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Announcement Letter December 1982

Dear Brethren:

Winter is just around the corner. Already many have experienced most unusual conditions — either extra warm or sub par. What will the rest of Fall and winter bring? All indications are that the unusual can be expected. Even if severe conditions are experienced, God has promised and will safeguard all His chosen people.

Dewey and Mary Keohohina were miraculously protected from the ravages of hurricane Iwa. That blessing is all the more significant when we realize the damage mounted to multiple millions of dollars.

Where will the next manifestation of God's disgust for man's behavior be (Ps. 148:1-)? The question: How long before some people — a few at least — begin to recognize the cause of all this trouble and pain? We know, for the most part, people just do not learn (Isa. 1:2-15). The totally rebellious will have to be brought all the way down and then subjected to a retraining program. Minds are programmed and hardened in the concepts of the present way of behavior.

CURRENT EVENTS:

The spread of socialist concepts continues unabated. Once human beings get a taste of such economic dereliction, they become like animals subjected to the taste of blood. They will viciously fight to retain present liberties and hopefully gain others by whatever means. Reality escapes them. The true source of their "largesse" as well as the "pains" of others required to make this beneficent behest "NEVER" dawns upon them. Further, too many do not manifest any real gratitude for what they receive. Demand of "RIGHTS" seems to be the only display of their emotions.

There is no correlation between the humanitarian giving ordained of God and the present, worldwide concept of socialism. To attempt any such comparison is one of the rankest perversions of Truth principles.

Economic conditions are no better. Indeed, this winter could be a very long and frustrating one for many people. It is currently only hoped that new life economically will surface in the United States in the first quarter of 1983.

Honesty and integrity are principles of the past, basically. Even in these hard economic times, the upper echelon of society — especially public individuals — is considering a substantial increase in their salaries. Unfeeling and arrogant behavior is too much the order of the day.

True servants must bear patiently the unfolding of all these last days. Just remember and take comfort, the day of just recompense is not far removed.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Please continue to send suggestions and help regarding the Feast of Tabernacles. All help is greatly appreciated. For those who have already sent their thoughts, we thank you.

ARTICLES:

Good progress is being made on the subject of "Healing." The major research on the historical aspects of the subject is nearing completion. The Biblical work must yet be done. Once again, the problems are twofold: help and time. Please pray about these needs.

NEW INTEREST:

We have received several interesting letters. I must find the time to effect an exchange of correspondence.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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GENERAL REQUESTS:

Most of those on previous lists are improving or we have heard nothing directly. Just continue to remember them in a general way.

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Several who are out of work: Please pray for the economic situation as it affects the people of God and the church.

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As a ministry today, we need your continued prayers — as we assure you of ours.

Dallas, Texas trip: I would appreciate your prayers for success.

Continue to pray about the Feast of Tabernacles 1983.

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN:

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TRIPS:

The Baltimore and Southern California trip of November 6-14 was a great blessing. Thank you brethren in those areas for a magnificent spirit.

In Baltimore, there were over thirty people present. They came from several states.

In Southern California, the group was small. But the blessings were just as great. God's Spirit does truly make a difference.

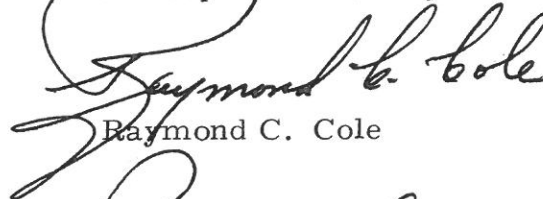
On December the tenth, I will leave for Dallas/Fort Worth. I am looking forward to a wonderful Sabbath with all the brethren in that area. The service will be held at the Holiday Inn in McKinney, Texas. Time will be 1:00 P. M.

For information, contact Mr. Wesley Winant; 21 Hillside View; Wylie, Texas 75098. Phone number: (214) 442-3456.

CONCLUSION:

Again, we extend our hearty and sincere thanks to you all for your continual love and faithfulness to the Truth. It is a privilege to serve you. Thank you very much for the splendid manner in which you are returning tapes. What a help to us. Please keep up the good work. May God's richest blessings be upon you all.

In deep love and respect,



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