Dear Publishers:

Here at Bethel December is always a very busy time because we have the privilege of sending out the Yearbook and calendars that you have ordered through your congregations. It is the time of preparation of the Yearbook in Spanish as well as in English. We enjoy the extra activity because we can visualize the happy faces of your brothers who are receiving the latest items produced at the factory. The Yearbook is full of much good news and reports on the advance of the Kingdom work in all parts of the earth. By reading the experiences of our brothers in other places we benefit ourselves very much. In our Kingdom service we may at times come into circumstances similar to those related in some of the experiences and then we will have a good lead on how to deal with the situation. Also, while there may be a limit to the amount of field service we are able to do or the number of experiences we may have in the service personally, we can rejoice in the experiences of others and be strengthened in faith and built up for the future.

Many theocratic families arrange to consider the daily text together, and this is a fine way of receiving necessary spiritual food. Also, while they are together they make use of the Yearbook by considering a report on one country each day. It has been found that letting each one take his turn reading an experience from day to day will bring benefit to the whole family.

The calendar illustration, with Jesus speaking out boldly in a synagogue amid unfriendly people, is inspiring to us, and we appreciate the instruction from Nehemiah 10:39, that “we should not neglect the house of our God.” The calendar is a daily reminder to all of us of our obligations to continue in pure worship and not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

The Kingdom work is growing and we expect more theocratic increase.

Serving Jehovah’s Purpose

1 As we call on people in our ministry, they frequently show real concern about the future, don’t they? They just do not know what lies ahead of them and many fear the worst. Of course, we know that the religions of Christendom and pagandom have presented a confused view of the future, so it is a real pleasure for us to serve Jehovah’s purpose by having a part in opening the eyes of sincere ones to what the future holds. As you think back, you no doubt realize that The Watchtower did much to open your own eyes to the truth; isn’t that so? So it is a fine instrument to use to aid others to grasp the significance of world conditions and to gain faith in Jehovah’s promises for a righteous new system of things. What a privilege it is to share in this work!

2 There is no doubt about it—The Watchtower serves Jehovah’s purpose in a wonderful way. People who can be encouraged to read it regularly will grow in appreciation of that purpose. But how can we get it to them? Frankly, from our experience we have found that sharing regularly in the house-to-house work each week is the main way that new subscriptions are obtained. So, if at all possible, make it a point to meet and work along with your service group each week.

3 There is another suggestion that works well. Have you tried making a check list of potential subscribers? Many brothers tell of success in doing this. They list every possibility and then check off each one as they contact the various persons. For example, they make sure to follow up on magazine placements with the subscription offer, and those who receive magazines regularly on a route are listed as subscription prospects. They also make note of those who deliver milk, read newspapers or call at the house for some other reason. Then, too, there are classmaters at school, persons with whom you conduct a home Bible study or with whom you studied in the past, relatives, neighbors and persons with whom you associate at your secular work. These are all persons that you know, and they are probably more inclined to listen to you than to another publisher who may call on them for the first time. It is good to take advantage of that situation to help them. This ought to aid us to reach the goals of two subscriptions during the four-month campaign for those of us who are congregation publishers, twenty if we are pioneers, and thirty for special pioneers.

4 You will be glad to know that, during the campaign, it is planned for each issue of The Watchtower to have an article that ties in nicely with the sermon we will be using—“What Christ’s Return Means to You.” This will make it easy to tie in the offer with the subject on which you have already stimulated interest; and it will make it easy to place individual copies when the subscription is not obtained. And, by the way, don’t forget to read the articles yourself; they contain many fine points of explanation that you will really appreciate.

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SECOND MEETING IN JANUARY
Theme: Serving with Jehovah’s Organization. Song 18.
3 min: Introduction, text and comments. As brother briefly discusses text, publisher questions where additional information on text may be found. Chairman explains how to participate in reading complete chapter in Bible and looking up chain references on the scripture.
10 min: Theocratic News. Audience participates in additional discussions on matters from 1966 “Yearbook” on countries where items are from. Make items interesting; stress a desire to be read verbatim. Consider, too, “1961-1965 Index” and “German Edition of New Book Ready for Use.”
17 min: Simplified Sermon Using Psalm 72:7, 8. (2 min.) Chairman: It is a delight to share good news with others. The Kingdom organization is busy. Encourage all to prepare well to use full presentation and simplified sermon where time permits.
(12 min.) Mother and daughter prepare for field service together. Mother encourages daughter to make accounts always easy and a pleasure to share good news with others. She suggests always letting the service be speaking and teaching people with an optimistic outlook. No matter who comes to the door, be warm and friendly.
Third simplified sermon, using Psalm 72:7, 8, which tells of blessings when Jesus returns to rule the earth. In preparing for presentation, using mother as householder. Mother commends her. Mother then gives an account of difficulty to which person who is “busy householder.” (Both should point to article or paragraph in “Watchtower” that ties in well with presentation.) Daughter asks what she would say if she met her schoolteacher or schoolmate. Mother comments that they may well wonder why she has come to their door and suggests that her daughter might say, “I am calling to encourage home Bible study. There are many wonderful things we learn from the Bible that we are not taught in school. For example, notice here God’s promise in Psalm 72:7, 8.”
(6 min.) Daughter continues discussion for mother’s loving help and practical suggestions.
(3 min.) Chairman encourages parents to set aside time for field service with members of their families during the week. Prepare in advance. New and mature publishers young and old, can use simplified sermon when appropriate. Make yours an optimistic, encouraging presentation of the good news.
10 min: Concluding comments. Include encouraging comments. “How Did We Do in November?” Remind brothers to order new “Index.” Song 60.
THIRD MEETING IN JANUARY
Theme: Making Our Father’s Heart Glad. Song 2.
4 min: Introduction, text and comments.
14 min: Branch Letter. Father discusses with son need for building strong faith to face future and care for responsibilities. (See also December 15, 1965, “Watchtower” on Brother Jones’ prison experience.)
18 min: Presenting the Good News—“What Will I Say?” Chairman analyzes points in article with audience. Must demonstrate helping less-experienced publisher know what to say on return call.
8 min: Concluding comments. Comment on slogan on page 4. Song 79.
FOURTH MEETING IN JANUARY
Theme: We Ought to Be Teachers in Our Day. (Heb. 5:12) Song 33.
5 min: Introduction, text and comments.
10 min: Discussion between two brothers. Newer brother asks for help in making back-call where question, “How do you know Jesus did not die on a cross?” has come up. Mature brother shows value of “Make Sure,” using section on “Cross,” pages 139-141.
20 min: Starting Studies with Those Who Subscribe. (3 min.) Chairman: Purpose of our ministry is to make disciples, and literature placements are a means to that end. However, much more is needed. Follow-through by starting studies is essential for us to help others to serve Jehovah.
(7 min.) Publisher concludes sermon obtains a subscription, leaving three booklets. Endeavors to start study in “Good News” booklet. He briefly explains that the booklet may be used to discuss some scriptures on the subject “God the Father and Christ.” Invites householder to get his copy of the Bible teaching on the subject. In referring to first scripture, at Acts 4:24, publisher helpfully demonstrates some points of Jesus’ teaching. He continues to be used to find text. Publisher lets householder locate text in order to get experience. Publisher may be used to read, and by employing teaching methods the points in the paragraphs are brought out. Householder is encouraged to express self. Keeping in mind need to keep first call brief, publisher discusses only a paragraph or two and, after a brief review of show value of study, he makes appropriate remarks to lay the groundwork for personal follow-up. (1 min.) Chairman notes need of starting studies at every opportunity, introducing new theme.
(8 min.) Publisher makes a return call where subscription was obtained but no booklet was given. The groundwork for return call was laid by the concluding remarks when subscription was obtained. After introductory remarks regarding previous subject, publisher brings out the “Good News” booklet, hands one to householder and invites him to consider some points from the booklet. After some he remembers he has copy of booklet and gets his copy. (Same paragraphs as above to develop theme for subscription.) After the conclusion of the model study, publisher reviews points learned and arranges for return same time next week.
FIRST MEETING IN FEBRUARY
Theme: Deepening Your Joy by Praising God All Day Long. Song 45.
5 min: Introduction, text and comments.
12 min: Theme for February. Handle as “Watchtower” study with prepared questions covering theme and two or three brothers on platform to answer, using short article in February 1, 1966, “Watchtower.”
15 min: “Let Bible Principles Govern Your Entertainment.” Talk. This should combine material from the previous box and the article “Do Bible Principles Govern Your Entertainment?” in November 15, 1966, “Watchtower.”
23 min: “Parents, Care for Your Inheritance.” Question-and-answer coverage. This may also include experiences from parents who have been blessed by children going into the full-time service or who are now serving faithfully and zealously as congregation publishers because of good family condition and that of their brothers.
5 min: Concluding comments. Song 65.
Serving Jehovah’s Purpose (Cont’d)
There are houses, of course, where we won’t place a copy of The Watchtower. What can be done there? Well, in addition to leaving a handbill, why not leave the tract The Sign of Christ’s Presence? It is right on the subject we are talking about, and it may stimulate interest for the next call. Even if the householder is not at home, you may leave a copy of that tract under the door along with the handbill. This will assure that, in one way or another, this vital message gets into all the homes in your territory.
Have you looked inside the front cover of The Watchtower recently to see the number of languages in which it is printed? It is up to seventy now; isn’t that fine? In all these languages, if serving Jehovah’s purpose, aiding men to learn the truth. Keep in mind these various languages when you meet persons who are apparently from some other land. Invite them to subscribe.
There is certainly much for all of us to do in the ministry, and we are looking forward to having a sharp right attitude in getting The Watchtower into the hands of people during the coming months, because we are convinced that it is serving Jehovah’s purpose.
Parents, Care for Your Inheritance

All of us like to receive letters. We want to know how our friends and relatives are doing. Parents want to hear from their children. After having spent possibly twenty years in raising a son it is completely understandable that a father and mother, for example, would want to know how this "inheritance" of theirs was getting along. (Ps. 127: 3) The following is not an actual letter but is one that could easily be compiled from various letters and reports that have come through the Society's offices. As a parent, will you, someday, be able to receive one like it?

Dear Dad and Mom,

'Today is just a year since taking up this assignment at the direction of the Society in this congregation that needed so much help and encouragement. It has been such a joyful year and I have so many persons to thank for the wonderful thing given me; most of all, Jehovah. Recently, though, my thoughts have turned to others to whom I am grateful, namely, you. So many of the good habits that help me now that I am on my own, along with the routine and schedule that I follow, can be traced back to the things that both of you did and insisted that I do while I was growing up.

'Don't worry about my study schedule. It's a good one. It's the same one that you insisted our family keep even when we kids couldn't quite understand the need for being so rigid in it. My partner and I still have Monday evening as our "family Watchtower" study period just as we had it at home. When we ask Jehovah's blessing on this personal Watchtower study, it gives me a warm feeling, knowing that this is exactly what you are doing. I have been able to fit in the rest of my personal study very nicely too.

'Some of the families here are not doing so well and it makes me quite concerned. They just don't see the importance of disciplining themselves and their children, not only in doing what is good but also in not doing what is unprofitable. How I respect you now for not letting me have my way when I wanted to engage in outside social activities at school and get tied up in "bad associations." Dad, I can still remember the summer you vacation pioneered during your time off from work. You could never get into the regular pioneer service but you certainly encouraged me to make the full-time service my goal as a career by what you said and did and by the regular service schedule you arranged for me. Some children here aren't getting that needed guidance during their formative years and their parents don't seem to appreciate during what they are doing. When they ask how early you started being strict with me I tell them that I don't remember, that it must have started the day I was born.

'But there is improvement to be seen. Especially is this true in one family that had been quite absorbed in the everyday affairs of life. They had little time for their children, did the pioneer study and were irregular in service and meeting attendance. Gradually they are beginning to organize, and I really believe that eventually they will be a family working and playing together as ours was. We worked hard but also had time for some fun and relaxation.

'I just wanted you to know how much I am enjoying life and that I think of you often. I'm glad I had parents who thought of my future when they were supposed to, and I was too young to know what was best. I am happy in my work and I know why. Jehovah is apparently blessing my activity, and I am grateful, namely, you. So many of the good habits that help me now that I am on my own, along with the routine and schedule that I follow, can be traced back to the things that both of you did and insisted that I do while I was growing up.

Warm love to you both,

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Announcements

It is suggested that the overseer and the literature servant meet early in January to discuss the literature servant's work. Such matters as balanced ordering, overstocking, how to use the Literature Check Sheet and keep the progressive inventory, as well as the servant's field work should be covered.

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Question Box

- What would be a balanced viewpoint on a capital's life? When a responsible adult arranges for his own relaxation, it is a personal matter, though, of course, we should always be guided by general principles. However, when undertaking to invite others to join him, responsibility should be considered. Whose brother do you invite him to go? With whom will you spend your time? And also the answers to some of the questions you must ask yourself. He cannot put all the responsibility on you. He must also think about what he does, if he accepts your invitation, but have you taken reasonable precautions to see that there is nothing about the arrangement that would contribute to his detriment? It is best to build in all our conversation and conduct.—1 Cor. 14:26.

Within the family, the dedicated husband or father should make the best arrangements for wholesome recreation, depending upon the needs of each member. As parents should know where children still under their headship are, what they are doing, and what they are to do. Obedient children will respect their parents' wishes and concern in this respect. If several families want to get together for relaxation or recreation, it is best to have someone else take the responsibility for what is arranged. If a servant in the congregation invites others to his home, no one makes some arrangements of this nature, however, it should never be assumed that the congregation is in on what is being done. It is still a private matter. No arrangements should be made in the name of the congregation. The Kingdom Hall and its facilities should not be used for this purpose, nor should announcements regarding any social activities be made or posted at the Kingdom Hall or the service centers. From time to time pleasant association in the enjoyment of some good things in moderation is stimulating and gives each one a chance to assume responsibility for what he does. Therefore, whether you are eating out, going dancing, or going to the movies do all things for God's glory. Keep from becoming causes for stumbling.”

For suggestions on wholesome activities in which to engage when entertaining guests, see the February 9, 1966, issue of "Awake!"

November Service Report

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United States Goal for 1966

332,695 Publishers

How Did We Do in November?

For the second month in this service year we placed over 300,000 books. In this good? Really, brothers, it is excellent. Fine work has been done. You will be pleased to know that for the November subscription month, we have placed a total of 801,586 books. What a grand source of new studies and prospective ministers! Our prompt follow-up of this interest can result in a splendid increase in the future.
"What Will I Say?"

1 Have you ever asked yourself the above question when contemplating a return visit on someone with whom you placed literature? Many of us have. What will we say when we call back on the thousands of persons with whom Bibles and books were placed during December alone, and what about all those with whom magazines and booklets will be placed during the Watchtower campaign? We want to make our return visits purposeful, developing fine home Bible studies, if possible, don’t we?

2 Really, planning what to say on return visits starts when the initial literature placement is made. For that reason, after the call it is good to jot down points that interested the householder. This will give you something to talk about, a common ground for a discussion when you return. Of course, don’t wait too long before returning. If weeks go by, the householder’s interest may fade and it will be more difficult to rekindle the interest. When you prepare for your revisit, ask yourself: “Would this presentation interest me if I were the one being called on?” Undoubtedly this will help you to see the necessity of keeping your remarks simple, clear and to the point. Also, using the Bible and directing the householder to it for proof of what you are saying will be more impressive.

3 While what we say is important, how we say it is vital, too. Why not discreetly “involve” the householder by finding out if he is satisfied with the answers given. In this manner it will be a two-way conversation and you will be a better teacher by far, as you get the householder’s observations and comments. Of course, some of us may need help in making return visits. If that is true of you, why not make an appointment to have your Bible study servant or your study conductor go with you on some of your calls, or to help you prepare what to say in advance. In addition, there are other mature publishers and possibly pioneers in the congregation who can aid you and who are quite willing to do so. Ask them. And what a splendid “friend” we have in “Make Sure of All Things; Hold Fast to What Is Fine!” Here is a ready reference to help you know what to say when you make your return visits.

4 Some of us may need ideas on how to make our presentation most appealing. If this is the case, why not read over Study 53 in the book Qualified to Be Ministers, on “Return Visits.” Here you will find many good suggestions that should prove to be instrumental in giving you greater confidence and effectiveness. Don’t you agree now that advance preparation will make our return visits much more effective and will truly help us in feeding the “sheep,” which is really the objective of our ministry?

German Edition of New Book Ready for Use

1 You read in the Kingdom Ministry last month that our wonderful new book “Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie” was available in Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese, besides English. Now you will be happy to know that the German edition is available. The brothers have really been working hard to get it out. You may send in orders for it immediately. Undoubtedly there are some German-speaking people in your territory you can think of right now who would be delighted to get the book. Be sure to get it for them.

