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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 3 Preparing for subscription campaign

1. Why is preparation vital?
2. Why is Topic for Conversation appropriate?
3. Why personally read magazines?

OCTOBER 4-10

What do you suggest:

1. As talking point from current magazines?
2. If householder does not subscribe?
3. If householder is busy?

OCTOBER 11-17

Regarding subscription offer

1. Why should householders subscribe?
2. How can we help them appreciate this?
3. Why must we maintain positive attitude?

OCTOBER 18-24

Make wise use of literature

1. Should we quickly give away literature?
2. When should we leave an old issue of magazine?
3. Why avoid leaving magazines in mailbox or exposed?

OCTOBER 25-31

Directing interest to organization

1. Why is this important?
2. What methods have you found effective?
3. What published aids can be helpful?

Keep the Word of Jehovah Moving Speedily

¹ The apostle Paul encouraged the brothers in Thessalonica: "Carry on prayer for us, that the word of Jehovah may keep moving speedily and being glorified." (2 Thess. 3:1) Yes, Paul saw the need back there for 'the word of Jehovah to move speedily' so that as many as possible could be reached with the message of truth. Now that we are living so close to the end of this wicked system of things, do we appreciate the need for the word to move speedily in our day?—Zeph. 1:14.

² We recognize that only with Jehovah's blessing can our work meet with success. (Ps. 127:1) So when we meet for service we always unite in prayer for Jehovah's guidance and blessing. And no doubt many times while we are engaged in the ministry we seek Jehovah's help so that we may effectively share the truth with others. But Jesus encouraged his followers to pray for something else. What was that? For more workers to share in the harvest. (Matt. 9:35-38) We want to pray in that same way, and thereafter act in harmony with those prayers.

³ What would you do if someone prohibited you from speaking or saying a word for a whole month? Or for six months or even longer? Would it be possible to spend so much time without speaking or conversing with someone? It would be difficult indeed! Nevertheless, some have allowed a month to pass without speaking to others about the message of the Kingdom of God, allowing themselves to become irregular publishers. Others have permitted six months or more to go by without talking to others about the truth, thus becoming inactive.

⁴ How can such a situation arise? A clue is found in these words of Jesus: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matt. 12:34) If our hearts are filled with appreciation for Jehovah's Kingdom and all that he has done, we will be moved to share in the preaching and teaching work on a regular basis. Our attitude will be exactly that of the disciples of Jesus who said of themselves: "As for us, we cannot stop speak-

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NEW PEAK OF 605,814 PUBLISHERS

After the excellent report last April we are very thankful that 605,814 publishers reported in July. This represents a 7.5-percent increase over last year's average and is the first time we have reached and exceeded 600,000 publishers. Although most of the district conventions in the U.S. were held that month, it is evident the brothers made a special effort to share in the field ministry. At the 104 U.S. district conventions there was an all-time peak in attendance of 1,108,022—another cause for rejoicing! May we continue to have "plenty to do in the work of the Lord," knowing this results in rich blessings.—1 Cor. 15:58.

New "Live Forever" Book Creates Excitement

¹ "Do not miss the presentation with which Saturday's program concludes," *The Watchtower* advised when telling about the coming district convention, "it will feature information that will have long-lasting effects on the Kingdom-preaching work worldwide."

² How excited we were to be there and to receive what was being referred to—the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth!* Already, in our Brooklyn printery, the 5,000,000 first-edition printing has been exceeded. And about 2,000,000 more copies have been produced in our printeries in Germany and Japan.

³ It was noted at our recent conventions that in the some 20 years that "*Let God Be True*" was our primary study book (from 1946 to the mid-1960's) over 1,000,000 new

Kingdom proclaimers were added to our ranks. Then another 1,000,000 publishers were added when *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* became our primary study book following its release in 1968. With the use of our new study book, *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*, will we see a similar expansion in the ranks of the Kingdom publishers? Surely, if this be Jehovah's will!

⁴ However, is this new publication just what we need for the great Kingdom work ahead? Well, as the letter from "The Publishers" in your convention copy of the *Live Forever* book says: "It contains all the important Bible truths that new ones need to understand in order to dedicate

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 3

Song 81

8 min: Local announcements and Announcements. All should endeavor to participate in magazine work this coming Saturday, which is the second Saturday of October.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Offering *Watchtower* and *Awake!* Subscriptions." Question-and-answer discussion. In considering paragraph 3 ask audience what specific points they have used or plan to use in connection with the October 8 *Awake!* Demonstrate suggestions outlined in paragraphs 6 and 7.

17 min: Prepare locally according to needs. Or consider "Money-lending and Christian Love" from August 1, 1982, *Watchtower*.

Song 10 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 10

Song 103

10 min: Local announcements. Review congregation report for September.

