

KINGDOM MINISTRY

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FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"Seek peace and pursue it. For Jehovah's eyes are upon the righteous."—1 Pet. 3:11, 12.

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Promote Accurate Knowledge in Ministers

¹ Accurate knowledge means light and life. Its Source is Jehovah. Its purpose is that you may "walk worthily of Jehovah to the end of fully pleasing him as you go on bearing fruit in every good work." Ours is not only to preach and teach Christianity, but also to live it and to teach others how "to observe all the things" Jesus commanded. Therefore, to promote accurate knowledge both in ourselves and others is our duty and privilege as ministers of God.—Col. 1:9, 10; Matt. 28:20.

Start New Studies

² Because of the splendid and effective work of ministering accomplished in April, we have much to do in May. No doubt millions have read the special issues of the magazines with great interest. We must not neglect these, but follow up each placement with the thought that here may be one of Jehovah's sheep. By showing them key points in the magazines they already have, we may be able to arouse further interest and start studies with many of them. Let us help them to acquire accurate knowledge.—Prov. 18:15.

³ Thousands of new ones also assembled with us for the Memorial and the special public talk. By their presence they have manifested an interest that should by all means be followed up. A study should be arranged with them in the *Paradise* book, if possible. Teach these new ones how to receive Jehovah's sayings and observe them.

⁴ Tens of thousands of persons have become new subscribers for *The Watchtower* in recent months. Every one of these should be called on with a view to starting a study. On your initial call stress the joys of learning the truth. Do not underestimate the power of friendliness. It may not be possible to start a study on the first call, but it may be after several friendly calls. Work toward that end.

A New Sermon

⁵ We have a new sermon with which to promote accurate knowledge this month. Its theme: "God's Purpose for Man." A slight change in presentation is suggested therewith. The *Paradise* book may be brought out and placed in the householder's hand early in the sermon instead of holding it until the end. Brothers who have been assigned to try the new sermon and new method of presenting the *Paradise* book report excellent results. Give the

new method a try. It has worked for others; it may work for you. If, however, after having tried the new method you feel that you would prefer to offer the literature after the sermon instead of during it, you may do so.

⁶ When using the new sermon, remember to apply the essentials of good teaching. As ministers, we should have an accurate knowledge of these principles. Win the interest of the people first. Then build on what they already know. Talk in terms they can grasp. Ask questions that call for them to reason on the information you have already presented. Be ready to state your point and the purpose of your call in one or two simple sentences, using perhaps one scripture from the sermon, if people say they are busy. In this

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OFFER FOR MAY

"From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained" and one booklet, for 75c.

THEME FOR MAY

Promoting Accurate Knowledge in Ministers.—Col. 1:9, 10.

Peace-pursuing Assemblies in 1960

¹ Peace-pursuing Christians are looking forward to attending one of the district assemblies scheduled during June, July and August. Where will you attend? Make your plans now. While in most cases publishers will attend the convention nearest to them, they are at liberty to attend any city of their choice.

² Attached to each Room Request form are instructions that should be given careful consideration in a service meeting about six weeks prior to your assembly. Please do not send these forms to the Society. Send them to the convention headquarters in the assembly city, doing this no earlier than six weeks prior to the assembly. Addresses and assembly dates are listed on the back of each form.

³ Volunteer Service forms should be filled in *completely* and returned to your congregation servant, who will sign and forward them to the convention city where you will be attending. Much work is required

for the successful operation of a convention. Why not share in the joy of doing this work? Many hands make the burden light, and this opens another way to "let your brotherly love continue."—Heb. 13:1.

⁴ Advertising the Peace-pursuing Assembly en route to the convention city is our privilege. How helpful in this respect are the attractive lapel cards prepared to fit the holder you have been using at conventions for the past few years! Congregation servants may order the cards and celluloid holders needed for their congregations. The cards cost 1c each, the celluloid holders 5c. No bumper signs are being provided this year.

⁵ Be positive in your plans to attend the convention. Show love for the good-will persons with whom you study by including them in your plans to attend one of the Peace-pursuing District Assemblies of Jehovah's witnesses.



Be filled with accurate knowledge and "full discernment."



Your Service Meetings

FIRST MEETING IN MAY

Theme: Promoting Accurate Knowledge in Ministers.

10 min: Welcome, text, comments and talk on theme for the month, "Promoting Accurate Knowledge in Ministers." (See "Watchtower," August 1, 1959, p. 457, and May 1, 1960, p. 268.)

16 min: Question-and-answer discussion of main article "Promote Accurate Knowledge in Ministers."

