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Meetings for Field Service

September 30–October 6 October Subscription Offer

1. Which article will you highlight?
2. How will you tie in Topic for Conversation?

October 7-13

From convention talk "Not Ashamed of the Good News"

1. Shame could lead to what? (Matt. 10:33)
2. Christian suffering indicates what? (Phil. 1:27-29)
3. Why be bold witnesses? (Rev. 14:6, 7)

October 14-20

From convention talk "Reasoning From the Scriptures"

1. Why avoid speaking from our own originality? (Jer. 23:28)
2. What example did Jesus set when speaking? (John 7:16, 18)

October 21-27

From convention talk "How You Ought to Be Giving an Answer to Each One"

1. How can Colossians 4:6 help us be more effective?
2. Demonstrate application of 1 Corinthians 9:22, 23 in local territory.

October 28–November 3

From convention talk "Regaining Power, Not Tiring Out"

1. What does Jehovah promise us when we tire? (Isa. 40:28-31)
2. How is endurance cultivated? (2 Pet. 1:5-7)
3. What are some warning symptoms of tiring? (Luke 21:34)

Publishing Salvation With Unique Magazines

¹ *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*—what unique and powerful magazines Jehovah has placed in our hands! The outstanding October issues are of particular importance because of the timeliness of special articles dealing with the subject of world peace and security. They are of added interest to us since we will be using these magazines extensively in field service during the October subscription campaign.

² The exciting cover titles and the fact that the October issues of *Awake!* are in full color will lend immediate eye appeal and should stimulate our enthusiastic presentation of these magazines. The two *Watchtower* cover titles are "Peace and Security—From This Source?" and "Peace and Security—Through God's Kingdom." The October 8 *Awake!* cover title is "Peace—Does Man Have the Answer?" and for October 22, "The UN—God's Way to Peace?" Timely articles on other subjects are also included in each magazine.

APPRECIATING THEIR VALUE

³ The value of a magazine can be

measured by what it does for its readers. There are over 140 worldly magazines printed in English that range in circulation from 300,000 to over 17 million each issue. Among these are magazines that are saturated with pornography and obscenities. Some glorify the latest styles in clothing and grooming. Others exalt sports figures or TV and movie personalities. Some contain information of limited or questionable value. Many represent a direct attack on your spirituality. —Eccl. 12:12; 1 Tim. 6:20, 21.

⁴ But Jehovah has provided a storehouse of valuable information in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, a supply of spiritual truths readily available to equip those who have been 'enrolled as soldiers' of Christ Jesus. (2 Tim. 2:4) Our unique warfare "against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places" requires weapons of a unique kind. —Eph. 6:12.

⁵ None of the worldly magazines

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Advance Kingdom Interests With a Self-Sacrificing Spirit

¹ We live in a world in which the spirit of self-sacrifice has all but disappeared. Many today give little thought to helping others. A self-indulgent, me-first attitude seems to prevail. Describing our day, Paul said: "People will be selfish, greedy . . . ungrateful." (2 Tim. 3:2, *TEV*) Christians must resist the world's ungodly spirit if they are to retain God's favor. Why is this, and in what ways can we be self-sacrificing for the advancement of Kingdom interests?

WHY BE SELF-SACRIFICING

² Jehovah is the Originator of all good things. (Jas. 1:17) Whatever we possess belongs to him. A feeling of indebtedness to God should compel us to sacrifice our time, talents, possessions, our very lives, for his service. (Compare 1 Corinthians 4:7.) In every respect, we owe him such devotion. —Rev. 4:11.

³ Jesus Christ is the perfect example of one who was self-sacrificing. His setting aside personal interests to do the will of God revealed an intense desire to please his Father. He was fully absorbed in pursuing Kingdom interests. (John 5:30) The apostle Paul also saw the value of self-sacrifice, and he urged the

brothers in Rome to 'present their bodies as a living sacrifice to God.' —Rom. 12:1.

WAYS SACRIFICES CAN BE MADE

⁴ Today, God's servants are no less self-sacrificing. Many of our brothers and sisters have left homes and possessions in order to work in the full-time service. Still others, even though not in the full-time work, have given generously of their time, money, and energy to help build appropriate places of worship. Yes, *volunteer* help by dedicated men, women, and children has made it necessary to hire labor or even skilled help only rarely when building Kingdom Halls or Assembly Halls. They view such volunteer work as a contribution toward the advancement of Kingdom interests, much the same as they view their field service. They appreciate the invaluable spiritual blessings they and others will receive from the use of such facilities and so apply the principle of Jesus when he said: "You received free, give free." —Matt. 10:8.