20 min: "Keep the Word of Jehovah Moving Speedily." Question-and-answer discussion. Consider scriptures cited as time allows. Briefly interview two or three publishers when considering paragraph 5, showing how being regular in field service has been of help to them.

15 min: "New 'Live Forever' Book Creates Excitement." Service overseer conducts discussion of article and has paragraphs read. When considering paragraphs 4 and 5 call for local reactions to release of book at district convention.

Song 89 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 17

Song 29

8 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

25 min: "Directing Interest to the Organization—Part III." Talk by elder. Have two brief demonstrations showing what may be done to acquaint student with organization, using brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century*.

Demonstration #1: Effective teacher considers with student key points from page 6 of the brochure, highlighting the modern-day organization of Jehovah's Witnesses. Show growth from a small group of Bible students to thousands of congregations worldwide; from 50 persons in full-time service in 1888 to over 150,000 in world currently. Use 1982 *Yearbook* to show student current number of Jehovah's Wit-

nesses worldwide. Highlight purpose of this publication. The modern-day organization of Jehovah's Witnesses has been active for more than 100 years.

Demonstration #2: Another qualified teacher considers material from pages 30 and 31 with more advanced student, encouraging participation in the preaching work. Read key paragraphs and consider Bible texts as time allows. Make arrangements for student to accompany publisher in door-to-door work as an observer.

Chairman concludes by encouraging all to be conscious of directing persons to Jehovah's organization. Use suggestions that have been presented in last three issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

12 min: "New Subscription System." Discuss with audience. Encourage prompt follow-through on subscription renewal slips. Include brief demonstration or experiences as time permits.

Song 108 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 24

Song 68

8 min: Announcements and consider daily text briefly.

15 min: "A Wise View of Education." Talk based on two articles, pages 11-15 of July 15, 1982, *Watchtower*.

10 min: Following Through on Subscription Prospects. Talk and demonstration showing need to follow through on all interest found. Demonstrate return visit on individual who took magazines to see

"Live Forever" (Cont'd)
their lives to Jehovah and to serve him acceptably. . . . So this is indeed an excellent book to use in studying with everyone, young or old, no matter what their standard of education." But what has been your reaction to the development of the book's subject material and the way it is written?

No doubt you were impressed by the more than 150 visual illustrations. These are not just attractive decorations in the book, rather, they are real teaching aids. They are designed and placed so as to emphasize the point of the text being considered. Thus the reader or student can consider the content of the pictures along with the material being studied. And well-worded captions briefly and concisely highlight the teaching

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what they were like or someone who wanted to subscribe but did not have the money at time. Encourage all to be subscription conscious.

12 min: Local experiences in field service. Line up some participants ahead of time, preferably auxiliary or regular pioneers, who had interesting experiences recently in field service this weekend. Song 41 and prayer.

Word of Jehovah (Cont'd)
ing about the things we have seen and heard."—Acts 4:20.

We experience fine effects by sharing regularly in the service. Our own faith is strengthened. When individuals ask questions this prompts us to do further research; in this way our own knowledge grows. The more we use the Bible, the more our ability to give Scriptural answers improves.

—1 Pet. 3:15.

Think of how the truth has helped us! It has comforted us with the marvelous hope for the future. And it has helped many of us to overcome bad habits. When we give consideration to how precious the truth is to us, we will be moved to help others.

SUBSCRIPTIONS SUPPLY SPIRITUAL FOOD

During October and November we will have the privilege of featuring subscriptions to either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* or to both. Those who obtain subscriptions will have the opportunity of receiving a regular supply of spiritually upbuilding information. How about yourself? It is a fine thing if each member of a family has a personal subscription. Then each one is better equipped to urge others to subscribe also.

When going from house to house, do not hesitate to offer subscriptions. Sometimes we may be inclined to prejudge individuals as not being interested enough to subscribe or too poor to afford a subscription. But rather than let such personal feelings hold us back, we should go ahead and make the offer. Why withhold good from anyone? The householders may surprise us! And, of course, the magazines will do much to benefit them. Think of it, they can get a whole year's supply of spiritual food for less than the cost of a meal of material food! But if in

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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1983

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1983 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*, *The Watchtower* [w], *Awake!* [g], *Bible Topics for Discussion* [td], and the books *Aid to Bible Understanding* [ad], "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" [si], *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook* [sg] and *My Book of Bible Stories* [my]. 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 if possible, or, when necessary, by a qualified ministerial servant. When based on the *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*, this should be delivered as a 10-minute instruction talk followed by a five-minute oral review, using the questions provided at the end of each study. Since usually only part of a study is assigned each week, the brother handling this assignment should be careful to cover only the portion of the material that is assigned. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

When based on "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial," this assignment should be delivered as a 15-minute instruction talk, with no oral review following. Once again, the objective is not just to summarize the material, but rather to focus attention on the practical value of the information, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation.

