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Announcement Letter October 2008

Dear Brethren:

Many of you may not receive or have a chance to read this letter until after you return from keeping the Feast of Tabernacles. But we hope for those of our scattered brethren around the world who will not be able to attend one of those appointed places, that you will be comforted in knowing you are much loved and appreciated. May God continue to bless and to inspire all of His dear children who are holding fast to the faith once delivered.

This time of year is a highlight for God's people. This Holy Day season pictures the time of that great fulfillment of all we hope for in God's plan. We pray daily, "Thy Kingdom come." We hate the manifestation of evil in this present world and long for the time when Jesus Christ will bring a new ruling government to take away all sorrows. We yearn for the fulfillment of that Millennial rule pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles, and the hope of reconciliation for all peoples past and present in the White Throne Judgment. How blessed are we of all peoples on the earth to understand this Truth about what God is doing. Who is more blessed than those who have been given open minds to savor the Good News of God's soon coming Kingdom? In spite of the difficulties we all face in trying to live up to the example of Jesus Christ in this world—especially when we fight daily against rebellious minds and the influence of Satan—how blessed are we to know why we were born, and what is that hope of eternal life awaiting? If we can keep our minds focused on those promises soon to be fulfilled, is there anything that should rob us of our zeal and enthusiasm?

The commanded Feasts of God were given as a means to help us take a break from the weights and worries of our lives in this world. When we do it correctly, we come out of those cares and focus for this short time upon the glory of God's master plan for human salvation. No matter how great are our physical trials, pains, and sorrows in this flesh, that revelation of Truth should be an incredible comfort. God knows exactly what He is doing, and having our best interests at heart, He gave us these precious Holy Days for a blessing. No matter where you are around the world, may your joy be full in this time of great celebration.

Death

Mr. Thomas Aungst of Dade City, Florida, died September 9 after a long struggle with a chronic infection. He was sixty-nine years of age at the time of his death. We offer our sympathies to his wife, Janice, grandson, Thomas IV, and his extended family.

New Moon

Last month in the *Announcement Letter* the new moon, Tishri (seventh month), was listed as beginning the evening of September 30. That is incorrect. Tishri began on the evening of September 29, with the new moon day on the Feast of Trumpets, September 30. We hope this did not cause too much confusion.

The new moon, Heshvan (eighth month), will begin on the evening of October 29, with the day of the new moon being October 30.

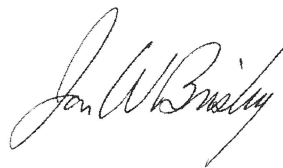
Trip Schedule

November 8	JWB	Burnie, Tasmania, Australia
December 6	JWB	Don Carlos, Mindanao, Philippines

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
CL2 47 (RC)	09-04-08	09-27-08	Principles of Christian Living: Longsuffering #7
WSE-JB 22-100-24M	09-04-08	10-04-08	Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation Divine Revelation and Christ's Example #2
CL2 48 (RC)	09-25-08	10-11-08	Principles of Christian Living: Longsuffering #8
CL2 49 (RC)	09-25-08	10-25-08	Principles of Christian Living: Longsuffering #9
WSE-JB 22-101-24N	09-25-08	11-01-08	Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation Divine Revelation and the Twelve #1
WSE-JB 22-102-24O	10-23-08	11-08-08	Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation Divine Revelation and the Twelve #2
CL2 50 (RC)	10-23-08	11-15-08	Principles of Christian Living: Longsuffering #10

In Christ's service,



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