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FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOVEMBER, 1964 "Filled with the holy spirit and . . . speaking the word of God with boldness."—Acts 4:31. VOL. VII NO. 11

Dear Publishers:

Some of us got to Pittsburgh for the annual meeting of the Society on October 1, and it was a stimulating one-day assembly. Eleven of the students from Gilead School were there, and all of them gave talks. Pryce Hughes flew over from England, and August Peters from Germany, and they each gave reports too. So we heard quite a variety of wonderful experiences.

The business meeting part of the three-hour program was very short. Brother Sullivan and Brother Suiter were reelected as directors of the Pennsylvania corporation of the Society. Then Brother Knorr gave a very interesting talk on the subject "Do Not Become Fearful of Those Who Kill the Body." 1,507 were in attendance.

Of course, only a few of the Bethel family were at that meeting; most of the 673 members of the family were caring for their assignments at Bethel. My, how the Bethel family has grown! In 1944 there were 228, and then by 1954 it had jumped to 440; now it is up to 673 —an increase of 233 in just the past ten years. But it has required many more than that to keep things going, because there are eighty to a hundred that leave Bethel each year for various reasons, and these have to be replaced in order to supply the needs of you brothers in the field.

There are wonderful opportunities here at Bethel for young men who really want to work in the ministry, and we here often wonder why there are not a lot more who apply for Bethel service. At conventions we see so many healthy young men who have not applied for Bethel and who are not in the pioneer service. But, really, knowing as we do that the old system of things is coming to its end, what work could be more worthwhile? It's something to think about. Among those attending Gilead School here we meet many who have spent ten, fifteen, twenty and some as high as forty or more years in Bethel homes as branch servants in different parts of the earth. They are fine examples, and more like them are needed to care for this growing organization.

Some of the Bethel family are talking about going to Europe next year to visit our brothers at the assemblies on the other side of the Atlantic. They won't be traveling alone either, because over 1,500 individuals have already written requesting final information about attending those European assemblies in 1965.

In the meantime, it is good to see that so many are working hard in the field service. Didn't we get off to a fine start for the new service year, with 292,512 publishers? Now, during November, we will be offering the *"Babylon"* book again. All of us have had quite a bit of experience with it, so it should prove to be a most enjoyable month in the field service. It's a privilege for us to work closely with all of you, and we wish you Jehovah's rich blessing. Lots of love from us to all of you.

Your brothers at
THE BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Meeting the Challenge of the Ministry

[1] Can you accept a challenge? David did. When Goliath defied Jehovah and hurled a challenge at Israel's army, it was the young lad David who courageously accepted. Meeting that challenge was for the stronghearted. Don't you agree?

[2] Having a full share in the ministry today as one of God's public servants presents no less a challenge in many respects. To overcome the obstacles of householder indifference, outright worldy and demon opposition, and our own fleshly weaknesses requires Jehovah's spirit. He can be counted on to back us up when we are doing his will. But we must demonstrate initiative, determination and true zeal for right worship.

[3] The challenge will never be met unless we have the highest of motives and the soundest of reasons. These we have. We are vitally concerned for the vindication of Jehovah's name and the saving of lives of interested persons.

[4] Look closely at the example of those who have displayed outstanding zeal for the public ministry. Concerning Jesus it was said that the zeal for his Father's house had eaten him up. (John 2:17) Jeremiah said Jehovah's word was like a fire in his bones, that he was not able to hold it within him. (Jer. 20:9) How good it is to know that we also have such individuals in our congregations today! Now, how can we benefit by their presence? Associate closely with them and work with them whenever possible. In fact, you will find these brothers available for help in the assistance arrangement, eager to assist the less experienced.

[5] Are you a family head? If so, you have a particular responsibility in meeting the challenge. It is essential that you personally lead in the ministry, making a diligent effort to meet the service goals, and aid the other members of your family to do the same. How are many family heads successfully meeting this responsibility? By a practical family schedule including study, preparation for service and balanced field ministry. True, it takes initiative to work up such a schedule and determination to keep it going, but this is part of the challenge. The end result is a happy family, blessed by Jehovah, busily and regularly sharing in the ministry.

[6] If you are a young publisher, part of meeting the challenge is to cooperate wholeheartedly with your parents in a family schedule. Have you young folks ever considered the joy it brings your father and mother to see you happily participating in the service, eagerly getting ready

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★ **Keep on helping captives to get out of Babylon the Great.** ★

Your Service Meetings

SECOND MEETING IN NOVEMBER

5 min: Song 82. Introduction, text and comments.