The brother handling Assignment No. 1 should be given private counsel, if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder 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. To the extent possible include the audience in the discussion. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. 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. The material may also be presented by a boy reading it to a qualified older brother who may then use questions to draw comments from the boy on the value of the material.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to a sister, including younger ones, whenever possible. 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.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned preferably to a brother with some experience. This should be a talk to the entire audience. While giving his talk from notes, the speaker, when he thinks it fitting, may read quotations or pointed excerpts from the assigned

material. It will usually be best for the speaker 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 setting, the speaker may choose to develop his talk accordingly.

When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

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. In addition, comments on informative and practical points that the students may not have included in the presentation can help to keep the attention of all focused primarily on the Scriptural information presented. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk. It would be advisable for those giving talks to sit toward the front of the hall. This will help to save time, and also it will enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student.

PREPARING TALKS: Where the material makes it possible, talks should follow a well-developed theme. Choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material in the allotted time. Prepare all talks with the points in mind to which attention has been drawn by the school overseer.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the school overseer. Talks Nos. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. If the school overseer assigns someone to give the "stop signal," that one should be advised as to the importance of doing this whenever a talk goes overtime. If a brother handling Assignment No. 1 goes overtime, he should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, not counting song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEWS: Periodically, a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. Any remaining time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper and, in reading off all the answers, the school overseer will 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 75 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Rotate the students to the various halls. Where it is necessary, sisters may take any student talk, presenting it to someone else, as outlined for Talk No. 3.

ABSENTEES: The entire congregation can show appreciation for this school by being present, when possible, 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. Non-dedicated persons who are leading lives that conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 2 Bible reading: *Philippians 1 to 4*

Song No. 70 "Guard Your Heart!"

No. 1: si p. 222 par. 1 to p. 224 par. 14

No. 2: *Philippians 4:1-13*

No. 3: *my story 102*

No. 4: *w81 5/15 pp. 12-16*

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Jan. 9 Bible reading: *Colossians 1 to 4*

Song No. 56 "Be Forgiving"

No. 1: si p. 224 par. 1 to p. 226 par. 14

No. 2: *Colossians 3:12-25*

No. 3: *td 49B "How Can We Know When Christ Returns?"*

No. 4: *w81 6/1 pp. 10-12*

Jan. 16 Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 1 to 2 Thessalonians 3

Song No. 115 "Be Long-suffering!"

No. 1: *si* p. 227 par. 1 to p. 231 par. 11

No. 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-15

No. 3: *td* 55B "What Is the Spirit in Living Creatures?"

No. 4: *w81* 6/15 pp. 4-6

Jan. 23 Bible reading: 1 Timothy 1 to 6

Song No. 63 "Move Ahead!"

No. 1: *si* p. 232 par. 1 to p. 235 par. 19

No. 2: 1 Timothy 4:1-16

No. 3: *td* 56A "Why Should We Avoid Superstition?"

No. 4: *w81* 7/1 pp. 4-6

Jan. 30 Bible reading: 2 Timothy 1 to 4

Song No. 20 "The Scriptures—Inspired and Beneficial"

No. 1: *si* p. 235 par. 1 to p. 237 par. 12

No. 2: 2 Timothy 3:1-17

No. 3: *my* story 103

No. 4: *w81* 7/15 pp. 4-7

Feb. 6 Bible reading: Titus 1 to Philemon

Song No. 111 "Rejoice in the Hope Ahead!"

No. 1: *si* p. 237 par. 1 to p. 240 par. 10

No. 2: Titus 2:1-15

No. 3: *my* story 104

No. 4: *g80* 11/22 pp. 25-27

Feb. 13 Bible reading: Hebrews 1 to 4

Song No. 46 "Hail Jehovah's Firstborn!"

No. 1: *si* p. 241 par. 1 to 245 par. 27

No. 2: Hebrews 1:1-14

No. 3: *td* 58D "In What Way Are God and Christ One?"

No. 4: *g80* 12/8 pp. 3, 4

Feb. 20 Bible reading: Hebrews 5 to 7

Song No. 118 "Christ Our Exemplar"

No. 1: *sg* p. 96 par. 1 to p. 99 par. 10

No. 2: Hebrews 5:1-14

No. 3: *td* 60C "Is it Proper to Witness On the Sabbath?"

No. 4: *g80* 12/22 pp. 3, 4

Feb. 27 Written Review. Complete Philippians 1 to Hebrews 7

Song No. 54 "Remember Ezra!"