⁵ What about us? Do we have the spirit of self-sacrifice? Are we serv-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 6

Song 8

15 min: Local announcements. Mention offer for October. Interview several who have subscribed for *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for many years. Let them relate what they appreciate about the magazines, how they have been helped spiritually, helped to make decisions in their lives, and so forth. Encourage support for magazine work on second Saturday. Accounts report.

20 min: "Publishing Salvation With Unique Magazines." Talk. When covering material in paragraph 5, discuss some current subjects treated in *The Watchtower*, showing how they tie in with "The Purpose of *The Watchtower*" as explained on the inside cover. Refer to other articles in current issues that can help people make decisions in life. A local experience in obtaining a subscription can be related along with the experience in paragraph 6. Encourage all to have positive attitude about offering subscriptions during October.

10 min: "Subscriptions—'Wisdom Calling Out!'" Elder, with two publishers, discusses insert from *Our Kingdom Ministry* of April 1983. As time permits, highlight suggestions for obtaining subscriptions. Draw material from second subheading on page 5 to end of insert. Encourage support for field service this weekend.

Song 39 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 13

Song 156

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

20 min: "Advance Kingdom Interests With a Self-Sacrificing Spirit." Three-minute introduction by chairman covering material in first paragraph. Stress need to be different from present self-serving generation. The more the present system deteriorates, the greater the need to separate from it. Calls for self-sacrifice. Cover paragraphs 2 through 5 by audience participation. Close with a three-minute motivating talk by chairman, including points from paragraph 6.

15 min: Increase Spirituality by Being Self-Sacrificing. Chairman discusses following points. Christians lead busy lives. Earning a living or getting necessary education, as well

as maintaining our daily routine of eating, sleeping, and so forth, puts great demands on our time. Additionally, we have a full program of spiritual activity that demands priority. (Matt. 6:33) Nonesential things must be sacrificed in order to care for spiritual obligations. How do families make room for weekly Bible reading schedule, preparation for congregation meetings, field service, and personal research into spiritual matters? Interview a family or two that do well. Where have they made sacrifices in order to have time for these more important things? Has TV viewing been eliminated or curtailed? What is their schedule or set time for various theocratic activities? Conclude with encouragement for all to make self-examination of how time is spent. Can each one increase spirituality by being more self-sacrificing?

Song 12 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 20

Song 65

12 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in magazine activity on fourth Saturday. Display current magazines to be used in service this week and comment on one or two subjects that can be featured. Have pioneers or other well-qualified publishers demonstrate two 30- to 60-second magazine presentations.

18 min: "Manifesting Spiritual Growth by Participating in Meetings." *Watchtower* Study conductor gives five-minute talk on first four paragraphs of article. Invites two book study conductors to stage to discuss the remaining information from article with him. Tailor comments to fit needs of congregation. Discussion should help those in audience to see need to make public declaration of their faith. We want to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only."—Jas. 1:22.

15 min: Family Preparation for the *Watchtower* Study. Demonstration. A family on the stage prepares for next Sunday's *Watchtower* Study. After one paragraph is read and discussed, father shows them the advantage of underlining only a few key words or phrases instead of whole sentences or large portion of paragraph. This helps to put answer in own words. Point is to get basic thought or answer from the few words underlined, understand it, and then express it in own words. Father asks them to give answer in own words. Commends. Next, father helps

them see how to make an additional comment after basic answer has been given by someone else. Can apply a scripture, mention some supporting point, illustration, or example. Father then questions them on how they feel personally about material being studied. Do they agree with it, believe it, see its value, and so forth? Father assigns a younger family member to look up additional information on some point in the lesson. Suggests use of *Aid* book, older magazines, or other Society publications to help broaden knowledge and make material their own.

Song 203 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 27

Song 121

12 min: Local announcements. Discuss offer for November, the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* along with *Peace and Security* or any other older 192-page book. Have demonstration to show how Topic for Conversation may be adapted to this new offer. Encourage all to support field service on first Sunday of month, using Bible and book offer. Let publishers know what older publications are available.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—With a Willing and Ready Spirit." Questions and answers. Have several very brief demonstrations covering points in paragraphs 4 through 6 to show how informal conversations can be started under various circumstances. May include some experiences on using new aid *Reasoning From the Scriptures*.

