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Dear Brethren:

Thank God, most of my confidence in vision has been restored. Though there has been no dramatic improvement in that which I see, confidence in that which I *do* see has improved greatly. Short of actual experience you probably will not comprehend the full meaning of that concept. However, I do. And for that reason I can exult in that which God has given back to me.

With careful and measured usage of my eyes I can do most of the work which I previously did. I am a lot slower and much more cautious in what I attempt; yet, I find tremendous satisfaction in retrospective evaluation. The hardest part of the trial was the forced admission I could not compel the body to do what I had always taken for granted in the past.

Since my interests were many and varied, I compelled the body to live up to all mental expectations. For whatever the reason(s) God did not elect to sustain me in those expectations. He must have felt the eyes and other parts of the body needed a little rest. With that realization came the imperative of taming the yearning desire to know, to comprehend, and to make an indelible part of my being additional knowledge which incessantly comes to the surface in our volatile and ever-expanding sphere of education. I am making some progress in this area of concern. My hope lies in the mercy and love of God, my Father. In His own time, all will be well once again—and in accord with what is right and purposeful in His perfect comprehension. Let us all be most grateful for that fact. In the meantime, a million thanks I extend to you all for prayers and thoughts of kindness. I hope and trust that I can be everything you expect of me and that for which God called. Being a servant of the children of God, helping them all to carry the burdens of life, and to some extent being an inspiration whereby they continue to push forward even in moments of darkness and uncertainty has its moments of exhilaration. Can you imagine? The very children of God! I fear we all too often forget. Could we do the things we do to one another if we truly realized, and remembered, we are the children of God? It seems highly doubtful.

Next month I hope the report can be even better. Just remember: My physical condition is not the important thing. Have we learned what God wanted to result from this trial? That is all important.

Prayer Requests

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Feast of Tabernacles

In order that we may begin preparation of schedules for the Feast we need to know as soon as possible if any will be attending at a different Feast site than usual. We must soon begin work on the scheduling of emcees and those who give opening and closing prayers.

Part of our preliminary work involves the music program for the two Feast sites. Any who plan to participate in the music program this year should notify Richard Meyn at the church office before the end of June. He is already working on this year's performance material.

Trip Schedule

July 12

Vancouver, B.C.

B.G.C.

Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Title/tape #</u>
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
WSE-BC 157	05/14	07/05	The Last Days: What Christians Should Be Alert To
WSE-BC 149-17	05/14	07/12	The Teachings of Christ #17
WSE-DC 3	05/28	07/19	Do We Make the Most of What We Have Been Given?
WSE-BC 147-37	05/28	07/26	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #37

In Christ's service,



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