26 min: "God's Purpose for Man" Sermon.

(2 min.) Enthusiastic talk by chairman on need for using effective new field-tested sermon with "Paradise" book.

(8 min.) Chairman will briefly develop sermon for the congregation, discussing the introduction, body and conclusion as set forth so all will have it basically in mind when the model presentations are made.

Theme: God's Purpose for Man

A suggested introduction: "Good morning. I am one of a group of Christian workers calling briefly to help thinking people understand God's purpose for man. Many wonder in this day and age just what God's purpose is for man, or whether he even cares about what is happening here. We usually have a purpose in mind when doing things, do we not? [Let them reply.] Likewise, it is reasonable to expect that God has a purpose for man, and he does. To know what his purpose is helps us to appreciate why we are here and what there is to live for in the future. God's original purpose for mankind is clearly expressed here at Genesis 1:28."

1. Gen. 1:28—Made earth paradise to be filled with perfect humans (Page 25, par. 26, gives talking points.)

2. After reading Gen. 1:28, take "Paradise" book out, turn to pages 20-21, saying, "Here is an illustration of what that paradise was like," and place the book in the householder's hands.

3. Briefly comment on illustration, then say, "As we know from reading Genesis, chapter three, that paradise was lost as a result of disobedience on the part of Adam and Eve. Did it mean God's purpose for a paradise failed? Do you think it will ever be restored?"

4. Isa. 55:11—Positive assurance that God's purpose will come to pass (Page 25, par. 27, for talking points.)

5. Ps. 37:10, 11—Earth will be filled with peaceful, perfect humans (Page 222, pars. 11-13, for talking points.)

6. After reading and briefly commenting on Psalm 37, ask householder to turn to page 241. Comment on illustration and pose question, How will this paradise be restored? Answer: The Kingdom we pray for as Jesus taught us at Matthew 6:9, 10.

Conclusion: "Now is the time to learn more about God's purpose for man and of his kingdom. This publication has helped me and thousands of other people to understand from the Bible what one must do to live in this regained paradise. You may have the copy in your hand for the small contribution of 75 cents."

(6 min.) Call on publisher prepared in advance to give sermon.

(2 min.) Audience given opportunity to make constructive comments regarding this presentation.

(5 min.) Another publisher prepared in advance gives sermon, but waits

until end of sermon to present book, at which time pages 20-21 are shown, with brief comment, and then page 241.

(3 min.) Encourage all to use new field-tested sermon. Publishers may use "Paradise" book early in sermon or at conclusion of sermon. Try it both ways and use one that works best for you. Keep in mind starting of studies when opportunity affords when placing book. Make definite arrangements for return call so studies can be continued or started.

8 min: Concluding comments. (Include comments on slogan, based on Philippians 1:9, on page 1.)

SECOND MEETING IN MAY

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

7 min: New World News, Divine Will Film and Announcements.

15 min: Reading of pioneer letter and talk on pioneering, using material in letter.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News." Demonstrate points in it, including how to start a study after placement is made.

10 min: Talk based on article "How Is the Kingdom Work Financed?" in May 1, 1960, "Watchtower."

8 min: Concluding comments.

THIRD MEETING IN MAY

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

15 min: Question-and-answer discussion of article on "Peace-pursuing Assemblies in 1960." (Note: Congregations attending June district assemblies should discuss this article during the second meeting in May.)

10 min: "Yearbook" experiences showing courage of new ones. Present as discussion, with one publisher encouraging another who has opposition at home. New ones often example to older ones in truth for keeping integrity. Daughter stood firm against opposition from mother and friends (171), young man against mistreatment by fanatical relatives (227) and a young child in spite of bitter opposition of father. (290) They came off "victorious through him that loved" them.—Rom. 8:37.

22 min: Maintaining the Increase. (Use same group as previous months.)

CHAIRMAN (2 min.) Discuss local increase; result of good work by publishers with Jehovah's blessing. Goal not just a large figure in April, but starting many new praisers and thereafter helping them to become mature publishers. Do not forget them with April over or expect them to continue by themselves. Rather, help them build up appreciation and continue in the service.

SCENE I (2 min.) Assistant congregation servant to study conductor: Several new ones with his group published in April; now want to help all to continue, including new family, who have not reported as yet for May. Suggests conductor talk to publisher carrying on study to see why they have not been out and what can be done to help them.

