, 1/35-B.
 Portland, ME: Maine 1, 2; N.H. 3/41; Vt. 1/21-A.
 St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. 1/47, 10-A.
 South Bend, IN: Ill. 12-B*; Ind. 1/22-C, 1/36, 7-A, 1/37-B;
 Mich. 4; Ohio 1/5-B.
 Springfield, IL: Iowa 4-A*; Ill. 3, 4, 6-A, 1/36-B.
 Tucson, AZ: Ariz. 2-A, 4; N. Mex. 2/1-B.
 Uniondale, NY: N.J. 1; N.Y. 4, 17, 23.

JUNE 23-26:

Birmingham, AL: Ala. 1, 2, 4, 5-A, 1/46; Ga. 1/34; Miss. 1/2.
 Cicero, IL: Ill. 2, 8, 10; Wis. 1/34-B.
 Denver, CO (sign language also): Colo. 4, 5, 6; Nebr. 1/31-A;
 Wyo. 2.
 Des Moines, IA: Iowa 1, 1/22-A, 2-B, 3, 4-B; Mo. 3-B.
 Ft. Worth, TX (sign language also): Okla. 1/34-B; Tex. 1/23-A,
 5, 6, 12-A*.
 Fresno, CA: Calif. 18-C*, 29*; Nev. 1/41*.
 Greenville, SC: Ga. 1/34, 1/48; N.C. 7*.
 Huntington, WV: Ky. 3-B*; Ohio 1/22-A, 6-B*, 7*, 16.
 Johnson City, TN: N.C. 1/2; Tenn. 5; Va. 1/45.
 Landover, MD: D.C. 1; Md. 1, 3, 4; Va. 1/24.
 New Haven, CT: Conn. 2-A, 2-B*, 3-A; N.Y. 3*; R.I. 1-C.
 Ogden, UT: Idaho 3-A, 1/23-B; Nev. 1/41; Utah 1, 2.
 Richfield, OH: Ohio 1, 1/4, 8, 11, 13.
 St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. 9, 10-B.
 San Diego, CA: Calif. 1, 2*, 3*, 20, 28*, 30*, 33*, 35, 45*, 46*.
 Savannah, GA: Ga. 1/43, 7-A*; S.C. 1/33.
 Springfield, MA: Mass. 4, 5*, 7-B.
 Uniondale, NY: N.J. 5; N.Y. 2, 10, 15, 20-B.
 Wheeling, WV: Pa. 7, 14; W. Va. 2-A, 1/43.

JUNE 30-JULY 3:

Baton Rouge, LA (sign language also): La. 1-A, 1-C, 3, 4, 5;
 Miss. 1/34-B.
 Cicero, IL (sign language also): Ill. 1, 9, 13; Wis. 2-B, 2-C.
 Crownsville, MD (Greek only): U.S. Greek.
 Fresno, CA: Calif. 9*, 1/25-B*, 39.
 Glens Falls, NY: N.Y. 16*, 1/22-A; Vt. 1-B.
 Green Bay, WI: Mich. 7; Wis. 2-A*, 1/34-B, 1/35.
 Greenville, SC: N.C. 1/3, 4.
 Hampton, VA: N.C. 1; Va. 1.
 Landover, MD (Korean and sign language also): Md. 2, 5,
 6; Pa. 5-C, 9-B*; W. Va. 2-B.
 Long Island City, NY (French only): Northern U.S. French.
 Los Angeles, CA (Japanese and sign language also): Calif. 4,
 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 21, 24, 25-A, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 44, 47.
 Los Angeles, CA (Korean only): Western U.S. Korean.
 Macon, GA: Ala. 1/46; Ga. 1/31, 2, 1/48.
 Oklahoma City, OK: Okla. 1, 1/42, 3, 4-A, 1/34-B, 1/45.
 Pine Bluff, AR: Ark. 2, 5*.

