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## Announcement Letter June 2002

Dear Brethren:

Greetings to all of you once again from your devoted servants and brethren in Eugene, Oregon. It is a privilege to have the chance to write and express our heartfelt love and appreciation for every one of you whom God has separated out for a very special purpose. There is no greater honor than to serve the spiritual heirs of God's glory and power in these last days. It is hoped these monthly letters are an encouragement to those of you who are scattered about the earth as we all fight to maintain our spiritual focus in these very dark days.

It is often difficult for God's people to sustain consistent closeness to God—since our natural natures continue to pull at us unyieldingly—but it is imperative we win that battle and give no place for the carnal nature to rule. These monthly communications are our way of staying in contact and providing the encouragement we all so desperately need. May God grant each one of you the fortitude to continue to fight, and to relish the incredible gift we have been offered through our calling and begetting as the children of God. You have already sacrificed so much to put God first in your lives. That sacrifice will be rewarded with riches of love, peace and fulfillment beyond our wildest imaginations if we can hold fast to Christ's revealed way of life to the very end. That Truth can give us such comfort and solace if we continue to apply ourselves diligently and refuse to allow anything to dissuade us from that goal.

Your spiritual successes are such an encouragement to this ministry. To see the many examples of faithfulness within this remnant body—as many of you have faced very serious trials—gives testament to the fact the Holy Spirit is strongly at work in your lives. When we see significant manifestations of faith and continuity in the wake of your physical burdens, it warms the heart and makes us ever so grateful God has called us to serve you. May we never forget our responsibility to sacrifice for each one of you, or begin to take for granted your loyalty and dedication.

## **Report on Ministerial Trip to Europe/Africa**

It is a pleasure to report a very marvelous and rewarding trip to spend Pentecost with our French-speaking brethren. The love and devotion of these brethren was as strong as ever, and it was truly inspiring to have the privilege to share a weekly Sabbath with them in Lausanne, Switzerland, and then a special High Day in Grenoble, France. We were blessed in every way with the comradery of fellowship and inspiration in assembling for God's holy convocations, and the many expressions of love and appreciation were very touching indeed. As well, sincere thanks to Mr. Jean Aviolat for his consistent service to God's people for so many years. God has worked powerfully through him for so long to provide service and direction for our congregations in Europe, and that dedication and love for this priceless way of life continues to be manifested in many ways through his sacrifice as a minister of Jesus Christ. It is a privilege to serve with him and have the chance to feel the strength of true oneness in this ministry, knowing it is the same Spirit leading us to do our collective work. Such unity does not occur among men naturally, but only by the divine act of God. For that we are most thankful and appreciative.

It was also very rewarding to travel to South Africa and visit the Bouwer family for several days. Their trials have been many, and yet, by their resolution to put God first, He has begun to open many doors of blessing in very miraculous ways. For this we are very thankful indeed, and they wish to thank all of the brethren for their prayers and assistance of love. It was a privilege to meet them in person and have the chance to serve some of those who have faithfully held fast to God's way without benefit of fellowship for many years. It was also an honor to be able to baptize Mr. Jonathan Bouwer and welcome him into the Body of Christ. I know all of you will join in thanking God for this new addition to the Church, and for His benevolent blessing upon this trip overall with protection, safety, and accomplishment of every objective. Thank you all for your prayers for success, which petitions are always appreciated and most certainly have been honored by God.

## **Deaths**

Mrs. Lavonne Sheffold: Mrs. Sheffold died June 3 after a struggle with a very aggressive cancer. Lavonne will be sincerely missed by all the brethren. Our condolences are extended to her husband Frank, their children, Susan and Frank, Jr., and their extended family.

Mr. James Casey: Mr. Casey died suddenly and unexpectedly June 2. James had suffered from various ailments, some likely related to his time spent in the service while stationed in Vietnam. Our sympathies are expressed toward his wife Scottie, their son, Jeff, and family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

## 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 Mr. Richard Meyn at the church office concerning the Newport, Oregon, site and Mr. George King concerning the Townsend, Tennessee, site before the end of June. Richard and George are already working on this year's performance material. They would like to welcome anyone who would like to participate at either Feast site.

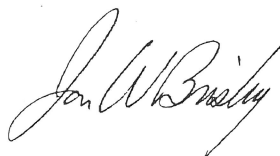
## Trip Schedule

July 6	Stephenville, Texas
July 27	Penrith, England

## Tape Schedule

Tape Schedule	Mailed	Played	Title/Tape #
WSE-RC 46-2	05-16-02	06-08-02	Marriage and Separation
WSE-RC 46-3	05-16-02	06-15-02	Marriage and Separation
WSE-JB 22-44-17A	05-30-02	06-22-02	Fund. of Belief: Character and Redemption
WSE-RC 19-1	05-30-02	06-29-02	The Art of Listening
WSE-RC 19-2	06-13-02	07-06-02	The Art of Listening
WSE-JB 22-45-17B	06-13-02	07-13-02	Fund. of Belief: Redemption Through Consent and Overcoming

In Christ's service,



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