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A most warm and special greeting, once again, to all our beloved brothers and sisters of the common faith.

Thank you for the many welcomed and most encouraging letters which we receive monthly. Your love and affection and magnificent response to the teaching God gave to us so long ago is so helpful, stimulating and inspiring. It is our privilege to serve you. A meaningful response to the teaching, of course, makes that service all the more appealing and rewarding.

Thank you for the ability to make your true and genuine feelings known. In the past too many people were embarrassed and therefore reluctant to express any feelings whatsoever. Indeed, we must not be hypocritical! We must express only our true and genuine feelings. If one has an inability to feel genuine love and affection for the brethren, he surely must recognize the need to pray wholeheartedly to God for the stirring of His Holy Spirit which will make such genuine emotions possible. God is love.

It is hard to avoid manifesting real love and affection for one when we truly put ourselves in the shoes of that person. If all of us would take just a few seconds and truly evaluate our own feelings from the perspective of other people's problems how different would our responses be! Remember, that is precisely why Jesus Christ came and died for us. He wanted to experience the problems of human beings directly so that He could properly succor us in our weaknesses and profound needs. God help us if we fail to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leeman have now returned from Surinam — where they spent approximately one month in the service of the company for which Mr. Leeman works. They had a wonderful and inspiring time. They have uttered glowing and wonderful reports since coming home. It is wonderful to realize how God blesses, inspires and protects regardless of where His people are upon the surface of this earth.

One of the fringe benefits of their trip to Surinam affects Mr. Nimal Fernando. By coincidence one of the significant and responsible individuals (in Surinam) of the company for which Mr. Leeman works knows influential

people both in the United States and Sri Lanka. The wife of this very kind and thoughtful couple is most willing — expressing the desire on her own — to help Nimal gain access into the United States, either directly or via Surinam. All of us should seriously pray about this possibility. How mysterious are the ways of God. Would have any one of us thought to go through such channels? Could the coincidence mentioned above actually be a miracle from God?

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their two younger children are now in Texas. They had a safe journey to Texas and did report a very successful Sabbath day (7-25-81) in the Dallas, Texas area. Two meetings were arranged. The morning meeting was arranged for the benefit of those who do really subscribe to the Truth God initially gave us. The afternoon meeting was arranged due to the fact several other people had indicated an interest in having an open session. From what I understand the meeting was revealing and helpful.

Next Sabbath Mr. and Mrs. Clark will be in the Kansas City, Missouri area. Reports now indicate people from as far away as Springfield, Missouri will journey up to Kansas City for the meeting. We are praying that much good will come from these contacts.

#### ARTICLES

This month's Monthly Letter (August) was written by Mr. Clark. I wrote an introduction for it. Please read it objectively.

Human beings, especially those of the Occidental world, have been mind conditioned. We have felt a kind of sorrow and regret for religious ignorance and stupidity of much of the world. Thousands of missionaries have been trained to proselytize these aboriginal and backward peoples. Yet the basic philosophy is one and the same. Why? Is it a matter of coincidence? Or, was there a much greater plot behind these similarities? The letter certainly explains the current "whys."

Because our own relatives, friends and others whom we admire have been involved in nominal Christianity, we put them in a different class from these far-off peoples. God makes no distinctions. There is only the Truth and then the rest of the world. We should not be involved in criticisms or personal judgments. That is a province reserved for God. We need only understand the difference which God made — the difference between one truly called and the others of humanity.

Since we do not want to proliferate The Gnostic Connection to the peoples of this world, the decision now is to allow the French-speaking brethren to translate this large work themselves. Those who read and understand some English will gain much understanding through the act of translating. The others will understand the material as it is given to them by those doing the transla-

tion work. Their endeavors will need much inspiration and help from God. Please give them your deepest concern — in the form of regular prayers. They will always thank you for this kind service.

### NEW INTEREST

New letters consistently come to us. People are very confused or terrorized by constant threats. They desperately need help. Yet that help cannot come except they become aware that it is available and then have the courage to face the threats and innuendo which are a weekly diet for most. Your prayers are vital to them. They may not know it right now, but there will come a day when they will with deep gratitude thank you for your concern and compassion. Do not give up. God did not give up on you. We can respond to that obvious love of God by tenacity toward our former friends and affiliates.

It was marvelous to have the opportunity of seeing and speaking with our new brothers and sisters of the French-speaking quarter. May God's richest love and blessings ever be upon them as they continue to adhere to the way to which they were called.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

The list remains pretty much the same for this month. There is no need to retype and send all the names and the specifics of the requests. Just use your last month's letter. Many of them have indicated improvement. But, the need of prayer and complete intervention remains the same.

One change: It is Mrs. Wesley (Louise) Winant who needs prayer. Things have greatly improved. She does have a new job — a great blessing from God — a job right in her own small community. She does not have to travel the congested roads into Dallas where she was working. This has helped reduce the tension, as well as the job change. She is doing very much better. Continue to pray until that 100% intervention is realized.

Additions: [Omitted for confidentiality]

General: Some need our prayers regarding the Feast of Tabernacles observance: Family problems, economics, health, etc. — pray that God will intervene for all who want to obey Him.

Healings: (Complete or greatly improved.)

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### FEAST OF TABERNACLES

There is some indication that Worldwide Church of God is again looking at Eugene as a possible site for the Feast this Fall. Due to competition and much greater numbers of people possibly coming to Eugene you can imagine the consequences. (However, I doubt they are coming.)