Pullman, WA: Idaho 1; Oreg. 1/25-A; Wash. 1/33-A, 4.
 Richfield, OH (sign language also): Ohio 1/32-A, 3, 1/35-B, 10,
 12; Pa. 12*.
 Rochester, NY: N.Y. 8, 9-B, 21, 1/22-A.
 St. Paul, MN: Minn. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; N. Dak. 1-B; S. Dak.
 2/31; Wis. 2/35.
 St. Petersburg, FL (sign language also): Fla. 1/25, 13.
 South Bend, IN: Ind. 1*, 5; Mich. 13-B, 1/214-B; Ohio 1/22-B.
 Springfield, MA: Conn. 2-C; Mass. 1; R.I. 1-A, 1-B*.
 Tacoma, WA: Oreg. 1*, 3, 7; Wash. 1/33-A, 5, 7, 8.
 Tallahassee, FL: Ala. 1/26; Fla. 1/411; Ga. 1/31, 7-B*.
 Uniondale, NY (sign language also): N.J. 2; N.Y. 1, 11, 12.
 Wheeling, WV: Ohio 14; Pa. 8, 10.

JULY 7-10:

Cicero, IL: Ill. 5, 11, 12-A, 12-C; Wis. 1.
 Fresno, CA: Calif. 8*, 10.
 Glens Falls, NY: N.Y. 6, 24; Vt. 1/21-A.
 Green Bay, WI: Wis. 3, 4-A.
 Hampton, VA: Va. 1/2-B, 3, 6.
 Hollywood, FL: Fla. 1, 1/24, 6, 1/47, 8.
 Houston, TX: La. 1-B*; Tex. 1, 2, 1/23-A, 3-B, 4, 7*, 8, 11,
 12-B*, 16, 17.
 Lincoln, NE (sign language also): Iowa 1/22-A; Kans. 1/31,
 1/33; Mo. 3-A, 6-A; Nebr. 1/31-A, 1-B, 2, 3; S.D. 1/31.
 Long Island City, NY (Italian only): U.S. Italian.
 Louisville, KY (sign language also): Ind. 2-A, 2-B, 1/22-C,
 3, 4, 1/36; Ky. 1/21, 2, 3-A, 1/24-A, 1/24-B; Ohio 1/22-B,
 6-A, 6-C, 9.
 Macon, GA (sign language also): Ga. 1/34, 5, 6.
 Memphis, TN: Ark. 3, 1/24; Miss. 1/22; Tenn. 1/22-A, 3.
 Miami, FL (French only): Southern U.S. French.
 Mobile, AL: Ala. 3, 5-B; Fla. 1/41; Miss. 1, 1/23-B.
 Monroe, LA: La. 2, 6; Miss. 1/23-B, 4-A, 1/34-B.
 Natick, MA (Portuguese only): U.S. Portuguese.
 Oakland, CA (sign language also): Calif. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-A,
 15-B, 18-A, 18-B, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 40, 41, 42, 43.
 Pine Bluff, AR: Ark. 1, 1/24; Miss. 3-A*.
 Pullman, WA: Idaho 2; Mont. 1; Wash. 3-B.
 Roanoke, VA: Va. 2-A*, 1/2-B, 1/4, 3/45; W. Va. 1/31, 1/43.
 Rochester, NY: N.Y. 7, 9-A, 13.
 St. Louis, MO: Ill. 1/36-B, 7; Mo. 1, 2, 4*, 5, 7.
 St. Petersburg, FL: Fla. 2, 1/34.
 Springfield, MA (sign language also): Mass. 2, 3; N.H. 1/41.
 Tacoma, WA (sign language also): Oreg. 2, 4, 1/25-A, 5-B, 6;
 Wash. 1, 2, 6.
 Uniondale, NY: N.J. 8; N.Y. 5, 18, 19.
 Wichita, KS: Kans. 1/31, 2/32-A, 2-B, 1/33, 4; Mo. 6-B*, 8*;
 Nebr. 1/31-A; Okla. 1/42, 1/45.

JULY 14-17:

Beaumont, TX (Spanish only): Kans. 1/23-C-S; Tex. 1/23-S,
 1/26-S.
 Cicero, IL (Spanish only): Ill. 14-S; Kans. 1/23-C-S; Ohio 17-S.
 El Paso, TX (Spanish only): Ariz. 6-S; Colo. 7-S; Tex. 24-S,
 25-S, 1/27-S.
 Fresno, CA (Spanish only): Calif. 51-S, 52-S.
 Hollywood, FL (Spanish only): Fla. 14-S, 15-S, 16-S, 18-S.
 Uniondale, NY (Spanish only): Mass. 6-S; N.J. 9-S; N.Y.
 25-S, 27-S.
 Woodburn, OR (Spanish only): Wash. 9-S.