15 min: Local needs. (Or time may be used for a talk on "Accepting God's Invitation to Walk With Him," based on *The Watchtower* of September 1, 1985, page 4.) Also call attention to "Series of Public Talks on New *Creation Book*." Review titles and encourage all to be present for entire series.

Song 193 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Survival Into a New Earth*:

October 6: Review entire book

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

October 13: Pages 5 to 9, (4)

October 20: Pages 9, (5) to 14, par. 5

October 27: Pages 14, par. 6 to 17, (4)

Numbers in parentheses refer to questions within the text.

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1986

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1986 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12], *Bible Topics for Discussion* [td], *The Watchtower* [w], and the books "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" [si] and *My Book of Bible Stories* [my] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song and prayer and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder or by a qualified ministerial servant. It will be based on the "Why Beneficial" section of "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" on the Bible book being considered. This assignment should be delivered as a ten-minute instruction talk with a five-minute oral review following, using the printed questions for this section. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

The brothers assigned this talk should be careful to keep within the time limit. Private counsel should be given as necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder or ministerial servant assigned by him. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. Check current *Watchtower* issues for further highlight material. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms by the school overseer.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. This will apply in the main school as well as in the auxiliary groups. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks, and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to sisters or to younger ones. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. Settings could include situations arising at home, in the field ministry, in the congregation or elsewhere. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration. The student should select an appropriate theme.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned to a brother or a sister. When assigned to a brother, this should be a talk to the entire audience. It will usually be best for the brother to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind, so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable audience-type setting, the brother may choose to develop his talk accordingly. The student should use the theme shown. Numbers in parentheses refer to *Bible Topics for Discussion* found in the *bi12* Bible, 1984 edition.

When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3, except she should use the theme shown.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk, the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather, he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. If the student speaker merits solely a "G" and there is no other speech quality marked "I" or "W," then the counselor should circle the box, where the "G," "I" or "W" would normally appear, of the speech quality that the student should work on next. He will advise the student of this that evening as well as show this speech quality on the student's next Theocratic Ministry School Assignment slip (S-89). Those giving talks should sit toward the front of the hall. This will save time and enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student. As time allows after giving necessary oral counsel, comments may be given by the counselor on informative and practical points not covered by the students. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than a total of two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk.

PREPARING TALKS: Students assigned the first, second, and third talks should choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material. Students assigned the fourth talk should use the theme shown. Students will want to read over the *School Guidebook* material dealing with the speech quality being worked on next, prior to giving the talk.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the counselor. Talks Nos. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. The one assigned to give the "stop signal" should do so immediately. When brothers handling Assignment No. 1 go overtime, they should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, excluding song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEW: Periodically a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. The school overseer will already have made sure that he covers main points that should be highlighted and that were overlooked by the speakers. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper. The school overseer will read off all answers and concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 50 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Of course, nondedicated persons who are leading lives that conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

ABSENTEES: All in the congregation can show appreciation for this school by endeavoring to be present at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or, the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 5 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 26 to 28

Song No. 79

No. 1: Genesis

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 26:11-23

No. 3: *my* Story 1

No. 4: *td* 1A (1A) "Should Christians Worship Their Ancestors?"

Jan. 12 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 29 and 30

Song No. 33

No. 1: Exodus

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 30:1-12

No. 3: *my* Story 2

No. 4: *td* 2C (2B) "Is It Right for God to Destroy the Wicked?"

Jan. 19 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 31 to 33

Song No. 7

No. 1: Leviticus

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 32:10-22

No. 3: *my* Story 3

No. 4: *td* 4C (4B) "Is the Bible Practical for Modern-Day Living?"

Jan. 26 Bible reading: 2 Chronicles 34 to 36

Song No. 180

No. 1: Numbers

No. 2: 2 Chronicles 34:22-33

No. 3: *my* Story 4

No. 4: *td* 4F (4C) "Can the Bible Help People of All Nations and Races?"

Feb. 2 Bible reading: Ezra 1 to 3

Song No. 93

No. 1: Ezra

No. 2: Ezra 3:1-13

No. 3: *my* Story 5

No. 4: *td* 5A (5A) "Why Is It Better Not to Take Blood Transfusions?"

