

# KINGDOM MINISTRY

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"Although the fig tree itself may not blossom, . . . I will exult in Jehovah himself."—Hab. 3:17, 18.

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Dear Kingdom Publishers:

You will be interested in some of the details of Brother Knorr's recent trip to the Far East.

In Japan he arranged to purchase two more rotary presses—one for Japan, the other for the Philippines. Some bookbinding machinery was also ordered for the Brooklyn factory. Before leaving for South Korea he went over plans to purchase more property and enlarge the Bethel home and factory in Numazu.

Like Japan, South Korea is also seeing tremendous expansion in the Kingdom work. So, on this trip, plans were finalized for a three-story addition to the Bethel home in Seoul. From there, Brother Knorr went on to the island of Okinawa for the dedication of a new branch home.

Short stops were then made in Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Vietnam and the Philippines, where similar expansion problems were handled. Hong Kong has especially enjoyed a fine increase during the past year. The Philippine Bethel family was overjoyed to learn that they were getting another rotary press. They even volunteered to take on the printing of the Chinese magazines when they get it.

A few days after Brother Knorr returned to Brooklyn he announced that six more German-built rotary presses were on order (two for our German factory and four for Watchtower Farm), plus about two and a half million dollars' worth of bindery machinery. This will raise the capacity for book production in Germany to 11,000,000 and in Brooklyn to 60,000,000 a year during regular daytime working hours!

Other news concerns our brothers in war-torn Cyprus. We have learned that the brothers in the branch, and 350 to 400 other brothers, had to abandon their homes and take refuge in the Greek-held part of the island. Later, a few brothers, at great risk, returned to the branch building when the

## Preach the Good News Everywhere

### Kingdom News Points to Lasting, Satisfying Life

<sup>1</sup> Jesus commanded his disciples to be witnesses of him "to the most distant part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) In carrying out that commission his followers have used every appropriate means. They are keenly aware that the "good news" is to be declared "to every nation and tribe and tongue and people." (Rev. 14:6) Reports confirm that the work is being done, and it is our privilege to share in it.

<sup>2</sup> For fifty-five years, *Awake!* has been used to carry the message of the Kingdom to appreciative readers around the globe. Every two weeks, more than 8 million copies in 31 languages are put into the hands of a wide variety of people. It will be a pleasure to feature *Awake!* again during October.

<sup>3</sup> Most people identify *Awake!* as a companion to *The Watchtower*. So why not offer both subscriptions, with six booklets, for \$3.00? Both may be just as readily accepted, and the benefits will be twofold.

<sup>4</sup> *Awake!* has promised to publish factual information about "vital topics on which you should be informed." Regular readers confirm that it certainly does that. It comes to grips with issues of serious concern, ones that dominate the head-

Turks were only 100 meters away, and were able to rescue some important records, files and literature. These were transferred to the missionary home in Limassol.

As far as is known, no brothers on Cyprus have lost their lives due to the fighting, but ten brothers living in the Turkish area are yet to be heard from. The branch in Greece has been instructed to ship whatever they can in the way of bedding, foodstuffs and money to aid our brothers on Cyprus.

We send warm love to all of you.

Your brothers,  
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

lines every day. But *Awake!* provides insight that other news sources do not; it shows the meaning of it all and what the outcome will be. People need to know these things; this is a compelling reason for us to share wholeheartedly in the effort to obtain subscriptions during October.

<sup>5</sup> Much good is also accomplished by distribution of the individual copies of the magazines. During October we have outstanding issues of both magazines to use. It will accomplish much good if we put forth an extra effort to get these into the hands of many people. Will you do so?

<sup>6</sup> *Awake!* is one of the many means that Jehovah's people are using to get the "good news" preached everywhere. Jehovah is certainly blessing these efforts with marvelous expansion! In the United States, a large proportion of the congregations are working their territory every six months or less. Arrangements were made for all the 223 unassigned territories to be covered by congregations or by temporary special pioneers during the summer months. More are taking up the regular pioneer service, over 1,000 being added to the ranks every month. Besides that, tens of thousands have enrolled as temporary pioneers. Results are seen in that most Kingdom Halls are crowded to capacity, and new congregations are being formed at a rate of more than one a day. Very fine indeed!