JULY 21-24:

Fresno, CA (Spanish only): Calif. 49-S, 57-S.
 Los Angeles, CA (Spanish only): Calif. 48-S, 50-S, 53-S,
 54-S, 55-S, 56-S, 58-S.
 San Antonio, TX (Spanish only): Tex. 19-S, 20-S, 21-S, 22-S,
 1/226-S, 1/227-S.
 Uniondale, NY (Spanish only): N.J. 10-S; N.Y. 26-S, 28-S;
 Pa. 15-S.

Announcements

● Secretaries are reminded to submit orders for special talk handbills and Memorial invitations by January 10. Congregations that order after this date will be charged for additional postage.

● Literature offer for January and February: *Live Forever* book for \$2.50. March: Any two of the older 192-page books for \$1.00. The following books may be ordered from Brooklyn and used during the campaign: *Choosing, Commentary on James, Happiness and Life Does Have a Purpose*. April and May: Subscription for *The Watchtower* on contribution of \$3.50 for a one-year semimonthly subscription. Six-month semi-monthly subscriptions, \$2.00 each.

● Presiding overseer should arrange to have new MEDICAL ALERT cards distributed at beginning of first Service Meeting in January. Brother handling announcements can give brief reminders concerning its use as expressed in letter dated July 20, 1980. Post letter on information board for a week or two and then return it to congregation file for future reference. Brothers are encouraged to fill out card promptly, having it properly signed, witnessed and dated.

● The district overseer's new talk will be "Is This World Doomed to Ruin?" The circuit overseer's new talk beginning February 1, 1983, will be "Paradise Restored by Christ's Millennial Rule."

● To make some of the material that appears in *Awake!* available in other languages, the Society has made arrangements to produce various language editions of *Awake!* on a quarterly basis (four issues per year). In the United States *Awake!* is now available on a quarterly basis in Arabic, Bicol, Croatian, Fijian, Hiri Motu, Icelandic, Shona, Sinhalese, Turkish and Urdu.

These quarterly editions of *Awake!* will be available as distributor orders through the congregation. They are not available by subscription. The cost of these magazines will be the same as for our regular editions.

● New Publications Available:

Aid to Bible Understanding (Volume 1, A-Bi) —Dutch

Choosing the Best Way of Life —Thai

Happiness—How to Find It —Afrikaans, Tagalog

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —Greek, Italian

Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Efik, Igbo, Kikongo, Kikuyu, Lifou, Lingala, Mono-kutuba, Nieuane, Samoan, Silozi, Yoruba

Are We Nearing Armageddon? (Kingdom News No. 31) —Chinese, English, French, Italian, Korean, Spanish

● New Cassette Recordings Available:

Psalm (set of five; congregation and public: \$7.50; pioneers: \$6.25) —English

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	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	394	132.1	101.1	53.6	5.6
Pics.	22,653	86.0	57.0	31.9	3.4
Aux. Pios.	31,611	60.4	41.3	18.1	1.5
Pubs.	550,394	8.7	7.6	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	605,052				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,749

The total publishers for October is a 4-percent increase over last year's average. The number of regular pioneers reporting exceeds the previous month's all-time peak by 253. Compared to a year ago a million more hours were reported. We are thankful to Jehovah for his blessings on our efforts!

New Book

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AN EXCELLENT STUDY BOOK

● Why can we be confident that the *Live Forever* book is an outstanding Bible study aid that will have a great part in the future ingathering? Because what was learned in using the successful Bible study aids "*Let God Be True*" and *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* was drawn upon in developing this new book. Thus it contains basically the same Scriptural material along with the fine teaching techniques found in these older books.