15 min: "Do Not Be Misled by Rumors." Talk based on article "Rumors —Should You Believe Them?" in September 1, 1964, "Watchtower." Also see "Watchtower" of May 1, 1964, page 269, paragraph 2, and May 15, 1964, page 306, paragraph 16. Emphasize two key points: (1) Do not be misled by rumors concerning "new light" that differs from Society's publications. (2) Never allow rumors to undermine your confidence in dedicated Christian brothers.

8 min: Question Box, "Should one of Jehovah's witnesses go to a religious hospital for treatment and care?" Sister asks overseer question, as she may soon have to enter hospital for operation.

20 min: "Meeting the Challenge of the Ministry." Question-and-answer discussion with audience. On paragraphs 5 and 6 interview a family head and members of family who have practical schedule of service, stressing how they work together and are able to be regular in service and meet publisher goals.

12 min: Concluding comments. Include accounts servant's report, also "How Did We Do in September?" Song 47.

THIRD MEETING IN NOVEMBER

5 min: Song 21. Introduction, text and comments.

10 min: "Can You Prove You Are a Minister?" Talk on article in October 22, 1964, "Awake!" Capable brother handling this part should emphasize what it is that truly makes the ministry one's vocation. Direct particularly to younger single brothers. Best for them to show their interest in the ministry by getting into the pioneer service; even those who are not able to pioneer should make the ministry their vocation. Deal briefly with draft cases covered in article.

12 min: Brooklyn Branch Office letter. Family reviews branch letter and discusses together its effect on their activity as individuals and as a family.

15 min: "Make an Interesting Approach." Demonstrate ways of making introductions interesting and practical. Stress having householder's circumstances in mind. Lead into current sermon.

10 min: Bible study servant reviews visit with overseer, outlines what he will be doing to help build up back-call and Bible study activity in future. Gives local figures on Bible study work and encourages more to share.

8 min: Concluding comments. Handle announcements as they apply locally. Song 66.

FOURTH MEETING IN NOVEMBER

8 min: Song 32. Introduction, text and comments. Text handled by brother who discusses with his Bible student the value of morning text discussion with family.

10 min: Round-table discussion, including some children, covering Theocratic News.

17 min: 'Making the Tent More Spacious.' Question-and-answer consideration of article. Audience should be encouraged to comment on individual plans to share in service and help others.

Mature publisher demonstrates call on less experienced publisher, encouraging to share in service in December. Make definite arrangement to work together.

15 min: Presenting the Good News. Discuss and demonstrate points, particularly showing how to answer tactfully the objection, "I could never do that work," and how to help Bible student to prepare a simple sermon to use in field service. Invite comments from audience on things they say to overcome objection.

10 min: Concluding comments. Song 78.

FIRST MEETING IN DECEMBER

5 min: Song 55. Introduction, text and comments.

10 min: Talk on theme for December, "Keeping Filled with the Spirit of God." (Eph. 5:18) See "Watchtower," December 15, 1963, and December 1, 1964.

15 min: "Enjoying Jehovah's Provisions." Talk and interview. Competent brother handling part will interview those who attend meetings regularly, determining from them how they schedule their affairs so as to be at all meetings, how they prepare ahead of time to be on time and to participate fully in the meeting. Interview also those who help others attend. Point out how definite arrangements are made to assist, to provide transportation and to encourage those not regularly attending.

22 min: Bible sermon.

CHAIRMAN (2 min.) Enthusiastically offer Bible and "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" to everyone. The sermon is simple, may be used by new ones starting in service for first time as well as by all others.

CHAIRMAN (10 min.) Displays sermon for all to see. Discusses sermon with audience.

Theme: The Bible's Promise of a Better System of Things

Rev. 21:3, 4—Bright promise of better conditions

Ps. 37:10, 11—Wicked destroyed, righteous preserved into new system

John 17:3—What one must do to live under better system of things

Suggested introduction and transition: 'In these days when sickness, death, delinquency and disunity among people are the major items in the news, I would like to brighten your day by showing you briefly the Bible's promise of better conditions to come on earth. Certainly you would enjoy receiving good news for a change, isn't that true? Revelation 21:3, 4 gives this good news. [Read and comment on it.] You may wonder, though, how this could come about in view of the seemingly permanent gloomy conditions on earth. It can be only through the power of God. His promised remedy is clearly stated here at Psalm 37:10, 11. [Read and comment.] To be among the righteous, the Bible shows here at John 17:3, we need knowledge of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ. [Read and comment.] For the purpose of helping you to take in knowledge of God and to have confidence that the Bible is inspired, we are offering the Bible in modern English and a splendid Bible study aid. You may have this copy of the "New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures" and this book "All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" for only $2. [Show features of book, such as Study 10, pages 337-349, on fulfilled prophecy and other reasons why Bible is authentic and true, or comment that book covers all 66 books of Bible, showing who the writers are, when they were written, what they contain and why each book is beneficial for us today.] With these we are leaving two booklets free.' After placing offer, demonstrate study of booklet.

