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## **Announcement Letter November 2008**

Dear Brethren:

We greet all of you in this new calendar month with sincere expressions of love and respect. We thank God continually for the blessing of opportunity to serve all of you around this globe through letters and sermons. In spite of the fact we are very scattered as a remnant body, God has provided the means for us to stay in contact, and for that we are very grateful indeed. It is another blessing which is easy to take for granted, but given the times in which we live and the chance that a day may come when such communication becomes impossible, it is not overdramatizing to consider these simple blessings with thoughtful gratitude.

For those of you who were blessed with the opportunity to attend one of those designated Feast of Tabernacles sites, what a blessing we all just received once again according to God's mercy and favor. We were thrilled to receive such positive reports from every area where sincere children are holding to the faith once delivered. And for those of you who were unable to attend, you were not forgotten in any way. We pray that you will be with us in those convocations to come, God willing. Although God allows trials of all varieties to test His people, we were blessed once again as a whole with much peace in our convocations. In spite of the fact there are powerful enemies—especially in the spirit realm—who hate us for what we believe and stand for, God did indeed put a protective shield about us and brought us safely together for an incredible Feast experience. The overall Spirit manifested by those in attendance was unmistakably positive, and that too is no accident nor coincidence. We thank all of you who made such an effort to sacrifice yourselves in service for your brethren, and most importantly for the honor of God. It was all of those seemingly small acts of kindness which collectively set such a wonderful example. Your enthusiasm seemed almost tangible. May God now bless us as we have each returned to our routines at home, and may He continue to fight our battles for us. May we each maintain that same enthusiasm to face whatever trials await in this character-development process. We are friends, brethren, and future heirs with Christ. God helping us we will continue to stick together in this fight for salvation, no matter what challenges the future holds in store.

## **Feast of Tabernacles Reports**

**Don Carlos, Philippines:** Mr. Corsino Canta sends warmest greetings. After rejoicing during the solemn celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day, the brethren all went home happily, indicating their great satisfaction on the proceedings and the spirit of oneness during the Feast. Their average attendance was twelve adults and four children. The messages were all inspiring, giving us deep insights into how we can attain the promised rest. The solemn warnings and motivating wisdom are all that we need to push through to the end.

**Mindanao, Philippines:** Mr. Mario Roque reports that now that the Feast is over all in attendance enjoyed God's Feast days and are looking forward to that soon-to-come wonderful world tomorrow pictured by this fall festival. The eighty-five in attendance on the Last Great Day all rejoiced with unity. They were blessed with nice weather throughout the Feast.

**Suna-Migori, Kenya:** Mr. Isaya Owak emailed that the Feast in East Africa was held in three locations this year. There were sixty-three in Migori, twenty-three in Siaya, and seven in Gem for a total of ninety-three members. They are praying that God will open the way for them to have everyone gather together at one place next year. In all areas the brethren were peaceful. They would like to thank everyone for the tents that were given to them, it was a great blessing to have a place to sleep since they had rain all the days of the Feast. They would like to welcome anyone interested in being with them at next year's Feast. They were happy and hope the same was true in all of the Feast sites of the remnant body of Christ.

**Kandersteg, Switzerland:** The French-speaking brethren had a very peaceful and enjoyable Feast in the Alps. The weather was favorable to their outdoor and indoor activities. They had both sunny and rainy days. They watched a film made up of the best excerpts from the video taping done at the Feast since the mid-90s. They joyfully reminisced their happy celebrations over the past few years. Very thankful for their spiritual and physical blessings, they enjoyed their closeness as a family of twenty-five members, children included. They send their warm greetings and sincere love to the brethren as they continue to keep them all in their thoughts and prayers.

**Hermanus, South Africa:** All families arrived safely at Hermanus (the van der Bank family traveled twenty hours to join them) and settled into the comfortable homes which had been arranged. The sermons were so inspirational and challenging giving them much to meditate and ponder on. The weather was generally grey, but they did have some lovely sunny days in the middle. They enjoyed eating meals together, fellowshiping and getting to know one another better. Activities included a Ladies' Garden Party, hikes in the nearby nature reserve, whale watching, fishing and drives to see nearby sights. Everybody traveled safely back to their homes, and are already looking forward to next year's Feast of Tabernacles.

**Port Sorrell, Tasmania, Australia:** The Australian brethren enjoyed good weather and had a peaceful, inspiring Feast. It was held in a beautiful coastal town with seven present.

**Townsend, Tennessee:** Everyone at the Tennessee Feast site had an enjoyable eight-day celebration, with around 109 present. The weather was sunny and crisp. There were many activities enjoyed by all, including the Armstrong family pancake lunch, the Family night/potluck (with accordian music by Robert Litz as well as bluegrass music by the Setser/Sisney families) and some organized youth activities. There were also two baptisms performed. Overall, it was an inspiring and rejuvenating Feast.

**Newport, Oregon:** There were about eighty-five present at the Feast on the beautiful Oregon coast. The weather was sunny and beautiful, with one evening of rain. There were activities, meals spent together, an enjoyable potluck/family night with many skits and musical performances. There were four baptized, and it was a very warm, peaceful, positive and inspiring time with close fellowship and unity throughout the Feast.

### **Office: Member Record Privacy**

We would like to reiterate for all of you that Church of God, The Eternal takes privacy and confidentiality of your personal information very seriously. Not only do we take strong measures to safeguard the privacy of any financial contribution data, we also secure your address and contact information. We treat that which you have given to us as a personal trust. We are often asked by members for contact information (address, e-mail, etc.) of other members. In most cases, we understand that many of you would not object to us giving your address to another member who would like to contact you. But how would we ever make such determinations on our own? What about those who definitely do not want us to hand out freely their information? Our office staff has no way to make those delineations, and therefore it is our simple policy not to give out any such data. Therefore, if there is a brother or a sister you would like to reach but do not have their contact information, please let us know, and we will help contact them for you and ask for permission to give out that information. Or else, we would always be happy to forward a letter to that individual for you, if you send it to us at the church office. We hope this is not too much of an inconvenience for any of you, and hope that you may appreciate our commitment to your personal record privacy.

### **New Moon**

The new moon, Kislev (ninth month), will begin on the evening of November 27, with the day of the new moon being November 28.

## Trip Schedule

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

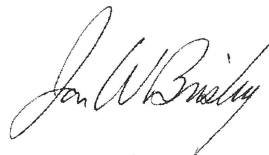
## Archived Monthly Letter

Enclosed in this mailing you will find an archived letter from Mr. Raymond Cole, originally written September 1979, addressing some accusations toward Church of God, The Eternal. As mentioned in past letters, we are planning to re-release some of Mr. Cole's letters periodically. This is one of those times. We hope all of you will be enriched by these historical writings which never become outdated.

## Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
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
WST-JB 108	10-23-08	11-22-08	How to Have the Best Feast Ever
CL2 57 (RC)	11-13-08	11-29-08	Principles of Christian Living: Goodness #1
WSE-JB 109	11-13-08	12-06-08	How to Avoid the Post-feast Blues
CL2 58 (RC)	11-13-08	12-12-08	Principles of Christian Living: Goodness #2

In Christ's service,



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