2 Heartwarming letters continue to come in from brothers and interested persons, expressing appreciation for the new book. They make us want to print and bind the books even faster, so you can use them. May we suggest that you carry some along with you to place with people who already subscribe for the magazines. The Watchtower subscription is the offer, but there is nothing wrong with being prepared to place the book if the people are subscribers. Jehovah certainly blesses us with fine equipment to use to reach people of all the nations. Let us use it fully!

Help new subscribers to study God’s Word.

Theocratic News

- 530 attend circuit assembly in new civic building at Rawlins, Wyoming, where our brothers were mobbed and beaten twenty-five years ago. City officials most cordial. From nearby Riverton, Wyoming, came twenty-six telegrams from city officials asking that next assembly be held in their town.

- Brother Stanley Jones has thus far spoken before crowds numbering 60,239 in England. At the Wembley Empire Pool alone, when we spoke hand to hand to the experiences he had during seven years in a Chinese Communist prison.

- Steady progress in Eire: new peak of 255 publishers in October—an 8-percent increase.

- Nicaragua reports a new peak of 942 home Bible studies and a peak of 707 publishers, which is 12 percent over last year’s average.

- Chile reaches new peak of 4,443 home Bible studies, also 3,737 publishers—a 10-percent increase.

- 1,035 publishers in Mozambique report new peaks in back-calls and hours for October. Three special pioneers arrested during the month; the circuit servant and his wife still in prison after three months.

- Israel rejects application for missionaries to enter country to serve congregation, but work continues to progress; 97 reporting in October.

1961-1965 Index

1 We are pleased to let you know that the latest edition of the Watch Tower Publications Index is now available. It is simply another annual edition. This is a cumulative index, including everything from the individual indexes for 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964, along with many more references for those years to make it easier to use. And, of course, the material for 1965 is included. Bound with a hard cover, it may be had for 50c a copy. Place your order with your literature servant.

2 What a boon the Index has been to us in preparing public talks and parts for the Theocratic Ministry School, as well as finding answers to our personal Bible questions! In addition to listing all the fine Scriptural material found in The Watchtower and the Society’s bound books and booklets, the Index puts all the varied information from Awake! at fingertips for quick reference, and this has been used with fine results by both adults and schoolchildren. Those who have used it would not be without it. Don’t forget to order your copy.
Dear Publishers:

There is more news to add to what we wrote you in December about the Latin-American tours and Brother Knorr’s visit to that part of the world. Everywhere Brother Knorr has gone up to date he has found tremendous enthusiasm among local publishers and missionaries and in the branch offices. The brothers are all looking forward to greeting their visitors in December and January, and they hope even more will be able to visit them than have decided to go up to now. The local brothers are prepared to make arrangements for hotel accommodations and other things necessary for their brothers to enjoy a good visit.

It has been possible to find stadiums, auditoriums and meeting places of various kinds for the assemblies that will be held, and many arrangements have been worked out so the visitors will have an enjoyable time, including some share in the Kingdom service and an opportunity to see what the living conditions are like. Brother Knorr’s visits are brief, but in some places there were opportunities to speak to the local brothers. In Guatemala City 510 attended the talk given by Brother Knorr and 294 in Managua, Nicaragua.

It has been a great pleasure to receive numerous letters from brothers in the United States expressing appreciation for the Saturday night program presented at the last series of circuit assemblies. Beginning in February there will be a new circuit assembly program operating, with the program highlighting the Bible study work. We suggest that by all means you do not miss it.

The book “Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie” continues to be received well in the field and demand for it is very heavy. We rejoice to see the evidence of Jehovah’s blessing upon the work. May Jehovah’s rich blessing be with you as you use the book to aid righteously disposed persons to learn to worship the living God, Jehovah.

Your brothers,

THE BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

1 It was Sunday evening. A dedicated brother had just returned from the Watchtower study. As he sat alone quietly in his home, thoughts of the ministry filled his mind. “In what ways do I need to make progress?” he asked himself. Jesus’ instruction came to mind: “Go and make disciples of people of all the nations teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you.” (Matt. 28:19, 20) “I had a good share in the witness work this week,” he thought to himself. “But where do I need to improve? Jesus said ‘teach.’ Really, how well do I teach? Perhaps this is where I need to improve.” It was very beneficial for this brother to reflect and examine himself like this. After thinking things over, this brother followed through and made good progress. Have you?

2 In February we will all be busy in the witness work presenting the Watchtower subscription. To present the Watchtower subscription most effectively in the field, have you done some advance planning and preparing, just as you do with your student talks? If you do you may be able to help householders to learn how greatly they will be benefited personally by the truths presented in this magazine. Let’s talk about The Watchtower and its benefits, or The Watchtower and Awake! If you will be offering a double subscription, at every opportunity as we endeavor to help other people to learn the truth.

3 But back to what Jesus said at Matthew 28:20: “In our ministry our goal is to teach other people so that eventually they will want to observe and do all the things that we have been commanded to do. Our placing literature with interested ones does not usually accomplish this, does it? Why, often it is necessary for us to call back and discuss things further to get the householder even to open the literature again. So regular back-calls and effective Bible studies are needed if we are to teach these people to be ‘doers of the word.’”

4 The brother mentioned in our first paragraph found that he needed to get started in the Bible study work in order to be a better teacher. Is this a step you need to take too? He got the help he needed. You can too, from the brothers with whom you are associated. One of the mature publishers or your own partners will be glad to assist you. Also, the Society has asked the circuit servant and, if married, his wife to endeavor to start two studies each week and turn these over to publishers in the congregation they are visiting. Why not arrange to work with them the next time they visit the congregation? They will be glad to turn one of these studies over to you.

5 How and when can studies be started? Perhaps you have observed that some publishers endeavor to start studies on the initial call, and often this is a good time, while the householder’s interest is still strong. Some, after placing the literature, say: ‘Everyone who obtains this literature is entitled to a free demonstration so he can know how to use it in understanding his own Bible. If you would like, I would be happy to demonstrate this for you right now.’ To succeed in starting a study usually requires that we take the initiative. Have you offered to study the new ‘Impossible to Lie’ book with one of your relatives, a friend or neighbor, or with someone who studied before and still shows interest in the truth? You may have success if you try.

6 It is good to review our activities from time to time, whether we are alone at home or together in the Kingdom Hall, isn’t it? We all have the assignment to ‘teach others to observe all the things Jesus has commanded.’ May Jehovah bless us as we help one another to do this work well.

Deepening your joy by praising God all day long.
SECOND MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Theme: "Go ... Teach." Song 17.
5 min: Introduction, text, comments.
10 min: "Presenting the Good News During the Time Set Aside." Chairman invite the congregation to tell how they have been able to share the good news of Jehovah with others.
15 min: Various Ways Can Be Started.
(3 min.) Chairman, preferably Bible study, servant, analyzes the Bible study activity of congregation and pioneers. How are we doing in working toward the suggested goals? Are publishers averaging one, regular pioneers seven and special pioneers ten? Comments on the study of two of the Bible studies to fulfill our commission to "go... teach." What can we do to improve this situation for the next month? (10 min.) Have individuals in audience prepared to tell how they have shared the good news with others. (5 min.) By arranging for a definite back-call when circumstances make it possible, the experience of studying a scripture, when literature was placed, (3) when householder already had made some subscription, (4) when use was made of suggestion under "Presenting the Good News" in November, "Kingdom Ministry." Have you tried to set a definite time for the monthly call back for the householder? After discussing each one, chairman will ask publisher briefly to demonstrate his approach, what he found useful under "The Watchtower," pages 200-206. See also "Watchtower Publications Index" under the heading "Jesus Christ."" Song 57.
15 min: "Go ... Teach," Questions and answers on main article. Read paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 6.
15 min: Conclusion. Comments. Include "Over 4,500,000 Copies." Song 56.

THIRD MEETING IN FEBRUARY

5 min: Introduction, text, comments.
15 min: "When asked if our introduction theme is clear and simple so all understand it, do you or your congregation servant, can name two or three obstacles that face those in the congregation and then ask how these can be overcome and how we can help one another to have a regular sharing of the good news? Chairman, preferably Bible study, servant, may also add his own suggestions.
3 min: "Vacation Pioneering." Two sisters walk toward platform, one hesitant. Publisher suggests that it is usually best to have one another to have a regular sharing of the good news. Pioneer who promised to subscribe and those who are planning to vacation pioneering. Consider items when calling back on those who were not at home should be the same as in regular house-to-house work, publishing the Watchtower, pages 200-206. See also "Watchtower Publications Index" under the heading "Jesus Christ.""
15 min: Conclusion. Comments. Include "Over 4,500,000 Copies." Song 56.

FIRST MEETING IN MARCH

Theme: "Holding Fast as Slaves of Our Repurchaser." Song 86.
5 min: Introduction, text, comments.
5 min: "Settling Personal Difficulties." Song 37.
12 min: "Questions and answers on main article. Read paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 6.
10 min: Conclusion. Comments. Include "Over 4,500,000 Copies." Song 56.

SECOND MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Theme: "Jesus Christ." Song 39.
5 min: Introduction, text, comments.
5 min: "What Is a Christian's Responsibility to the Needy and the Sick?" ("The Watchtower," February 1, 1963.) It is sometimes asked that, at this brief introductory remarks, chairman invite all publishers to look up James 2:16, 17. After reading the scripture and discussing the meaning of the verse, the chairman should ask to whom the counsel in this scripture applies best. (10 min.) In conclusion the chairman can give a brief talk summarizing the points discussed.
10 min: "Over 4,500,000 Copies." Song 56.

FIFTH MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Theme: "What Is a Christian's Responsibility to the Needy and the Sick?" ("The Watchtower," February 1, 1963.) It is sometimes asked that, at this brief introductory remarks, chairman invite all publishers to look up James 2:16, 17. After reading the scripture and discussing the meaning of the verse, the chairman should ask to whom the counsel in this scripture applies best. (10 min.) In conclusion the chairman can give a brief talk summarizing the points discussed.
10 min: "Over 4,500,000 Copies." Song 56.

THIRD MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Theme: "Awake!" of February 22, 1964, page 16, and in "The Watchtower," February 1, 1964, page 57, under "Changed Attitude." When asked if our introduction theme is clear and simple so all understand it, do you or your congregation servant, can name two or three obstacles that face those in the congregation and then ask how these can be overcome and how we can help one another to have a regular sharing of the good news? Chairman, preferably Bible study, servant, may also add his own suggestions.
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FINDING INCREASED JOY IN JEHOVAH’S SERVICE

1 How happy we are to be numbered among Jehovah’s people! (Isa. 65:13, 14) As his witnesses, we have a treasured privilege of service, and we are grateful for it. Jehovah has not used his angels to shout the Kingdom good news from the heavens for all men to hear. Rather, through his Son he has entrusted it to us, confidentially as it were, and has commissioned us to make it known publicly. Sharing in this God-given work results in the enjoyment of rich blessings from our Father in heaven.—Matt. 10:27.

2 But with this great privilege goes responsibility. It is Jehovah’s announced purpose for his name “to be declared in all the earth.” (Rom. 9:17) Through his Son he has informed us that “in all the nations the good news has to be preached.” (Mark 13:10) So there is work to be done, and the time is short. If even the Devil knows that “he has a short period of time,” how much more so should we be aware of the urgency of the situation!—Rev. 12:12.

3 This urgency in no way diminishes our joy. We volunteered to work; we expect to work, and there is no other work on earth that we would rather be doing at this time. (Ps. 110:3) We find joy in serving Jehovah. Understandably, then, those who can “share in that service in fuller measure experience even greater joy.

4 While all of us share in the ministry to the extent that we are able to do so each month of the year, there are thousands of Jehovah’s people who put forth a special effort as vacation pioneers during certain months. Those who spend a full month in this activity devote 100 hours to the field ministry; others, who enroll for two weeks, report 75 hours for the entire month. This is open to any regular publisher who has been baptized and who is recommended by the congregation committee.

5 How do those who have been vacation pioneers feel about it? A sister from Washington, D.C., wrote: “As a congregation publisher I have experienced many happy moments in the field service, but April 1965 proved to be the happiest month of all my ministerial service to Jehovah. You see, I had the joy of being a vacation pioneer.” A publisher from New Jersey wrote: “I just can’t find enough adjectives to describe the happiness I’ve enjoyed.” From Massachusetts came the expression: “There are no words adequate to describe the joy I have had while vacation pioneering, but I just had to write and tell you how grateful I am this privilege of service is available.” A brother from Illinois described it as “the most enjoyable month of my life.”

6 Why was it such a happy month for them? Principally because they find their greatest happiness in doing Jehovah’s will, and as vacation pioneers they were able to devote more time to it. Increased activity also made it possible for them to do a more thorough job of following up on interest shown, and there is satisfaction in that. Some experienced that, while they had little success in starting home Bible studies before, during the time they vacation pioneered they were able to start several.

7 It was not just a few who shared in this vacation pioneer service during the year, but many thousands. In the United States there were 25,448 in April alone, and thousands more in other months. In Argentina more than 10 percent of the publishers enrolled as vacation pioneers last April, and nearly two and a half times that number during the entire year. In Congo Republic, 18 percent of the publishers were sharing in the full-time service in April. And there were similar fine responses in other lands around the globe.

8 Can you, too, share in this service? Just what is there that might prevent a person from being a vacation pioneer at some time during the year? Would old age? Not necessarily, because not long ago a publisher in Oklahoma who was 103 years of age thoroughly enjoyed a month of this service. Does having young children make it impossible? This Scriptural responsibility definitely should not be slighted, but the fact is that this past year there were many sisters with youngsters who enrolled and met the requirements without neglecting their families. What about those with unbelieving mates? A sister in Pennsylvania admitted: “I somehow viewed this as not for me, since I have four small children, two preschool age, and an unbelieving mate.” But, with the cooperation of her children and other publishers in the congregation, she, along with many in similar circumstances, enjoyed vacation pioneering. Might poor health make it impossible to vacation pioneer? It might make it more difficult, but there are many with varying health

[Be sure to keep this insert. It will be used during March and April also.]
problems that have been able to enjoy this service at times. Surely this service would not be possible for a man who must hold a full-time job to support his household, some might say. But many of them, too, vacation pioneer. Some find such pleasure in this service that, for a period of two weeks from time to time, they actually pioneer after working hours, during strikes, in seasons when work is slow or at vacation time. Additionally, there are thousands of single persons, some who are of school age and some older, who frequently use their vacations to pioneer. As one brother said, after his first vacation spent as a pioneer: “I have done many things on vacation in the past, but this has been the most memorable of all.”

Many whose circumstances might make it difficult for them to vacation pioneer alone find that, with the mutual assistance of a group, they are able to do it. In some localities the servants in the congregation have been able to take the lead in this activity, and this has greatly encouraged others to follow their example. Also, groups of sisters and families have discussed their situation together and, among themselves, arranged their affairs so they could vacation pioneer. During the month of April there is much special activity—the special public talk, Memorial, special Watchtower and Awake! magazines to distribute, reaching out for a new peak in the number of preachers of Jehovah—so thousands find this a good month to plan together for vacation pioneer service. Others, unable to do it in April, may enroll in May, June, July or any other month. The fact is that there are vacation pioneers enrolled every month of the year, because they can see that “the harvest is great, but the workers are few.” (Matt. 9:37) They prize the privilege of being numbered among Jehovah’s people and want to share in serving him as fully as their circumstances will permit. In doing so, they are finding increased joy in Jehovah’s service.

A GRAND PRIVILEGE OF SERVICE

1 How do you feel about the ministry? Is it a burden or a blessing? The Lord Jesus, though spoken against and even mobbed during the first year of his preaching activity on earth, delighted to do his Father’s will. The apostle Paul, too, viewed the ministry as a privilege, and said: “I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who imparted power to me, because he considered me faithful by assigning me to a ministry.” (1 Tim. 1:12) So, too, in our case, it was not compulsion but a heartfelt response to God’s love that moved us to make a dedication to Jehovah and become active preachers of the good news.—1 John 4:16-19.

2 That does not mean that it is always easy for us to share in Jehovah’s service. Careful planning may be required. Some undergo severe opposition because of their determination to serve God. But appreciation for the privilege of serving the interests of our loving heavenly Father moves us to surmount these obstacles and share in the ministry as fully as possible.

3 In the case of some, the hours they are able to devote in the actual field ministry might be compared to the two small coins that Jesus observed a woman depositing in the temple treasury in Jerusalem. What she did was pleasing to God, because, as Jesus said, she gave “all of what she had, her whole living.” (Mark 12:41-44) Others are able to spend more time in the service; regularly each week they are out preaching, averaging at least ten hours a month. Still others have been able to arrange their affairs to devote at least one hundred hours every month to praising Jehovah publicly as regular pioneers, and, if they are able to do that without neglecting other Scriptural responsibilities, it is the reasonable thing for them to do.

