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Announcement Letter March 1998

Dear Brethren:

Sufficient time has passed since I last commented about my eye problem. Occasionally I will comment about the problem so that I can avoid the natural inclination for erroneous information to create misgivings, worry, inordinate concern, or whatever might wend its way around the world.

There is continued improvement in most respects. My sight is more comprehensive—seeing things in a more comprehensive way, not as mere isolated items such as has troubled me from the time of the initial trial. I can still read. Concentration in a unique way is more imperative, however. This somehow affects the muscles in the neck, upper back, and across the shoulders. I feel that stress at the end of every day. I complain not. You cannot imagine how elated and thankful I am to see even that much. Short of the gracious blessing of God, I could be blind right now. May I take the opportunity to encourage you never to take any of your senses for granted? They are all so vital to the total well-being of any human being.

I have learned that adequate good, pure water daily is essential to good sight and good health. I drink a significant amount of good spring water—commencing several weeks ago. The improvement since that time has been nothing short of phenomenal. I most assuredly understand why God used water to physically illustrate the purpose and influence of the Holy Spirit.

Please keep praying. At this point, having tested my ability to travel in various ways, I feel confident in traveling alone to other U.S. locations.

New Office

For many months we have had to improvise and adapt to organizational structures here at the office we do not like. Efficiency of work demands that all personnel be able to conveniently contact each other. We had no choice. Necessity dictated the need to be cautious about making any quick changes. The need for larger quarters was discussed by the Board during its meeting at Feast time. Basic guidelines were established at that time.

The hunt for an acceptable office began shortly after returning from the Feast. Prayers were uttered beseeching God to take a direct hand in the process, thereby assuring us that what was right, having His approval and blessing, would present itself in such a way that we could know.

We will be moving during the last half of March. Once the move has been made all the basic information will be given to you. We want to make sure of all things before confusing you with information which may later need to be corrected.

The facility is close to downtown Eugene. It is close to all services which are essential—post office, bank, other services. Please pray for the move. It will be no small endeavor. The basic move will occur just as soon as I return from the upcoming trip to Austin, Texas and Kansas City, Kansas.

Special Request

From what we are hearing, via news and directly from members in South Africa, diligent and consistent prayer is daily needed for the faithful of that area. Chaos seems to reign in many parts. Terror and murder are common place. Please remember your brothers and sisters of the faith who live in South Africa. They need the prayers of us all—daily.

Prayer Cloths

Anointed prayer cloths are sent out upon request. God generally acknowledges the faith of the party requesting the prayer cloth the moment the request is made. Normally a prayer cloth is sent out with each individual request. Occasionally, however, due to an illness of a family member on one day followed by an illness of one or more family members on the next day or so, and before the prayer cloth arrives, you may feel free to use the same prayer cloth for all the sick parties provided the cloth is used on all of them at the same time. Remember, the cloth should be disposed of as soon as the prayer is made whether used for one party or for several.

Prayer List

Those who open and close services with prayer should lead exemplary lives. However, it is God alone who generally knows the individual sins and problems of each member. We can not evaluate a man's standing with God unless he is committing known sins. Divorce and remarriage cases involve the judgement of God, not the judgement of man. Therefore, we do not exempt from the prayer list those who have been divorced and remarried, or those who are married to someone who have been divorced and remarried.

Correspondence with Mr. Brisby and Mr. Carter

Those who correspond with either Mr. Brisby or Mr. Carter should be apprized that both men are employed full time in nonchurch related vocations. Therefore, they are generally unable to respond rapidly to correspondence. Please keep this in mind should you wish to correspond with them.

Office

Internet Address Change

The church Internet address has been changed. The new church web-site address is: <http://www.cogte.org>

Internet Articles

Fourteen additional articles in the series called "Great Men of the Old Testament" have been added to the church Internet site.

Holyday Tapes

You may notice some random background noise on some of the Spring holyday tapes. This is due to equipment operating at the time of recording. It was not audible while the recording was being made; however, the newer recording equipment and tapes picked up the sound in the background. Steps have been made to correct this problem. Thank you for your patience.

Revised Literature Lists

The literature list has been revised. When writing in for literature, please let us know whether you are using a 1997 or a 1998 list. New lists will be provided at the Feast.

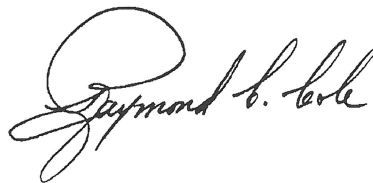
Trip Schedule

March 7	Austin	R.C.C.
March 14	Kansas City	R.C.C.

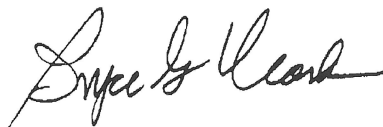
Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Title/tape #</u>
WSE-DC 10	01/07	03/07	What Spiritual Attributes Does God Expect Us to Manifest
WSE-BC 147-43	01/07	03/14	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #43
WSE-DC 11	01/21	03/21	Conversion Requires a Change of Mind
WSE-BC 159-5	01/21	03/28	Ten Commandments: Relating to Statutes & Judgements #5
WSE-RC 75-4	01/21	04/04	How Much Do We Really Fear God? #4
HPS-JB 1998	03/18	04/04	Pre-Passover Examination
HPS/HNO 1998	03/18	04/09	Passover
	03/18	04/10	Night To Be Observed
HUB 1998 1&2	03/18	04/11	First Day of Unleavened Bread AM & PM
HUB 1998 3&4	03/18	04/18	Last Day of Unleavened Bread AM & PM
WSE-DC 12	02/04	04/18	Prayer
WSE-RC 77-1	02/04	04/18	Applying Lessons Learned
WSE-BC 147-44	02/04	04/25	Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #44

In Christ's service,



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