#### DISTRIBUTE KINGDOM NEWS NO. 19

<sup>7</sup> One feature of our service that contributed notably to the fine increase during the past year was distribution of *Kingdom News*. Many new Bible studies were started, and tens of thousands of new publishers shared in the distribution of those timely tracts. Our

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★ Preach the Good News in All Creation Under Heaven. ★



# Your Service Meetings

## WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 13

**15 min:** Song 89. Introduction and brief family discussion of text. Family members also share with one another any good experiences heard in recent weeks from local publishers who had success in locating interested persons or starting Bible studies. Next, discuss obtaining of subscriptions; have various family members offer suggestions as to where they hope to obtain them: by house-to-house activity, from a neighbor or workmate, by giving a gift subscription, by calling back on an interested person, etc. Comment briefly on October 22 *Awake!* and why the featured subject is appropriate; briefly show how to offer it in magazine work. Father reviews congregation's field service arrangements for the week; discuss how they as a family can share, with special emphasis on magazine distribution.

**15 min:** "Preach the Good News Everywhere." Audience participation.

**15 min:** How to Engage Household in Bible Discussions. Experienced publisher encourages newer one to share in house-to-house work with regular offer, using Bible. Cover these points: (1) Jehovah uses all kinds of persons; not great personal ability but willingness needed. (2) We realize that most of the Jews rejected Jesus; we cannot expect a majority of persons to listen to us. (3) Select one scripture; be willing to read it if householder is willing to listen; practice doing it. (4) Discuss appropriate introductions that will stimulate interest and encourage householders to comment. (5) Listen when householder speaks; be discerning, not pushy.

**15 min:** Concluding comments. Branch Letter. If not already done, presiding overseer for the past year may review encouraging highlights made in his report to the branch office, also offer recommendations about what to work on during the coming year. Song 103.

## WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 20

**10 min:** Song 70. Introduction, text and comments. Discuss items of interest from Theocratic News and Announcements.

**4 min:** Accounts report.

**10 min:** Reporting Field Service. A talk. Questions have been raised about reporting time in the field service. Some ask if it is proper to count time spent taking "coffee breaks" or eating lunch. Is it all right to start counting time at a call near home and then travel a long distance to your territory? Can we start counting time by writing letters at home and then continue to count time thereafter while going to meet with a group for service? Other similar inquiries have been made.

An attempt to lay down rules is not practical, since circumstances vary in every case. All can be guided by the instruction to report "time spent in the activity of Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making, proclaiming God's truths to those who are not dedicated, baptized Witnesses." (*Organization* book, p. 126) After we get started, we may include time in getting from one house to another as we make our calls, and we may count the time whether householders are at home and willing to listen or not; our reason for calling is to preach. When some question arises, ask yourself: Has this time been spent

in the preaching activity? Or, has it been spent doing something else that is not actually part of that work? Report all the time you conscientiously feel was used in the preaching work. The amount you report in comparison with others is not important. (Gal. 6:4) The important thing is that the love in your heart has moved you to share your faith with others. (Luke 6:45) What we report should give us joy and not pangs of conscience. Our concern should be about results accomplished and not reports made about it. Our giving should come from a cheerful heart and not just a sense of obligation. (2 Cor. 9:7) With each one being guided by his own conscience and a balanced viewpoint of the Scriptures, reports made to the congregation will reflect, not "acts of eyeservice," but good works motivated by a sincere heart.—Col. 3:22.

**18 min:** "It Helps to Talk About It." Questions and answers; look up scriptures and comment on them as time permits.

**18 min:** Concluding comments. Distribute a sample copy of *Kingdom News* No. 19 to each publisher; discuss the main points; read some excerpts; invite publishers to pick up supplies after meeting; encourage all to have full share in distribution starting November 1.

October *Kingdom Ministry* contains Theocratic Ministry School schedule for the coming year; encourage all to keep their copy and use it in preparing for meetings. Song 85.

## WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 27

**15 min:** Song 102. Introduction, text and comments. Discuss, with audience participation, the Question Box.

**15 min:** "The Craving for Excitement." Group discussion of June 22, 1974, *Awake!* article. Older brother and sister chat informally with a group of teen-agers. Several teen-agers make expressions that reflect an impulsive, unbalanced view of popular pastimes. Discussion helps all to see the lack of wisdom and bad consequences from cultivating such interests. Comments stress logic, reasonableness without laying down rules.

**10 min:** Distributing *Kingdom News*. Emphasize ten-day distribution; discuss arrangements for group work, handling of territory; encourage sharing extra tracts with other publishers so that all are distributed. Include demonstration showing how to offer the tract briefly. Remind publishers that a copy of *Kingdom News* is to be left even when householder is not at home.

**20 min:** Awaiting the Divine Victory with Confidence. (Ps. 98:1, NE) Talk on theme for November. Stress reasons why we can have confidence in the following: Jehovah will protect his people as a group during the coming "great tribulation." Not just a few of God's servants, but a "great crowd" will survive. (Rev. 7:9, 14) In determining who of mankind will survive, God will judge righteously; Jehovah's way of handling matters is always the best way. (Deut. 32:4; Matt. 25:31-33) Guidance now provided by the "slave" is Jehovah's provision. (Matt. 24:45-47) Now is the time to be busy in the work that God has given us to do; our faith, patience and industriousness will be richly rewarded.—1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 6:10-12.

Get expressions from audience (selected, in part, in advance) about effects of the two special service meetings in September. After sober thinking on the matters discussed, have some taken steps toward a more firm stand for the truth? Have some felt the need to be more zealous in the field service? Is there a greater feeling of urgency? Encourage all to be loyal, wholehearted. Urge all, before next week, to look up scriptures in service meeting outline.

Announce special public talk for this week, encouraging all to attend, bringing new book and Bible. Remind that *Thousand Years* book should be completed at book studies by end of November. Song 67.

## WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 3

**10 min:** Song 66. Introduction, text and comments.

**30 min:** Now Is the Time to Decide. (Audience discussion) It is reasonable to expect that we will encounter critical situations in the near future where we may suddenly be compelled to make weighty decisions with far-reaching effects. Indecisiveness could be disastrous. (Jas. 1:6-8) The training now being provided by Jehovah helps us clearly to "distinguish both right and wrong." (Heb. 5:14) NOW is the time to anticipate issues that may arise, consider the factors involved and decide what we are going to do. If we give no thought to such matters until they confront us, the pressures and uncertainties of the moment may overwhelm us with dire consequences. The following are some critical situations that we should already have considered and made a decision as to what course we will follow. Invite audience to comment on how they view the following matters and why: (1) Relatives may threaten to disown you because of your faith. (Matt. 10:35-39; Mark 10:29, 30) (2) Facing the loss of much materially, perhaps due to bad economic situation. (Hab. 3:17, 18) (3) Being subjected to arrest or imprisonment as a Christian. (Matt. 10:18, 19; Rev. 2:10) (4) Having to endure physical hardships in connection with persecution. (Job 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:20; 2 Cor. 11:23-27) (5) Preaching work banned; meetings forbidden. (Acts 5:28, 29) (6) Pressure to give support to a worldly government. (Luke 4:5-8; Jas. 4:4) (7) Sudden temptation to immoral conduct. (1 Cor. 6:9, 10) (8) Confronted with demand to salute a flag. (Dan. 3:16-18) (9) Enticed by some worldly attraction. (1 John 2:15-17) (10) Temptation to retaliate for mistreatment or opposition. (Rom. 12:17-20) (11) Being urged by someone to ignore counsel from elders. (Heb. 13:17) (12) What if some former brothers turned rebellious? (1 Tim. 4:1, 16) (13) What if your own life is endangered by opposers? (2 Cor. 1:8-10)

Advance knowledge lovingly provided by Jehovah can help us to make future decisions right now and avoid a wrong course. (2 Pet. 3:17) A firm resolve to be guided by God's Word can give us the courage we need to face whatever the future may bring.—Prov. 3:5, 6.