4 That is the way those who are regular pioneers feel about it. As a newly enrolled pioneer in Kentucky wrote: “When I made my dedication to Jehovah, it was for all my time, not just what I could spare from other activities. So actually, I felt that if I was in a position to pioneer and didn’t, I wouldn’t be fulfilling my dedication.” Another, in California, said: “The same desire that moved me to be baptized moved me to become a regular pioneer. I wanted to serve Jehovah.”

5 Interestingly, most of those who are now pioneers at one time felt that, in view of their circumstances, they could not enter this full-time service. But that is not strange, because when they were first learning the truth many of them also felt that they could never go from house to house preaching to others. Yet in time their
growing love for Jehovah moved their mouths to speak, and they found that, when they relied on Him, He strengthened them for the work. To have time for the ministry as congregation publishers, they found that they had to buy it out from other pursuits, and love for Jehovah moved them to do that. (Eph. 5:15, 16) They did not argue: 'Well, if Jehovah requires me to study the Bible and go to meetings, I will do that; but I am never going to preach to others; that is asking too much.' Nor, when they became congregation publishers did they reason to themselves: 'If I have to preach, I will do it as a congregation publisher; but being a pioneer is just too much.' No; they view the ministry, not as a burden, but as a blessing. (Matt. 11:29, 30) They want to have the fullest possible share in doing the work that Jehovah has commanded to be done at this time. They feel as the psalmist who said: "Jehovah is great and very much to be praised."—Ps. 145:3.

6 But, now, what about these who at one time felt that they could not pioneer but have succeeded in taking hold of that grand privilege of service? How did they get started? In various ways. Some were in position to alter their circumstances, and they did it, to make more time for what they realized was the most important thing in their life. There were many who were encouraged by the example of others. Frequently, those who really wished that their circumstances would permit them to pioneer enrolled as vacation pioneers for a month or two to put the matter to the test and see if they could succeed as regular pioneers. Many of them found that pioneering was not as difficult as they had anticipated. It called for better personal organization in their lives; but, then, it brought deeper satisfaction too. They began to realize that when they relied on Jehovah more heavily, he blessed them more richly. Not only was their ministry more productive, but their home life was happier too. Having tasted the blessings of this service, they knew that they would not be really content until they could enjoy it regularly; so they filled out their applications.

7 A considerable number of the younger pioneers say that for years they had anticipated enrolling as soon as they finished high school, and that is what they did. For as long as they could remember, their parents had taught them to prize spiritual treasures above material possessions. (Matt. 6:19-21) Together they had read the life stories of full-time ministers published in The Watchtower. At vacation time their parents had pioneered with them. They now realized that in the pioneer ranks they could give the fullest expression to their love for Jehovah, that it would prove to be the most satisfying activity, and that it offered a future far better than anything that the world could produce. How grateful they are that their parents had so lovingly taught them to view things Jehovah's way!

8 If you are one whose heart moves you to want to make fuller expression of your love for Jehovah, why not consider again the possibility of pioneer service. Analyze your own circumstances. Discuss the matter with the other members of your family. Talk to pioneers, to your congregation servant or to your circuit servant when he visits your congregation. Try it out as a vacation pioneer. But most of all, make it a matter of prayer to Jehovah. In this way you may find that you, too, can be one of the thousands regularly enjoying this grand privilege of service.

**MAKING A CAREER OF THE MINISTRY**

1 The majority of working people view their employment only as a means to obtain the necessities of life. Some are very conscientious about their work, but comparatively few have such love for their work that they devote themselves to constant study and specialized training in order to be equipped to share in it more fully.

2 Yet Christians are encouraged to apply themselves in just such a wholehearted way to the ministry. Rather than viewing it simply as a job at which they spend only as much time as is required, it becomes the most important thing in their life. They make a career of the ministry; that is, they view it as a course of constant, progressive achievement. They take to heart the Scriptural counsel to "press on to maturity," to "widen out," to be absorbed in the ministry, that their "advancement may be manifest to all persons."—Heb. 6:1; 2 Cor. 6:13; 1 Tim. 4:15.

3 When one first starts out in Jehovah's service, if he looks to Jehovah for direction and applies himself, his progress will readily be apparent. In a comparatively short period of time he will be commenting in the meetings, going from house to
house, making back-calls and sharing in the home Bible study activity. But once the ministry becomes an established part of his life, will he continue to progress? Will the 'love that he had at first' lose its vigor, or will it move him to further advancement?—Rev. 2:4.

4 If we keep strong our love for Jehovah, our service to God will never become just a job at which we work, but it will continue to be the most important part of our life. We will build our lives around it, as Jesus did. (John 18:37) There will be regular advancement made. We will have goals in mind toward which we are working. For example, we may be concentrating on overcoming objections met in the ministry, learning pointed Scripture texts on a variety of topics, improving teaching ability on home Bible studies, sharing more fully in congregation meetings, training others in the ministry, perhaps qualifying as a servant in the congregation. Do you have such a goal toward which you are working? Is there evidence of continued progress in your ministry? Is it really your career?

5 Those who are able to arrange their circumstances to pioneer find that it opens up many new avenues for advancement in their ministerial career. Daily experience in the ministry speeds up their progress to maturity. With increased frequency they enjoy the heartwarming privilege of aiding newly interested ones to become active praisers of Jehovah. Furthermore, service as a regular pioneer can also be a stepping-stone to other fields of full-time service.

6 Those who now serve as special pioneers have experienced that. They were once regular pioneers; they enjoyed their work, did well in it, and were willing and able to serve wherever they might be needed. Now, as special pioneers they share all the blessings of regular pioneer service and, in addition, they have the privilege of opening up new territory and organizing new congregations. It was in this type of service that the apostle Paul particularly took pleasure, and the record of his ministry continues to be a source of inspiration to those who reach out for this privilege of service.—Rom. 15:20-24.

7 From the ranks of those who have been pioneers for at least two years, there are at least two hundred each year who are invited to take a special five-month training course at Gilead School in preparation for foreign missionary service. During their time of schooling they share in a verse-by-verse interpretative study of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation. Basic Bible doctrines are thoroughly discussed. History as it relates to the Bible, improving one's ministerial ability and organizational principles all are given careful attention. In preparation for the missionary assignment to which they will be sent, they are also given intensive instruction in language, usually the one that they will particularly need to know. Though they will be moving out to a land where living conditions may be quite different from those to which they are accustomed, they have no need for concern about their physical necessities, because, not only does the Watch Tower Society assist them, but they have the dependable assurance of their Father in heaven that, if they seek continually the interests of his kingdom, he will see that these other things are provided for them.—Luke 12:22-31.

8 Others who took the forward step of pioneering have since been appointed as circuit and district servants. They proved themselves faithful in a few things and, in accord with the Bible principle, now they have been put in charge of more. (Matt. 25:19-23) As whole-souled servants, they share to an even greater extent the joy of their Lord.

9 For many, pioneering has been a stepping-stone to service at Bethel, where they find it richly rewarding to know that what they do is a contribution to the ministry of their brothers everywhere. They love their work, because they feel as the psalmist who said: “A day in your courtyards is better than a thousand elsewhere. I have chosen to stand at the threshold in the house of my God rather than to move around in the tents of wickedness.” (Ps. 84:10) Some who entered the pioneer work years ago have now been at Bethel for twenty to sixty years, and they have enjoyed grand privileges of service. Indeed, they have made the ministry their career!

10 To the extent that you are able to fill your life with the ministry, you too will be able to crowd out the old system of things and its frustrations. As you lay hold of enlarged privileges of service you will enjoy to a greater extent the contentment that is the portion of the people of God. The knowledge and capabilities that you acquire now will help to equip you for further privileges in God's righteous new system of things. So let the fullness of your love stimulate you to move ahead in the ministry, making it in reality your career.
A concerned father and mother, interested in the congregation, approached their overseer, and with some discouragement said, "We have often heard encouragement given to the congregation to be generous in offering personal assistance to others. But, really, it seems that when we have looked after our Amos and the children, seeing that we get to the meetings, into the service and study together, there just isn't time to do much in helping anyone else."

Are you a parent who has a keen desire to assist, and who has ended up asking, "But, how can I help?" Well, maybe you are helping—more than you realize.

Look at it this way: You want to help the congregation. Fine. Your children are a part of the congregation, aren't they? Certainly! Why, in some congregations children make up half or even more than half of the congregation. So, if they are helped, a very large contribution is being made to strengthen the congregation.

And who should see to it that your children get the needed assistance? Why, you, the parents, of course. Not only is this your Scriptural responsibility but you are in the best position to do so. Thus, when you are regular in studying with them, working in the field with them, getting to the meetings and commenting at those meetings with them, you very likely are having as full a share in giving personal assistance as any in the congregation.

Actually, if you are carrying out your family responsibilities well, you may be doing even more in the congregation than what has just been mentioned. How is that? Well, all of us influence others in some way. If the family is poorly organized and irregular in service and study, it is not the best influence on others. On the other hand, if the family is well organized, zealous in service and attends all meetings, this is a wholesome influence, having far-reaching effects for good in the congregation.

So, here is another reason for parents to be concerned with giving personal assistance first to their own children. Think of it in terms of making your family a good family example.

But do you still have the desire to help others beside your family? Maybe you can. Many are able to look after their families well and still offer such assistance. Some have found that, as long as they are going out in the service anyway, it doesn't take too much time to encourage and arrange for a less-experienced publisher or two to go along. Also, some parents are pioneers and can offer help along during the day without too much, if any, loss of time. And sometimes older children in a well-organized family can assist other children. Maybe through one of these ways you can fulfill your desire personally to help some besides your family.

Need busy parents ask in discouragement, "But, how can I help?" No, because they are already helping greatly, aren't they? Indeed, parents can rejoice in having more opportunities for giving personal assistance than most other publishers. Keep up your good work, to Jehovah's praise.

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### Announcements

- Have you ordered an increased supply of the special April 15 Watchtower and April 22 Awake! for the congregation? Many have ordered for the month, when there are thirty for publishers, two hundred for pioneers and three hundred for special pioneers.

- The offer for February through April is the Watchtower subscription, with three booklets, for $1. The Watchtower subscription, with six booklets, can be offered for $2.

- Offer for May: Each congregation may present any older book of which it has an inadequate supply. Use the supplies of This Means Everlasting Life. When your supply of older booklets is exhausted or nearly so, you may order for use during May.

- The Memorial will be celebrated after 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 1966. Memorial invitation may be ordered from the Society using the regular Handbill Order form. The price is $20c a copy, $1.00 a hundred, 10c for two hundred and fifty.

- A special public talk entitled "What Binding Satan the Devil Will Mean for Mankind, Wednesday, should be used for field service and the service meeting may be held on Wednesday evening. Congregations being visited that week may ask the circuit or district servant to handle the Memorial if they wish.

- Early in February the overseer should meet with the accounts servant to discuss his duties. Arrange for an audit of accounts on March 1. Are subscriptions being prepared and sent to the Society each week? Consider servant's field activity and work together in the ministry.

- Suggested meetings for field service: February 13: Ways to Start Studies This Morning. (See page two.) February 27: How Practical Is The Search for Wealth? (See page two.)

- Starting February 6, the district servant's new public talk will be "Does God Have Influence in This Twentieth Century." The circuit servant's new talk will be "How Practical Is the Search for Wealth?"

- Many who would like to vacation pioneer find it encouraging to know who else has in mind doing it at the same time they want to. So we suggest that, at the end of February, the overseer arrange a convenient time, perhaps after a meeting, when those interested in vacation pioneer service can in April can get together to discuss their plans. This will afford them opportunity to arrange among themselves, and it will enable the overseer to determine what arrangements and help should be made to assist them.

- "Portugal Continues to Persecute Jehovah's Witnesses." That is the title of an extensive special report in the February 20 Watchtower. The Society would like to have this issue receive as wide a distribution as possible, to give support to the brethren in Portugal. Can you use extra copies? If so, please order now.

- Each regular and special pioneer who has been on the list since July 1, 1965, may receive a free copy of the new Watch Tower Publications Index for 1961-1965 by making request through the congregation; or by ordering from the Society, if isolated.

- We still have a good supply of both Watchtower and Awake! for 1964. If you can use these, please place your order.

- New publications available: Letting in Hope of the New Order—Cindy, Swahil

- Out of stock in U.S.A.: Songbook—Dutch, German, Norwegian

When All Nations Unite Under God's Kingdom

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Tract 4—"Awake from Sleep!"

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### Question Box

- In studying chapter three, "The True-Life Story as Told by the Holy Bible," in the Impossible to Lie book, what scriptures are to be read during a home Bible study?

- The account in this chapter is fast moving and the study of this material should be kept moving too. It is not intended to be a detailed, long-drawn-out study, but it gives the reader a quick résumé of the entire Bible account as it relates to the Seed of Jacob and lays a good foundation for the study material that follows.

- It is not necessary to read all those scriptures listed in the footnotes during the time set aside for your study, but you are to be familiar with those passages that are the basis for the information presented in the text. How can you be a study conductor, whether at a home Bible study or at a congregation book study, that it would be beneficial for those present to read a few key verses directly from the Bible during the study? For the study book, you may pick them out ahead of time and use them to emphasize the high points of the lesson.
During the Time Set Aside

1 Have you ever planned to share in field service on a certain day and then had unavoidable circumstances interfere with your plans? Most of us have had that experience. Perhaps there was sickness in your family, severe weather or a breakdown in the transportation needed to get to the territory.

2 However, if we have set aside a certain time for field service, it may not be necessary to miss out just because unexpected situations arise. When we stop and think about it, there are many ways to present the good news even if unavoidable circumstances make it impossible for you to follow through with your original plans. For example, possibly you could work the territory right around your home. Or, perhaps you could try to public transportation to get to the territory. Some have used the telephone to make return visits on people with whom literature had been placed or to make comforting calls on those who had lost loved ones.

3 Of course, you could also write letters. In Alaska, a pioneer wrote a letter to a person whose subscription had expired but whose address was just a box number. One evening there was a knock at the pioneer's door, and there stood the man and his wife with books under their arms. As reported in the Yearbook, the man commented: "When the letter comes, I can make just as many excuses as the next person, but when someone takes the time to write me a letter about it, I figure it is time to do something." (Page 65) Some even conduct studies by mail. In the Bahamas, a woman became interested in the truth and it was agreed that she would study with a missionary in Nassau by mail. Because of her desire to learn, a chapter a week was covered in "Let God Be True." (Yearbook, page 71) While this sister wasn't confined to her home, it does give you some idea of what can be done along these lines. As to what you might include in your letter, please refer to the September 1965 Kingdom Ministry article "Have You Tried This?"

4 Oh, yes, one more thought. In your letter it would often be good to refer to material in The Watchtower, particularly if the person is a subscriber, for this will keep him alert to its excellent material, so conducive to developing a love for the truth. We do hope that some of these suggestions will help you to overcome obstacles so you can present the good news during the time you've set aside to do so.

311,933 Praisers of Jehovah

311,933 publishers in the field is an excellent report for December! Our united efforts to praise our God and the resulting grand witness before men and angels unquestionably made Jehovah's heart glad. Only during April 1965, with warming spring weather, did more share in the witness work in the United States in 1965, when there were 327,588 who shared in Jehovah's service.

Just consider for a moment the fine way Jehovah blessed our efforts. In the months from April to December the number who shared in the ministry varied from month to month. Of course, some of the new ones had not yet come to appreciate the importance of regular service to Jehovah. With others, sickness and other unforeseen obstacles were permitted to interfere with their ministry. Yet in December, when many had difficulty with illness and when there were problems with bad weather and other obstacles, 311,933 were aided to have some part in the ministry. It just shows what can be done, with Jehovah's blessing, when each of us arranges his own affairs to have a part in the service and when we try to help one another as we did in December, doesn't it? Yes, December was an excellent month of activity to Jehovah's praise!

Theocratic News

- Seventy-one new congregations enrolled in the United States in the first four months of this service year, one hundred and seventy-one during the preceding twelve months.
- Branch in Bangui, Central Africa, has finished construction of a new branch home, and moved in on November 22.
- Jordan government has asked branch servants to leave the country due to pressures from representatives of Babylon the Great.
- In Burma, where 70 attended a recent circuit assembly public meeting, 830 were on hand for the film showing.
- District assembly in Doula, Cameroon, the first in a series of four, reports 7,413 at public talk, 173 baptized.
- Leopoldville, Congo, branch reports 5,958 publishers in November, an increase of 59 percent over last year.
- French Guiana, with 32 publishers, says 187 came to district assembly public talk.
- India, a land with fourteen principal languages and hundreds of dialects, recently had eleven district assemblies where the "pure language" of truth was a unifying force; 2,175 were on hand, 47 baptized.

Over 4,500,000 Copies

1 We are glad to report that the 'Impossible to Lie' book in Dutch is now being printed in the factory in Brooklyn. You may now place orders for the book in Dutch, German, Portuguese, French, Italian, Spanish and English.

2 What are the prospects for the future? If you walked through the Society's factory today you would see the brothers on the line type machines already working on the book in Danish, Swedish, Afri cans and Greek. As soon as these are bound and ready to be ordered, we will let you know.

3 You will be thrilled to know that the Brooklyn factory has already printed over 4,500,000 copies of the new book. The Society's factory in Germany has also been printing the 'Impossible to Lie' book in German. And this spring it is expected that our brothers in Finland will be printing the new book in Finnish on their presses.

4 It is a delight to see this fine production of the new book, isn't it? Doesn't it make you glad that you can have a part in distributing it to others and that it is such a wonderful aid to many in learning the truth!
My dear fellow Witnesses:

My recent trip through Mexico, Central and South America was certainly enjoyable. The enthusiasm for the 1966-1967 assemblies is running high, and all are so happy that many brothers are coming. I had the opportunity to visit twenty-one branch offices, discuss Kingdom interests with branch servants, dedicate a new Kingdom Hall and branch office, meet many happy missionaries, talk to local congregations and at district assemblies, as well as arrange for the 1966-1967 convention sites. The brothers worked diligently in trying to find sufficient hotel accommodations for 400 brothers who are planning to visit Central America and for another group of 400 who will be going to South America, all by air.

I made arrangements for English-speaking sessions for some mornings at the assemblies as well as for field service. At these special meetings in the morning the travelers will be able to meet and hear the local missionaries and the branch staff. I have arranged for them to give a complete history of the work in their lands and to report many of their experiences. What a pleasure it will be to listen to these missionaries, some of whom have been in their Spanish and Portuguese assignments for fifteen or twenty years! Some of the Society’s board of directors will be speaking at these morning sessions too.

All of those whose names were sent to the Society letting us know that they plan to go will receive a letter and a questionnaire around March 1, 1966. They will have to fill in and return it to the Society in Brooklyn along with a preliminary deposit, and that will assure us that they really intend to make the trip.

For excitement—the new book “Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie,” in Spanish, is going tremendously well. Some branches have already placed their third large order with the Brooklyn printing plant, where half a million copies have been printed. I was also asked, “When are we going to get the complete Spanish Bible?” You know, our brothers do not have any idea of the work involved in translating the entire New World Translation into any language. But their desire is great and they surely want this Bible translation.

It was a real pleasure to be with my brothers in Central and South America and to have something to do with making the arrangements for the assemblies. Some of the men having to do with air travel said that this is the largest group of “tourists” that they have ever tried to move at one time from city to city in South America. I am very pleased that so many of you have decided to go, because this will bring joy to our fellow workers there. All the brothers I met along the way sent their warm love and greetings to all their brothers everywhere. They appreciate very much the marvelous support you have given them too, because you have made it possible for many missionaries to stay in these countries through your generous contributions to the Society. I want to thank you, too, in behalf of the Society.

Now we are in a wonderful Watchtower campaign and, by Jehovah’s undeserved kindness, we will make this another good subscription year and a year in which we start many new home Bible studies.

May Jehovah’s rich blessing go with all of you. Be assured of my warm love.

Your brother,

[Signature]

Delighting to Do God’s Will

1 “Are you sure that we have been out for two hours already? Why, it seems as if we just got started.” Isn’t it true that when we are doing something interesting and enjoyable time flies? And, in connection with our ministerial service, do we not have abundant reasons to delight in the grand privilege of serving the happy God, Jehovah?—1 Tim. 1:11.

2 One thing that helps us to get full joy is having a balanced view of the preaching activity. We know that not everyone is going to respond favorably to the Kingdom message. (John 10:25, 26) Does this discourage us? No, not at all, for we appreciate that we are only messengers. Our responsibility is to present the truth in the best possible manner and then leave it up to the individuals concerned to decide what they are going to do. If we reflect the Kingdom message, that is their responsibility. Perhaps the next time we call, there will be a more favorable response. Regardless of how we are received, we still show kindness and empathy and do not allow a lack of response to rob us of our joy.

3 Perhaps you have found it profitable before engaging in the service to ask yourself: “What do I want to accomplish, what is my overall objective?” Having this clearly in mind, we can next ask: “How does giving the sermon or obtaining a subscription relate to this overall objective?” If our objective is to encourage more Bible reading or promote greater understanding of the Bible, then it is not too difficult to relate the sermon, the starting of studies or the placing of literature to this. If we can help the householder to realize our main purpose, his mind will be put at ease.

4 At times we work in territory where not too much literature is placed. Should this be a cause for discouragement? No! not at all, because the important thing is to help people. If we can see that we left people in a better frame of mind.
SECOND MEETING IN MARCH
Theme: Helping Others to the Way of Life. Song 20.
5 min: Introduction, text, comments.
15 min: Obtaining New Subscriptions. Following outline of steps have been obtained to date. Draw comments from audience on following points: (1) Benefits they will receive from receiving "The Watchtower." (2) Benefits they will receive from reading it. (3) What is there in current issue to which you could particularly direct attention? What did you learn from that article? (4) Possibilities for obtaining subscriptions and local experiences. Publishers can be assigned to read experiences from "Yearbook" (p. 250, etc.).

THIRD MEETING IN MARCH.
Theme: Obedient Slaves of Our Re-alm. Song 71.
5 min: Introduction, text, comments.
10 min: Two publishers discuss Branch letter and Theocratic News. Include what they study on in their study. (Or "A Grand Privilege of Service." (Question-and-answer coverage of insert on pioneering in February "Kingdom Ministry." Look up scriptures cited; read paragraphs.)
15 min: Concluding comments. Interview at least two publishers in congregation asking them "How did you become a Jehovah's Witness?" What made you want to be a Jehovah's Witness?" What did you gain from being one of Jehovah's Witnesses?" What do you enjoy about being a Jehovah's Witness?"

FOURTH MEETING IN MARCH.
Theme: Joyful Servants of the True God, Jehovah. Song 71.
5 min: Introduction, text, comments.
10 min: Have entire audience look up, read and comment on Acts 13:14-36. Then have them with questions and answers. Song on scriptures.
10 min: Encourage publishers to discuss with others in their congregation on how to do it. Publishes to be in attendance at next meeting. Remind publishers to bring "Watchtower" and "Yearbook" experiences (p. 178, par. 2) that nicely illustrate the theme; relate it.

FIRST MEETING IN APRIL
(Or fifth meeting in March)
Theme: Strengthened to Faithfulness by Resurrection Hope. Song 35.
5 min: After brief introductory remarks, show family of three diagram of God's calls on man to tell the family two or three main points that would stand out in his mind on the theme for the month. Draw them from the article in the April 1, 1966, "Watchtower"; use a scripture.
10 min: Presenting the Good News. Include "The Good News by Teaching with Authority." Help audience understand why "Mother" and "Father" attention can be focused on Bible.
20 min: Aiding Others to Praise Jehovah.
5 min: (Or a study on "Watchtower." Standards on morals: separation from the false religions."

FIFTH MEETING IN APRIL.
Theme: Joyful Servants of the True God, Jehovah. Song 71.
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Talks You Are to Give

1. You brothers who have been assigned to give public talks in the series beginning April 10 will be known to that the new outlines will be quite extensive. They are not simply outlines from which to do research—they are fully prepared outlines from which you can speak, though you may want to copy them on a typewriter for the sake of a larger type. Nevertheless, careful preparation on your part is vitally important. Many of these talks include quite a bit of the “meat” of the Word. Be sure that you thoroughly understand it so you can help the audience to reason on it clearly. Also, work in appropriate illustrations that fit your particular audience. Practice your delivery to make it coherent and stimulating. And if your talk calls for some sort of audience participation, be sure to plan this carefully in advance.

2. Some of you will be delivering the Memorial talk on April 5, too, and that is an opportunity and a great privilege. No new outline is being provided for this talk, but we would like to encourage you to use some personal initiative to make it the best talk that you give during the year. While this talk is weighty and certain basic points must be covered, be careful not to make it so technical that it fails to convey the spirit of the occasion. It should be spiritually uplifting and heart-warming. Keep in mind that there are many newly interested ones who will be present. When preparing, you might ask yourself: “Will my coverage of this material be clear enough to those present for the first time? Will they discern the meaning of the bread and the wine and understand just who should partake and that those who do take the emblems partake of both the bread and the wine? When I finish, will all in the audience appreciate the real purpose and spirit of the occasion?” Much fine material in connection with the Memorial has been published in The Watchtower in recent years, and you may be able to put some of it to good use. So that all will run smoothly, do not forget to review details of the meeting, such as the serving of emblems and arrangements for prayer, and do so with the overseeing still well ahead of time.

Announcements

- Pioneer meal tickets for use at an assembly this summer by regular pioneers who have been on the list since January 1 or have sent the March 15 pioneer letter. Treat the ticket as money. Do not lose it. No replacements.

- Sometime early in the month the overseer will meet with the Watchtower study group.

- The literature offer for June is the New World Translation and the Interactive Bible. A copy will be set along with two 232-page booklets, on a contribution of $1.50.

- At meetings for field service during the next four weeks the following points may be considered: (1) What to say in starting studies on the initial call. (2) How to arrange for return visits. (3) Ascertain who has not yet been invited to Memorial and special public talk; discern when and how arrangements can be made to invite such ones. (4) Have adequate transportation arrangements been made to get interested persons to Memorial and special talk?

- Names of all subscribers shown on Subscription Record Sheet since January 1965 may be typed or written on slips of paper and given to study conductors for distribution to publishers in the congregation. These persons should be invited to the special public talk and the Memorial.

- Unassigned territory: An up-to-date monthly list of areas that need to be worked is being sent along with the March statement. Congregations in this work, please send in applications by May 15, if possible.

- Please do not mail any copies of the Society’s publications to individuals in Romania. Receiving these things here is a difficult and rare opportunity. However, Bibles not printed by the Society may be sent. Anyone interested in personal living in Romania who want spiritual aid may write to the Society, giving the names and addresses.

- New publications available:
  - Preaching and Teaching in Peace and Unity—French
  - Word of Comment on the Sentence of the Prince of Peace—French

- Out of stock in U.S.A.:
  - New Heavens and a New Earth—Japanese

Will You Have Enough?

1. Yes, you will have enough if you have ordered them well in advance. But have you? Have you placed your order with the magazine territory servant for additional copies of the special April 15 issue of The Watchtower and the special April 22 issue of Awake?!

2. The special Watchtower, as you might have guessed, will feature the public talk that we are all planning to hear on April 3: “What Binding Satan the Devil Will Mean for Mankind.” We all plan to work hard to bring newly interested ones to that meeting, because we know that this will accomplish much more than if they simply read it at home. But the fact is that tens of thousands of persons in your territory will not be on hand to hear the talk, yet they need the information. If only they would take a little time to consider it, it could mean their starting on the way to life. More help is needed. Yes, we know that we can—by leaving them a personal copy of the talk to read at home. Will you have enough copies for them? Be sure you do.

3. What about the special Awake? What is it featuring this time? Well, you will be interested to know that the theme is “Your Life and Bible Prophecy.” As for details, we are going to let you find out when you go to your own copy. But we are sure you will enjoy it, and feel confident that you will find it easy to place with the public. Be sure to order enough now so you will not run short.

4. During April most of us will be planning to spend more of our service time in magazine distribution, because we want to give these special issues a wide distribution. Congratulations, publishers! We are striving to place 30 copies; pioneers, 200; special pioneers, 300. And what about vacation pioneers? Well, if you plan to devote a full month to pioneering, why not try for the pioneer goal of 200? Or if, as a two-week pioneer, you are reaching out for 75 hours, you may want to set your goal at 150. At any rate, we suggest that the magazine territory servant check with each publisher within the next few days to find out how many extra copies of the April issues, particularly the special ones, each one feels that he can use. Then mail that order soon.

5. If you just tell us how many you can use, we at Bethel will be glad to do our part. We'll be glad to run the presses just as many hours as necessary to make sure that you do have enough magazines for April’s special activity.
By Teaching with Authority

1. Many of us these days have the grand privilege of assisting and training newer and less-experienced publishers to become more effective ministers. Are we showing them how to teach with authority? Is our example of teaching patterned after the greatest Teacher of all time, Jesus Christ? He taught with authority because he used the Scriptures. We today can actually open the Bible and let people see for themselves what it says. The Society recommends that you do this on your studies, looking up and reading particularly the scriptures that are cited but not quoted. When you are newly starting a study, for a few weeks you might even want to look up in the Bible those texts that are fully quoted in the publications being studied. In this way you focus principal attention on the Bible itself.

2. For example, when teaching another publisher how to conduct a progressive study in one of the booklets, some of our brothers have done this: Instead of just discussing the answer to a question and telling the student where the passages are, they actually look up and read the scriptures cited right from the Bible, with impressive results. In many cases this has made an enormous difference in the respect that the one being studied has for God's Word.

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mind toward Jehovah and his people than when we find them, or that a good foundation was laid for a witness to be given the next time someone calls, then we have accomplished a fine work.

3. We have what the people in our territory need. Jehovah has wonderfully trained us to provide spiritual assistance to sheeplike people in need. We see such persons being drawn closer to Jehovah's organization as a result of our efforts, even though their progress may be quite slow. It does bring us great satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. We have every reason to rejoice and count it an honor that Jehovah is well pleased with our diligent efforts.

To illustrate, if we are studying the New Testament, we might mention John 17:17 and Acts 21:24. These two scriptures are cited together, but neither is fully quoted. How would we use this material if the student is not familiar with these texts? The student might ask, "Why are these texts cited together?" Can we provide an answer based on the context? What is the significance of these scriptures in the context of our study? These questions give us a great opportunity to demonstrate our understanding of the scriptures and to lead the student to the true meaning of these texts.

In January, the Society had a total of 332,695 publishers, including 105 in the developing world. Of these, 235,479 were engaged in Bible studies, with an average of 36 hours of study per month. The Society also had 303,449 active booklets, including 565 with new content. These statistics show the Society's continued growth and the widespread use of its materials.

Theocratic News

◆ In Miami, Florida, 3,797 gathered on January 26 to hear Brother Knowlton report on Kingdom work in Central and South America, after his return from trip there.
◆ On January 1, new branch offices of the Society were established in Okinawa and the Pacific, and in Barbados in the Caribbean. Another is due to open in Panama City, Panama, on March 1.
◆ Our brothers in the Dominican Republic report 1,949 publishers in December—a 21-percent increase.
◆ Guadeloupe rejoiced with a 16-percent increase in publishers in December. Of the 622 reporting, 105 were vacation pioneers.
◆ Kapalua congregation in Hawaii recently enjoyed a 22-percent increase as over half the 63 publishers vacationed. Forty-eight new studies were started that month.
◆ In Monrovia, Liberia, 680 turned out to see the Society's film in one of the biggest halls in town. Income continues; 365 publishers in December—a 15-percent increase.
◆ In Ibarra, Ecuador, 11 zealots isolated publishers, most of whom began to publish within the past year, averaged 36 hours, 13 back-calls and 2 Bible studies each during December. New congregation being formed there.
◆ Senegal reaches 32-percent increase, with 87 publishers in December.

Question Box

◆ Is it proper to write to the Society or its branch offices for addresses of persons we can write to as "pen pals"?

We recommend that publishers who write to isolated and other publishers such matters out for themselves, and that publishers in other countries and in foreign languages work out these matters and write to them. Many fine friendships have resulted from acquaintance made at assemblies. Then the matter of regular correspondence has been possible to develop a warm, enduring friendship. There is nothing wrong in such personal correspondence. However, addresses for such correspondence purposes must be obtained on an individual basis. All the addresses in the Society's files and in congregation files are confidential and cannot be released for personal use.

Some schools encourage correspondence with "pen pals" in certain courses. In some instances younger publishers have written to them. In certain cases, publishers have written to persons in the United States, and publishers have written to those in the United States. However, do well in such personal correspondence and have succeeded in stimulating genuine interest in the truth. It is up to each individual to decide if he will participate in such a school-sponsored program of correspondence. Publishers who do write to worldly persons, however, do well to keep in mind giving a Kingdom future in the minds of those who receive their letters. They should have a genuine interest in worldly affairs, in view of the warning against "bad associations" given at 1 Corinthians 15:33.
Dear Publishers:

Hello! We certainly had a fine time here in New York when the 41st class of Gilead graduated. We used the new Jehovah's Witnesses Assembly Hall, which the Society purchased recently. This was packed out and every seat was taken. Over 1800 were in attendance. The program began at ten o'clock in the morning and by the time 4:30 rolled around in the afternoon we felt as if only an hour had passed. The president and vice-president of the Society spoke, along with the school instructors. We had 102 students come up to the platform to get their diplomas. The 1630 student did not make it. He got an appendix attack the day before graduation and had to go to the hospital. He is feeling fine now.

In the afternoon, the students demonstrated some of the things that went on in school itself during the last five months, and we actually thought we were in a theater seeing a reproduction of Jeremiah talking to the people of Jerusalem, Job talking to his comforters, and Paul writing to the Hebrew Christians. My, what we saw and heard! Really, it was a marvelous day.