Therefore, we urge you to make your reservations early. At the time you are making your reservations, be sure to stress (if questions arise) that you are not with the other church group which seemingly has fallen into disfavor with the motel managers — for whatever the reasons. We have had some negative feedback until they were apprised of the fact we are not a part of that group.

For several reasons we are emphasizing certain motels. All the others listed are acceptable. There is no reason to reject any of them. The reasons for which we are emphasizing some are for convenience and economy.

The Budget Motel; The International Dunes Motel (which we did not mention in the first list because we thought it would be too costly) and The Country Squire Inn are ideally situated. Further, The International Dunes does have a very broad selection of studio units and kitchenettes. Dumfoundingly, their rates are the most economical of all motels for their kitchenette units. They are as expensive as other units for their regular rooms. For those not desiring a kitchenette or studio apartment, the Country Squire is offering exceptional rates — especially due to the length of stay and if a sizeable number of our people stay at that motel.

For those who may need some transportation assistance, please consider staying at The Country Squire Inn; The International Dunes Motel or The Budget Motel (they are close to the site and to each other). It will be much easier to work out transportation problems if those needing help are located in one generalized area. Thank you for helping in this matter, too.

Since The International Dunes Motel was not listed in the June Announcement Letter, the telephone number is given here. The telephone

number is: (503) 747-0332. It is situated near Belt Line Road and I-5 on Gateway. The distance to the site of the meetings is about 2.5 miles.

There are no motels within walking distance of the meeting site. It is for that reason, we are encouraging all who may have a transportation problem to consider the motels mentioned earlier.

Airfares: At the present time, there are excellent possibilities to fly quite inexpensively. Make sure your Travel Agent is current regarding fare changes. If you travel via a single carrier (Frontier, United, etc.) you have added advantage. The two carriers mentioned do have service into Eugene. Now, United flies directly from Denver to Eugene, nonstop. But, remember the number of the special tickets is limited. Secure your reservations as early as possible. I am sure God will bless all who truly look to Him and sincerely desire to be obedient with respect to the Fall Feasts.

Registry: Since we will be more scattered this year, due to the location, it may be advisable to compile a registry. By the means of such a registry, people can find one another easily. It will render a valuable service to us here at the office, also. Once you have completed your reservations, please send us the particulars so that a complete compilation of all the data can be made. This will be reprinted and made available at the office at the Feast site.

The registry should consist of this information: Family, motel unit or local home in which you are staying, address and telephone number. Thank you for your help.

Please, if you need any second tithe assistance let us know and how much you anticipate your need to be. The earlier we have all the information, the sooner we can make the necessary decisions. Also, the earlier the decision from us, the better it will be for those needing to know in order to complete their reservations — motel and flight or other means of transportation.

Arrival times: When corresponding with us, would you kindly give us the mode of transportation, carrier and the time of your arrival? With this knowledge we can help any who may need an assist at the time of arrival.

Map: Enclosed you will find a skeleton map of the Eugene-Springfield area. On it is listed the major arteries and the Feast of Tabernacles Site location — 3850 County Farm Road. As much as possible, other relative information will be included. I am sure the map will greatly help all who are not familiar with this area.

Please bring the enclosed map with you to the Feast. You will find it a valuable help while here in Eugene.



Note: The road on which the site is located is also County Farm Road. The name of the facility is Harlow Conference Center.

We have attempted to cover all the particulars which seem to be requisite to a smooth and successful Feast. If, however, we have overlooked anything which will aid anyone, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have plenty of time, yet, to help you.

### TRIPS

Our Switzerland and France trip was most profitable, inspiring and rewarding this year. We love our European brethren very much. They love you equally. On our last Sabbath occasion nearly all, if not all, personally asked us to remember them to you. They expressed their very deep love and affection for all their American brethren.

With the exception of the Sabbath immediately after arrival in Switzerland, we had two meetings each day. Only one on that first day. On Wednesday evening, each week, there was conducted, for all who could attend, a Bible Study. We held two services on the Day of Pentecost. Besides the above meetings there were other personal meetings and studies. In all, we were afforded the privilege of conducting in excess of twenty meetings. It is a privilege to serve them for they are so appreciative. It is the attitude of all of God's people who truly love Him — either here or abroad. Truly, it is the manifestation of the operation of God's priceless Holy Spirit.

Two of our Sabbath meetings — one Sabbath — were spent in Grenoble, France. It was a very great privilege to be with them all again.

Many of our French-speaking brethren do quite well speaking English. Their ability to understand makes up for my deficiency of French. They are to be highly commended for the effort which they put forth. Several are really diligently studying English.

It is our greatest hope that some of them will be able to come to the United States. We would love to have them meet all of you. Perhaps this will be a possibility for the future. We continue to pray about it.

Christine will be coming, God willing, later this Fall or early Winter. We view it as imperative to keep a vital link between the French-speaking brethren and those of us here. At the present time, the only means of accomplishing such a relationship is through Christine. Further, it is good for her to be subjected to our expressions and ways of doing things. This makes it much easier for her to translate thoughtfully the material which we write. Such an exposure is imperative to understanding the technicalities involved in translation work.

We look forward to her spending several weeks with us.

### CONCLUSION

God is still abundantly blessing. We are grateful for His concern and help. Let us always remember His love by thoughtful and willing obedience daily. What a reward of glory awaits responsive children!

Now is the time to take long introspection into our lives before the coming of the Feast of Tabernacles. We should be equally ready for that occasion as we were for the Passover.

Please take care. Our thoughts and love continue with and for you. We look forward to seeing all in just a few short weeks. All our love and affection until then.

In warm personal thoughts and affection,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Raymond C. Cole