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Announcement Letter May 2005

Dear Brethren:

I send you greetings this time from Nairobi, Kenya, after keeping a very successful Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread with our dear brethren on the African continent. Composing this letter while waiting for a flight to London, England, en route back to the United States, I pray that all of you likewise had a rewarding and inspiring Passover. It is a privilege and honor to be able to serve all of you of this remnant body who are so dedicated to holding to God's revealed truth, as well as to visit many of you during the year. There is no greater satisfaction than to apply one's energies to helping and encouraging the very children of God in that preparation for glory in the God Family. As long as God provides the means and ability to do it, this ministry is dedicated to that very task.

It was wonderful to meet some new contacts in Cape Town, South Africa, at the beginning of the trip, and then to drive on to Albertinia to keep the Passover with our brethren there. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nel, of Trichardtsdal, South Africa, were both baptized in time to partake of the Passover with us at the home of Mrs. Lydia Bouwer and family. It was so nice to finally meet the whole Nel family and Mr. Andre Van der Bank (also of Trichardtsdal) for the first time, and to spend the Passover, Night to Be Much Observed, and first High Day of Unleavened Bread with a house full of enthusiastic and devoted members.

Mid-Feast was a flight on to Kenya to meet with our minister there, Mr. Isaya Owak, his family, and all the scattered brethren living in the southwest part of the country. Beginning in Kisumu, Mr. Owak and I traveled almost 600 kilometers by car in four days, conducting seven different Bible studies with dozens of brethren in different remote locations before keeping the last High Day of Unleavened Bread in our Migori assembly hall with a packed house. There are many very dedicated members of God's church in Kenya, some with roots going back to the first years that the Worldwide Church of God began to establish congregations there in the 1970s. It was a pleasure to renew acquaintance with many I met last year, as well as to meet a number of brethren who have been responding to the faith once delivered in recent months. The trip was successful in every way, and it is a pleasure to be able to thank God again for His blessing and protection in every aspect, both physically and spiritually.

It is an incredible blessing to know God's truth and be able to orient our yearly plans and efforts around His commanded Feasts. What meaning there is for those who truly relish the master plan God is executing to offer salvation to the entire world.

Feast of Tabernacles Invitation

Mr. Isaya Owak would like to extend a sincere invitation to the brethren worldwide of Church of God, The Eternal, for any who might like to come and attend the Feast of Tabernacles with them in Kenya this year. Sermons will be given in English and simultaneously translated into the local Kenyan dialect, so there will be no real language barrier. Adequate accommodations for international visitors are available near the Feast site, and it would certainly provide an opportunity to meet more of our truly dedicated members in what Westerners would consider an exotic environment.

Camp Tejas for Teens

Registration packets for Camp Tejas 2005 will be mailed soon. The camp provides a special opportunity for teenage children in the church to participate in positive, structured, and wholesome activities with their peers, founded on our spiritual beliefs. Many fun, recreational activities have already been planned. This all takes a great deal of time and expense. Although Church of God, The Eternal is not the sponsor of this program, we are certainly eager to assist in promoting this service to our families with young people. If anyone would like to give a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. This year the camp will run July 7 through July 17 and will be held in the St. Paul, Minnesota, area. If you would like to send your teen to camp or sponsor a teen, you may contact the sponsors, Mrs. Jackie Wakefield (254) 965-7882 or Mr. Dave Brandenburg (602) 482-2999, for more information or registration forms.

Prayer Request

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Holy Day

Pentecost

Monday, June 20

Birth

Mr-s. Andy Roeber of Kewaskum, Wisconsin, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Amaris. She was born Tuesday, April 26, and weighed six pounds, four and one-half ounces. Amaris was born with spina bifida and was given corrective surgery shortly after birth. They would appreciate our continued prayers for the health of their new baby.

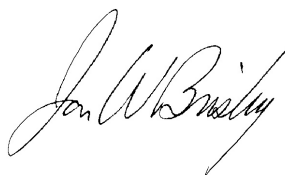
Trip Schedule

June 18	Lausanne, Switzerland
June 20	Grenoble, France
June 25	Penrith, England

Tape Schedule

Tape #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-RC I-6	03-31-05	05-07-05	The Three Minds #6
WSE-RC I-7	04-14-05	05-14-05	The Three Minds #7
WSE-JB 22-75-23C	04-14-05	05-21-05	Fund. of Belief #23C, Prophecy
WSE-JB 22-76-23D	04-28-05	05-28-05	Fund. of Belief #23D, Prophecy
WSE-RC I-8	04-28-05	06-04-05	The Three Minds #8
WSE-RC CL 2-21	05-19-05	06-11-05	Joy #1
WSE-JB 22-77-23E	05-19-05	06-18-05	Fund. of Belief #23E, Prophecy

In Christ's service,



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