CAPABLE PUBLISHER (8 min.) Demonstrates use of sermon and starting a study.

CHAIRMAN (2 min.) Encourages all to rehearse sermon at home and at service centers. Offer Bible and "All Scripture" book as excellent combination for Bible research. May offer only Bible if householder does not care for book, or offer only "All Scripture" book where they have Bible. Endeavor to start studies.

8 min: Concluding comments. Outline special service arrangements for reaching 10-percent goal. Song 60.

Meeting the Challenge *(Cont'd)*

to go in the work and cooperating to the full within the family in all the other little ways that are essential if a schedule is to be successful? How much easier it is to meet the challenge when all work together toward a common goal! Like young David, accept the challenge and meet it, because this is well pleasing to Jehovah.

7 Perhaps you are one of the newly associated ones in Jehovah's organization. As you learn the truth you can show appreciation to Jehovah for the things you have learned by taking up the challenge to preach. Learn to trust in Jehovah for strength to do his will. Also, be assured that the more experienced publishers will be pleased to assist you.

8 Are you accepting the challenge and meeting it? If so, your zealous, courageous response will win you Jehovah's blessing and approval.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. Bi. St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	731	144.6	50.0	6.9	162.7
Pios.	8,538	92.5	30.8	4.8	103.8
Vac. Pios.	2,404	82.6	21.2	2.2	85.4
Pubs.	280,839	9.8	3.2	.6	11.9
TOTAL	292,512				

Public Meetings Held: 25,275

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1965
321,550 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN SEPTEMBER?

What a fine way to start off a new service year! That is how we feel about magazine placements for September. Special pioneers averaged 162.7, well above their goal of 150. Regular and vacation pioneers placed an average of 99.7, just .3 short of their 100, and congregation publishers barely missed averaging 12, with 11.9. In actual magazines placed it means that all of us together placed 4,543,954, or 649,082 more magazines than we did in the same month last year. If we keep this increase up each month, we will have a fine magazine report this year.

Enjoying Jehovah's Provisions

1 When we enjoy something we usually like to enjoy it to the full, isn't that right? And, when we do, how truly satisfying it is! Just as this is true of enjoying material things, so it is of spiritual things, including the meetings Jehovah has lovingly provided for our benefit each week.

2 To enjoy the meetings fully we should be on time for them. Are you there to sing the song and to join in the prayer or do you find yourself coming in late, causing heads to turn and minds to wander from instruction as you move about finding a seat? Or have you ever been a speaker who stood in front of an "audience" of empty chairs, feeling disappointment because so few came to hear the vitally important introductory remarks? Then you know how much you appreciate it when everyone is on time. Why not plan to enjoy the whole program and get all the benefit possible on these occasions?

3 Fully enjoying Jehovah's provision of the meetings is largely a matter of schedule and habit. As one family head with ten children commented: "When I come home from work we all get ready for the meeting first. Then we sit down for the evening meal. After the meal we have a half hour to rest and study before leaving for the meeting." This brother, with his entire family, is always among the first to arrive at the Kingdom Hall, because they plan ahead and the children cooperate in getting ready early.

4 Moreover, if we prepare well for each meeting, there will be a mutual interchange of encouragement and we can build up one another's faith. (Rom. 1:11, 12) Why not come prepared to comment at least once at the *Watchtower* study each week and, as the occasion affords, at all the other meetings too. This will not only increase your own enjoyment but also add to the pleasure and profit of those listening. True, this requires preparation, but the more we put into any meeting, the more spiritual benefit and enjoyment we derive from it.

5 If you are a servant, do you try to be on hand at least twenty minutes before each meeting to care for your duties and to assist the publishers? Not only is this an evidence of maturity, but think of the good example it sets for all in the congregation.

6 Finally, Jehovah's loving provisions now include the program of daily Bible reading. Do you schedule time to read the Bible regularly each day? How this enriches our faith and adds to our enjoyment of the meetings! Why not plan on sharing in all of these blessings, for then you will experience the satisfaction that comes from enjoying Jehovah's provisions to the full.