**10 min:** Presenting the Good News. Two publishers discuss offering "Eternal Purpose" book. Practice offering it using sermon "Does God Care?" Interrupt sermon at certain points to discuss what is being done and why.

**10 min:** Concluding comments. Discuss what is needed to conclude tract work by November 10. Song 76.



# It Helps to Talk About It

<sup>1</sup> God's Word says much about proper use of the tongue. (Jas. 3:1-10) While many situations require restraining the tongue from speaking altogether, there definitely is a "time to speak," a time when well-chosen words are "as apples of gold in silver carvings." (Eccl. 3:7; Prov. 25:11) A good word from the "tongue of the wise ones is a healing," a sharp contrast to thoughtless, inconsiderate babbling.—Prov. 12:18.

<sup>2</sup> Of course, as imperfect humans we all sin with our tongue or may in other ways offend fellow believers. (Jas. 3:2; 1 John 1:8) Appreciating that we are in need of forgiveness should certainly cause us to be merciful with our brothers, not making issues of minor matters. However, if a person is really troubled and simply cannot put a certain minor offense out of mind and heart, he would not improve the situation by refusing to talk to the offender. Such silence might breed suspicion and distrust, widening the breach that already exists. On the other hand, a few minutes of understanding conversation may put an end to long-standing grievances.—Matt. 5:23, 24; Eph. 4:26.

<sup>3</sup> Kind words not only contribute much toward improving relationships but also serve to encourage and to build others up. Do we not all experience discouragement? The old system exerts tremendous pressure upon us. It is becoming more difficult to make a living. Surely, then, we benefit from the encouraging word of a thoughtful friend.

An expression of kindness, an upbuilding thought from the Bible, or even a friendly greeting may be just the "good word" needed to make our hearts rejoice.—Prov. 12:25.

<sup>4</sup> Especially when our thoughts and meditations center on spiritual things will our conversations be upbuilding. (Phil. 4:8) An added blessing that results therefrom is that spiritual things are impressed more deeply upon our minds and hearts. And do we not have many good things to talk about? These might be outstanding points we have read in the Watch Tower publications, Biblical passages that particularly impressed us while doing personal study, or things called to our attention at congregational meetings. An encouraging experience can also "impart what is favorable to the hearers."—Eph. 4:29.

<sup>5</sup> There are times when it requires courage to make good use of the tongue. Especially is this the case when someone close to us becomes guilty of serious wrongdoing and simply tries to conceal it. Strong emotional feelings may weigh heavily upon us, causing us to want to refrain from speaking to the elders about the matter. But it would really be a distorted sense of loyalty if we were to pass over the serious wrongdoing of someone else. (Deut. 13:6-8) Then, too, it would not be a kindness to the wrongdoer, as it could deprive him of needed spiritual help from the elders and cause him to become

hardened in a course of sin. Furthermore, we would be showing a lack of concern for the cleanness of the congregation, exposing it to reproach. We could actually be denying our claim of loyalty to Jehovah and his law, possibly endangering our own standing before him. So, while it might be difficult to speak out, would it not be the right and beneficial course for all concerned?

<sup>6</sup> No question about it, communication at the right time is vital in preserving the peace and harmony of the congregation. That is why elders should rightly be concerned about setting a fine example in this respect when caring for their responsibilities. In matters that have a considerable effect on people's lives, an elder acts with insight when he does not make a decision on his own but consults fellow elders. As Proverbs 15:22 says: "There is a frustrating of plans where there is no confidential talk, but in the multitude of counselors there is accomplishment." Elders who appreciate this do not limit discussions to their four meetings a year but take time to consult one another about problems and

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work with *Kingdom News* is not finished.

<sup>8</sup> From November 1 to 10 it will be our privilege to distribute *Kingdom News* No. 19, which features a question that millions of people are asking: "Is This All There Is to Life?" The message that it contains is warm, appealing. Once you have read it, you will want others to do so.