Mar. 6 Bible reading: Hebrews 8 to 10

Song No. 36 "Meeting in Unity"

No. 1: *sg* p. 100 par. 1 to p. 102 par. 12

No. 2: Hebrews 10:19-39

No. 3: *my* story 105

No. 4: *w81* 8/1 pp. 4-7

Mar. 13 Bible reading: Hebrews 11 to 13

Song No. 78 "We Must Have the Faith!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 103 par. 13 to p. 108 par. 21

No. 2: Hebrews 13:1-17

No. 3: *td* 2C "How Could a God of Love Destroy the Wicked?"

No. 4: *w81* 8/15 pp. 4-7

Mar. 20 Bible reading: James 1 to 5

Song No. 42 "The Prayer of God's Servant"

No. 1: *si* p. 246 par. 1 to p. 248 par. 17

No. 2: James 4:1-17

No. 3: *td* 4A "Is the Bible Really Inspired?"

No. 4: *w81* 9/1 pp. 5-8

Week of March 27, 1983 Memorial

Apr. 3 Bible reading: 1 Peter 1 to 5

Song No. 43 "Gratitude for Divine Patience"

No. 1: *si* p. 249 par. 1 to p. 251 par. 13

No. 2: 1 Peter 3:1-15

No. 3: *my* story 106

No. 4: *g81* 1/8 pp. 3, 4

Apr. 10 Bible reading: 2 Peter 1 to 3

Song No. 117 "Extending Mercy to Others"

No. 1: *si* p. 252 par. 1 to p. 253 par. 10

No. 2: 2 Peter 3:1-13

No. 3: *td* 5B "Is One's Life to Be Saved at All Costs?"

No. 4: *g81* 1/8 pp. 9-11

Apr. 17 Bible reading: 1 John 1 to 5

Song No. 108 "Proof of Discipleship"

No. 1: *si* p. 254 par. 1 to p. 256 par. 13

No. 2: 1 John 4:7-21

No. 3: *td* 6B "Was the Time for Messiah's First Coming Foretold?"

No. 4: *g81* 1/8 pp. 26-28

Apr. 24 Written Review. Complete Hebrews 8 to 1 John 5

Song No. 104 "The Heavens Declare God's Glory"

May 1 Bible reading: 2 John to Jude

Song No. 91 "Contending for the Faith"

No. 1: *si* p. 256 par. 1 to p. 260 par. 10

No. 2: Jude 1-15

No. 3: *my* story 107

No. 4: *w81* 9/1 pp. 8-12

May 8 Bible reading: Revelation 1 to 3

Song No. 74 "Listen to the News of the Kingdom!"

No. 1: *si* p. 261 par. 1 to p. 267 par. 35

No. 2: Revelation 1:1-17a

No. 3: *td* 7B "How Many Make Up the True Church?"

No. 4: *w81* 9/15 pp. 5-7

May 15 Bible reading: Revelation 4 to 8

Song No. 100 "God's Own Book—A Treasure!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 108 par. 1 to p. 112 par. 20

No. 2: Revelation 6:1-11

No. 3: *td* 9B "Were the Creative Days 24 Hours Long?"

No. 4: *w81* 10/1 pp. 4-7

May 22 Bible reading: Revelation 9 to 12

Song No. 6 "Be Glad, You Nations!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 113 par. 1 to p. 116 par. 16

No. 2: Revelation 12:1-14

No. 3: *td* 11C "Is It Possible to Talk With the Dead?"

No. 4: *w81* 10/1 pp. 9-12

May 29 Bible reading: Revelation 13 to 16

Song No. 30 "God's Great and Wondrous Works"

No. 1: *sg* p. 116 par. 1 to p. 118 par. 12

No. 2: Revelation 14:1-12

No. 3: *my story* 108

No. 4: *w81* 10/15 pp. 5-7

June 5 Bible reading: Revelation 17 to 19

Song No. 96 "Get Out of Babylon the Great!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 119 par. 13 to p. 121 par. 28

No. 2: Revelation 17:1-14

No. 3: *my story* 109

No. 4: *g81* 1/22 pp. 8-11

June 12 Bible reading: Revelation 20 to 22

Song No. 98 "The Resurrection—God's Loving Provision"

No. 1: *sg* p. 122 par. 1 to p. 125 par. 21

No. 2: Revelation 20:1-15

No. 3: *td* 12A "When Is Dedication Required?"

No. 4: *g81* 2/8 pp. 3, 4

June 19 Bible reading: Genesis 1 to 3

Song No. 19 "Our Paradise: Present and Future"

No. 1: *ad* p. 642 par. 9 to p. 644 par. 6

No. 2: Genesis 3:1-15

No. 3: *td* 14A "Who Is the Devil?"

No. 4: *g81* 2/8 pp. 8-10

June 26 Written Review: Complete 2 John to Genesis 3

Song No. 51 "Preach with Boldness!"