Feb. 9 Bible reading: Ezra 4 to 7

Song No. 41

No. 1: Deuteronomy

No. 2: Ezra 6:1-13

No. 3: *my* Story 6

No. 4: *td* 6A (6A) "What Facts Prove 1914 C.E. to Be a Marked Year?"

Feb. 16 Bible reading: Ezra 8 to 10

Song No. 131

No. 1: Joshua

No. 2: Ezra 9:1-9, 15

No. 3: *my* Story 7

No. 4: *td* 7A (7A) "What Meaning Does the Bible Give to the Word 'Church'?"

Feb. 23 Written Review. Complete 2 Chronicles 26 to Ezra 10

Song No. 42

Mar. 2 Bible reading: Nehemiah 1 to 3

Song No. 118

No. 1: Nehemiah

No. 2: Nehemiah 3:1-13

No. 3: *my* Story 8

No. 4: *td* 10A (9A) "What Significance Was There to Jesus' Being Hanged on a Stake?"

Mar. 9 Bible reading: Nehemiah 4 to 6

Song No. 215

No. 1: Judges

No. 2: Nehemiah 6:1-13

No. 3: *my* Story 9

No. 4: *td* 11A (10A) "Why Has Death Come to All Mankind?"

Mar. 16 Bible reading: Nehemiah 7 and 8

Song No. 120

No. 1: Ruth

No. 2: Nehemiah 8:1-12

No. 3: *my* Story 10

No. 4: *td* 14B (11B) "Who Is the Real Ruler of the World?"

Mar. 23 Bible reading: Nehemiah 9 to 11

Song No. 4

No. 1: 1 Samuel

No. 2: Nehemiah 9:4, 26-33, 36-38

No. 3: *my* Story 11

No. 4: *td* 17A (12A) "What Better Conditions Has God Purposed for Good People?"

Mar. 30 Bible reading: Nehemiah 12 and 13

Song No. 36

No. 1: 2 Samuel

No. 2: Nehemiah 13:15-18, 23-31

No. 3: *my* Story 12

No. 4: *td* 19A (13A) "Who Are the False Prophets of Our Time?"

Apr. 6 Bible reading: Esther 1 to 5

Song No. 64

No. 1: Esther

No. 2: Esther 4:6-17

No. 3: *my* Story 13

No. 4: *td* 22A (14A) "Why Is Spiritual Healing Good for a Christian?"

Apr. 13 Bible reading: Esther 6 to 10

Song No. 220

No. 1: 1 Kings

No. 2: Esther 6:1-13

No. 3: *my* Story 14

No. 4: *td* 22B (14B) "What Physical Benefits Will God's Kingdom Bring?"

Apr. 20 Bible reading: Job 1 to 3

Song No. 102

No. 1: Job

No. 2: Job 2:1-13

No. 3: *my* Story 15

No. 4: *td* 24B (16A) "What Is the Bible 'Hell'?"

Apr. 27 Written Review. Complete Nehemiah 1 to Job 3

Song No. 223

May 4 Bible reading: Job 4 to 6

Song No. 174

No. 1: 2 Kings

No. 2: Job 6:1-11, 29, 30

No. 3: *my* Story 16

No. 4: *td* 24C (16B) "Of What Is the Bible Term 'Fire' Symbolic?"

May 11 Bible reading: Job 7 to 9

Song No. 164

No. 1: 1 Chronicles

No. 2: Job 9:1-15

No. 3: *my* Story 17

No. 4: *td* 25B (17A) "What Is the Christian View of Holidays?"

May 18 Bible reading: Job 10 to 12

Song No. 113

No. 1: 2 Chronicles

No. 2: Job 12:1-16

No. 3: *my* Story 18

No. 4: *td* 26A (18A) "Why Is It Improper to Use Images in True Worship?"

May 25 Bible reading: Job 13 to 15

Song No. 59

No. 1: Proverbs

No. 2: Job 13:1-13

No. 3: *my* Story 19

No. 4: *td* 29A (20A) "What Does the Bible Say About God's Name?"

June 1 Bible reading: Job 16 to 18

Song No. 25

No. 1: Ecclesiastes

No. 2: Job 16:1-11, 22

No. 3: *my* Story 20

No. 4: *td* 29C (20B) "How Do We Know God Exists When He Cannot Be Seen?"