● Much consideration was given as to how the various Bible doctrines could be explained in a clearer, more pointed way. Time was taken to make illustrations, both visual and verbal, more effective and questions more searching. One constant goal was to reach the student's heart. One publisher writes: "Even more than its lovely presentation and abundant illustrations, I just love the powerful use of scriptures and questions and the personal approach—to make the student see all things in connection with his relationship to Jehovah. The clear-cut contrasts made should help people see the need to make decisions, yes, changes in their beliefs, conduct, attitudes and religion."

A WIDER RANGE OF SUBJECT MATERIAL

● In addition to its improved, effective way of presenting Bible truths, the new book covers a wider range of subject matter than our previous study aids. Information vital for new ones has been incorporated to benefit the student. For example, in recent times the matter of moral conduct has been a big stumbling block that hinders many newer ones from progressing in the truth. So this matter is given thorough treatment. Not only is direct counsel provided regarding what wrongs to avoid and how to avoid them but also there is encouragement to do what is right.

● In house-to-house ministry, in street witnessing, in making return visits—it is recommended that each publisher be equipped with one or more copies of the *Live Forever* book. Do not go in the field without it! Your positive attitude in presenting the book, describing its contents and placing it will prepare the way for starting many new home Bible studies.

● Let us present the *Live Forever* book enthusiastically during January and February as we take advantage of the privilege Jehovah has given us in these final days to keep proclaiming Kingdom truth.

Assisting Others

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ing to engender this "family" spirit.

● Can you think of additional ways to show personal interest in others? One thing you can do is to make a special effort to engage others in conversation at the meetings, not just greeting them. Some may tend to be shy but are looking for someone to talk with and would respond if approached. There are many other things that can be done. Your book study conductor may have some specific suggestions. Why not ask him?

● How can you help when another member of your book study group seems to be discouraged or to have a problem? The counsel to "speak consolingly to the depressed souls" would surely be fitting. (1 Thess. 5: 14) If someone is ill, how comforting it is when friends stop by to visit and offer assistance! Often just knowing someone else noticed and cares is all that is needed. The book study conductor, much like a parent, should especially be alert to notice signs of discouragement and to offer needed help.

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

● There are other ways you can contribute to the book study arrangement. Your good example is one way. For instance, when you dress as you would to attend a meeting at the Kingdom Hall you show respect. You set a positive example for those who may have developed the habit of dressing casually. Do you make it a practice to be on time so as not to disturb the meeting?

● It is clear that the study is more lively when all prepare well, perhaps underlining the answers and then commenting in their own words. Looking up cited scriptures in advance and then commenting on them can add much to the meeting. Some also find time to look up supporting material on important points and then they share this with the group. This is appreciated. All these things contribute toward making the Congregation Book Study spiritually refreshing and upbuilding to all in attendance.

● Those who regularly attend the book study are convinced that it has Jehovah's blessing. It is a place where one can get personal assistance and contribute to the spiritual refreshment of others. If you are not attending this meeting regularly, why not make the necessary adjustments in your schedule so that you can enjoy this excellent meeting that Jehovah and his organization have prepared for you.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

THEOCRATIC NEWS

With the *Live Forever* Book

¹ Eternal life in perfection in a beautiful earthly paradise! What a sublime gift from Jehovah! His love should impel us to share this hope with people in our territory, using the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*.

² In order to be well equipped to discuss the subject of living forever in paradise on earth and to present this new book, all of us should first have read it ourselves. No doubt you have some interesting field service points that can be used with the new Topic for Conversation. Knowing the kind of people living in our territory will aid us in determining which chapters or specific points may be used to arouse their interest in Jehovah's promise of everlasting life. Note illustrations that will capture the householder's interest in the truth. Have these in mind when presenting the new book in your territory.

SUGGESTED PRESENTATIONS

³ The illustrations in chapter 19 are excellent for field service. After reading Psalm 37:29, you could say: "What do you think conditions on earth will be like when the righteous live here forever?" [Allow householder an opportunity to reply.] Please note these illustrations and comments starting on page 156 of this new book." Then, depending on the time available, point out some of the features of God's New Order as illustrated on pages 156-158, 161 and 162. Help the householder to appreciate the Scriptural support for the statements made. Then you may conclude with Isaiah 55:11, showing that we can fully rely on these promises. Offer the book on a contribution of \$2.50.