July 3 Bible reading: Genesis 4 to 7

Song No. 71 "O Walk with God!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 126 par. 1 to p. 129 par. 22

No. 2: Genesis 6:1-16

No. 3: *my story* 110

No. 4: *w81* 11/1 pp. 3-6

July 10 Bible reading: Genesis 8 to 11

Song No. 119 "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 130 par. 1 to p. 133 par. 20

No. 2: Genesis 9:1-16

No. 3: *td* 17C "Will the Earth Ever Be Destroyed?"

No. 4: *w81* 11/15 pp. 3, 4

July 17 Bible reading: Genesis 12 to 15

Song No. 80 "Flee to God's Kingdom!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 133 par. 1 to p. 135 par. 8

No. 2: Genesis 15:1-16

No. 3: *td* 23B "When Others Say: 'All Good People Go to Heaven.'"

No. 4: *w81* 11/15 pp. 5-7

July 24 Bible reading: Genesis 16 to 19

Song No. 31 "Appreciating God's Reminders"

No. 1: *sg* p. 135 par. 9 to p. 138 par. 21

No. 2: Genesis 18:20-33

No. 3: *td* 24B "What Is Hell?"

No. 4: *w81* 11/15 pp. 28-30

July 31 Bible reading: Genesis 20 to 23

Song No. 69 "It Is Impossible for God to Lie!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 138 par. 1 to p. 141 par. 19

No. 2: Genesis 22:1-5, 9-18

No. 3: *my story* 111

No. 4: *w81* 12/1 pp. 4-8

Aug. 7 Bible reading: Genesis 24 and 25

Song No. 65 "Displaying Loyalty"

No. 1: *sg* p. 142 par. 1 to p. 145 par. 15

No. 2: Genesis 25:19-34

No. 3: *my story* 112

No. 4: *g81* 2/22 pp. 3, 4

Aug. 14 Bible reading: Genesis 26 to 28

Song No. 10 "From House to House"

No. 1: *sg* p. 145 par. 16 to p. 148 par. 34

No. 2: Genesis 28:10-22

No. 3: *td* 26C "What Is Wrong With the Use of Images?"

No. 4: *g81* 3/8 pp. 3, 4

Aug. 21 Bible reading: Genesis 29 to 31

Song No. 1 "Hail Jehovah's Kingdom!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 149 par. 1 to p. 150 par. 8

No. 2: Genesis 29:13-29

No. 3: *td* 27B "When People Say: 'There Is Good in All Religions.'"

No. 4: *g81* 4/22 pp. 10, 11

Aug. 28 Written Review. Complete Genesis 4 to 31

Song No. 66 "Now Is the Time!"

Sept. 4 Bible reading: Genesis 32 to 35
Song No. 84 "Recognizing Earth's New King"
No. 1: *sg* p. 150 par. 9 to p. 153 par. 21
No. 2: Genesis 34:1-7, 25-31
No. 3: *my story* 113
No. 4: *w81* 12/15 pp. 4-7

Sept. 11 Bible reading: Genesis 36 to 38
Song No. 67 "Our Possession of Peace"
No. 1: *sg* p. 153 par. 1 to p. 156 par. 14
No. 2: Genesis 37:1-11, 25-28
No. 3: *td* 30C "How Are Jehovah's Witnesses Financed?"
No. 4: *w82* 1/1 pp. 5-9

Sept. 18 Bible reading: Genesis 39 to 41
Song No. 83 "The Bread from Heaven"
No. 1: *sg* p. 156 par. 15 to p. 158 par. 24
No. 2: Genesis 39:7-12, 17-23
No. 3: *td* 31B "Who Is Jesus Christ?"
No. 4: *w82* 1/15 pp. 4, 5

Sept. 25 Bible reading: Genesis 42 to 44
Song No. 103 "Preach This Good News of the Kingdom!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 158 par. 1 to p. 160 par. 9
No. 2: Genesis 44:18-34
No. 3: *td* 34D "How Do We Know the Last Days Began in 1914?"
No. 4: *w82* 2/1 pp. 4-8

Oct. 2 Bible reading: Genesis 45 to 47
Song No. 62 "We Are Jehovah's Witnesses!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 160 par. 10 to p. 163 par. 24
No. 2: Genesis 45:1-15
No. 3: *my story* 114
No. 4: *g81* 5/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 9 Bible reading: Genesis 48 to 50
Song No. 17 "Be Strong in Faith!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 163 par. 1 to p. 165 par. 9
No. 2: Genesis 50:1-3, 15-26
No. 3: *td* 38G "Where Did Cain Get His Wife?"
No. 4: *g81* 6/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 16 Bible reading: Exodus 1 to 3
Song No. 95 "Let God Be Found True!"
No. 1: *ad* p. 547 par. 8 to p. 548 par. 7
No. 2: Exodus 3:6-10, 13-17
No. 3: *td* 39C "Was Mary Ever Virgin?"
No. 4: *g81* 7/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 23 Bible reading: Exodus 4 to 6
Song No. 56 "Be Forgiving"
No. 1: *sg* p. 165 par. 10 to p. 167 par. 21
No. 2: Exodus 6:1-13
No. 3: *td* 43A "Does God Hear All Prayers?"
No. 4: *g81* 8/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 30 Written Review. Complete Genesis 32 to Exodus 6

