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Announcement Letter

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We trust all of you had an enjoyable and profitable Pentecost. We try to do our part in supplying you with the necessary spiritual food. We know that under the present circumstances many are not able to meet and fellowship with like-minded brethren but as John said, ". . . truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." We are in a circumstance forced upon us by those who had no regard for God's Law and true way of life. We cannot fellowship with those who have departed from revealed Truth. ". . . if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). So, in spite of the fact we are scattered, let us rejoice that we can still walk in the light. For, ". . . God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

Mr. and Mrs. Cole are now in Switzerland and will be returning July 4th. Sabbath services are planned for the Northeastern United States on July 3, when they will be stopping over in the New York City area. Please contact Arthur Meining for details of the July 3rd meeting. While in Switzerland, Mr. Cole will be meeting with the French-speaking brethren and conducting a number of services.

In the general announcement line, Mr. Cole asked me to let you know that we are operating on a very tight budget this year. For that reason, it may be necessary, for awhile, to alternate the Monthly Letter with the Announcement Letter. Inflation and postage costs are affecting many companies who do a lot of mailing and we have been affected by this as well. We trust you understand and will continue to pray that God will provide all of His people with gainful employment.

Mr. Charles M. Hale, one of our very elderly members who lived in Lampasas, Texas, died recently. Mr. Archie Murray assisted in the funeral service by reading various Scriptures at the grave side.

A number have asked about Nimal Fernando. He recently wrote from Sri Lanka, and sends his love and affection to all the brethren. He has not forgotten you, as you have not forgotten him.

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Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hudson also recently sent in an open letter to the brethren in which they say, "My wife and I are pleased to let you all know, that we have arrived safely at Abbeville SC, thanking you all for your prayers. It wasn't altogether an uneventful trip, as we travelled with some apprehension and few anxious moments, when we entered those great expanses of the state of Wyoming and Colorado and snow flurries just wouldn't leave us until we passed the city of Denver.

"From then on we have enjoyed sunshine all the way home. Thoughts crossed our minds, if it were possible to share all that sunshine with you back there in rainy Oregon.

"So, please accept our warm love and affection from sunny Carolina. Mary and I do pray for you, as the leader of the church, your wife . . . and all the members of the church, who have shown tender kindness and consideration during our stay in Oregon. Pray for us, that our faith will not diminish."

Both of the letters demonstrate the kindness and love of God. Let us never be discouraged even in the darkest of times.

George King recently informed us that he is working on a number of French hymns and plans on presenting them with fourteen new hymns before the Feast. This will be a welcome addition to the nine hymns they have been using for the past three years.

ARTICLES:

The rough draft of the Sacred Name article is completed and has been turned over to the office staff. Since we are very lean now in office personnel we do not know when it will be coming out but are hoping for a July or August date. It will run about 75 pages and you will find it to be most informative. It covers a number of points not previously covered by any Names articles we have seen.

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN:

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The church was able to purchase a home and sufficient land to use for Mr. George King's residence and our taping facility. We will be able to house the complete taping facility there and this should end our problem of finding a permanent site for the studio work. Mr. and Mrs. King are most thankful for this church acquisition.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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CONCLUSION:

Remember brethren, though we are scattered and cannot meet together often we can continually pray for one another. Do not forget to pray for the safety and success of Mr. and Mrs. Cole during their trip to Europe. And, please refer to past letters to see the prayer needs. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another . . . and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (I John 1:7, 3).

With profound regards,


Raymond C. Cole


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