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**Announcement Letter
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Dear Brethren:

We trust all is well with you and that you are prospering, a recipient of God's kindness and blessings. This will be the next to last Announcement Letter before the Feast of Tabernacles, so some pertinent information will be included. Portions of the information will apply to the period after the Feast, so you may want to keep this letter for referral for the time period after the Feast. There will be no October Announcement Letter.

Spiritual Principle: Sabbath and Holyday meetings in Homes

At best we are a remnant group, a very small number. In order to have even infrequent services at specified areas, we have been forced to make economic concessions in several areas. One special area is that of using the homes of willing brethren for these meetings. These families have very willingly opened their homes. Such willingness is a great service to us all -- one for which we all must be most thankful and genuinely appreciative. Historical examples of this sort of meeting are Rom. 16:5, I Cor. 16:19, Col. 4:15, and Phil. 2.

Such benevolence and kindness puts a heavy responsibility on the rest of us. Since these are the personal homes of the hosts involved, we are absolutely responsible for maintaining the order, cleanliness, and physical condition of the homes as we find them. Also, since God frowns upon any of us putting our feet too frequently and too long at any given time in the homes of friends or neighbors, we all must be most judicious about the length of time we impose our presence upon the host family, both before and after scheduled services. As always, the best response is to allow the host or hostess to extend any special time considerations according to their wishes. If they invite anyone for extended considerations, such an action becomes their individual responsibility. Unless such an extended consideration is offered, we must treat the home as we would a regular meeting hall -- a time and place where the true servants of God come together, as God decrees, for the organized services and a reasonable amount of fellowship with the other brethren in the area.

There is one other factor which we need to address. Parents are chargeable for their children. Children are not wise enough, until properly trained, to know what should or should not be touched or done in the home of the host. Some host families may have cherished items which they do not want damaged. Since we are our brother's keeper, it is our duty as parents to see that our children do not abuse the home or items in it.

In general, God holds us accountable for the total conduct of our lives. We must remember the principle, do unto others as you would have them do to you.

Plan to be right on time for services. Since God is a God of order, we should conduct our lives in a timely and organized manner. Order is a kindness to others. Disorganization abuses everyone involved. We are called to be kind and considerate -- to manifest the real fruits of the Holy Spirit. We must not run from responsibility. In every case we must face that duty and absolve ourselves creditably before God. Therefore, every meeting is an opportunity to manifest the inward working of God's Holy Spirit. Let us never fail at any time.

The above is a topic which I have wanted to cover for years due to the fact that we find it imperative to accept such kindnesses of willing brethren. Always something else seemed to surface which seemed imperative for the moment. The subject was always preempted in one way or another.

For economic reasons, as well as others, we cannot secure halls in every area where we have authorized services to be held. We must use the homes of the willing. Therefore, the responsibility is urgent upon us all to be concerned with the homes and possessions of host families. We are confident all will respond affectionately and kindly. We thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness, too.

Note: I wanted to write a couple more spiritual principles. But, due to a heavy work load of other duties, I will have to wait for the next issue of this Announcement Letter.

Work

For those who have asked about the Bible Study Guide, please be informed that some of the series has been written but due to travel schedules and a number of problems which needed to be discussed we have been unable to arrange the time to edit these lessons. Please pray that we can get to them soon so that they may be completed.

Prayer Requests

[Omitted for confidentiality]

General Requests:

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Feasts: Holy Days

The fall holy-day season will begin with the Feast of Trumpets on September 9. Atonement services are on September 18, and the Feast of Tabernacles will be September 23–30. All lead men should arrange for local services in their respective areas.

Trips

August 24

Robert Sloneker

Vancouver, British Columbia

Office

The office will be undergoing a period of transition for the next several weeks as both Tim Beasley and Lynn Cole are leaving for other endeavors. Lynn has been with

the office staff for about sixteen years and has wanted to make a change in vocation for some time now. She stayed on for several months longer than she desired in order to help out, since we were shorthanded and did need her.

Tim Beasley had voiced a desire last June to continue his education elsewhere this coming September. He has now been enrolled in the UCLA law school and will be attending there soon. Since he was somewhat vague as to the exact time he would be leaving, and we needed lead time in order to train someone to take his place, Mr. Cole felt the first of August would be a good date to begin training someone to take his place. Contrary to what you may have heard he was not fired and he did not object at the time to the date Mr. Cole picked for his departure. We had to take the steps to train someone to fulfill his many responsibilities and simply could not wait any longer than August 1. While he may have wanted to wait a little longer on the job, we simply could not do so.

We greatly appreciate the fine contribution made over the years by both Lynn Cole and Tim Beasley. Their service in operating the office made it possible for the ministry to devote its time to the Word, to study, prayer, and service to the brethren. We will miss the smoothness by which the office functioned and as stated at the beginning of this announcement will be in a state of flux and upheaval for the next several weeks. We hope all of you will bear with us and with the new office personnel as they go about the process of learning their new jobs.

Tape Schedule

Tape Series:	Mailed:	For:	Title/tape #:
WSE-BC 122	7/10	8/3	Great men of the Old Testament, #40
WSE-RS 13	7/10	8/10	What Jesus has done/will do for you.
WSE-GL 10	7/24	8/17	How much do we appreciate God's Holy Spirit?
WSE-RC 53	7/24	8/24	Are we experiencing the joys of life? A&B
WSE-BC 122	8/7	8/31	Great men of the Old Testament, #41
WSE-RC 54	8/7	9/1	What is the purpose of authority? #1
Trumpets	8/14	9/9	AM and PM services.
Atonement	8/21	9/18	PM service.
WSE-GL 9	8/21	9/14	What is your relationship with God? #5
WSE-BC 134	8/21	9/21	Great women of the Old Testament, #1
WSE-BC 134	9/4	10/5	Great women of the Old Testament, #2
WSE-RC 54	9/4	10/12	What is the purpose of authority? #2
WSE-BC 122	9/11	10/19	Great men of the Old Testament, #42
WSE-RC 54	9/11	10/26	What is the purpose of authority? #3

As you can see by the above tape list the schedule goes until the end of October. Also, due to the Feast of Tabernacles and the other fall holydays we will be mailing the October 19 and 26 tapes early.

In Christian love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cole". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'R'.

Raymond C. Cole

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryce G. Clark". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'B'.

Bryce G. Clark