Song No. 85 "Our Christian Unity"

Nov. 6 Bible reading: Exodus 7 to 9
Song No. 82 "Appreciation of God's Compassions"
No. 1: *sg* p. 168 par. 1 to p. 171 par. 22
No. 2: Exodus 7:14-25
No. 3: *my story* 115
No. 4: *w82* 2/15 pp. 4-6

Nov. 13 Bible reading: Exodus 10 to 12
Song No. 88 "Walking in Integrity"
No. 1: *sg* p. 172 par. 1 to p. 175 par. 13
No. 2: Exodus 12:1-14
No. 3: *td* 44B "When People Say: 'Once Saved, Always Saved.'"
No. 4: *w82* 3/1 pp. 7-9

Nov. 20 Bible reading: Exodus 13 to 15
Song No. 13 "Jehovah Has Become King!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 175 par. 1 to p. 177 par. 14
No. 2: Exodus 14:19-31
No. 3: *td* 45C "Was the Black Race Cursed By God?"
No. 4: *w82* 3/15 pp. 5-7

Nov. 27 Bible reading: Exodus 16 to 18
Song No. 75 "The Fruit of Self-Control"
No. 1: *sg* p. 177 par. 15 to p. 180 par. 29
No. 2: Exodus 18:13-27
No. 3: *td* 47E "Is It Wrong to Change One's Religion?"
No. 4: *w82* 3/15 pp. 29, 30

Dec. 4 Bible reading: Exodus 19 to 21
Song No. 22 "Praise Jehovah, the Rock"
No. 1: *sg* p. 181 par. 1 to p. 183 par. 14
No. 2: Exodus 20:1-17
No. 3: *my story* 116
No. 4: *g81* 8/22 pp. 17-19

Dec. 11 Bible reading: Exodus 22 to 24
Song No. 49 "The Divine Pattern of Love"
No. 1: *sg* 184 par. 15 to p. 187 par. 34
No. 2: Exodus 24:1-18
No. 3: *td* 50B "Must Christians Keep the Sabbath?"
No. 4: *g81* 10/8 pp. 8-11

Dec. 18 Bible reading: Exodus 25 to 27
Song No. 101 "Our Godly Joy"
No. 1: *sg* p. 188 par. 1 to p. 191 par. 13
No. 2: Exodus 25:1-22
No. 3: *td* 52A "Does the Bible Agree With True Science?"
No. 4: *g81* 11/8 pp. 9-12

Dec. 25 Written Review. Complete Exodus 7 to 27
Song No. 107 "An Evening Song to Jehovah"

Directing Interest to the Organization—Part III

¹ During the past two months we have considered various ways of using the brochure, *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* to direct interested persons to Jehovah's organization. Let us give further thought to how it may be used.

BE SELECTIVE

² Advance preparation on your part is needed. Select information from the brochure that will fit the particular needs of the student. Keep in mind that new ones do not all advance at the same rate so you will need to select points for discussion that will enhance the appreciation of each individual. Take into consideration the progress the student has already made. There is a need to be flexible. A good teacher knows the potential of his students and can discern just which points to present at a particular time. (John 16:12) Keep your discussion of the organization progressive, building appreciation week by week.

³ It would be well to make a copy of *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* available to the student. Then he can be encouraged to take the initiative to read it through. He will have it available as you consider information from it on a regular basis.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR NEW STUDENTS

⁴ We want our students to appreciate the scope of the work being done by Jehovah's Witnesses, as well as the international brotherhood we enjoy. This should help even very new ones decide to attend congregation meetings without delay. A brief review of the modern-day organization is presented on pages 6 through 9 of the brochure. Building appreciation for the organization can be accomplished by briefly reviewing the heading, "Their Modern Development and Growth." We can emphasize the phenomenal growth of Jehovah's Witnesses during the past 100 years, and point out the value of *The Watchtower* in helping persons to study the Bible. Referring to page 8, we can discuss the increase in circulation of *Awake!* Also, we can discuss our name on the basis of Isaiah 43: 10-12.