SCENE II (8 min.) Study conductor commends publisher for good work of starting three new ones. No report from them for May. What has been done? Publisher asked them to go, but they were busy. He doesn't want to push them, will wait for them to indicate desire to go out again. Conductor feels problem is not just being

busy, suggests they observe family, find reason. (Watch from side of stage.)

Family working at home Saturday. Wife sees a publisher in service, feels she should be doing same. Husband reminds her they have spring cleaning to do, there will be time later for talking religion to others. Daughter feels as father, and that it is not urgent, publisher did not stress it to them as in April.

Conductor and publisher analyze family: While Saturday is a busy day, reasons for not being out are: Scriptural importance for service not in evidence, which is to be expected as new as they are, and publisher did not sufficiently encourage them. Conductor suggests the following for after next study: (1) Scripturally encourage them to continue sharing truths. (2) Since Saturday cleaning day, encourage to go out Sunday. (3) Briefly discuss sermon to be used and how they can share. Publisher sees points, will do so.

SCENE III (8 min.) After study, family express appreciation for new things learned. Publisher commends them for good preparation, asks, Wouldn't it be wonderful if more people knew truths? All agree it would. Publisher has all look up Romans 10:8-10 and comments on importance of all telling wonderful truths learned to others. Goes over 3- to 8-minute sermon (having copy of "Kingdom Ministry") he will give Sunday morning. Family comment on fine sermon. Publisher invites them to go along. Knows Saturday busy cleaning day, can go Sunday and even read and discuss third scripture in sermon and give handbill after presentation concluded. Suggests father could go with him, mother and daughter with others. Family readily accepts, definite arrangements made.

CHAIRMAN (2 min.) Work to maintain increase by helping new ones as demonstrated. Aid them to see importance of continuing to share in ministry; make arrangements to take them out when they can go. Bring lasting results from April's peak by helping new ones to progress toward maturity.

8 min: Concluding comments. (Include comments on slogan, based on Titus 3:8, on page 4.)

FOURTH MEETING IN MAY

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

12 min: Question-and-answer discussion of "Congregation Organization" and summary stressing key points of article.

13 min: Talk on article "Be a Teacher in the Training Program." To be given by school servant or another capable brother.

15 min: Question-and-answer discussion of "Preaching and Teaching in Peace and Unity," covering paragraphs 24 through 32.

10 min: Talk encouraging all to share in Decoration Day magazine activity at cemetery or in house-to-house work. Short demonstration featuring use of special article in May 22 "Awake!" at cemetery, stressing need of talking with the person first in a friendly way before offering magazines. See "Kingdom Ministry," May, 1959.

5 min: Concluding comments.

CONGREGATION ORGANIZATION

Working Alone or Together

¹ The New World society is made up of those who are active servants of Jehovah God. Daily, hundreds more associate themselves with Jehovah's witnesses, and they too are encouraged to share in preaching and teaching the Kingdom good news. Following the pattern set by Jesus and his apostles, we lovingly give instruction to these new ones and to others who are putting forth the effort to advance to maturity, and this is done by arranging for publishers to work by twos in the field ministry.

² As stated in *Preaching and Teaching in Peace and Unity*, paragraph 22, "Being companions in the service in this manner, we shall be able to help one another go on to maturity and, when we are able to present the message without difficulty, then, at every opportunity, we should go alone from house to house." While very new ones usually work right along with a mature publisher for the entire period they are in the service, yet even these new ones, when properly trained, will soon want to begin making calls by themselves. In the training program, too, two publishers usually work together for the first half hour or so, and then they work alone, because they know that this will afford greater opportunity to apply the counsel given and to reach more people. Even a mature publisher may want to work a few homes with another capable publisher on occasion, with a view to improving the effectiveness of his own ministry;

but, unless instruction is being given to one who needs help, those who are able to work alone usually find that much more can be accomplished if they go to the homes by themselves.

³ Especially when engaging in magazine work is it true that efficiency is greatly increased by working alone. The presentation is brief, and even young publishers and new ones find that they are soon able to handle it by themselves.

⁴ On back-calls and Bible studies, too, better use of service time can usually be made when one publisher goes on a call. However, there are times when it would be appropriate for a publisher to take along someone else. Some married couples even find that by making a call together they are able to draw the entire family into the study. However, discernment should be used to determine if the second publisher really is needed.

⁵ Having these things in mind, when groups meet for service, the study conductor or group captain should not assign the publishers to work in pairs at the doors unless there is training to be done. However, at night and in dangerous neighborhoods it may be wise for two publishers to work fairly close to each other or even in pairs, depending on local circumstances.

