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Announcement Letter November 1998

Dear Brethren:

Conditions of the world continue to deteriorate. With the increased intensity of specific problems and the introduction of a new last-day indication, the proximity of Christ's Second Coming grows shorter! One of these days, probably very similar to the past few days which we have just experienced, our Elder Brother will come back from heaven. What a day that will be for those who have made appropriate preparation. Conversely what a sobering experience for those who will at that minute realize they did not make it. Now is the time to examine the self—purposefully and critically. Such examination needs to be done daily. We are told, "... if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (I Peter 4:18). There are many critical tests through which we must yet pass. You must keep a close contact with God—through fasting, study, and prayer. God has promised to help those whose minds and hearts are right.

Update

My drivers license renewal date came due in 1998. My vision was not adequate to pass a vision test. I surrendered my drivers license and now possess only an Identification Card.

Though I cannot drive, God has marvelously sustained the sight I need for Bible reading, study, sermon preparation, and office work needed. I am grateful to God for this much appreciated blessing. May I again thank all of you who believed and earnestly prayed for my eyesight? Your prayers were answered in a most significant way.

New Schedules

Both the new budget and new schedules will come out just a little late. I cannot work as fast as I once did. Please be patient.

Considering the economic uncertainty existing today, the new schedules will reflect those doubts. Trips may be subject to dramatic cancellation. Other line items are subject to quick and deep change when necessary. So, even though schedules will be made soon, the need for quick action will still reflect an uncertain future.

Blessings of Brethren

Timothy Sherwood and Christine Engel were married on September 16, in Eugene, Oregon. The wedding was officiated by Mr. David Carter. We congratulate them and wish them a happy marriage.

Tim and Christine would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the brethren for all the love and kindnesses tendered. It is much appreciated.

Deaths

Mr. Carl Spencer, Sr.: We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Carl Spencer, Sr., of Damascus, Ohio. He died in September of this year due to Alzheimer's disease. He was 79 years of age. We express our condolences to his wife, Mary.

Office

The cutoff date for 1998 tithes will be January 4, 1999—all 1998 tithes must be received at the office by this date. Please keep this in mind for those contributions you wish to have included in your 1998 statement. Remember, they must be dated 1998.

PO Box 1530—Will be Discontinued

Effective, January 1, 1999, we will no longer receive mail/tape returns at PO Box 1530. Please direct *all* mail and tape returns to PO Box 775.

Trip Schedule

November 7

Austin

R.C.C.

Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	For	Title/tape #
WSE-BC 162-4	08/05	11/07	How Does God Think? #4
WSE-DC 16	08/19	11/14	Blessed Is the Servant!
WSE-BC 162-5	08/19	11/21	How Does God Think? #5
WSE-RC 81-2	09/02	11/28	Do We See? #2
WSE-BC 162-6	09/02	12/05	How Does God Think? #6
WSE-RC 82-1	09/16	12/12	In Retrospect
WSE-BC 162-7	09/16	12/19	How Does God Think? #7
WSE-JB 3	09/29	12/26	Is the Way of Truth a Burden to Us?

In Christ's service,



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