⁵ The world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses at Brooklyn is a beehive of activity. The work done there is described on pages 9 and 10. The illustrations on page 10 show the Society's facilities in New York City and at Watchtower Farms. At these locations volun-

teer workers prepare and print the Bible literature we use. Help the student to see that all of this is being directed by God's organization in order to accomplish the work commanded by Jesus.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

⁶ We can direct the attention of more advanced Bible students to finer details on these same topics. For instance, we may refer to page 7 and discuss what is stated about the year 1914 and what has been said about it as "a turning point in human history." Later, we could discuss "Court Victories" on page 8 or expand on "Special Training Programs" mentioned on pages 8 and 9. Page 30 gives us a fine opportunity to point out to the advanced student the responsibility that all have to preach the good news. We can review with them the Scriptural reasons why we need to preach. (Matt. 24:14; 1 Cor. 9:16) It may take several study sessions to cover these paragraphs thoroughly.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

⁷ One brother who has used these methods effectively said: "The thing for which to strive is simplicity. Just a couple of scripture texts, a brief discussion touching on the need for being present at meetings, and, would you believe it?—it works!" Another brother stated: "In my opening and closing prayers I always refer to Jehovah's organization and express that it is a grand privilege to be associated with it.

⁸ Remember to discuss points about the organization on a regular basis. As you use *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century*, let it help you to become more effective in directing new ones to associate with Jehovah's people regularly.

"Live Forever" (Cont'd)
point of the pictures. These involve the student and impel him to act.

⁹ We will want to give this new *Live Forever* book the widest distribution possible. During the months of January and February we will be featuring it in the field service. So do not be caught short: Be sure your congregation has plenty of supplies on hand!

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. B.I.St.
Sp'l Pios.	369	122.3	91.3	48.6	5.3
Pios.	20,405	76.0	50.9	29.0	3.4
Aux. Pios.	21,289	60.1	38.0	16.3	1.4
Pubs.	563,751	9.0	7.7	3.5	0.4
TOTAL	605,814				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 5,919

Announcements

● Literature offer for October and November: Subscription for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* or both. Cost of subscriptions is \$3.50 per year for semimonthly magazines, \$2.00 per six months for semimonthly magazines and \$2.00 per year for monthly magazines. (There is no six-month subscription for monthly magazines.) December: *New World Translation* with any 192-page book for \$3.75. January and February: *Live Forever* book for \$2.50.

● New Publications Available:
"Let Your Kingdom Come" —Greek

My Book of Bible Stories —Hungarian

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

Watch Tower Publications Index 1976-1980 —Portuguese

Aid to Bible Understanding (Part 5, As-Ba) —Italian

Aid to Bible Understanding (Part 6, Ba-Be) —Italian
Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Tagalog

● New Cassette Recordings Available:
To the Romans (single cassette) —Japanese

The First to the Corinthians (single cassette) —Japanese

The Second to the Corinthians (single cassette) —Danish

To the Galatians, to the Ephesians (single cassette) —Danish

To the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians (single cassette) —Japanese

To the Philippians through The Second to the Thessalonians (single cassette) —Danish

● Prepare for the special talk and Memorial: Please order special talk handbills and Memorial invitations now so that your congregation will receive them well in advance of the special talk to be held on Sunday, April 10, 1983, or during the week following, and the Memorial celebration on Tuesday, March 29, 1983. Check locally for time of sundown. The special handbills should be ordered on the yellow *Special Talk Handbill Order*. Memorial invitations may be ordered in lots of 250, 500 and 1,000, using the special blue *Memorial Invitation Order Form*. Two copies of each form are being sent to the congregations with the October statement. It would be appreciated if these could be filled out as soon as possible and returned for processing. This will save the Society and the congregations considerable expense in postage. The special talk will be on the subject: "Religion's Time of Judgment." PLEASE DO NOT REMIT WITH YOUR ORDER. The handbills and invitations will be charged to your congregation's literature account. Payment for these should be included with the amount of money remitted for literature. Please do not list payment for handbills and invitations separately on the remittance form.

● Portions of the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* will be studied in the congregation book studies beginning the week of December 5, 1982, and continuing through the week of May 29, 1983. It should not be necessary for older publishers to order new copies of this publication, as the majority will have a personal copy from prior years that can be used. If local congregation supplies are depleted, the Society has a limited supply to fill congregations orders for those newer publishers who do not yet have a copy. Or, it may be that copies can be obtained from nearby congregations.

● With this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*, we are including the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1983. This will enable school overseers to make assignments well in advance.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

New Subscription System

By Offering "Watchtower" and "Awake" Subscriptions

¹ At least four times a month we Witnesses receive good news, namely, when we receive our copies of the latest issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* How happy we are to be supplied with spiritual food through Jehovah's earthly organization! *The Watchtower* keeps us abreast of the latest understanding of God's Word. *Awake!* keeps us up-to-date on a wide variety of topics, including how world affairs are fulfilling Bible prophecies.