⁶ In view of the urgency of the message we bear, let us make the best use of our service time. As Paul counseled: "Preach the word, be at it urgently."—2 Tim. 4:2.

Be a Teacher in the Training Program

¹ The training program is designed to make less experienced publishers better publishers. To accomplish this, those who want help in one or more features of the ministry are assigned to work with those who are in position to help them and are willing to do so. To be effective, the publisher appointed to give assistance must be a teacher.

² Success in the training program requires keen interest in the assignment. On the part of the one giving assistance such interest will move him to plan carefully the program to be followed and to be patient and persevering in following through on it. In turn, the one being assisted can show appreciation for the help by working hard to apply counsel given, practicing both in the service and at home. Interest on the part of the congregation servant and the book study conductor in progress being made will also provide a stimulus to advancement.

³ Regular instruction and application are vital for advancement in any activity, and certainly so in the ministry. This calls for a schedule setting out times to prepare together and times to work together in the service. Make the schedule realistic, one that you can keep. If changed circumstances make the schedule impractical, promptly make the necessary adjustments to ensure regularity of training.

⁴ Effective teaching in the training program calls for more than simply letting your companion observe how you carry on the ministry. After giving a sermon, analyze what you have done and the reasons for it. Offer constructive counsel to the one you are assisting, but be sure that the counsel is on the point that will do most to improve his effectiveness, not simply the first weakness you observe. This will usually require that you hear his presentation a number of times in order to evaluate it properly. Be sure he understands the counsel given and can explain to you how it can be applied. It is usually best to work on one point of counsel until it has been mastered before going on to another. Progressively, each feature of service can be given the attention that is needed.

⁵ While going to the territory, use the time wisely for teaching by discussing together introductions that may be used or how to overcome objections that are common in the territory. Then apply these suggestions as you work together.

⁶ Your effectiveness as a teacher is reflected in the progress of the one you are assisting.

Announcements

◆ **OFFER FOR JUNE:** From *Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained* and one booklet, for 75c. From **JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER** we will be offering "Your Will Be Done on Earth" with any other bound book in stock, and two booklets, for \$1. Congregations should ascertain their literature needs and order in sufficient time to have these supplies for the publishers.

◆ The Society will send one meal ticket to each pioneer who has been on the list since January 1, 1960, for use at the Peace-pursuing District Assembly he chooses to attend.

◆ New publications available:
From *Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained* —Japanese
"Make Sure of All Things" —Portuguese, Zulu

You May Survive Armageddon into God's New World—Afrikaans, Dutch
God's Kingdom Rules—Is the World's End Near? —Afrikaans
"Look I Am Making All Things New" —Cebu-Visayan, Chishona, Hiligaynon-Visayan

◆ These items out of stock in U.S.A.:
American Standard pocket Bible #22 —English
"Let God Be True" —Italian
"The Kingdom Is at Hand" —Spanish

◆ Available again in U.S.A.:

"Make Sure of All Things"—German
"This Means Everlasting Life"

—English, Zulu
"This Good News of the Kingdom"—Burmese, Romanian

◆ New Cost List. Two new Cost List booklets are being sent under separate cover to each congregation. Congregation servants and literature servants should carefully study the instructions that appear at the beginning of the booklet. (Please note and make the following correction on page 11: British Bible #AF3491 has the better cover and British Bible #A3801 has bold type.)

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. Bl. St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	464	146.5	56.6	8.6	146.6
Pios.	6,413	96.4	36.6	5.6	104.6
Vac. Pios.	1,051	87.3	27.1	3.5	83.6
Pubs.	221,894	10.0	3.9	.7	11.5
TOTAL	229,822				

Public Meetings Held: 20,066

UNITED STATES QUOTA FOR 1960
243,364 Publishers

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Making Full Use of Our New Sermon on God's Purpose

¹ Millions are disturbed with the earth's present state of affairs. They wonder if God has forgotten them. What hope does the future hold for mankind? Our sermon on "God's Purpose for Man" is timely and will undoubtedly arouse much interest and be favorably received. How will we introduce it? Try the following:

² "My name is —. I'm calling to ask what, in your opinion, is God's purpose for man? [Let them comment if they wish, but don't pause too long.] Some say man was put here to suffer and die before gaining bliss in heaven. Others claim God simply doesn't care, and has no purpose for man. What is your

thought? [Let householder answer; acknowledge accordingly; then you could say:] We have heard varied thoughts on the subject in talking to people. I'm sure you will be interested in what the Bible has to say on it. Here at Genesis 1:28...

