

## Announcement Letter January 2018

Dear Brethren:

The good thing about the arrival of January is the end of the biggest worldly holiday season. What a difference it will make when the peoples of the earth are finally taught the Truth, and they come to understand who the real Jesus Christ is, and actually experience, "Peace on earth and good will to all men." Today it is just a charade. But one day it is going to come true. May God speed that day!

In the meantime, we take this opportunity to greet every one of you again who know that Truth, and to express our love and appreciation for you, wherever you are upon the face of this earth. This is one of those years when God's annual Feasts fall very early on the Roman calendar. Therefore it is really not all that long until the Passover season. Your servants here in the church office are busy planning for all of those requirements to support you in this new calendar year, and that means our preparations for the Passover season are in full swing. There is never much of a reprieve for us during the year, since our schedules are often full from one Holy Day season to the next. But what a blessing it is to still have the capacity of mind and body to do this Work, the physical tools and resources needed to execute that plan for another year, the dedicated office staff to perform every needful function, and the political environment that still permits us freedom to serve you unhindered.

We have no way of knowing what may be around the next corner, but what an incredible blessing we have enjoyed for so many years to serve this remnant body and to preserve the true Faith. We have been an organized remnant now for nearly forty-three years (since 1975). So much has transpired over those four decades. Yet God has provided new generations of baptized members who have shown the same loyalty to revealed Truth that is requisite for our survival. That body of doctrine apparently has not gone out of style. It is a testament to the miraculous hand of God that we continue to *survive*, and even more so that we continue to *thrive* as never before.

Many of you have personal weights and trials in your lives that are heavy indeed. That has likewise been true in every past decade in which this little remnant has existed. Those trials have purpose, and you are all being exercised spiritually by learning to endure, and to hold your faith without wavering. And in those cases where the spiritual weights have caused you to falter, yet by God's grace He has offered you every merciful opportunity to be restored, to learn from those experiences, and then to soldier forward on that difficult path. The path leads to the salvation of your souls. It is a path worth

treading, a reward making it worth every sacrifice required along the way. It is an operation of conversion that is playing out as much in your lives right now as it has at any time in the history of this last-day Church. Never doubt the significance of what you are experiencing and enduring. Never think that it is meaningless. Never doubt that you are part of a divine operation of the Living God, who is producing *real character* in every one of you who is willing to be perfected.

With that in mind, may all of you find the strength to look forward with hope, with spiritual resolve, and with real joy for the chance to repeat God's master plan again in the keeping of Sabbaths and Holy Days in weeks to come. Yes, hard work of planning and preparation. But what joy to know the Truth of what the Almighty Creator is doing among men, and to have such a special role in preparing for that future.

Much love to you all, with prayers and strong encouragement for you to hold firm till the very end.

**New Moon**

The new moon, Shebat (eleventh month), begins Tuesday evening, January 16. The new moon day is Wednesday, January 17.

**Trip Schedule**

**Mr. Jon Brisby**

February 10..... Suna-Migori, Kenya

February 17..... Maryville, Tennessee

## Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
CL2-RC 167	11-30-17	12-30-17	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #30
WSE-JB 22-164-26N	12-21-17	01-06-18	Fund. of Belief #26: Worldly Holidays: Thanksgiving—Part 2
CL2-RC 168	12-21-17	01-13-18	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #31
WSE-JB 208-1	12-21-17	01-20-18	Flat Earth: A Case Study #1
WSE-JB 208-2	01-11-18	01-27-18	Flat Earth: A Case Study #2
HFT-RC 1981-1	01-11-18	02-03-18	What Can We Know About Babylon? #1
HFT-RC 1981-2	01-11-18	02-10-18	What Can We Know About Babylon? #2

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In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby