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Dear Brethren:

We take this opportunity to send our greetings and expressions of love and affection to all of God's faithful, wherever you may be on the face of the earth. It is a pleasure to have the chance to maintain contact each month through this *Announcement Letter*, and we pray continually that you are receiving protection and mercy from our Heavenly Father in these difficult times, no matter what trials He may be allowing at the moment. God never promised that our course would be easy—quite the contrary. However, He did promise to provide all that we truly need, and to deliver us from the evil. In *that* we can have great confidence and consolation, even in the midst of trying circumstances which many of us are facing now. What a glorious opportunity for peace of mind which the world cannot begin to experience yet. As Jesus Christ told His disciples before He suffered, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

The work of this remnant body continues to be blessed and prospered by God. In the wake of Mr. Raymond Cole's death last fall, it appears that God has given us—in the church office and our overall administrative efforts—a temporary respite from difficulty, through which He is smiling upon us and certifying His love and support. We are ever thankful for His generosity and mercy—that which we know we do not deserve of ourselves. We continue to be busy keeping up with the service and support of a significant stream of new contacts from many parts of the United States, as well as a few from other countries. It is inspiring to be able to work with more of God's people and help them in their journey to find the foundation of their calling. How enriching it is to see more and more find that surety in the revelation of Jesus Christ—that confidence in the faith once delivered. I know we can count upon each of you for your continuing prayers. We will not try to force God's hand in any way. He is the perfect Architect of this glorious plan, and He knows the precise timetable to use in the recovery of His sheep. Our only desire is to be an instrument in His hand, and to fulfill those things He would require of us within that perfect blueprint.

With the approach of Pentecost in a few short days, there is much activity for the ministry. By the time most of you receive this letter, final preparations will be underway for travel to Switzerland to be with our faithful brethren there, and then on to South Africa for another week. Between now and the fall Feast, several additional and significant ministerial trips are scheduled that will be very demanding. Your prayers for God's protection and blessings upon these visits are always appreciated, and have certainly been heard and answered to date. These trips continue to be so very critical in maintaining our connection with one another in our scattered state. As long as God continues to provide the means, we will continue to make these trips a significant priority.

Spring Holy Day Reports

We have heard back from ministers, elders, and lead men from around the world, and all have reported having a very peaceful and inspiring Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. God certainly has blessed our congregations in so many ways. From Europe, Asia, South Africa, and the United States, our small but devout assemblies have been protected and prospered. For that we are also incredibly grateful.

Holy Day

Pentecost: Monday, May 20, 2002

Trip Schedule

May 18	Lausanne, Switzerland
May 20	Grenoble, France
May 25	Albertinia, South Africa

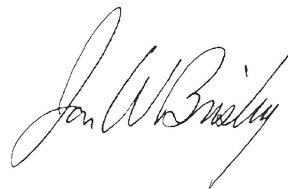
Scheduling Emcees, Opening and Closing Prayers

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.

Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Schedule</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Title/Tape #</u>
WSE-JB 22-41-16G	04-04-02	05-04-02	Fund. of Belief: The Promise of Grace
WSE-RC 52	04-18-02	05-11-02	How to Recognize a True Christian
WSE-JB 22-42-16H	04-18-02	05-18-02	Fund. of Belief: The Politics of British Israel
WSE-RC 46-1	05-02-02	05-25-02	Marriage and Separation #1
WSE-JB 22-43-16I	05-02-02	06-01-02	Fund. of Belief: Our Eternal Home and Reward
WSE-RC 46-2	05-16-02	06-08-02	Marriage and Separation #2

In Christ's service,



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