Announcements

◆ All congregations should plan special activity for December 25. Either the Bible and *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* or magazines may be used. Additional magazines should be ordered by November 15.

◆ At the service centers the following program should be followed on Sunday mornings: November 8, review complete sermon "Flee from Babylon the Great." November 15, friendly, interesting introductions. November 22, introductions geared to circumstances encountered in homes locally. November 29, starting studies in *"Look!"* booklet on initial call. (See July *Kingdom Ministry*.) December 6, review sermon "The Bible's Promise of a Better System of Things."

◆ Overseer to visit Bible study servant early in month, working with him in service, especially on back-calls. He should offer suggestions on improving and increasing his assistance to others.

◆ Literature offer: December, *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* with two booklets for $2. January through April, *Watchtower* subscription campaign. Year's subscription and three booklets, $1. (Include *"This Good News of the Kingdom"* or *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* so studies may be started.) Order booklets and increase magazine supply now.

◆ *Yearbook* and calendar orders may be submitted starting November 23, other languages two weeks later. *Yearbook* available in English and Spanish, 50c each. Calendars available in English, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish, 25c each. Please order through your congregation. Pioneers on list before July 1, 1964, may receive a free *Yearbook* by placing request with the literature servant. This will be included in congregation order, and later credit may be requested for the pioneers' copies of the *Yearbook*.

◆ New publications available:

"Your Will Be Done on Earth" —Greek
From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained —Papiamento, Sesotho
Jehovah's Witnesses in the Divine Purpose —Danish
Living in Hope of a Righteous New World —Chinese, Japanese
"Look! I Am Making All Things New" —Bulgarian, Hebrew
"Peace Among Men of Good Will" or Armageddon—Which? —English, French, Spanish
Preaching and Teaching in Peace and Unity —Cinyanja, Efik
When God Is King over All the Earth —Japanese

◆ Out of stock in U.S.A.:

Bible #889X —English
Jehovah's Witnesses—the New World Society —English
Songbook —English

Make an Interesting Approach

1 With many of us one of the biggest problems in the witness work is how to start the conversation—what to say first. Should it be pointed or general? What subject should we start on? How can we catch a person's interest? It is good to give this matter thought and to discuss it with other publishers. Try various approaches. You will find it rewarding.

2 First of all, a sincere and friendly greeting is always in order. Most people appreciate it when someone shows a little interest in them. Have you ever worked with a publisher who started the conversation by saying to the householder: "Hello. I'm glad I found you home"? It is a friendly approach, isn't it?

3 But the big question is: What approach or subject will both catch and hold the interest of this person? This, of course, depends on the person to whom you are talking. What catches the attention of the woman in one house may not be of interest to the man next door. So be observant of people and their interests. Take these things into consideration; use versatility and good judgment.

4 If a man or a woman opens the door and you hear children playing, you might say: "Those of us who have children are concerned for their safety and future. My call today is to point to a warning God has given us. It has to do with our worship. Our knowing the warning and heeding it can result in everlasting happiness and security for us and our children." Then give the Babylon sermon, applying it to the householder.

5 Men, women and young people are interested in the future. You might say: "Most people are interested in the future and what it holds for them and those they love. Observe how the Bible tells, not only of the past, but also of the future and how we can benefit from knowing the future." Then proceed with the Babylon sermon or another appropriate topic.

6 You will find other interesting and timely introductions that will effectively catch interest in your territory. Keep looking for new ideas that are appropriate and effective. Remember that the householder wants to know why you are there. So without delay, get to the point. At the same time, make your approach an interesting one so he will listen. What you have to say is important; as the Bible says, "The mouth of the righteous one is a source of life."—Prov. 10:11.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Can All Become Preachers of the Good News?

1 What a pleasure it is to see a newly interested person drink in the waters of truth at a home Bible study! As this knowledge transforms his mind, we look forward to the time when he will want to have a share in presenting the good news. But what if he says, "I COULD NEVER DO THAT WORK"?

2 It is only natural that one without experience would feel somewhat inadequate when beginning a new work. Especially is this so when he appreciates how very important that work is. So do not be discouraged; rather, you might commend him for his humility.

3 But, even so, it is entirely right for a person who has been studying for a while to begin to tell others some of the things that he knows. And if he stops to think about it, he will realize that he knows so much more than those he will meet at the doors. When Jesus sent out the twelve apostles to begin preaching, they surely had much to learn. (Matt. 10:5-42) Yet they went. What knowledge they had they made use of. Remind him of this.