June 8 Bible reading: Job 19 and 20

Song No. 11

No. 1: Song of Solomon

No. 2: Job 19:14-29

No. 3: *my* Story 21

No. 4: *td* 29D (20C) "What Attributes Does God Possess?"

June 15 Bible reading: Job 21 and 22

Song No. 204

No. 1: Isaiah

No. 2: Job 21:19-34

No. 3: *my* Story 22

No. 4: *td* 30A (21A) "Upon What Is the Name 'Jehovah's Witnesses' Based?"

June 22 Bible reading: Job 23 to 26

Song No. 70

No. 1: Jeremiah

No. 2: Job 24:1, 2, 14-25

No. 3: *my* Story 23

No. 4: *td* 31B (22A) "What Is Jesus' Position in Relationship to Jehovah?"

June 29 Written Review. Complete Job 4 to 26

Song No. 20

July 6 Bible reading: Job 27 to 29

Song No. 140

No. 1: Lamentations

No. 2: Job 29:2-18

No. 3: *my* Story 24

No. 4: *td* 31D (22B) "Why Is Belief in Jesus Christ Essential to Salvation?"

July 13 Bible reading: Job 30 and 31

Song No. 112

No. 1: Ezekiel

No. 2: Job 31:23-37

No. 3: *my* Story 25

No. 4: *td* 33B (23A) "What Benefits Will Come Through God's Kingdom?"

July 20 Bible reading: Job 32 and 33

Song No. 53

No. 1: Daniel

No. 2: Job 33:1-6, 23-33

No. 3: *my* Story 26

No. 4: *td* 33C (23B) "What Will Christ Do While His Enemies Are Still Active?"

July 27 Bible reading: Job 34 to 36

Song No. 187

No. 1: Hosea

No. 2: Job 34:1-15

No. 3: *my* Story 27

No. 4: *td* 34B (24B) "Why Is It Urgent That We Take Note of Certain Signs?"

Aug. 3 Bible reading: Job 37 and 38

Song No. 109

No. 1: Joel

No. 2: Job 37:5-14, 23, 24

No. 3: *my* Story 28

No. 4: *td* 36B (25A) "What Does the Bible Assure Us Obedient Mankind Will Receive?"

Aug. 10 Bible reading: Job 39 and 40

Song No. 60

No. 1: Amos

No. 2: Job 40:1-14

No. 3: *my* Story 29

No. 4: *td* 36D (25B) "Who Only Have Been Selected for Heavenly Life?"

Aug. 17 Bible reading: Job 41 and 42

Song No. 195

No. 1: Obadiah

No. 2: Job 42:1-10, 12-17

No. 3: *my* Story 30

No. 4: *td* 36E (25C) "What Promise Awaits the Unlimited Number of 'Other Sheep'?"

Aug. 24 Bible reading: Psalms 1 to 6

Song No. 168

No. 1: Psalms

No. 2: Psalm 2:1-12

No. 3: *my* Story 31

No. 4: *td* 38B (26A) "What Standards Does the Bible Set for Christian Marriages?"

Aug. 31 Written Review. Complete Job 27 to Psalm 6

Song No. 37

Sept. 7 Bible reading: Psalms 7 to 10

Song No. 117

No. 1: Jonah

No. 2: Psalm 8:1-9; 9:1-5

No. 3: *my Story* 32

No. 4: *td* 38C (26B) "What Headship Arrangement Do All Families Fall Under?"

Sept. 14 Bible reading: Psalms 11 to 17

Song No. 217

No. 1: Micah

No. 2: Psalm 14:1-7; 15:1-5

No. 3: *my Story* 33

No. 4: *td* 42D (30C) "What Must a Husband Never Allow His Wife to Do?"

Sept. 21 Bible reading: Psalms 18 to 20

Song No. 98

No. 1: Nahum

No. 2: Psalm 19:1-14

No. 3: *my Story* 34

No. 4: *td* 47C (34B) "How Should We View False Doctrine?"

Sept. 28 Bible reading: Psalms 21 to 24

Song No. 175

No. 1: Habakkuk

No. 2: Psalm 23:1-6; 24:1-10

No. 3: *my Story* 35

No. 4: *td* 48A (35A) "What Hope Is There for the Dead?"