⁴ Chapter 1 harmonizes nicely with the new Topic for Conversation. After greeting the householder, you might say: "My purpose in calling is

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!*

January 2: Pages 126 to 134*

January 9: Pages 134* to 143*

January 16: Pages 143* to 152#

January 23: Pages 153 to 160#

January 30: Pages 161 to 168

* To or from subheading.

Include last paragraph on page.

to share with you God's promise to make this earth a paradise and give man unending life. Many people feel that the possibility of living forever on earth is just a dream. What do you think? [Allow for a response.] Scientists claim that man is made in such a way that he ought to live forever. These men say that the body's ability to replace cells and thus renew itself should really continue indefinitely. [For more information see *Truth* book, page 28, paragraph 3; *Awake!*, April 22, 1977, pages 3-5.] The Bible agrees with that and speaks clearly and confidently about man living forever in a paradise earth. Notice what is stated here at Psalm 37:29. [If time permits, you may also read and comment on texts such as Isaiah 45:18; John 3:14-16, 36; Revelation 21:3, 4.] Some may be skeptical about this promise. However, since Jehovah God cannot lie, we have every reason to believe it. His words in Isaiah 55:11 assure it. [Read.] Is that not a wonderful prospect? [Allow for a comment.] I will be pleased to leave with you this new publication entitled *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. Chapter 1 discusses further why living forever is not just a dream. The book is yours for a contribution of \$2.50."

⁵ If you are working in a territory where many do not believe in God, you could say: "My reason for visiting you today is to share information about the future. Have you ever wondered if it is possible for man to live forever?" [Allow for comment.] Some are not inclined to believe this as they feel that God does not exist. So, living forever is considered just a dream. This book makes an interesting point that builds confidence in God's existence and in the basis for believing his promises. [Point to page 35 and read paragraph 3.] Thus, when he created the earth and man, he had a purpose. [Read Psalm 37:29.] He has assured us that his purpose has not changed. [Read Isaiah 55:11.] It will be a pleasure to leave this new book with you on a contribution of \$2.50."

⁶ In view of what Jehovah has done in our behalf, we have much for which to be thankful. Show appreciation for his loving-kindness by aiding others with the help of the new *Live Forever* book. The good news of living forever is not just a dream.

♦ Italy and Spain both reported new peaks of publishers in September: 98,637 for Italy and 51,084 for Spain.

♦ France had a new peak of 875 regular pioneers in September and Puerto Rico had a new peak of 413 regular pioneers the same month.

♦ New peaks in publishers and studies were reached in September in a number of countries including Argentina with 41,959 publishers and 43,376 studies, Bolivia with 3,049 publishers and 4,433 studies and Ecuador with 6,524 publishers and 8,896 studies.

♦ Mexico reported 114,491 publishers in September—a new peak. They also had new peaks of 4,522 regular pioneers and 122,960 studies.

♦ Haiti reported that Bible studies in September were up 18 percent over the same month a year ago.

Question Box

- When should an assistant be asked to conduct the Congregation Book Study?

The assistant would conduct in the absence of the appointed conductor. It would not be appropriate for him to conduct the book study periodically as training. The assigned conductor is responsible for teaching the group and, when present, he should do so unless there are extenuating circumstances. (Rom. 12:7) In most cases elders are assigned as study conductors since teaching is a weighty responsibility. (Jas. 3:1) It is not a matter of simply reading the questions and calling on persons for comments. The insight and experience of spiritually older men can be very beneficial to those in the group, helping them to understand, to explain and to apply in their lives the truths being studied. Of course, well-qualified ministerial servants may be assigned this responsibility if qualified elders are not available.

An assistant can learn effective methods of teaching by observing closely the assigned book study conductor. He can acquire teaching ability through diligence in preparing and delivering Theocratic Ministry School talks, parts on the Service Meeting and by conducting home Bible studies with individuals and families. Thus, he will be in a good position to benefit his brothers when he is called on to substitute for the assigned conductor. Also, assistants can be very helpful in organizing and leading the group in field service when the assigned conductor is unable to do so.