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Announcement Letter August 1983

Warmest Greetings To All:

August, 1983, is just around the corner. In no time we will all be heading to our respective places to observe the Feast of Tabernacles.

The joy of the Feast is directly proportionate to our anticipation and proper preparation for the occasion. All our physical and mental labor ought to be conducted not for the immediate, present reward of economic satisfaction only, but for the enhancement of our spiritual reward in the Kingdom of God. So should all our endeavors annually be diligently performed in anticipation of the Feasts of God. As Christ said, we should not labor for the things which perish but for those things which last for all eternity.

It will be a very great spiritual blessing to be with all of you again in just a few short weeks. Let us all pray for a most successful Feast this year. Such blessings do not automatically come. They are realized because someone (or many) thought to pray, specifically asking God to give us a marvellous Feast.

Of necessity, this month's Announcement Letter must be reasonably short. Those areas less imperative in nature will be omitted this time.

GENERAL INSTRUCTION

Tape Return: For the past couple of months we have received too few tapes to recycle those returns effectively and avoid using newly purchased tapes. Occasionally this will happen. It is understandable. But, it is our hope that the returns will pick up shortly so that we will not run short of tapes for future taping needs. Please, just remain cognizant of our need here in future taping responsibilities. That is all we ask.

ARTICLES

It now appears that we will not be able to finish the total healing article. We will continue to work to that possible end, but if completion is not to be realized, we still want to have the first section of the article prepared -- that is, the section dealing with the historical aspect. By completing that part and distributing it at the Feast, we can avoid a very heavy postage expense. Please pray about this situation.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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GENERAL REQUESTS

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BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

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HOLY DAYS

This year the Feast of Trumpets falls on Thursday, September 8. All local arrangements may be made at any time by the local men who have that charge. No one from the office will be able to travel out, with the exception of the regular service for the Sacramento, California, area. Mr. Bryce Clark will be there. He will then travel on to Southern California for the Sabbath service following Trumpets. That will be on the Sabbath of September 10.

Atonement falls on the Sabbath of September 17. As usual, one service only is scheduled for this day. Local lead men should proceed to make necessary arrangements for these services.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Plans are proceeding nicely with regard to initial preparations for the Feast this Fall. The hall situation has worked out well for the Bend, Oregon, area. Please continue to pray for a most successful Feast this year. Since God hears the prayers of the righteous, how can we fail if we ask God for His blessing and then do those things which are pleasing in His sight?

As time permits, pertinent letters are being written to those who have specific duties to perform. In due time, each person should be well informed if there is need to receive any communication from us. Otherwise, you are authorized to proceed with that responsibility once present for the Feast.

Song books are being mailed to Mr. Bill McCammon to be used for the Feast of Tabernacles in Townsend, Tennessee. Those who are keeping song books for church areas, please take those with you to the Feast and then pick up that number to take home with you following the Feast. Those who own song books may feel free to bring them with you. But, you are accountable and responsible for your own song book. Please be sure your name(s) is/are written in the book. We do not want you to lose that which belongs to you.

Mr. McCammon wants all to be aware of the willingness of those in the Knoxville area to pick up, at the airport, any who will be flying

to the Feast this Fall. Please write to them, giving airline, flight number, arrival time, and date. His address is: Mr. Bill McCammon, Route 13, Box 234, Maryville, TN 37801. His telephone number is (615) 984-6585.

TRIPS

I have just returned from a very successful trip to Dallas, Texas, and Baltimore, Maryland. I want to express all my thanks and gratitude to those who made the meetings so successful. Without your help, we could not possibly carry out that visiting responsibility in an acceptable manner. With your help our service potential is expanded greatly. Again, thank you very much.

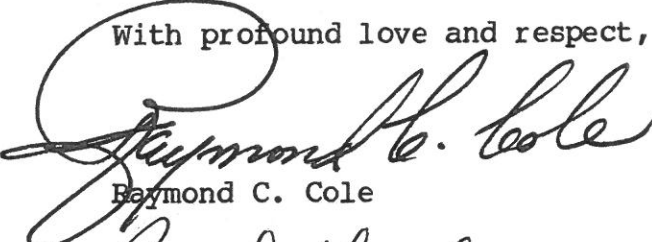
CONCLUSION

Sorry for the brevity. Just too many things to be done at this particular time. Hopefully, the rush will slow down by the time the next Announcement Letter needs to be written.

Though short and to the point, we nevertheless convey a full heart of love and affection to you all. Our prayers always. We do sincerely request your continued supplication for us. How rewarding to know and think about the love and affection of others of like faith and mind. It is most reassuring.

Again, we remember you fondly. May we all really qualify to share eternity together.

With profound love and respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond C. Cole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Raymond C. Cole

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bryce G. Clark". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bryce G. Clark

P.S. Mr. George Leeman will have the Feast of Trumpets, September 8, at the home of Mr-s. Gary Layton. The time will be at 1:00 PM with a covered-dish meal following the service. For more information you can call Mr-s. Layton at (814) 652-2476. R.C.C.