In a few days we will be listening to the special public talk, on April 3, and following that we will have the Memorial celebration, and we will be working toward a new peak in publishers. There seems to be no end of new things. Oh, yes, we got our pocket edition of the 'Impossible to Lie' book on March 7 and the Bethel family broke into enthusiastic applause over it. We like it. We hope you will too. That is all for now. We are getting ready for April and hope to make it a big month here in New York City, and we hope that all of you can do the same. May Jehovah's blessing go with all of you. With warm love.

Your brothers,
The Brooklyn Branch Office

1 It was a special occasion when Hezekiah made that statement. He had just been made king in Judah and was urging the priests and Levites to get on with the work of cleansing the temple from the defiled condition in which his father had left it. The temple work to be done was tremendous. They wanted the temple ready for the Passover, now drawing near, so the time was short. Surely, this was no time for resting! Did they make this deadline? Not on Nisan 14, but wise King Hezekiah, acquainted with Jehovah's loving provision through the Law, had the Passover celebrated on the fourteenth day of the following month and by that time this great work was done and the temple was ready.—2 Chron. 29:11.

2 Were these special efforts rewarded? Yes. It was the most joyous Passover celebrated until that time! Even Israelites from the ten-tribe Kingdom were invited and attended. Unusual, united efforts by God's servants, assistant congregation servants and Bible study servants who were invited to the Kingdom Ministry School in the coming months. What a pleasure it is to hear their experiences! They even handled the service meeting at the Brooklyn Heights Unit in our Bethel Kingdom Hall. So we have had some fine talent to put on our service meetings.

3 Do we today have occasions when more than the usual effort is appropriate? Yes, the Memorial is a special occasion for Christians today and the month of April is a time for additional, united effort in God's service. Appreciating what Jesus' death and resurrection mean for us, we are stirred to act in behalf of others.

4 Are there other reasons for putting forth special efforts during April, even striving to reach the 20-percent goal, if possible? Yes, there are good reasons. This is an excellent time to concentrate on getting new ones into the service. They will be stimulated by the occasion and our special activity. Just showing them how simple and pleasurable the work is could get them started and they might want to have a share each month thereafter. Also, when the servants set forth the figures showing that a goal is reasonable and attainable, we are all encouraged to join in the effort.

5 It is easy to see what the real goal is. We should never think that reaching a certain figure as a goal is the all-important thing. It is the magnifying of Jehovah's name and the saying of lives that are important. We are interested in people just as Jesus was: "On seeing the crowds he felt pity for them, because they were skinned and thrown about like sheep without a shepherd."—Matt. 9:36.

6 Servants and study conductors,

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Your Service Meetings

SECOND MEETING IN APRIL


6 min: Introduction, text and comments.

18 min: "Do Not Give Yourselves Up to Unprofitable Talk." Song 41.

10 min: Occasions for Field Instruction and Encouragement. Talk, preferably by congregation servant. Meetings for field service are occasions for encouragement and for upbuilding. Here instructions and suggestions are offered that can be used immediately in the field service. Text for the day is considered and Jehovah is petitioned for his blessing. Special arrangements for field service have been made for the month of April, in addition to usual arrangements. Show locations and purpose for meetings and how publishers vacation and regular publishers will benefit by being there, if possible. ("How Day") Meetings for service will be of special encouragement to new and irregular ones.

16 min: Know Your April 15 "Watchtower." (2 min.) Chairman, preferably magazine territory servant, points out that we all enjoyed hearing the fine information contained in the special talk last month. "Watchtower" in April gives the opportunity to enjoy this too by placing individual copies of the special talk in the hands of publishers and giving them an additional time in magazine distribution this month? Important to know contents of magazine and have well-prepared presentations.

18 min: Singing."" (4 min.) Different publishers in audience give talking points. (Publishers can be assigned to prepare a comment in advance, although comments from others will be welcomed.) The chairman will then point to different kinds of householders. Two are asked to come to platform and give brief, well-prepared presentations.

10 min: Concluding comments. Local Magazine Day Report. (2 min.) Chairman, local Mag. Rep, suggests in "Watchtower" April 23rd, campaign, help publishers see how overall April activity is progressing and what yet needs to be done.

THIRD MEETING IN APRIL

Theme: "Out of the Abundance of the Heart the Mouth Speaks." (Matt. 12:34) Song 72.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

18 min: "An Excellent Way to Aid One Another." Questions and answers. If possible, include an experience, arranged for beforehand, illustrating how new ones progressed by early attendance at meetings. 18 min: Presenting special "Awake!" Capable brother mentions magazine goals for April—50 for publishers, 200 for pioneers, 300 for special pioneers and comments on excellent material in special magazines. Interviews various publishers as to their plans for placing program.

(1) Talks to pioneer or vacation pioneer. If possible, who will find the special talks placed with the publishers? Ask them to say why they offer them when subscription refused, store-to-store work. What will be highly valued? Demonstrate store-to-store presentation.

(2) Interviews new or regular publisher. Chairman discusses with him point he will stress and hears brief presentation. Offers suggestions on how 50 can be placed.

Chairman gives thoughts on how ill or infirm can have share. Have magazines on hand to offer all visitors and deliverymen, car phone, send letters. (See 9/65 "Kingdom Ministry," page 4.)

10 min: Study conductor interviewed. He may tell about how often he uses this in his work, shopping centers. Gives presentation to chairman. Final audience on what has worked well in placing magazines. (Speak to some publishers beforehand.)

Chairman offers encouraging remarks on progress of magazine work so far and makes suggestions on what is needed for full success in congregation.

6 min: Theocratic News presented in an interesting way, possibly by a young brother.

3 min: Accounts servant's report.


FOURTH MEETING IN APRIL

Overseer should arrange for an interesting and encouraging program that fits the needs of congregation. Give report through April 17, high-lighting accomplishments in "Watchtower" campaign, help publishers see how overall April activity is progressing and what yet needs to be done.

FIFTH MEETING IN APRIL

Theme: Recommending Ourselves as God's Witnesses. (2 Cor. 5:17-7) Song 25.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

12 min: Sermon for May.

Theme: The Bible's Promise of a Better System on Earth Things (Rev. 21:3, 4) Bright promise of better conditions.

Ps. 37:10, 11-Wicked destroyed, righteous blessed.

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

Suggested introduction and transition lines in these days when sickness, death and death among people are the major items of the news. I would like to brighten the outlook and hedge 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 can come about in view of the seemingly permanent gloomy conditions on earth. It can only be the power of God. His promised remedy is clearly stated here. (Read and comment.) To be among the righteous, I hope you will be ready to tell others of God's promise and of His Son, Jesus Christ. (Read and comment.) Present literature, such as "The Watchtower" and knowledge of Jehovah's rotary kingdom. Capable, prepared publisher demonstrates sermon.


15 min: Those Who Wisely Chose the Right Career. (Experiences with application.) How have others made the decision to choose the ministry? For their career? Consider how two made this important decision early in their lives. If you never regretted the happy outcome. (The life stories of Sister Garcia and Brother Zuercher, con-tinued.)歌mini. Should be briefly related. One brother can handle this part as a whole or one can handle a part of it as a brother relating the experiences.)

This sister and brother decided with determination to pursue the ministry for the Lord's service. They have leadership opportunities and problems. They reached out for opportunities to serve and thus made advancement in their ministry careers. The sister to becoming a pioneer, a special pioneer, a Gilead pioneer and a Gilead missionary in another country; the brother to becoming a pioneer, to serving at Bethel in the United States as branch servant. Both are still faithfully pursuing their careers and are happy with Jehovah's rich blessing. What faithful examples for others! The ministry can truly be one's happy career, with dedication.


FIRST MEETING IN MAY

Theme: Cultivating Love as Christ's Imitators. Song 91.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

8 min: Talk on mother's theme. (See "Watchtower" of May 1, 1966.)

10 min: Question Box. A father discusses serving where the need is greater with his family. They consider the missionary Box together. He may conclude that he will write the Society, supplying suggested responses.

12 min: "Why Don't You Try It?" A brother who has been successful in starting home Bible studies discusses with a publisher who wants to conduct a Bible study. Read excerpts together. They make plans to send a brother in the field to try the suggestion.

12 min: Branch Letter. Chairman introduces setting. Then mature sister uses "The Watchtower" in some Bible study to show the wide scope of the activities of Jehovah's organization and the priviledge to come under its loving care.

An Excellent Way to Aid One Another

1 Are you studying with someone you wish would make greater progress? Have you wondered how you are going to aid this student to see the need to share in the ministry? Or have you been asked to aid another publisher in the congregation and you feel at a loss to how you can be of the greatest aid to him? Well, maybe you have been trying to do too much all by yourself rather than taking full advantage of the encouragement Jehovah has made through the congregation.

2 Think of the encouragement, direction and instruction we get at our meetings. It is truly amazing when you think of the quantity of accurate Bible knowledge that comes from Christ's faithful and discreet slave and through the brothers at the very first few months' time, isn't it? If new publishers and others being helped were there with us and were getting this spiritual counsel and encouragement into their minds and hearts too, how greatly they would be benefited and strengthened! It would certainly cut down on the work we would have to do personally in trying to get these same thoughts to them by ourselves, wouldn't it?

3 An overseer tells of a sister who has helped many to get started in the truth. She has some difficulty teaching on home Bible studies because English is not her native tongue. But what does she do? She gets them to the meetings as quickly as she can. The congregation servant says that when they test to attend they don't really have a good grasp of the truth, nor do they know very much about the organization. But the friendly and urgent invitations of the sister have succeeded in getting them there. They immediately begin to enjoy the association and they learn from the meetings. The overseer says: "When she gets them to the meetings, Jehovah's congregational arrangements begin to advance and they progress excellently!"

4 But what about encouraging new ones to attend service meetings during April when we are considering how they can be helped into the service? Won't this be premature or even a shock to them? Not necessarily. Don't most people already know that each one of Jehovah's witnesses is a minister and engaged in the ministry in one way or another? Surely. After they have listened to a program such as this, your work in assisting them may be a great deal easier. You may simply have to refer back to that meeting, build on the information presented and help them to see how they can share.

5 In fact, if every one of us endeavored to be in attendance at each meeting during April, wouldn't this greatly aid all to be successful in our efforts for the month? Without a doubt! Whether the absent one is mature or new, how could we ever personally repeat to him all the fine information presented at the meeting that he missed? Much would surely be overlooked. Also, there we enjoy the warmth of association. And Jehovah's spirit is present at each meeting. So, why not say, in the words of Isaiah 2:3: "Come, you people, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will instruct us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths"! What an excellent way to aid one another!!

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United States Goal for 1966: 323,695 Publishers

How did we do in February?

February is a short month, a cold month, and this year it saw a great deal of sickness. Yet, how did we do? The four-week period that ended February 14 was made over January, but it was in the Bible study work that we excelled. A total of 340,398 were conducted, 4,590 more than February in January, and January had been our best month in studies since our peak of last April. With this fine start, what will March and April bring in new Bible studies?

Pocket Edition of 'Impossible to Lie' Appreciated

Ever since Brother Knorr's letter of March 1 was received by the congregations, orders have been flooding into the office here, some even by telegram. A congregation servant wrote: "Everyone was thrilled when I read the letter from Brother Knorr." Wrote another congregation: "We are thrilled! Send us three copies right away." Any who have not yet ordered may do so, and when you need more copies, we will be glad to supply them. It makes us very happy to know that you brothers so greatly appreciate this provision that has been made for your convenience in study and in the ministry.

1966 District Assemblies

1 Jehovah's witnesses are accustomed to schedules for their field service and make plans accordingly. At times a little longer-range scheduling is essential, and if we have not already made plans for attending one of the conventions during June, July or August, we should begin now. Remember, the conventions this year are for five days. They are important, and we will not want to miss any day.

2 Undoubtedly, most publishers will want to attend the convention nearest their home, geographically speaking, though you are free to attend any assembly. We are endeavoring to arrange adequate facilities for all who come.

3 Arrangements have been made for Spanish assemblies in four locations. Spanish programs will be held in conjunction with the English assemblies in Miami Beach, Fl., Dallas, Tex., and San Francisco, Calif. In Newark, N.J., the program will be in Spanish only. The dates of the Newark assembly are August 3-7. You will also be interested in knowing that there will be full programs in both English and French at Montreal, Que., August 1-3.

4 Plan, then, to assemble uninteruptedly and joyfully, working and living together harmoniously in a theocratic atmosphere at the convention of your choice this summer.

Announcements

1 There is still time to apply for vacation pioneer service in April. The application will quickly mail if you mail your application even if you find at the last minute that you can vacation pioneer.

2 Please mail your Memorial report card immediately. Means Everlasting Life, June: The New World Translation, along with 'Things in Which It Is Necessary to Improve' which numbers two thousand copies, will be sent to the Watch Tower Society, Travel Desk, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

3 New publications available: Living in Hope of a Righteous New Order When God Is King over All the Earth—Korean

4 Suggestions for presenting the literature offer for May.

5 Tour application forms for the convention trips have been sent out to those who have not been sent. If your name was not sent in and you have not yet received your forms, send them to the Watch Tower Society, Travel Desk, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

6 Pocket Edition of 'Impossible to Lie'! It is available at a reduced price.
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You should tell us the name of your congregation and unit, your age, date of baptism, position in the congregation, and, if married, give like information for your wife and children. Mention the states in which you prefer to serve. Let us know if you need full or part-time secular employment or are retired with an adequate means of support. While you will make your own arrangements for employment, such information is often helpful.

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Dear Publishers:

We're a singing family! We have been for some time now, but we could not tell you about it. You probably received a letter about our new songbook, "Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts." For some months now we have been singing these new songs with music in our hearts, and we have already heard some of the recorded music on phonograph records. It is simply beautiful! Did you ever feel tingling going up and down your back when you were singing a beautiful melody with words that were full of meaning? That is what happens to us when we sing these new songs.

Remember to take your new songbook along with you to the "God's Heritage." All the actors in it. Of course, you may be thinking, "Why not practice some of the songs in the songbook?" If you do not tell us about it, you already have a new songbook, "Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts." For some months now we have been singing these new songs with music in our hearts, and we have already heard some of the recorded music on phonograph records. It is simply beautiful! Did you ever feel tingling going up and down your back when you were singing a beautiful melody with words that were full of meaning? That is what happens to us when we sing these new songs.

Have you looked at the songbook yet? There are a lot of things that one can think of that God's kingdom has done since 1914. But still we wonder how that question will be treated when the public comes to look at it this way: While it is true that having a good personal field-service report is desirable, is it really more important than to help someone who has already shown a desire to serve Jehovah?

You undoubtedly answer that it is more important to assist our dedicated brothers, and that is right. In fact, what is it that Jesus said would be the distinguishing feature of his true followers? While preaching the good news is one of the very important features, we know that the outstanding feature that Jesus said would distinguish his followers is love for one another. (John 13:35) Do we love our brothers as much as the ones on whom we call at their door, many of whom refuse to listen? If so, we certainly should find time to provide a few hours of additional help a month for these many new and weak ones in the fold. If we can render this help and still make the goal of ten hours, that is fine, and usually that is possible; but if we have to make a choice, then our first obligation would be to our brothers.

Of course, we also want to make time to do house-to-house work in May, and we have as the suggested service year, for every two months.

May Jehovah's rich blessing go with all of you as you sing with music in your hearts.

With warm love,

The Brooklyn Branch Office

PS: Songs to be used at the assemblies this summer are listed on page 3. Why not practice some of them in your meetings before then?
SECOND MEETING IN MAY

Theme: “Serving with Constancy”
Is Life-preserving. (Dan. 6:16) Song 1.

15 min: Introduction, text and comments. Theocratic News: A discussion between two or three publishers highlighting how the Theocratic News encourages us.

20 min: Bearing Up Under Persecution. Consideration of information in article “Portugal Continues to Persecute—Can You Wait?” Over from “Awake!” of February 22, 1966, and article, “Where Prisoners Guard Themselves” of May 1, 1966. In three-minute introduction chairman can use appropriate scriptures under the heading “To Make Sure” to show that persecution can be expected in this “time of the end.” In several cases in the reports brothers are being persecuted and, in some instances, very severely mistreated because of their faith. Reports from Portugal are sobering. We do not want to read such articles hastily and overlook their import. We are concerned for our brothers and we want to learn from their experiences.

Following this introduction, two publishers can relate experiences from the article on Portugal and one publisher can briefly tell of the integrity of our brothers in Sweden and how they have a favorable report from authorities even though some are being restrained from doing their ministerial work.

Tell about six minutes comments can be drawn from the audience on how we can benefit from these reports. The scriptures are thus being fulfilled, and the consideration of what our brothers are going through will prepare us for persecution.

Chairman can be instrumental in making this whole presentation very practical and helpful to our brothers. Especially when they are undergoing hardships we should by all means include them in our prayers.

