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Dear Brethren:

Thankfully my vision continues to improve in many ways. Over the weeks following the trauma I have noticed the changes come incrementally and dramatically. As I am sitting at my desk, walking about, whatever, the vision suddenly becomes brighter or more complete. Each step in that improvement is so very greatly appreciated. My continual expansion of gratitude and thanks go to God, He alone has the power to change any condition, and to the many fervent and heartfelt prayers ascending to God from my friends and mutual members of the body of Christ—you.

As the weeks have come and gone my confidence is being restored. I have learned so deeply that a problem with vision affects every other sense of the body. That which affected me most significantly was the general sense of balance and control. That which undergirds the sense of confidence and feeling of being on top of all conditions and actions which surround my life. To explain fully would be impossible. Experience is the only means by which I have come to appreciate how others feel when traumatized by specific limitations. I can assure you, I do not want to go through this trial without learning something of value to me in exercising my responsibility of service to the children of God.

In a nutshell, my peripheral vision has increased significantly. Light admitted to the visual cortex has increased greatly. And, as mentioned above, confidence has dramatically improved. With your continual fervent prayers, the improvement in all areas should continue unabated in the next month. I truly hope to give you a marvelous report in the month of June.

Please remember, you all are greatly loved and respected as you continue to obey faithfully that way of life to which you were called. Faithfulness is a very rare trait. It is highly honored by God.

My love and prayers until next month.

Office

A special hymn tape has been made up by Mr. John Byrd of Texas. Over the years many of the hymns were sung by choral groups or other harmonic arrangements. Where possible these group renditions have been patched into the regular hymn tape. In this way, the hymn has a much fuller and more inspiring sound. You may notice a few glitches on the tape since John does not have the best cutting and splicing equipment to use. Even so, it is felt that making it available for those who would like to have such a tape is warranted. Just ask for the "Special Hymn Tape." We will be happy to send the first tape, pages 1–58 of our hymnal, the entire series of hymns has not been completed.

Articles

Three new articles are now completed and available. *Civil Government and Christian Obedience*, *Polygamy, a Blessing or a Curse?*, and *Why a Monday Pentecost?* Please request them through the office.

Trip Schedule

For the present, I must reduce the number of trips out to other church areas. I am sorry to be forced to make this adjustment. Wisdom and good sense, however, dictate. The only schedules which will remain valid are those mentioned in each *Announcement Letter*—the letter sent just preceding the time of the trip.

My next trip will be to Europe for Pentecost services. All others are canceled. From month to month, information will be given relevant to upcoming trips—if God makes it possible for me to travel. I will be fine for the European trip due to the fact my translator, Mrs. Christine Engel, will be with me. Although I feel I could acceptably negotiate passage through major airports, I also feel it might be premature to try. I still plan to serve you all as much as I can. At the present, I feel it necessary to take an accompanying support individual. Besides requiring the obligation to find someone with the time, there is the very great added expense. Therefore, trips must be limited. Be sure to check the Trip Schedule for the month of May and June.

May 10

June 14, 16, 21

Modesto

Switzerland

B.G.C.

R.C.C.

Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	For	Title/tape #
WSE-BC 147-36	03/05	05/03	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #36
WSE-RC 65-2	03/19	05/10	Prophetic Events Leading to the Return of Christ #2
WSE-BC 153	03/19	05/17	How Does the Bible View Animals?
WSE-RC 66	04/02	05/24	Satan's Kingdom and the Purposeful Creation of Man
WSE-BC 154	04/02	05/31	The Truth about Human Nature
WSE-RC 68	04/16	06/07	Physical Life after the Return of Christ
WSE-BC 155	04/16	06/14	What Are Some Important Responsibilities?
Pentecost	05/14	06/16	AM & PM services
WSE-DC 2	04/30	06/21	Human Nature
WSE-BC 156	04/30	06/28	Contrast Between the Converted and Unconverted

In Christ's service,



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