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ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER

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Dear Brethren:

Very warm greetings to you all from all here in Eugene. Please be the recipients of all our love and affection. We do desire your continued love and thoughtfulness. How greatly we all need the consideration of each other. As the days grow more evil and the pressures of the times begin to mount, we will need the indivisible respect and understanding of all the brethren -- regardless of who we may be. With thoughtfulness and love we can endure the trying times which we are now confronting. But, if we allow ourselves to become sensitized and suspicious we will be conquered by our archenemy, Satan. The promise which God gave to us is: ". . . he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt. 24:13). Let us all will to endure to that end and become the happy recipients of the great love and assurances of God our Father.

For many reasons this Letter must be short. So I will get about the task of writing the material which is relevant for this issue.

CURRENT EVENTS

Many significant events are taking place. Emplacement of actions and restrictive regulations necessary for the fulfillment of major prophecies in these last days is transpiring with great rapidity. There is not much to mention at this time other than to remain ever watchful relevant to the times. Always be careful about forming specific opinions about the prophecies and their fulfillment. Only God knows the times and the specifics. We know only that the totality of the Bible must come to pass -- in the order and times determined by God Himself.

ARTICLES

Work continues on the subject of Israel and the Church. We will not attempt to write about the subject until we have uncovered the necessary historical material. It is coming together, but not at a fast pace. It is extremely difficult to secure good authoritative

material. We are not interested in myth or suppositions of church writers who are merely supporting previously held concepts. We want the facts, and the facts only. Please continue to pray about this project. Only with the help of God can we successfully complete this task.

Perhaps smaller subjects will be undertaken between now and the time of the completion of this major article. Circumstances will dictate those needs.

PRAYER REQUESTS

[Omitted for confidentiality]

GENERAL REQUESTS

[Omitted for confidentiality]

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

[Omitted for confidentiality]

FEASTS: HOLY DAYS

Though the first part of the Spring Holy Days will have come and gone by the time you receive this Letter, I do want to say that we hope all had a very profitable and joyous Passover and Unleavened Bread. Considering the times, I am sure these occasions meant more to you than at anytime in the past. Such appreciation is evidence of spiritual growth during the past year. May that growth continue until the imminent return of Christ.

TRIPS

Mr. Clark's trip to Nashville and the Northeast has been rescheduled. He will be in Nashville on the Sabbath of April 27 and in the New York/New Jersey/eastern Pennsylvania area on the Sabbath of May 4. Necessary itineraries and information will be sent at appropriate times. Arrangements for the above Sabbaths can be made at the present time.

My Hawaiian trip was a great success. As indicated above, two people were added to the group over there. With the present growth, it will be possible to make an occasional trip to conduct services and in general help the brethren there.

On the Sabbath, I gave a sermon on the necessary preparation for the Passover service this year. There were twelve of us who met in the home of Mr. Dewey Keohohina. The meeting and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

OFFICE

The Cantata for Pentecost will be made on May 12. This is the time of the final performance -- the time the masters will be made so that we can duplicate the performance and make the tapes available to you all. Please continue to pray for the success of this endeavor. Much learning and training is requisite before the day of the final production. Once these cantatas are complete, we sincerely hope that you will find them inspiring and informative regarding the real meaning of the days which they portray.

COMMENTS

In concluding this Letter, I want to take opportunity to express the thanks and appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Clark for your thoughtful cards and calls regarding the death of his mother. She had lived a very long and rewarding life.

I personally look forward to seeing those of you whom I will have the privilege of meeting during Passover and Unleavened Bread. Please take care and live fully the lives God has purposed for you. The ultimate reward cannot be far off. Patience and perseverance will pay handsome dividends for those who have the faith and conviction to remain loyal to the Truth. Those are the ones with whom God is working at the present time.

Please be the recipients of all our love and concern. Our thoughts and prayers are with you continually.

Your servants in Christ,


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