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Announcement Letter October 2002

Dear Brethren:

As we return from another glorious observance of God's Feast of Tabernacles, it is a privilege to address all of you in this personal letter and express our heartfelt love and sincere regards for all whom God has continued to preserve in His marvelous Way of Life. To all of you who were able to meet in one of those designated places where God placed His name—and where He appeared within our very presence—I hope you were inspired and renewed once again with the spiritual food and fellowship necessary to sustain us in these difficult times. To all of you who were unable to be with us, you were greatly missed, and our prayers continue to be with you, that God will strengthen and bless you—that you might also be sustained in these very troublous days. We are all brethren, and our ties through God's Holy Spirit make us a true family, no matter how scattered we might be about this earth. That oneness of belief gives us more in common than any human beings could ever share, and it is a real honor to have the chance to serve all of you—the elect of God.

With the completion of the picture of God's plan of salvation for mankind in another year following the close of the Last Great Day—we automatically begin to look forward to the next Holy Day season in God's new year, when we will once again repeat that process in keeping His annual high days. If we truly grasp the deep significance of these annual observances as picturing the road to human salvation, they become ever more special to us as the years go by. We grow closer to God with each passing year by increasing in love for the work which He is accomplishing in our lives. When we are first called, we keep God's feasts out of obligation—respecting the authority of our God to require convocation. But in time, we come to appreciate the spiritual significance of those commands more and more, and they become even more of a joy and a blessing as the years pass. May each of you continue to grow in appreciation for the knowledge of God's Truth. As these days move forward into the future, it will become increasingly more difficult to honor God's command to convoke. Will we have the resolve to put God first, no matter what sacrifices are required in the flesh? If we are truly growing in fear and respect for God, we will be prepared to meet the challenges of the future, and prove that we are ready to trust God for every need.

Feast of Tabernacles Report

Mr. Corsino Canta—Luzon, Phillipines: Mr. Canta sends his greetings to all brethren. There were 23 Feast-goers attending under his direction. They were all blessed with perfect weather and enjoyed unity, being aware of the presence of our Great God. They rejoiced over the sumptuous food and the good fellowship and enjoyed field trips together. The messages were very comforting and inspiring. They would like to thank all for their assistance and prayers.

Mr. Mario Roque—Mindanao, Philippines: Mr. Roque sends greetings from the 57 brethren in the Mindanao area. They were blessed with very fine weather and bright moonlight during the night. Two were baptized. All of them greet us from a very happy Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Jean Aviolat—Kandersteg, Switzerland: They all had a very nice Feast with 29 attending, including children. They enjoyed the company of one another inside, as the weather was cold with wet snow every day. However, they consider themselves very blessed spiritually. Mr. Aviolat thanks all for their prayers on his behalf. As he is getting older, the fatigue is greater. They keep all of you in their prayers and send warm greetings and much love.

The Bouwer family—Mossel Bay, South Africa: They had a wonderful Feast and very much enjoyed the sermons. They stayed in a lovely place on the beach, with very good, mild weather and were able to walk the beach often. Lydia would like to thank everybody for their assistance, letters, phone calls and prayers. Those things are dear to them as they desire, very much, regular contact with the brethren. She asks for your continued prayers for God's guidance and wisdom in handling the daily pressures, as presently they are the only members keeping the Feast in that area. They send their love, regards and appreciation to everyone. As a newly-baptized brother in Christ, Jonathan also sends his love to everyone.

Townsend, Tennessee: They had a wonderful Feast in Townsend with 89 present. It rained some of the days, but it was said that the rain was a blessing as the area was in dire need of it. Glowing reports of enjoyment and unity have come in from several since the Feast. The new members added much to the excitement and enthusiasm of the festival. All present send their love to all their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Newport, Oregon: There were 85 people present in Newport. The weather was sunny, warm, and beautiful the entire time which is unusual for the Oregon coast. There were new members attending and there were four baptisms. The feeling of warmth and unity was evident not only at services but also in the many activities. All send their greetings and regards to everyone.

Birth

Mr-s. Jason Bourget: Jason and Allendra are the proud parents of a son, Jeremiah Ethan, born Thursday, October 3. Jeremiah weighed eight pounds, seven and one-half ounces and was nineteen and one-half inches long. Parents and baby are doing fine.

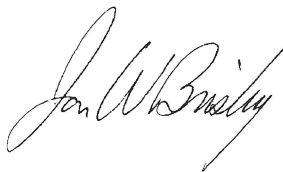
Trip Schedule

December 9–24 Luzon, Mindanao, Philippines

Tape Schedule

Tape #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JB 22-49-18A	08-22-02	10-05-02	Fund. of Belief: What Is the Church?
WSP-RC 11-2	08-22-02	10-12-02	Fear, a Powerful Force #2
WSE-JB 22-50-18B	09-05-02	10-19-02	Fund. of Belief: The Church's Mission
WSE-JB 22-51-19A	09-05-02	10-26-02	Fund. of Belief: Eternal Life Through the Resurrection
WSE-JB 22-52-19B	10-10-02	11-02-02	Fund. of Belief: The Order of the Resurrections
WSE-JB 22-53-20A	07-11-02	(Played for Trumpets A.M. service—09-07-02)	
WSE-JB 22-54-20B	10-10-02	11-09-02	Fund. of Belief: God's Kingdom on Earth
WSP-RC 8-1	10-24-02	11-16-02	What Is Obedience From the Heart?

In Christ's service,



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