15 min: “Do You Use It Wisely?”
Opening scene: A group of publishers cut the dates in paragraphs 1-4, with the setting being the service center on Sunday morning. Chairman introduces them as good examples of what to expect. As you go through the paragraphs, group leaves as if going to field. Chairman turns around and talks on paragraph 2. While wrong tendencies are here discussed and portrayed to show what habits we can allow ourselves to slip into, the approach should be positive, rather than giving the appearance of being critical. Show how much better it is and how it is showing love when we change our ways.

10 min: Concluding comments. Announcement about certificate for Selective Service boards. Song 24.

FOURTH MEETING IN MAY

Theme: Prepare to Handle the Truth Rightly.
(2 Tim. 2:15) Song 39.

5 min: Introduction, text and comments.

25 min: A suggested sermon for June.
(2 min.) Chairman: Belief in Bible becomes the serious religious question of the day. Need to show people Bible is God’s Word, is reliable, foretells man’s future accurately. Gives hope of everlasting life in the family of Jehovah.

Theme: The Bible Tells the Truth Concerning Man’s Future.
Isa. 46:9, 10—Jehovah has foretold the future in the Bible.
John 17:17—Jesus recommended the Bible as truth.

2 pet. 3:13—New righteous system of things foretold to replace present wicked system.

15 min: Family or group of publish- ers experience a short dramatized presentation, with group leading very lively discussion, following general thoughts as: What is Jehovah’s will for mankind? Where and when will mankind receive it? How will mankind use it? What will it be like? What will it involve? What will it teach? What will it promise? What will it predict? How will mankind benefit from it? What will make it happen? What is the importance of it? What is its impact on mankind? What is its significance to man?

6 min: One in group gives model sermon. This approach may be used: In 15 min: a paragraph 2, 3 may be handled. By today is to bring you some good news. Today man’s future looms quite gloomy. To many it is fated to starve, to die, to live in fear. The only answer today is to turn to the holy Bible, the Bible is the truth that can bring hope, joy, life. A message today is to bring you some good news.

30 min: Song, “A New Song!”
May 15 “Watchtower” article. 13 min: Closing comments. Song 107.

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

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Public Meetings Held: 18,043

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1966

332,695 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN MARCH?

“He that sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” (2 Cor. 9:6) Our March M.O.R. report certainly illustrates the truthfulness of this scripture. How so? Well, we had another new peak reached in our studies. Yes, 244,780 were conducted, an increase of 4,447 over February. The fact that we spent more time in the ministry and made more back-calls no doubt contributed much to this. Our average hours and back-calls. Our visits to magazine placements, came up very nicely, even though there was considerable sickness in the family. However, one of the interesting aspects is to see all of you giving so generously of yourselves in the Christian ministry. As we look back on the first six months of your service, we see a real evidence of love for Jehovah and neighbor, which stands out in this group, and a bond between the system of things. May all of us continue bearing generous witness as Jesus and Paul did, helping many more to embrace the way that leads to life.
Do You Use It Wisely?

1. "He's always here well ahead of time. Something must have happened to make him late!" Is this the way others comment when unavoidable circumstances prevent you from keeping an appointment on time despite your good planning and foresight? Or, when you are late, do they say to themselves: "He'll get here eventually. He's always ten minutes or so late"?

2. Circuit servant reports indicate that at times service center groups get started late in the service because of tardiness on the part of some in the group. We don't want this to happen, do we? As dedicated Christians it is important for us to use our time wisely.—Eph. 5:15, 16.

3. Being habitually late at meetings for service generally shows lack of loving consideration for others, doesn't it? In most cases scheduling and good time management will enable us to be punctual. How can we do this in a practical way? Well, let's ask ourselves some questions. Do we cooperate with one another in the family so all can be ready on time? Or, if another publisher kindly arranges to pick us up for service, are we ready when he arrives? Or, for that matter, are we on time to pick up others who will be late? Are we equipped in advance with literature so we can gather right into the field ministry immediately after the meeting for field service?

4. As a study conductor, do you start and end the meeting for field service on time? If you are prone to wait for latecomers, why not start on time? True, unavoidable circumstances will occasionally delay some, and we do want to show loving consideration on our part. On the other hand, we also want to be considerate of those who are punctual. If any in your group are consistently late, it would be a loving thing to speak to them privately, encouraging them to be on time, doing so kindly, not in a critical spirit. Should the need arise on occasion, a note could be left at the service center for the benefit of the latecomer, telling them where the group is witnessing.

5. The meeting for field service includes a brief discussion of the daily text and text points often suggested in Kingdom Ministry, as well as prayer. Before the group is dismissed the study conductor can also make assignments of territory and arrange for the making of back-calls, if that has not already been done. Thus, all can leave for the field promptly after dismissal. Afternoon and pre-study meetings for field service may be very brief and need not include the daily text.

6. How, then, can we make wise use of our time? One way is cultivating promptness at meetings for field service. Get into the habit of being on time, in fact, early. In addition to showing consideration to others, this will give us more time to preach the good news.—Acts 14:3.

Announcements

◆ At the service centers during May these suggestions for the meetings for field service may be used: Week of May 6, review a simplified sermon, using Reuel's 4-5-3 or other appropriate text, May 15, review sermon "The Bible's Promise of a Better World." Some congregations may use whatever sermon they prefer. May 22, suggestions for starting studies with those who have obtained literature, May 29, review purpose of House-to-House Record and give helpful suggestions on filling it out. June 5, review suggested sermon for June.

◆ All those planning to take one of the Society's family tours to Central or South America should have sent their applications to the Society by May 1. Anyone who has requested the application forms but has not turned them in should do so immediately if he plans to take one of the tours. The Society must know how many definitely plan to take the Central and South America trips.

◆ These are the numbers of songs to be sung at the conventions this summer: 1, 5, 10, 20, 24, 25, 39, 41, 51, 55, 62, 63, 65, 70, 73, 75, 85, 89, 92, 100, 107, 118, 119.

◆ Monday, May 30, Memorial Day, will be a fine day for special Magazine Day activity. Some congregations may have cemeteries in their territory they will visit, offering magazines and appropriate tracts. The May 28 issue will have a fine article, "Can the Dead Be Restored to Life?"


◆ Congregations interested in unsponsored territory should submit their requests before May 15.

◆ Regular pioneers, males, who have served at least three months and met minimum hour requirements of 100 hours each month, on an average, may obtain from the Society a certificate to file with Selective Service boards in support of their claim for classification as a minister by writing to Watchtower Society, 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. Appointed servants who need it may also write for a certificate.

◆ Assembly lapel cards can be obtained in English and Spanish for 1¢ each. Disabled pioneers will appreciate it very much if congregation servants make sure that each one before leaving for the assembly, because none will be available.

Are You Ready?

1. In just a few short weeks the 1966 district assemblies will begin. Are you ready for them?

2. Brothers, by all means plan to be present. There are matters that will be presented at these assemblies that every one of Jehovah's people should know and consider. They affect you and your ministry, and, as the remaining time before the end of the present wicked system of things grows shorter, it is increasingly urgent for us not to forsake the gathering of ourselves together.—Heb. 10:24, 25.

3. For your convenience, Room Request forms have been sent to your congregation, and we suggest that they be discussed at the service meeting six to eight weeks prior to the assembly in your area. Don't forget that the form is to be mailed to the city where you plan to attend, and not to the Society. Volunteer Service forms also have been supplied, and these can be submitted along with the Room Request forms.

Many Enjoy an Added Privilege—Can You Too?

1. April is proving to be a month filled with joyful service to Jehovah. Because of this opportunity, the Society has added the joy of many. Over 9,000 have shared in regular pioneer service; close to 800 in special pioneer work and by April 15 over 18,000 had applied to have a part in vacation pioneer service. Now, add to that the excellent activity of the other nearly 300,000 Kingdom publishers in the United States and you can begin to sense how busy Jehovah's people are, how many happy experiences they are enjoying and the grand shout of praise that is going up to Jehovah's honor. Arent you glad to have a part?

2. But back to the matter of pioneering. Vacation pioneering is something you can share in any time during the year. Is summer a good time for you? Have a share in this inspiring service for two weeks or more, wherever. Perhaps being a vacation pioneer will prove to you that regular pioneer service is possible. The thousands who have been joyfully serving full time for 10, 20, 30, yes, even 40 years and more invite you to join them as a pioneer. They rejoice in this added privilege of service. Can you too?
Do You Let "Make Sure" Help You?

1. Many fine letters have come in from the brothers in all parts of the country, saying in one way or another: "How grateful I am for the new 'Make Sure'!" So often, when a question has come up in the ministry, I have reached into my bag to get 'Make Sure' and almost immediately found just the scriptures I needed to give an answer. It is good to know that you are enjoying it. Many of you may have wished that you had time to sit down and become better acquainted with what's in it; so let's just take time to consider a portion together on the service meeting. It will do all of us good.

2. Suppose someone has expressed himself strongly in favor of the Trinity. How many scriptures could you find to help him? Perhaps several on the spur of the moment, but don't you often find that later you remember points that you wish you had used? Here is where "Make Sure" comes in, because the points are always there, ready for use. Let's try it out.

3. In as few seconds as it takes you to turn to the section on "Trinity" you are equipped to present a thorough discussion of the subject. Whether you turn to the listing of subjects in the front, or the Index in the back, you will be referred to page 484, where this section begins. Of course, the Trinity is not a Bible teaching. So the book quotes those who do teach it to show what they say. There are both Catholic and Protestant statements of belief. The material that follows shows just how these statements of belief are contrary to the Bible, and the Bible translations quoted, you will observe, are the ones that are used by those who believe in the Trinity. You will find it most persuasive to start right at the beginning, taking each subheading in turn, and using as many scriptures as you feel are necessary to support each point. The scriptures used by Trinitarians in their effort to prove the Trinity are included too. For example, page 487, John 10:30 is set right alongside John 17:20-22, making clear the meaning. What about the Trinitarian statement at 1 John 5:7? Starting on page 488, you will find proof for both Protestants and Catholics showing that it is spurious.

4. All this information is right at your fingertips: powerful scriptures are assembled for powerful argument. "Make Sure" can be used to answer quickly and persuasively almost any doctrinal objection that you will meet. But this is its potential use. It can also be used to clarify doctrinal truths and explain the Scriptural basis for the theocratic organization and the way in which we carry on our ministry. As you use "Make Sure" we feel that you will find it to be a great help in presenting the good news.

IT'S NEW!

1. During the past few days the Society has been preparing an attractive four-page folder for your use in the ministry. It stimulates interest in the book "Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie" and invites people to order it and to avail themselves of the free home Bible study service offered by Jehovah's witnesses.

2. Ten million of these folders are being printed, and we will send some to your congregation, free of charge, along with your songbook order. There will be about thirty for each publisher, but please do not order more. For now, that's all we have.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- Argentina reports the highest floodwaters in the Paraná River since 1905. Publishers in good spirits, though Barranqueras, Chaco, Kingdom Hall destroyed and brothers are without homes. Meetings continue to be held, even though publishers were unable to get to them. Society has sent food, clothing and money to help brothers.

- February's total of 744 publishers in Nicaragua is a 34-percent increase over last February. Come down and see us in December. We are having a convention, too, you know.

- In New York City 13 new congregations have been formed this past year; the total is now 712. On April 5, 30,234 were on hand at these congregations for the Lord's evening meal, 250 partook.

- Already three groups of circuit and district servants have come to Brooklyn Bethel for the new two-week Kingdom Ministry School. Meetings are to come in the fall. Emphasis has been placed on shepherding the flock, taking time out from other things, when necessary, to aid those who need mature assistance.

- On April 24 rooming work began for the Toronto assembly. As many as 50,000 are expected from the U.S. and Canada.

Question Box

- When is it in order to contribute for transportation supplied by others?

The principle to keep in mind in this regard is that love "does not look for its own interests." (1 Cor. 13:5) So when we enjoy the transportation facilities of others on a regular basis, it is always fitting for us to offer the same contribution to help in covering expenses. Since the car owner is the one providing the transportation, the most he asked would be to avoid misunderstandings. Some brothers just leave the agreement in the ash tray of the auto. Even though we might tend to feel in some instances that the car owner may not need the contribution, the loving thing is to offer to contribute. Of course, in some cases a car owner may make it known he does not desire any contribution, and it is proper to heed his wish.

- Help those starting in service in April to continue.
Dear Publishers:

We have been asking ourselves, "What will the results in the U.S. be for April?" Now the final figures are in, and we rejoice because such a fine witness was given and you worked hard.

First, look at the hours. Excellent! There were 3,203,371 hours spent preaching. Bible studies conducted, one-quarter of a million. To be sure, there were 158,494 Bible studies, a new peak for the U.S. Your magazine distribution, 7,191,379 copies. Additionally, you obtained 14,280 new subscriptions.

The report is fine. We have reason to be glad.真的, we had a whole year to Lie' book! We've spent a fine witness was given and you had 318,559. We are wondering why, and we guess you are as well. This is serious, isn't it? Did your congregation have fewer sheep in April than last year? How many? How many people did it happen that we had 9,029 fewer publishers in April? True, this is our best month in publishers so far this year, but why did we not have as many as in 1965? Really, we had a whole year, twelve months, to help mature those publishers who worked with us last year. Did we get these publishers to the meetings regularly during the year and help them mature? Did we continue to show interest in them and have studies with them? Did we try to take them in the field service with us during the past twelve months? Why did some of these persons discontinue publishing? Who were they? Teenagers? Children? Grown-ups? Baptized ones? It makes us think, doesn't it?

It is easy to say, "It is the trend of materialism, you know," and to let it go at that. It could be. But we would rather look at it from this point of view. Have we, Jehovah's witnesses, done everything possible to help our brothers who once shared this glorious treasure of service to fully appreciate it?

Where are these lost sheep, 9,029 of them? Have we neglected something during the year? Maybe we were so busy with our own kingdom business we were afraid to look around and help some of our brothers who were in need. We have a responsibility toward them to help them, maybe even find them again.

They are nearby because they attended the Memorial. There were 558,494 in attendance with us, 22,763 more than during the previous year. That is wonderful. There were 6,018 partakers of the emblems, 107 fewer than during 1965; but, then, we expected the number of the remnant to decrease. Interested people are associating with us, because at the special public meeting we had 325-263, an increase of 3,483 over the previous year. That's good! But the question is, Where is that one sheep, or two, that strayed from the ninety-nine? Do you think we can find him?—Matt. 18:12-14.

May Jehovah bless all of us as we make it our business to find the lost sheep, feed them, cherish them and help them get back into the fold, there to enjoy the fellowship of God's flock.

May Jehovah bless all of you in your happy, interesting work.

Your brothers,

THE BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Inviting hungry ones to God's banquet for all peoples.
SECOND MEETING IN JUNE
Theme: Sharing Our Spiritual Plenty with Others. Song 85.
5 min: Introduction, text, and comments. Include some reference to
theme. For example, read a verse from the Bible.
20 min: “We Have What They Need,” also “For Use on Bible Studies.”
Questions and answers; perhaps a short demonstration.
10 min: Branch letter. Discuss with congregation as a whole or in an
appropriate demonstration.
15 min: Plan for an Upbuilding Summer.
(2 min.) Chairman: School is out or soon will be in most localities, and
would be fine if they could plan some of their outdoor recreation together
at least more service for the children under the supervision of the parents.
10 min: “How We Did in June.” Was the plan followed? How
was it? When plans are made in advance.
15 min: “Money Magazine.” (Make the demonstration true to life.)
15 min: “We Have What They Need,” “Assemblies Start.”
FOURTH MEETING IN JUNE
Theme: Making the Truth Available to All. Song 85.
5 min: Introduction, text, and comments.
20 min: Magazine Distribution.
(10 min.) After magazine-territory servant starts talking about street
witnessing: a brother raises his hand and says, “Are we still supposed to do
street witnessing? I hardly ever see anyone doing it.” Usually, we
go from house to house to house.” Servant shows it is good to go where we
can get the most service and at the same time recognize that service is
good. All features of service are good. Scripturally based street
witnessing is not out-of-date. (Prov. 1:22, 23; Acts 20:20. For further reference see
WHERE AND WHEN IS STREET WORK ADVANTAGEOUS? Some publishers and
overseers do more street witnessing than they would in other areas because
they are people living in hotels or inaccessible apartment houses publishers
often do more street witnessing than they would in other areas, because
this is about the only way
many of these people can be contacted with the
Kingdom message.
As with any magazine activity, it is
well to be familiar with contents of issues you offer and it is usually
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Carrying the Load Well

1. "How do you get everything done?" is the question that is often in the minds of assistant servants reaching out for the office of overseer, especially so when they see all the work the congregation servant has to do. (1 Tim. 3:1) His duties are certainly many, aren't they? However, week after week a capable overseer needs to care for these responsibilities so that the congregation will operate smoothly. It is apparent that he must take care of small matters as well as big ones day after day. But how does he find the time, and how does he remember all the things he must do?

