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## Announcement Letter January 2002

Dear Brethren:

What a pleasure it is to write once again to all of you whom God has preserved within this small but faithful remnant. We send our love and expression of deep respect and appreciation to all of you who have weathered so many trials and difficulties to hold fast to God's Truth in these last days. May we never take for granted your faithfulness and devotion to God's way of life, and your tireless support for this ministry. It is always such a pleasure to receive your letters, e-mails, and phone calls. Though we are scattered about the face of this earth, we cherish the unity and oneness that is manifested continually through your prayers and your heartfelt tokens of appreciation. Above all, may we never forget that you do not belong to us, but you are the priceless children of God. Your names were written in the Book of Life before the foundation of the world, and God has called each one of you for an incredible purpose which is beyond the scope of our human comprehension. It is our responsibility before God to pour out our energies to assist you in that calling, and provide the instruction and inspiration of Jesus Christ through His Holy Spirit. As long as God continues to provide the capacity to serve, we will devote ourselves tirelessly to that glorious commission.

Having just returned from the Philippine Islands, it is a joy to report that our brethren and local ministry there continue to remain strong in faith and devotion to God's revealed Truth. There is no doubt the feeling of warmth and unity in the foundation of Jesus Christ transcends culture and geography. Even though travel by the ministry to far reaches of the world can be difficult, the opportunity to visit God's people is a privilege we do not want to take for granted. With that in mind, you will note that the ministerial travel schedule for 2002 will be very aggressive. Although this seems to be a more treacherous time to travel than ever before, we have still been blessed so greatly by God with His guidance and protection. We do not intend to hide in fear. In these difficult times, the people of God need one another more than ever. At the very same time, the responsibility of the ministry to continue feeding the sheep of Christ's fold has not diminished one iota. If anything, as times become more challenging, trials mount, and satanic activity increases in an attempt to

discourage God's faithful, the ministry must be ever so diligent to encourage and support. It is not a time for us to rest, or to hide ourselves at home. No, we intend to serve you with everything within our being, with the help of God Almighty to strengthen us. As long as He provides the resources and means for personal visits throughout the year, we will continue to plan trips around the United States, Europe, and Asia to serve the people of God.

We do not know what the future holds in the short term. God continues to send new contacts—those seeking a true foundation in the original teachings of God's last day servant. For this we are grateful, and strongly encouraged. The addition of these new members in different regions may have an interesting impact on our future requirements for service. Time will tell. As things progress, God will provide the tools needed to support and serve these new ones. In that we are implicitly confident. We must be flexible and willing to respond to needs as they arise, and thankfully, we are in an excellent position to do precisely that. Please pray, brethren, that God will continue to show us His will and guide us in fulfilling His purpose. We live in one of the most exciting times in human history, and many of you may likely see the final fulfillment of many long-range Biblical prophecies. May God grant us the strength of His Holy Spirit to battle successfully against the pulls of our flesh, and those temptations that seek daily to destroy us. If we remain resolute, trusting God with legitimate faith, we can weather the storms in our lives today, and those that are yet brewing on the horizon. Never forget who you are in the masterful plan of God, or the value of that which He has offered you as a potential heir in His Kingdom. We certainly know who you are, and reaffirm our commitment to help you in any way possible to achieve the purpose for which you were created. May God strengthen us together in this small, scattered remnant to do His work and set that continuing example of unity and oneness in the service of our High Priest, Jesus Christ.

## **Birth**

Mr-s. Duane Garland: We are pleased to announce the arrival of Miriam (Mimi) Timmons Garland; born December 30 at 7:15 p.m. She was 20 inches long and weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. Duane says she has great lungs and mother and daughter are both doing quite well. They are very thankful for her safe and healthy birth.

## **Deaths**

Mrs. Georgette Guiland: We were saddened by the sudden death, at the age of 72, of Mrs. Guiland of France. She died suddenly apparently of an embolism. She assisted Mr. Aviolat in typing the *Monthly Letter* for the brethren in Switzerland and surrounding areas. She will be greatly missed by all the brethren. Our condolences are sent to her husband, Pierre, and her daughters and extended family and friends.

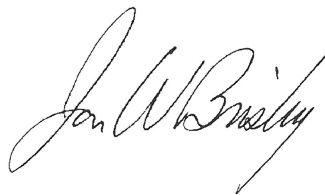
## Trip Schedule

February 9	Port St. Lucie, Spring Hill, Florida
March 2	Knoxville, Tennessee
March 26, 27, 28, 30	Baltimore, Maryland

## Tape Schedule

Tape Schedule	Mailed	Played	Title/Tape #
WSP-RC 5-1	12-12-01	01-05-02	Are We Stuck at Our Red Sea?
WSE-JB 25	12-12-01	01-12-02	Does the Truth Come First?
WSE-JB 22-35-16A	12-27-01	01-19-02	Fund. of Belief: God's Twofold Promise to Abraham
WSP-RC 5-2	12-27-01	01-26-02	Are We Stuck at Our Red Sea?
WSP-RC 5-3	01-10-01	02-02-02	Are We Stuck at Our Red Sea?
WSE-JB 22-36-16B	01-10-01	02-09-02	Fund. Of Belief: The Sceptre and the Birthright

In Christ's service,



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