³ In concluding, whether using the book through the sermon or presenting it at the conclusion, you may say: "I am sure you and your family want to know how you can live in this restored paradise. To assist you, we offer this book on a contribution of only 75c."

⁴ If possible, start a study on the spot. You have their interest, so take up a few paragraphs with them, showing them how they can get the most from the book. Show them your interest in aiding them by setting a definite time to return.

Promote Accurate Knowledge (Cont'd)
way your lips will both safeguard and promote accurate knowledge.

⁷ If you run out of the *Paradise* book, then any other book along with a booklet may be offered for 50 cents. Those who have German, Spanish, Italian, Cinyanja, Korean, Portuguese and Japanese people in their territory will be happy to learn that the *Paradise* book can now be obtained in their languages too.

Comforting Mourners

⁸ The Congregator "taught the people knowledge continually," and so must we. "The lips of the wise ones keep scattering knowledge about," we are told. (Eccl. 12:9; Prov. 15:7) On Decoration Day, when many are out in the cemeteries mourning their deceased ones, we ought to be there to comfort them. "To comfort all the mourning ones" is part of our commission. (Isa. 61:2) Arrangements should be made for cemetery and house-to-house witnessing on Decoration Day, using the May 22 issue of *Awake!* and the June 1 *Watchtower*. (Outstanding experiences should be mailed in to the Society.) And with many more daylight hours in the evening now, we can use this time in pre-study magazine work, teaching people the knowledge of Jehovah.

Aid New Publishers

⁹ During April many for the first time have started preaching. And

there are others who are not exactly beginners, but who still need much help and encouragement. Let us not forget these, but by thorough preparation with them, by a good example, by constructive counsel and by step-by-step teaching promote accurate knowledge in these new ministers. Assist them to become spiritually strong so that they too can walk worthily of Jehovah and go on bearing fruit to his praise.

Divine Will Film

Any circuit or congregation desiring the moving picture entitled "Divine Will International Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses" may place an order with the Society for immediate filling. The film can be used very effectively at Kingdom Halls and at congregation book studies. It is also an excellent means to arouse interest in assemblies and should be used to that end as much as possible between now and the district assemblies. Branches that have orders from congregations or circuits will be supplied immediately. This all-color, 16 mm, double-perforated, silent film, together with a narrator's script in English, costs \$200.00. A remittance of \$200.00 should accompany each order.

NEW WORLD NEWS

◆ At the 98 congregations in New York city there was a total of 21,413 present for the Memorial on April 10, and 295 partook of the emblems. During March 10,863 publishers reported field service in these same congregations.

◆ Report on Brother Henschel's service tour in South Pacific and Far East:

Australia reports 4,644 at public meeting, with 70 baptized.

Indonesia enjoys largest public meeting to date, with 451 present; 21 baptized. In Singapore, 245 at public meeting, and seven baptized.

Thailand: Brothers from 18 provinces attended assembly; 280 at public meeting; nine baptized.

Burma has 23 immersed, which is largest number ever at any one time there. 200 at public lecture.

Short visits were made to Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos, where Brother Henschel spoke to 28, 115 and 54, respectively.

Good witness was given at Lingayen, in the Philippines, when 19,640 attended assembly there and 805 were immersed.

Philippine Islands now report 29,213 publishers.

◆ Cabinet in Jordan has given tentative approval to Witnesses there.

◆ Importation and distribution restrictions lifted from Society's literature in Basutoland and Bechuanaland protectorates and in Swaziland. Ban had been in effect since 1951.

"THE WATCHTOWER" and "AWAKE!"

Order extra distributor's copies now.

May 15

- ◆ Baptism According to the Divine Will.
- ◆ "What Prevents Me from Getting Baptized?"
- ◆ Assembly Realizations Exceed Anticipations.
- ◆ Jehovah Has Become King.

May 22

- ◆ Hope for the Dead and the Survivors.
- ◆ Soviet Press Attacks Witnesses.
- ◆ Shoplifting Is Stealing.
- ◆ A Brand-New Idea in Transport.
- ◆ When Was Christ Raised?

June 1

- ◆ Speak from a Good Heart.
- ◆ Speech and Salvation.
- ◆ Is Our Civilization Facing a Fall?
- ◆ Are Jehovah's Witnesses Christians?

June 8

- ◆ Experts Can Be Wrong.
- ◆ Church Unity in the Air.
- ◆ Why So Much Cheating in School?
- ◆ Stop the High Cost of Waste.
- ◆ "Tormented ... Forever"?

★ Help new ones "keep their minds on maintaining right works." ★