2. Many capable overseers keep a checklist to help them. Do you? Some may use a notebook, others a small diary, desk pad or a calendar, writing down things to be accomplished at certain times and checking them off when finished. It saves time, organizes their work and serves as a constant reminder. Their checklist for the coming month is made out as soon as they receive their Kingdom Ministry and have read it over. The publishers also reading Kingdom Ministry know what should be done and, when they see their overseer progressively carrying out his work, they develop even greater respect for him as one who can be depended upon.

3. To see the work involved, look through this Kingdom Ministry and put down all the things you would have to do if you were overseer. For June you would need to assign meeting parts, plan for rehearsals so that the brothers will gain the most good from the meetings, and meet with the school servant. Did your list cover all these points? Local congregation events and the individual spiritual needs of publishers will make the list even longer.

4. Can the overseer carry all this load by himself? No, it is apparent that he needs help. Whether you are a servant in the congregation or a publisher, you can assist the overseer. For example, the assistant congregation servant can advise the overseer of trends that need attention in the congregation. Study conductors have certain things that need attention in the overseer center and they can call these to the overseer's attention as well as making personal calls on publishers who need assistance. Publishers, by cooperating with the overseer in every way, just getting their field service reports in on time, helping to keep the Kingdom Hall clean, and supporting arrangements for field service, can make the cooperating together, the overseer can carry his load more effectively and efficiently, and that with benefit to the entire congregation.

Assemblies Start This Month

1. Yes, the "God's Sons of Liberty" District Assembly opens at Toronto June 6 through 23. Will you be there? Evidently a great crowd will be, and what a spiritually building five days they will have together!

2. Incidentally, if you are going to one of the Canadian assemblies you may want to keep in mind that the U.S. dollar is worth approximately $1.08 in Canadian funds. However, if you do not want to, it is not necessary to convert U.S. funds into Canadian currency, as American money is readily accepted anywhere.

3. Rooming work will also be starting in other cities during June. In San Francisco and Dallas the brothers will begin to sign up rooms on June 12, and on June 19 in Baltimore. So, your brothers are getting ready for you. They are anxious for you to be with them for the full five days of the assembly. And you will be glad if you make arrangements to do just that. The program is just what we need, and it is one that we will all long remember.

Announcements

- Literature offer for July and August: "Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie" and a booklet for 50 cents.
- It is suggested that a half hour on the service meeting following the week most of the congregation attend the district assembly should be reserved for review assembly highlights. Encouraging experiences may be included. Overseers will want to make use of this in advance, makingwhatever adjustments are necessary in the service meeting schedule.
- Those who wish to share the joys of vacation planning for two weeks, a month or more will find it may be great to group together, the overseer can carry his load more effectively and efficiently, and that with benefit to the entire congregation.

Question Box

- Before becoming one of Jehovah's witnesses, is it necessary to request a name change on the membership roll of his former religion?

Generally speaking, what does coming out of Babylon the Great mean? Is it being expelled from a nominal membership in a Babylonian religious system and at the same time being received into the files of a congregation of Jehovah's witnesses? What does Revelation 3:15, 16 say? Does 1 Peter 4:17 suggest that one making a dedication, is His pleased to accept such one and at the same time let him list himself as a rejent and supporter of Babylon the Great? Where, definitely, does one stand? Or is one indifferent?

One's serving personal notice on Babylon the Great furnishes an opportunity for a witness. If a Christian writes his former church, this should be done with dignity, briefly stating why he is becoming one of Jehovah's witnesses. One should enclose an appropriate magazine, booklet or tracts such as "What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?"

In some lands failure to remove one's name from the membership roll of a false religious organization means that part of one's tax money will continue to go to that church. That, of course would not be desirable, so, in such a case, diligent effort ought to be made to get one's name removed from the church register.

If a person withdrew from Babylon religion many years ago, he does not need to be disturbed if he did not make a formal withdrawal from the church with which he was associated. The point is that, perhaps in childhood, one's name may have been entered on the membership rolls of a church has no bearing on his present course; nor does it make his dedication invalid. What is it that actually makes one a member of a Babylonish religion? It includes attending church services, engaging in church social or recreational functions and contributing. By this, the observer and observers in general that one is no longer a member, whether an actual legal withdrawal was made or not. With an individual's ties to a false religious organization cut, he may now become a member of a true religious system and make a valid dedication to Jehovah God, if otherwise qualified.
Getting a Hearing Ear

1 Are you finding it difficult to get people to listen to you in the ministry? Many of us are having this difficulty, at least in some of our territories. But why? Is it because people are deciding they do not want the Kingdom good news? In some cases this is no doubt the reason. Yet in others it is not, especially when other publishers can go into the same territory and have good success. Well, how is it that they get a hearing? You will no doubt find that a number of things are involved.

2 For instance: Have you observed that children, even though their presentations are very simple, can often hold the undivided attention of adults? Perhaps you have noticed that foreign-speaking publishers and new publishers often get a hearing ear where others do not usually succeed. Is it that their presentations are both simple and very expressive? Perhaps we, too, should strive for greater simplicity and warmth.

3 It has been said that women do not take as great an interest in technical things or political subjects as men do. Women are interested in living conditions, their relatives, other people, their homes and children. So when you talk to women in your territory build your presentation around the things that are of greatest concern to them, and keep it simple.

4 Men, too, are often more interested in local events and problems than they are in those of other countries. A man's job, his family and their safety are of immediate concern to him. Young people are interested in their future; older people, in their security and better health. But no matter what people are interested in, it soon becomes apparent to them that they cannot remedy all the difficulties they face. It will take someone more capable than man. Their hope lies in the Kingdom.

5 Jesus said that the good news of the Kingdom is the message we are to carry to all in our territory during this "time of the end." If we feature the Kingdom theme, we will be able to keep things simple. Also, you will find it easy to make personal application of information concerning God's kingdom. Help the householder to see himself being benefited by the Kingdom. If our presentations are simple, warm and fit the individual's needs personally, it may be all of us will be able to reach the ears and hearts of more people in our territory. In this way we will be able to aid more people by our presentation of the good news.

For Use on Bible Studies

1 You will be interested to know that we already have the book "Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie" printed in nine languages—Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish—and more are on the way. These are tongues that are spoken by 833 million of earth's inhabitants, and it is wonderful to realize that we are equipped to use this fine study aid to help any of them to learn the truth from God's Word. We would like to do more than place the book with them; what we really want is to have a regular home Bible study with them.

2 Our brothers have found this book ideal for the purpose. It comes to grips with the thinking that is prevalent in our day and helps persons to see why they should build their faith on the Bible. In most cases it is good to start right at the beginning of the book. Of course, at times we meet a person who is particularly interested in a certain subject, and we need to be flexible. It may be necessary to start studying the chapter that specially interests that householder. But when the study is well established, it would be good to go back and cover the earlier part of the book too.

3 Jehovah, through his organization, has provided us with a fine instrument to accomplish it.

Be at the preaching work urgently!

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ The forty-second class of Gilead School began April 25, 1966, with 106 students from 13 lands. Seventy-nine of them are learning Spanish; others are learning French or Japanese.

◆ Italy reports a new peak of 9,954 publishers in March—a 10.4-percent increase. Congregation publishers reached the ten-hour goal for the first time.

◆ Gabon, West Africa, reports 52 publishers in March, for an increase of 26 percent over last year's average.

Is It Up-to-Date?

1 Not long ago two Witnesses on vacation in Connecticut inquired in the town where they were staying as to the location of the Kingdom Hall. Without hesitation the shopkeeper told them where it was, near the edge of town. They drove out to the hall and stopped to read the sign in front to make sure of meeting times, so they could plan to be there. It did not appear that any of the brothers were at the hall just then, so the visitors started to drive away. But as they did, a brother came from behind the hall, curious to see who had stopped. The visiting Witnesses were glad to meet him, and told him that they were looking forward to being at the meeting there Friday evening. "Our meetings have not been on Friday for quite a while," he said. "We meet on Thursday." It was a good thing that the visitors met him, because, if they had followed the sign, they would have missed the meeting.

2 In another location, in Pennsylvania, a Witness whose husband is not in the truth located a Kingdom Hall and checked the sign in front to be sure about meeting times. She worked hard to get the children ready and, with her husband's permission, left for the hall—just in time for the concluding song. Meeting times had changed, but not the sign.

3 What about the sign that shows meeting times at your Kingdom Hall? Is it up-to-date?

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

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Dear Publishers:

There has been a lot of excitement around Bethel during June. The Gilead students have been talking about missionary service for foreign assignments. Classes for the circuit and district servants have been in session, and we have been very busy filling your orders for the new songbooks and records.

Just the other day we were talking about you young folks who are dedicated to Jehovah and the wonderful prospects ahead of you. You can get a truly fine education through the meetings at the Kingdom Hall, especially if you enroll in the Theocratic Ministry School. Then when you finish high school, there is the pioneer service open to you, and it is a joy to see many taking up that full-time service.

A great need still continues for brothers and sisters to take up missionary service in other lands. If a person enters the pioneer service when he graduates from high school, by the time he is twenty-one years of age he may well be ready for an invitation to Gilead and foreign service. If a person's heart is set on doing the kind of work the apostle Paul did, traveling into foreign fields spread the good news, what a life of joy he can experience!

Then, of course, there is Bethel service to consider. Some have made it their life's work. In time others leave to get married and then continue on in pioneer work, special pioneer activity, or circuit service. Some may return later for training at Gilead School.

So, wonderful opportunities exist for young persons who are devoted to Jehovah. This is something for parents to think about so that they aid them to develop a deep appreciation for spiritual things. Then they will want to build their lives around their service to God.

You young folks have the prospect of full and satisfying lives ahead of you in Jehovah's service. Consider the possibilities seriously.

Many of us have been looking forward with keen anticipation to July this year. Why? Well, for quite a few of us that is convention time. If you did not attend the assembly in Toronto, you may be heading north to Canada along with many of us for one of the "God's Sons of Liberty" District Assemblies during July.

What a happy time we will have! We will hear the Word of Jehovah come alive for us on the platform, and this will be most encouraging and upbuilding. Of course, we are all looking forward to that thought-provoking public talk, "What Has God's Kingdom Been Doing Since 1914?" Additionally, on the way to and from the assembly no doubt you have in mind sharing the truth with people such as motel owners and personnel, gas station attendants, restaurant employees, and others.

Yes, prayerfully. When attending the "God's Sons of Liberty" District Assembly this summer, give careful attention to the talk on the first day, "What Full-Time Service Accomplishes"; also the keynote speech, "Building on a Right Foundation with Fire-Resistant Materials." Then, why not sit in on the meetings held with those interested in Gilead School and missionary service and those interested in Bethel service? We feel that, if you pay close attention to what is said at the assembly, you will feel motivated to action. But then do not fearfully hold back; with faith in Jehovah, act!

The May report shows that there were well over 380,000 publishers in the field service during the month. During the 1966 service year we have consistently been able to report over 301,000 publishers each month. It is evident that there is a solid group of publishers who make up the main core of Jehovah's witnesses here in the United States. That is fine. We hope that the coming months will continue to show that steady activity on the part of Jehovah's people here.

Many April reports from other lands have now been received, and it is gratifying to see what some have done. Belgium was up nearly 15 percent in publishers; Brazil had an increase of over 21 percent, so they now have 40,340 publishers. Chile reported a 22-percent increase. Republic of the Congo, with its branch office in Leopoldville, had a 54-percent increase. Truly marvelous! It is evident that the work is still moving ahead.

Oh, yes, another point of progress: All the old buildings have been demolished on the lot next to our former home in Brooklyn, and we expect at this time of writing that excavation will begin during June for the new ten-story printing plant.

May Jehovah richly bless you as you continue to declare the good news of his kingdom.

Your brothers,

THE BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Preach the Word—Anytime

(Continued on page 2, col. 3)
SECOND MEETING IN JULY
Theme: Paying Constant Attention to Our Teaching. (1 Tim. 4: 16) Song 20.
15 min: Introduction, text and comments. We need all of you each week for growth to maturity. Give warm encouragement to young people and pioneers to make Gillean or Bethel their goal.
17 min: Presentation of appropriate points.
2 min: Questions and answers and demonstration portraying an experienced brothers answering the question: "What makes you people think we should encourage them and help them to be present in meetings?" (Family) (the ones above who have been missing meetings) just home from meeting; reflect on how much they enjoyed excellent talk. Glad they stayed for "Watchtower" and Bible study were warm and friendly. They are glad sister to express interest in them and come to the right conclusion that they have been missing. Husband and wife sit down and talk over the situation. They realize they have been lacking in encouragement in an up-building, friendly and helpful manner. (1 min.) Chairman. How good it is that we show an interest in one another, and of course, when we see persons missing meetings, we want to encourage them and help them to be present in meetings. "How Do We Do in May?" Song 89.

THIRD MEETING IN JULY
Theme: Putting Jehovah's Worship First in Our Lives. (Rev. 11: 15) Song 92.
8 min: Introduction, text and comments. Two publishers discuss material and register appreciation for excellent encouragement that text provides for us day by day.
10 min: "Stepping Over into Macedonia." (2 Thess. 2: 13) Song 118. Discussed in this material in "Make Sure" on "Sign of Christ's Presence," pages 451-456. Could handle this on a TV interview; with two brothers answering the question: "What makes you think we are living the right way?" Make the setting in accord with actual conditions. If working unassigned territory, or assisting another congregation, the material in "Make Sure" would provide a helpful basis.
10 min: "Stepping Over into Macedonia." (2 Thess. 2: 13) Song 118. Discussed in this material in "Make Sure" on "Sign of Christ's Presence," pages 451-456. Could handle this on a TV interview; with two brothers answering the question: "What makes you think we are living the right way?" Make the setting in accord with actual conditions. If working unassigned territory, or assisting another congregation, the material in "Make Sure" would provide a helpful basis.
12 min: Questions and answers and demonstration of appropriate points.
10 min: Concluding comments. Include thoughts about the text and songs.
15 min: Chairman. How good it is that we show an interest in one another, and of course, when we see persons missing meetings, we want to encourage them and help them to be present in meetings. "How Do We Do in May?" Song 89.

FOURTH MEETING IN JULY
Theme: Attending Meetings with Regularity. (Heb. 10: 25) Song 41.
10 min: Introduction, text and comments. "Keep Up the Good Work." (Heb. 10: 25) Song 41. Can draw on past experiences and blessings at assemblies or this year's assembly, if have already attended one.
15 min: Talk on "Make Sure" material or "Encouragement," pages 171-174. If desirable, can have a short demonstration portraying an experienced brother calling on one who needs encouragement; the brothers should be doing an up-building manner.
15 min: Demonstration. "Can We Do More than This?" (3 min.) Chairman: Discusses the value of the meetings. They build up our spiritual strength. We need all of them each week for growth to maturity. Let us help one another to attend.—Heb. 2: 1-4; 3:12; 12:1, 2.
4 min.) A mature sister visits an-other sister who has been missing a number of meetings. (If it seems practical, the sister might be calling the one who has been missing.) She wonders how the sister has been. Tells her about the excellent meetings, how the children have been having fun and of the especially interesting subject to be discussed in public talk on Sunday. "Does not scold her, shows a loving interest in her and her family, asks how the children are, whether or not she has been having an interesting time. They have been quite a bit of sickness of late. Wonders if she can be of help. "What makes you think we should encourage them and help them to be present in meetings?" (Family) (the ones above who have been missing meetings) just home from meeting; reflect on how much they enjoyed excellent talk. Glad they stayed for "Watchtower" and Bible study were warm and friendly. They are glad sister to express interest in them and come to the right conclusion that they have been missing. Husband and wife sit down and talk over the situation. They realize they have been lacking in encouragement in an up-building, friendly and helpful manner. (1 min.) Chairman. How good it is that we show an interest in one another, and of course, when we see persons missing meetings, we want to encourage them and help them to be present in meetings. "How Do We Do in May?" Song 89.

FIFTH MEETING IN JULY
Theme: Become Mature Ministers in Our Towns. (Song 100.) Song 115.
15 min: Talk on month's theme. (Based on article in August 1, 1966, "Watchtower.") Also include some points on the text and comments for the day.
10 min: Discussion between two mature brothers, with one preferably the elder. (Based on theme of the broth-ers, on material in the Question Box.
15 min: Talk by mature brother based on May 1, 1966, "Watchtower" article "Increasing Numbers to the Theocratic Ministry." (Pp. 283-286. Slant toward possible problems needing solutions, or making contributions to the Society for the worldwide advancement of the work.) Song 95.
10 min: Demonstration on directing the attention of the organization at home Bible studies by encouraging attendance at the Theocratic Ministry School. Stress use of visual aids to encourage attendance at the school. Use such aids as the counsel slip, the Bible study schedule, and "Beneficial" book.
10 min: Concluding comments. Could include thoughts on the audience on how the theme has been developed throughout the program. Song 63.