Oct. 5 Bible reading: Psalms 25 to 29

Song No. 160

No. 1: Zephaniah

No. 2: Psalm 26:1-12

No. 3: *my Story* 36

No. 4: *td* 48B (35B) "What Two Types of Resurrection Are There?"

Oct. 12 Bible reading: Psalms 30 to 33

Song No. 19

No. 1: Haggai

No. 2: Psalm 32:1-11

No. 3: *my Story* 37

No. 4: *td* 49A (36A) "What Proof Is There That Christ's Return Will Be Invisible?"

Oct. 19 Bible reading: Psalms 34 to 36

Song No. 169

No. 1: Zechariah

No. 2: Psalm 36:1-12

No. 3: *my Story* 38

No. 4: *td* 49B (36B) "How Is It Possible to Know When Christ Has Returned?"

Oct. 26 Written Review. Complete Psalms 7 to 36

Song No. 49

Nov. 2 Bible reading: Psalms 37 to 39

Song No. 36

No. 1: Malachi

No. 2: Psalm 37:23-38

No. 3: *my Story* 39

No. 4: *td* 50A (37A) "Why Is the 'Sabbath Day' Law Not Binding Upon Christians?"

Nov. 9 Bible reading: Psalms 40 to 44

Song No. 62

No. 1: Matthew

No. 2: Psalm 41:1-13

No. 3: *my Story* 40

No. 4: *td* 50B (37B) "Who Only Were Required to Observe the Sabbath?"

Nov. 16 Bible reading: Psalms 45 to 49

Song No. 129

No. 1: Mark

No. 2: Psalm 45:1-7, 10-17

No. 3: *my Story* 41

No. 4: *td* 50D (37C) "What Does the Bible Say About God's Sabbath?"

Nov. 23 Bible reading: Psalms 50 to 52

Song No. 156

No. 1: Luke

No. 2: Psalm 51:1-17

No. 3: *my Story* 42

No. 4: *td* 51B (38B) "What Arrangement for Salvation Has Jehovah Made?"

Nov. 30 Bible reading: Psalms 53 to 57

Song No. 103

No. 1: John

No. 2: Psalm 55:1, 2, 12-23

No. 3: *my Story* 43

No. 4: *td* 51E (38C) "Why Is the Belief 'Once Saved, Always Saved' Not Scriptural?"

Dec. 7 Bible reading: Psalms 58 to 62

Song No. 2

No. 1: Acts

No. 2: Psalm 62:1-12

No. 3: *my Story* 44

No. 4: *td* 51E (38C) "What Scriptures Refute the Teaching of 'Universal Salvation'?"

Dec. 14 Bible reading: Psalms 63 to 67

Song No. 155

No. 1: Romans

No. 2: Psalm 65:1-13

No. 3: *my Story* 45

No. 4: *td* 53A (39A) "What Is the Bible Definition of 'Sin'?"

Dec. 21 Bible reading: Psalms 68 and 69

Song No. 199

No. 1: 1 Corinthians

No. 2: Psalm 68:1-11, 32-35

No. 3: *my Story* 46

No. 4: *td* 53B (39B) "Why Do All Humans Suffer From Adam's Sin?"

Dec. 28 Written Review. Complete Psalms 37 to 69

Song No. 82

Announcements

● Literature offer for **October**: One-year subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or both, for contribution of \$4.00 each. Six-month subscriptions to semimonthly magazines or yearly subscriptions to monthly magazines are \$2.00. (There is no six-month subscription to monthly magazines.) **November**: *The New World Translation with Peace and Security* or any other older 192-page book, for contribution of \$4.50. The brochure *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* may be offered for contribution of 30¢, especially to those with reading difficulties or where there are children. **December**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for contribution of \$2.50.

● With this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*, we are including the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1986. This will enable school overseers to become familiar with the instructions and make assignments well in advance.

● A new tract, *Kingdom News* No. 33, will be used in December during the campaign with the *Creation* book. Congregations may order this item in lots of 1,000 at a cost of \$12.00 for 1,000 tracts. Publishers may obtain these at the congregation literature counter at 12 tracts for 15¢, 20 for 25¢, or 100 for \$1.20.

● During their visits to congregations, circuit overseers will review points from the new *Reasoning* book at meetings for service.