<sup>9</sup> Work together as a congregation to see that all the tracts get into the hands of the public. About 100 for each publisher have been shipped to your congregation. Some of you may be able to distribute more; some, less. By united effort, endeavor to get all of them out by November 10. Perhaps some who are attending the meetings have never shared in the field service but would like to have a part in this work. If so, we encourage them to make this known to one of the elders before November. The elder will gladly discuss with them what is needed to qualify.

<sup>10</sup> By zealously sharing in making known the "good news" we demonstrate our devotion to Jehovah, also our love for our fellowmen. Lives are involved. May willing hearts move us to share to the full in the work.

## Announcements

◆ Literature offer for October: Awake! subscription, with 3 booklets, for \$1.50; or a double subscription, with 6 booklets, for \$3.00. November: God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphant for Man's Good, for 25c. December: New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, along with the book *Is This Life All There Is?*, for \$1.25.

◆ New Publications Available:  
*New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (b18-S)  
Large Print Edition —Spanish  
*Human Plans Failing as God's Purpose Succeeds* —French, Spanish  
*God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached* —Japanese  
*"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"* —How? —French  
*Paradise Restored to Mankind—By Theocracy* —Italian, Spanish  
*Listening to the Great Teacher* —Senedi, Tswana  
*The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* —Pangasinan, Tsonga  
*Divine Rule—The Only Hope for All Mankind* —Ibo

◆ Available Again in U.S.A.:  
"Look! I Am Making All Things New" —Romanian  
*Basis for Belief in a New World* —Romanian

◆ In the case of those who make telephone calls to the Society's Brooklyn

## JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	696	123.6	41.7	4.0	141.3
Pios.	20,355	91.9	34.0	2.8	86.5
Temp. Pios.	8,347	82.0	20.0	1.1	70.9
Pubs.	486,573	9.7	4.1	.5	13.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>515,971</b>				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 12,997

**UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1974**  
483,438 Publishers

## HOW DID WE DO IN JULY?

Most of us attended an assembly during the month, yet a fine effort in the service resulted in the distribution of 1,116,444 books. That exceeded last July's report by more than 320,000!

Several congregations, along with 98 temporary special pioneers, were busy in unassigned territory, making sure people in those areas hear the good news.

The number baptized was 12,997, bringing the 11-month total to 76,566. That is 20,991 above last year's total! In a marvelous way, we see Jehovah "Increasing the Wealth of Earth's New King"!

offices, it will help us if more of you will use the number 858-1240, not only 625-1240.



# Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

## With the "Eternal Purpose" Book

<sup>1</sup> Included among the many good things we rejoiced to receive at the "Divine Purpose" assembly was the fascinating new book *God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good*. We will waste no time in putting it to good use.

<sup>2</sup> First, if we have not yet done so, it would be good to read it ourselves. It contains spiritual food that will strengthen us. To help us digest it, the public talks during November will highlight important points to remember. This will be followed by a page-by-page consideration at the book studies starting December 1. In the meantime, carry copies with you, offering it to neighbors, workmates and others that you contact in your daily routine. Make sure that interested ones previously contacted are offered a copy, along with encouragement to attend the public talks. It is recommended that, after we distribute *Kingdom News* No. 19, we return to the same territory with the new book. Many who read the tract may be glad to get more information.

<sup>3</sup> What about a presentation to use in offering the book? If you wish, you may continue using the sermon "Does God Care?" which

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suggestions as well as to make sure that important matters are known by the entire body.

<sup>7</sup> Occasionally, when the elders meet, mention may be made of a brother or sister who in some way is failing to set a good example. Perhaps a decision is made not to use the person for demonstrations in the service meeting nor to appoint him or her as a temporary pioneer, or the like. When that is the case, the person would be benefited if the elders tried to help that one to become a better example. A failure to communicate could give rise to feelings of resentment or discouragement. Love should prompt such shepherds to give needed aid.