4 In Jesus' day, fishermen, housewives and others shared in the ministry. They were working people. The same is true today, and this your student will discover as he meets others in the congregation. Also, God does not ask us to do something that he won't give us the strength to do. This is God's work and his spirit will back us up. —2 Cor. 3:4-6.

5 Additionally, the new publisher will get the very best kind of training, and it may put him at ease if you explain the arrangement. You can help him to work out a very simple presentation and rehearse it with him. Then he can accompany you in the field and can have a small part in the presentation when he feels ready. This can be expanded as he progresses.

6 The important thing is to be willing to be trained and take the step forward. (Ps. 110:3) Encourage him to have that attitude. Just think of the many happy publishers of the good news that at one time said: "I could never do that work!"

'Making the Tent More Spacious'

1 In sharp contrast to the condemned and dying Babylonish systems of false worship, Jehovah's organization continues to flourish and expand. (Isa. 54:2) And so that proper care can be given to the many new ones the command is given: "Make the place of your tent more spacious." In obedience, we must ready ourselves for the increase, and we have reason to expect some of that increase during the month of December. We will be working to reach the ten-percent goal of 321,550 publishers. Can we make it? All that is required is 5,982 publishers in addition to the 315,568 who shared in service in April of this year. With 219,677 studies being conducted on the average each month during the past year, there is an excellent potential.

2 Early in the month the overseer may find it advantageous to have a meeting with all the servants and study conductors to discuss the work. The servants will also need the help of you other regular and mature publishers, to offer loving assistance to irregular publishers and inactive ones. We are sure that you will be glad to help. And what about those with whom you have a home Bible study? Have they progressed sufficiently to share in the field ministry? What a happy experience it will be if they start in the service with you during December! A meeting might also be arranged with the pioneers and those doing vacation pioneer work during December. They will be glad to know what opportunities there are to arrange for others to work along with them in Jehovah's service; it will be mutually upbuilding.

3 Each one of us can do much to share in the expansion work. When asked to assist someone, work at it just as patiently as with a new home Bible study.

4 Jehovah assures us that the increase will come. He has promised to bless the efforts put forth. Do we have any reason to hold back? Certainly not.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ One small congregation in southern Georgia is made up of eight sisters. Although none of them has a car, the circuit servant reports that each of these sisters has averaged over 22 hours, 12 back-calls, 3 Bible studies and 37 magazines each month for the last six months. What a fine report!

◆ Of serious concern to each one of us is the alarming news that in the United States during the 1964 service year 2,923 persons were disfellowshiped, only 532 reinstated. We should take this news to heart and guard our steps carefully.

◆ New branch office and home completed in Paramaribo, Surinam. All work done by local brothers. Family moved in August 28.

◆ In August a Guatemalan brother was exonerated after seven days in jail for teaching his children God's law regarding idolatry toward national emblems.

◆ Hurricane in area of Bahamas did not deter 389 from attending public talk at "Fruitage of the Spirit" Assembly.

◆ A special pioneer visiting the island of Rodrigues in the Indian Ocean for six weeks placed 62 books, made 187 back-calls and started 12 Bible studies. The two local publishers appreciated the visit.

◆ Nigeria reached new peak of 38,285 publishers—a 14-percent increase—and a new peak in pioneers, a 19-percent increase in hours, a 40-percent increase in back-calls and a 23-percent increase in Bible studies over the same month a year ago. During August 40,626 attended Society's film showings.

◆ Four vacation pioneers on Solomon Islands averaged 129 hours each and publishers averaged 21.5 hours each during August.

Question Box

● Should one of Jehovah's witnesses go to a religious hospital for treatment and care?

If a hospital is owned by a false religious organization, then it is operated by a segment of Babylon the Great, the world empire of false religion. So those of Jehovah's witnesses who live in an area where they have a choice of hospitals would undoubtedly choose a hospital that is in no way associated with a false religious organization. However, sometimes persons are unconscious and cannot make a choice, or there is no other hospital in the vicinity, or the religious hospital may be the only one equipped to care for the particular thing needing attention. Under these circumstances one of Jehovah's witnesses might go to the religious hospital and pay for care he receives, viewing this simply as paying for services rendered. It would not be the same as making a contribution for the purpose of supporting the false religious organization. Thus, Jehovah's witnesses may go to religious hospitals for treatment and care if circumstances require it and if they choose to do so.

★ "Work what is good," especially to those needing assistance. ★

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