● New Publications Available:

New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—Large print (set of four volumes; congregation and public: \$40.00; pioneers: \$24.00) (individual volumes; congregation and public: \$10.00; pioneers: \$6.00)

—English

Volume #1 (Genesis-Second Samuel)

Volume #2 (First Kings-Song of Solomon)

Volume #3 (Isaiah-Malachi)

Volume #4 (Matthew-Revelation)

Congregations may now begin placing orders for the above items. These will appear as back ordered on congregation invoices until they are shipped in the near future.

New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, regular edition (bi12)

—Danish

New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—With References (Rbi8)

—Japanese

Aid to Bible Understanding, Volume 4 (Hem-Jez)

—Dutch

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth

—Hungarian, Malagasy

Bible Topics for Discussion —Croatian

● New Cassette Recordings Available:

The Second of Chronicles (set of two; congregation and public: \$3.00; pioneers: \$2.50)

—English

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	263	120.1	82.8	50.9	5.8
Pios.	36,535	74.1	41.2	27.7	3.2
Aux. Pios.	30,080	60.4	31.7	16.1	1.4
Pubs.	628,353	9.9	7.2	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	695,231				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 6,658

Manifesting Spiritual Growth by Participating in Meetings

¹ Spiritual growth to maturity is a desirable goal for all servants of Jehovah. Paul wrote: "Speaking the truth, let us by love *grow up* in all things into him who is the head, Christ." (Eph. 4:15) How, then, is spiritual growth attained? Paul mentions two things, namely, "speaking the truth" and "by love." What else is needed?

² It is evident that more than a heartfelt belief or faith is required, since Paul also wrote that "with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation." (Rom. 10:10) Are you giving evidence of spiritual growth by making a public declaration at the meetings? Can you improve your participation? Have you not found that you benefit more from the meetings when you participate?

ADVANCE PREPARATION

³ Personal study and advance preparation will help you to acquire the courage to speak. Prepare a number of comments on different paragraphs. Mark key words and make brief notes in the margins if necessary.

⁴ In your study and meditation, note cited scriptures that may be read or summarized and applied to the material. Consider how some points apply to our personal lives or to our ministry.

DURING THE MEETING

⁵ Having prepared beforehand,

Unique Magazines (Cont'd)

can compare in value with *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* When speaking to potential subscribers, we can highlight the contrast by referring to "The Purpose of *The Watchtower*," or "Why *Awake!* Is Published," on the inside of the front cover. These are the only magazines on earth that publish salvation! We who are privileged to take their Bible-based message to the people are also in a class by ourselves—a unique people. Notice what is stated about publishers of salvation at Isaiah 52:7.

SHARE IN PUBLISHING SALVATION

⁶ The lifesaving information published in *The Watchtower* is of immeasurable value to all honest-hearted people. This was illustrated in an outstanding way a few years ago by an experience from a village in West Africa. One of our brothers left a magazine in a build-

you can offer *meaningful* comments. Remember, "there is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving." (Acts 20:35) Know that others enjoy and benefit from your comments. Some have been helped to start commenting by letting the conductor know beforehand the paragraph(s) on which they are prepared to comment.

⁶ The initial comment in answer to a question should be brief and to the point. Such comments are much easier to make and easier for others to understand. Try commenting in your own words, instead of simply reading from the publication. This in itself will increase your understanding of God's Word and will contribute to your spiritual growth.

CONDUCTORS CAN HELP

⁷ Conductors can do much to encourage better participation in meetings. Taking note of those who seldom comment and giving them a personal word of encouragement can be a great help. Conductors will want to keep their own comments brief and ask leading questions when it is necessary to bring out additional points.

⁸ May we all seek to laud Jehovah in the Christian congregation today by regular participation, thus manifesting our spiritual growth and inciting others to love and fine works.—Ps. 35:18; Heb. 10:24, 25.

ing where it was found by the caretaker, who then announced to the villagers, 'An angel of God has brought a message to the village.' He took it upon himself to sell single pages of the magazine. An elderly man bought a page, and what he read aroused his interest in the Bible's message. He soon began studying with Jehovah's Witnesses.

⁷ World peace and security is a subject that is on the mind of millions of people today. The thought-provoking articles published in each of the October issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* will help us to initiate friendly conversations for the purpose of giving a witness. As we offer subscriptions to these unique magazines during October, the people in our territory will have another opportunity to hear the message of salvation and perhaps learn of the only true Source of world peace and security.