<sup>8</sup> How happy we can be that the Bible gives us excellent guidelines for using the tongue aright! May all of us work hard to follow these, thereby contributing to the joy and upbuilding of our brothers.

was suggested for use with the subscription offer during October. This theme is certainly appropriate, since God's determination to carry out his eternal purpose is convincing proof that he cares a great deal for us. The very first chapter assures us that "We Are Within the Purpose of a Loving Creator." You could also refer to page 186, paragraph 42, where pointed comments are made on the texts in that sermon.

<sup>4</sup> You may prefer to ask a thought-provoking question and then refer to a scripture quoted in the book that provides the answer. For example: "Human plans are all failing. Can we trust God to succeed in fulfilling his purpose?" (Page 24, par. 38; read Psalm 33:9-12.) "Many say that God has abandoned this earth. Does he still have a worthwhile purpose toward this earth that will be fulfilled?" (Page 35, par. 16; read Isaiah 45:18.) "Human governments seem to be helpless in coping with world problems. Is there any government that God will use to bring lasting peace?" —Page 127, par. 18; read Isaiah 9:6, 7.

<sup>5</sup> If you want a brief presentation, you could turn to the illustration on page 4 and say: "God has an eternal purpose that will soon bring cause for much happiness to people in all nations. This book surveys that special purpose from its beginning and shows how you can be among those privileged to enjoy its blessings."

<sup>6</sup> You are sure to get other ideas about offering the book as you use it during the month and pay close attention to the public talks. Its contents provide an insight into the immediate future that is presently of great interest to many sincere people. Be alert to opportunities to start studies with those who show a desire to learn more.

<sup>7</sup> Distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 19 will be our first objective during the early part of November, but as soon as your supply of tracts is exhausted or your territory is covered, concentrate on book distribution during the balance of the month. Many honest-hearted people will be comforted by this faith-strengthening explanation of God's eternal purpose.

## THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ British Isles reports 108,102 attended district assemblies—first time over 100,000 in attendance in one year in that country's history. Total baptized for service year by end of July is 7,600—up 25 percent over last year's total.

◆ Israel reports they now have 5 congregations, with a second one formed in Tel Aviv. Publishers reporting in July are 30 percent ahead of last year's average.

◆ For the first time Nigeria passed the 100,000 mark in publishers (100,347). Much potential for increase, as final Memorial report shows 258,978 attended.

◆ Kenya passes 1,500 mark for first time; 1,534 publishers, a 33-percent increase.

◆ Brazil reports book placements up 30,000 over last year's July total; magazine placements up 55 percent.

◆ Baptism total by end of July for Argentina 61 percent ahead of last year's pace; 4,475 baptized.

◆ Dominican Republic reports a 27-percent increase, with 5,679 publishers in July. More baptized than in any past year.

## Question Box

● How can we get help to solve a personal problem?

There is real satisfaction in being able to solve our own problems with the help of God's Word. Many find they can successfully resolve most personal difficulties through prayer and personal study of the Bible. Better than anyone else, Jehovah knows our problems and invites us to come to him for help. (Heb. 4:16; Jas. 1:2,5; *Watchtower*, July 1, 1974, pp. 414, 415.) The *Watch Tower Publications Index* can be used to locate material that deals with specific problems and the Bible counsel that applies.

After following the above suggestions, if you still feel the need for assistance, then talk to one of the elders in your congregation. These brothers know you and your circumstances; they are usually in a good position to offer the counsel you need from God's Word. Remember, the elder arrangement is Jehovah's provision for giving spiritual assistance.

If the problem persists and you have good reason to feel that you need further help, you may write to the Society. If you decide to write, we suggest that you do the following: Identify yourself, your congregation and any other persons directly involved. Anonymous letters are never answered. Do not inquire about hypothetical situations. State things accurately, avoiding conjecture and unrelated details. Provide complete information, clearly stating the nature of your problem. Relate what you have done so far to solve it and why you feel that you have been unsuccessful. An effort will be made to point out the Bible principles that apply. If you write about counsel given by the elders, it would be good to provide them a copy of your letter. When others are involved, the Society may send a copy of its reply to the elders so that they will know what advice has been given.



Awake! Contains What People Need to Know.