² We find happiness in reading these publications regularly, and we know others would too. They can if they subscribe to these two fine magazines. With every issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* coming into the home, there are excellent possibilities that a number of individuals in the household will pick them up and read articles of interest. Thus many may have opportunities to learn the truth. So we have good reason to offer subscriptions to all we meet.

FEATURE ARTICLES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

³ In the October 8 *Awake!* there are articles that will be of interest to people in all walks of life. The title of one of these asks, "The Design in Nature—What Does It Prove?" This can no doubt be used effectively in arousing interest in the *Awake!* magazine. Another article you might choose to highlight when presenting this issue is, "Adam and Eve—Real Persons or Only Fiction?" Most people have heard about Adam and Eve, but some may not believe they actually existed. This article would be of particular interest to them. Those who do believe they were real persons would be interested in having proof that they can share with others. Or you might want to point out the article, "When All Nature Will Be in Harmony," which emphasizes the wonderful hope we have for the future. This subject might be especially appealing to older people.

⁴ The October 15 issue of *The Watchtower* discusses the subject, "Our Needs—Can Governments Fill Them?" followed by, "How

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Happiness—How to Find It:*

October 3:	Pages 112 to 120
October 10:	Pages 121 to 130
October 17:	Pages 131 to 139
October 24:	Pages 140 to 150
October 31:	Pages 151 to 160

Our Needs Will Be Filled." You may want to select a sentence or two out of one of these articles to use in connection with offering *The Watchtower* subscription. If you are talking to a youth or parent you may wish to highlight a point in one of the articles about youth, "Do Children Want Rules?" or "Sound Guidance for Today's Youth" or "Rearing Your Children to Love Jehovah."

⁵ The October 22 issue of *Awake!* features information dealing with television, "Television—What It Can Do for You . . . and to You." Included is fine information on family life and education and how television affects this.

TIE IN SUBSCRIPTION WITH TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

⁶ As we go from house to house, we want to arouse the interest of householders in the Bible and this can best be done by endeavoring to share the information in our Topic for Conversation before offering the subscription. If we choose to highlight the October 8 *Awake!* after reading Psalm 119:90 we might say something like this: "Since it is God's purpose to keep the earth in existence, do you think he will want it to continue to be filled with problems as it is today, with mankind ruining the environment? [Allow householder to answer.] To explain what God intends for the earth, I would like to share this issue of *Awake!* with you. It has a discussion on the subject, 'When All Nature Will Be in Harmony.' Then you might point out a specific item in the article and proceed to explain the subscription offer.

⁷ When offering *The Watchtower* subscription, after considering Psalm 119:90 with the householder, you might highlight the article, "How Our Needs Will Be Filled" in the October 15 issue. Refer to a specific point and then explain the subscription arrangement.

⁸ Let your own enthusiasm for these fine magazines shine through as you offer the subscriptions at every opportunity. Our magazines are valuable! May you experience the joy of helping many others to appreciate this value and to benefit by their Bible-based message.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Earth's Future—Secure!

Luke 21:26—Many fear for earth's future.

Ps. 119:90—God's sure promise gives hope.

The Society is now using a computerized system to handle all subscriptions in the United States. It would be helpful to understand some of its new features.

Our addressing equipment has the capability of printing MESSAGES ON THE WRAPPERS of subscription copies. These are helpful reminders to the subscriber when only a few issues remain before the subscription expires, or in case the subscriber is moving. These messages should be disregarded where the subscriber has recently renewed or has no plans to change address.

The RENEWAL FORM inserted in magazines is now being sent about two months before the last issue due the subscriber. This allows for renewing so no copies of magazines will be missed.

The EXPIRING SUBSCRIPTION RETURN VISIT SLIPS are also sent to congregations about two months before subscriptions expire. When these are received, calls should be made promptly on subscribers to avoid interrupting the regular receipt of the magazines.

Handling subscriptions by computer has made it possible to process subscriptions and address changes more quickly, thus giving better service to subscribers.

We would again like to recommend that families of Jehovah's Witnesses endeavor to have individual subscriptions to the magazines. Often when individuals, parents and children, receive personal subscription-copies through the mail there is greater interest in the contents of the magazines. It encourages all to read and study over the many fine articles appearing in each issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* We hope that many families will seriously consider this matter.

Word of Jehovah (Cont'd)
dividuals turn down the subscription offer, then we can offer the two current issues on a 30-cent contribution, and perhaps at a future time they will decide to subscribe.

⁹ Our topic for conversation "Earth's Future—Secure!" will fit in easily with our offer of the subscription to either one or both of our magazines. May all of us do our part in keeping the word of Jehovah moving speedily. Do this by helping others to appreciate the spiritual food in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines and thereby learn of the secure future for those who truly love Jehovah.
—Prov. 1:33.