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Announcement Letter January 2005

Dear Brethren:

Having just returned from another very successful trip to the Philippines and Australia, I send you very warm greetings again from all of us here in Eugene, Oregon, as well as our dear brethren in those countries on the other side of the world who wanted to be remembered to you. What a privilege it is to be able to travel each year and visit those members of this remnant body scattered about the earth, holding fast to the faith once delivered. While it is our purpose to make those long trips as an encouragement and support to our far-flung brethren, it is really this ministry that benefits equally from that personal contact. It is always so inspiring to find individuals of truly like mind standing firm from year to year, convicted through that same Spirit to hold fast to God's revelation in these dark times. Was this not the very same sentiment the Apostle Paul felt and was inspired to express in the course of serving his scattered congregations?

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me (Romans 1:9-12).

Yes, there is certainly a mutual comforting of both ministry and laity when we have the blessing of meeting together with those dear friends of like mind. May we never take those occasions for granted. One day, it will probably become impossible to make those long trips around the world. But as long as God provides the means and the open door, we intend to make those visits a consistent priority. We have already planned another aggressive travel schedule for 2005. God willing, it will be a continuing pleasure to make those personal visits

again in the coming months. May you all continue to set that example of solidarity in the faith, although that requires many of you to stand very much alone throughout much of the year. Never underestimate the importance of your personal light in this very dark world.

Death

We are saddened to report the death of long-time member, Mr. George Jacobs. George, who was 82 years of age, died in his sleep December 9 after years of struggling with an asthmatic condition. We convey our sincere sympathies to his wife, Betty, and their family and friends.

Camp Tejas

Mrs. Jackie Wakefield and Mr. Dave Brandenburg are already making plans for this year's camp, which will be held in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, July 7–17. Judicious planning is necessary for a well-organized, fun-filled experience. There are many activities planned, and we hope every family with a teen will take advantage of this opportunity for their son or daughter to share constructive time with others in a positive environment. If you have any questions concerning the camp or registration forms, you may contact Mrs. Jackie Wakefield at (254) 965-7882 or Mr. Dave Brandenburg at (602) 482-2999.

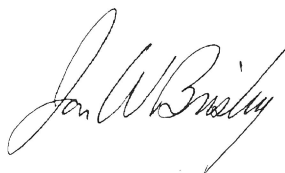
Trip Schedule

February 5	Bend, Texas
March 19	Knoxville, Tennessee

Tape Schedule

Tape #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JB 22-71-22K	12-09-04	01-01-05	Fundamentals of Belief: Church Government
WSE-RC-2	12-09-04	01-08-05	The Hope of the Resurrection
WSE-JB 22-72-22L	12-23-04	01-15-05	Fundamentals of Belief: Church Government
WSP-JB 66	12-23-04	01-22-05	The Antidote for the Feeble Mind
WSP-JB 59	01-06-05	01-29-05	What Is the House of God?
WSE-JB 65	01-06-05	02-05-05	What Is Required to Restore God's Church?
WSE-RC I-1	01-20-05	02-12-05	The Three Minds #1

In Christ's service,



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