Preach the Word—Anytime (Cont'd)
Bible studies as we can, for we recognize how much good we can accomplish in this fine avenue of service. In this regard, several days ago one of the brothers here at Bethel was talking to a sister from his congregation, and she felt somewhat discouraged. The reason for this was that she couldn't seem to fit her Bible study in at any other time except before the book study on "Theocratic Ministry," and she felt this was not a proper time for it.
This sister was encouraged by her overseer to feel free to preach the Word at any time. Some of our brothers in urban areas have found they have had great success in conducting studies for the first hour of service on Sunday morning, and there is no objection to doing this either if you find it advantageous. You know your territory locally and what is best for it. (1 Cor. 9: 19-23)
With regard to starting studies, we hope you enjoy the practical suggestions under Presenting the Good News in this issue of Kingdom Ministry.
Stepping Over into Macedonia

1. Are you one of the overseers that recently got a letter from the Society inviting your congregation to help a nearby congregation with their territory coverage this summer? Hundreds of overseers received letters like this not so very long ago, and we want you to know that the Society has every confidence that all of you brothers invited to share in this field will really do good work this summer and we hope you have a wonderful time.

2. Some of you may feel that you are not covering your own assignment as much as you would like to, and we can appreciate why you might feel that way. However, if you could just see the records here in the Society's office, we believe you would agree that you are doing well enough to be in position to help others. The harvest is indeed great, but the workers are few. Of course, it will require good planning in order to send groups of the proper size into the territory, as well as good advance organization so that the most possible time can be spent in this special activity. It may be, too, that you will be able to encourage some in your congregation to take vacation pioneer so they can have the fullest possible share in this grand privilege.

3. In some cases you may want to stay with the congregation you are helping, to share in their meetings and to get to know the brothers there. This would be very enjoyable. And, of course, if some want to conclude their service day by enjoying a picnic lunch or other meal together, that is a personal matter. Your sharing of happy experiences together will make it a joyful occasion.

4. As for you congregations that are being helped under this arrangement, we know that you appreciate this help very much. The Society believes you feel just like Jesus, who said: "Beg the Master of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38) But what can you brothers do to utilize this help to the fullest? You can supply ample territory, cooperate together in the working of it, follow up the calls made and, in general, welcome the assistance given. We recognize that the time is short, the work is urgent, and we all want to see that it gets done thoroughly.

5. We know, too, that some of you brothers will be working unassigned territory this summer, and we wish you well in this special assignment. Whatever our work is this summer, whether we are assisting nearby congregations working unassigned territory or covering local territory not often worked, we all want to have the same spirit of zeal and love that Paul had when he willingly responded to the call: "Step over into Macedonia and help us."—Acts 16:9, 10.

Very Fine Encouragement

1. It is most encouraging to hear of your consistent efforts to help our brothers get the necessary spiritual food. Those who stop coming to meetings indeed give us cause for great concern, and we know you feel this way about it too. A recent experience from New York City bears this point out, and we thought you would enjoy reading it.

2. "One of our brothers became inactive and stopped coming to the meetings some time ago. We visited him and worked hard to revive him, and the circuit servant went with us on several occasions, but all of this to no avail. We became somewhat discouraged. Then I read the many Yearbook experiences from the various countries where the brothers just kept going back as a friendly visit, not giving up. So just recently I went back and, sure enough, about three weeks later the brother called and asked to come back to the meetings and inquired if someone would study with him.

3. "As the Yearbook says, when we read experiences similar to our own we may encounter 'we get a head start on overcoming problems and objections.'"

Is It Listed?

1. In many communities it is possible to open the telephone book to "Jehovah's Witnesses" and find a number that can be called. Frequently it is the phone number of the congregation servant or, with his approval, someone else in the congregation. What are the results?

2. Well, at this time of year, when many people are traveling, our brothers and other interested persons travel too, and if they can locate Witnesses through the telephone book in those places where they visit, they often share with them in meetings at the Kingdom Hall. Also, in some localities newly interested persons have called, requesting a home Bible study. In other places representatives of local organizations have phoned to request that one of Jehovah's witnesses visit them to explain their work.

3. Do you have a telephone number listed under "Jehovah's Witnesses" in your community? If you have a personal telephone, it usually involves only a small, additional, monthly charge. Whether you want to do it is for you to decide. But we thought you would be interested to know that others have had good results because their number was listed.

Announcements

- Literature offer for July, August and September: Take advantage of "It Is Impossible for God to Lie," a booklet, for 50 cents.
- Suggested discussions at meetings for service: July 10: Review servants in May Kingdom Ministry; this may be used during July, August and September. July 17: Consider appropriate talking points from the "Impossible to Lie" book. July 24: Review suggestions for starting studies as outlined in Presenting the Good News. July 31: Discuss what to put on House-to-House Record for effective return visits. August 7: Suggestions on directing interested ones to the organization.
- New circuit assembly program begins in September. Title of public talk to be given by district servant: "Satisfying Mankind's Greatest Need." New film "God Cannot Lie" to be shown on Saturday night.
- Congregation servants will want to order regular pioneer supply for the 1967 service year. Include 12 pink monthly report cards for each pioneer; also weekly report sheet for each person who might need them. No need to order supplies for vacation pioneers.
- Congregations may want to make special arrangements with the United Missionaries for July 4, since it will be a holiday for most persons.
- Is it possible for you to vacation pioneer in August? We will be pleased to receive your application.

- If you are away on your vacation or perhaps are at an assembly at the end of the month, not send your report to your local congregation so it can be included with their July activity.
- In the June issue of Kingdom Ministry it was stated in the Branch letter that the attendance at the special public meeting in April was 356,239. Really it was much better than that. It should have read 356,239.
With Our Goal in View

1. Recently one of the circuit servants suggested a practical and successful approach in connection with starting studies when working with the current offer. When we heard of it we thought that you would enjoy it too, since we know you are very much interested in building up your Bible study activity.

2. In using the current sermon, "The Bible Tells the Truth Concerning Man's Future," you could say something like this after reading 2 Peter 3:13: "What, then, must we do to live under that righteous new system of things? It is obvious that person does not have the time for it or perhaps shows no inclination toward a Bible study, you might say this: "Well, in view of the fact that you cannot have a Bible study now, the next best thing for you is this splendid publication 'Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie.' It's available for just 50c, along with this free booklet, and I believe you will enjoy them both very much. You show quite an interest in what is right and undoubtedly your original personal research into this publication will prove to be very beneficial. Perhaps at a later date we can share some of the points in it together."

3. So, if they accept the Bible study, which is first and foremost in our thinking, or if they accept the publication, with the possible hope of starting a Bible study later, in either event we are putting forth a real effort to preach the good news effectively.

Keep Up the Good Work

1. Recently one of our sisters sent the Society a letter she had received from someone she had written after learning of the loss of a loved one in this family. The letter is as follows:

2. "Dear Mrs S— I am deeply grateful to you for your long letter of sympathy and explanation of our hope of the resurrection. Such a thought brings great comfort at a time of the loss of one's loved one. I have read and reread your letter and the enclosed tracts. The Bible does indeed hold the answers to all of our problems, even when we come face to face with death and the loss of one's life companion.

3. "Thank you for trying to help me find the right way and the answers I need so much now. May God bless you for all the trouble you went to for me. Sincerely," etc.

4. So keep up the good work, brothers and sisters, and may Jehovah bless you as you keep on writing letters to all kinds of persons who need encouragement at this time.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- Mozambique reports a 52-percent increase—1,369 publishers. Three brothers imprisoned because of their ministry there just released; another arrested.

- Guadeloupe reports 646 publishers in March—a 20-percent increase. In French Guiana 42 publishers report, marking a new peak and a 31-percent increase. Martinique reports 212 publishers, and 561 present for circuit assembly.

- Missionaries were told they must leave Burma. However, local publishers are in good spirits and determined to carry on with Kingdom service.

- Fourteen percent of all congregation publishers in Ecuador enrolled as vacation pioneers during April. Seven of them were from the Guayas, West Unit, a congregation that has now had vacation pioneers for 50 consecutive months and has been divided into two congregations twice in the same period of time.

- Gallipolis, Ohio, Congregations increasing its joy because of increased service activity. In January they averaged 9.3 hours; in February, 16.3, and in March, 17. This despite snow in January and local flooding in February.

- During just one week publishers and pioneers with Mount Airy Unit in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, placed 773 magazines; 96 'Impossible to Lie' books and started 23 new studies.

QUESTION BOX

- In magazine activity are we always limited to not more than sixty seconds when making a presentation?

- Preaching and Publishing in Peace and Unity, Paragraph 24, suggests speaking a few words, for "about thirty to sixty seconds," and mentions that time of the magazine. However, this does not mean we must always confine our speaking to a limit of sixty seconds. We search for the sheeplike persons, and, if in the magazine activity we meet some one who has questions about the Bible or the organization, it will be beneficial to take time then and give a proper answer to his immediate questions as well as try to arrange for a call on him again at a later date. It is also proper to consider the local customs of the people and be willing to converse for several minutes where it is possible in order to show ourselves friendly and interested in them.

When there is much territory to be covered, we usually make our presentations brief so we can reach more homes. But in some places territories are limited, and if we spend a little more time at a call, we may have a greater opportunity to advance our magazines and arranging for back-calls, which can lead to home Bible studies. Let each publisher determine what is the best method to use in his territory to distribute magazines and build up interest.

Reap blessings at one of the assemblies this summer.

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Dear Publishers:

Those of us who have attended one of the first three conventions are certainly enthusiastic and very grateful to Jehovah God for what he has brought to our attention during the five days of the assembly. Here at Bethel it has been talk, talk, about what happened. Expressions such as, "Isn't that great about Jeremiah?" and, "They certainly made some strong points in the demonstration about Potiphar's wife," are often heard. The keynote speech too gave us all something to think about seriously. As one brother put it, "If you miss the first day of this convention, why, you have just missed too much." If you haven't attended yet, be sure to be present right from the start.

You will be interested to know that, after the Toronto assembly, CBC carried a half-hour TV program from coast to coast about Jehovah's witnesses, and lots of people are talking about it. It showed the convention in Toronto, the Bethel home and branch office there and how the preaching work is done world wide. This stirred up much interest for the next two assemblies too.

We had an excellent public meeting in Toronto. The day was beautiful. While it was warm, that did not keep people away; there were 46,118 present. A few days before that, 483 were baptized. The next week the convention was held in Corner Brook up there in the beautiful woods of Newfoundland. Daily attendance was about 900 to 1,000. Friday was a holiday, and that evening we had 1,240 at the meeting; they thoroughly enjoyed it. Sunday there were 1,234 for the public meeting. Sixteen were baptized. Following the Corner Brook assembly, brothers from twenty-eight states of the U.S. and all parts of Canada showed up in Halifax for the next one. Right from the first day, average attendance was steadily about 3,900, and then for the public meeting we had 4,638. Thirty-three were baptized on Friday morning. Briefly, that is the report given by Brother Knorr when he returned to Bethel for a few days.

Brother Knorr attended all three of those assemblies and he expects to go to Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver in Canada. Jehovah willing. He also plans to spend some time with the brothers in Alaska, he told us. And he is going to San Francisco for the first two days of the assembly there, in addition to spending a few days in Miami and Mobile. That is the latest news from here.

We might mention to those of you planning to attend the San Francisco and Baltimore assemblies, it would be wise to take umbrellas or large hats to use as sun shields, because both of these conventions are in outdoor stadiums and you may need some protection from the heat of the sun during the day.

Here in Brooklyn in the sweltering heat of summer—it has gotten up above 100 degrees a number of times so far—we are busy as usual. Excavation work is under way on the new factory site, and we will let you know more about that when the building gets above the ground. We are also as busy as bees getting your literature orders filled. We are certainly happy that you are so busy in the service and we are glad to be able to serve with you.

May Jehovah's rich blessing go with you and may you have as good a time at the assemblies as those of us have had who have already attended one of the "God's Sons of Liberty" District Assemblies.

Be assured of our warm love.

THE BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Building One Another Up

Halls just buzz with cheerful, theocratic conversation before and after meetings. Sometimes new ones are impressed by this spirit as much as by what they hear from the platform. Many thoughtful publishers make it a point to get acquainted with each one in the congregation, take a personal interest in them and have something encouraging to say each time they meet. One older brother, now limited in his activity, explained to one of the Society's traveling representatives that he spends a good deal of time thinking of how he can encourage different ones in the congregation. He was doing a fine job of it too.

Family members, too, can build one another up. This also can be done in your normal daily schedule. For example, is the consideration of the text for the day just a routine matter in your home? It need not be. Many have made it just the opposite—a time for a spiritually uplifting discussion. The

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SECOND MEETING IN AUGUST
Theme: Keeping Our Minds Fixed on the Things Above. (Col. 3:2) Song 37.
12 min: Introduction, text and comments. Blend all of this in with discourse on the subject of prayer.
15 min: Discussion of "Soul" in "Make Sure," pages 463-465. May be handled by having a publisher at a new Bible study. Discuss information and show the importance on the subject of prayer.

THIRD MEETING IN AUGUST
Theme: Showing Love by Feeding the Sheep. (John 21:15-17) Song 103.
5 min: Introduction, text and comments.
15 min: Talk, "Handling Family Problems Before They Grow." Based on the Bible, show that what is good for one is good for all.
7 min: Theocratic News, Announcements and "Most Beautiful Music." Make this part lively and interesting.
23 min: Feeding the Sheep. Demonstration.
(3 min) Chairman: As we are now using the "Impossible to Lie" book for the third consecutive month in the field ministry, many have been placed with interested persons. What is the best way of dealing with them? If you are not yet conducting a study in this publication, you may wish to try it. This book is designed to answer questions of persons of various faiths throughout the world. It contains a summary of the Bible and highlights important doctrines that distinguish true worship from false. (10 min) Scene I: Publishers presenting sermon to householder. Householder makes his decision. Publisher begins to hand out book. Householder is shown.

FOURTH MEETING IN AUGUST
Theme: Remembering the Creator—Men and Parents. (Ecc. 12:1) Song 15.
5 min: Introduction, text and comments.
15 min: Laying a Good Foundation. Brother invites to the platform a number of the young children of the congregation. They are the楯th of "Awake!") If no Catholics are present, this part brother could make up about 40 to 50 questions. Twenty or so of these he can set a week ahead so youngsters will be able to prepare answers. The other questions will not be previously prepared by the teachers, so they will have to answer from the knowledge they have gained from family studies. The other can emphasize in connection with this material the importance of family studies and how they shall establish basic Bible truths and truths in young minds. (3 min) Discussion, possibly with overseer and two or three couples, on article "That They May Not Turn Aside." They will need to discuss how they may cooperate together in a classic way to help the children stay close to the truth.
15 min: Talk, "Making the Most of Our Lives." Deal with pioneering and other full-time ministerial work, encouraging the older younger publishers particularly to consider pioneer service, Gilead and Bethel. "Yearbook" and other experiences may be used to add interest.
10 min: Concluding announcements. Encourage publishers to support Labor Day field service activity. Song 64.

FIRST MEETING IN SEPTEMBER
Theme: Fearlessly Spreading Truth Though It Plagues Men. Song 113.
5 min: Introduction, text and comments.
10 min: Talk on month's theme, "Fearlessly Spreading Truth Though It Plagues Men," based on July 1, 1965, "Watchtower" and September 1, 1966, "Watchtower." (6 min) Chairman invites comments from publishers in congregation, especially those having studies in "Impossible to Lie" book. By pointing out that this publication has taken place of "Let God Be True" as the book most comprehensively teaching the truth, he concludes that it is important for those progressing in the knowledge of the truth to consider this material. It should be covered before a person is baptized. We do not want to add the experience of the varied spiritual food found in this excellent book.
10 min: Concluding comments. In closing, give the slogan on page 4. (Col. 1:10) Song 53.
That They May Not Turn Aside

1. In many congregations there are young folks who have made fine progress in spiritual matters and whose feet are firmly set in the way of the truth, as well as other congregations some have dropped out of the race for life. Recently we asked a few overseers who have many fine youngsters in their congregations what they thought accounted for the difference. This is what they told us:

2. “Basically, the answer is to be found within the family circle. When the parents instill the Bible in the oversight of his family, arranging ever practical family schedule, children really benefit. Such balanced schedules include time for attendance at all meetings, field service, relaxation, and association with others in the truth. These families are really happy because the father takes a loving interest in each one, filling up a life of bond of love and unity.”—Eph. 6:4.

3. Another overseer put it this way: “We have a number of sisters whose husbands are opposed or indifferent. We know it isn’t easy for them to bring up their children theologically by themselves. Yet many are doing a fine job and their youngsters are holding fast to the truth. These mothers have a regular Bible study with their children. Appreciating the importance of these associations, they encourage these and reasonably limit their children’s associations with others who are not in the truth. By their own good example they instill a love of the truth and orthodox associations in the hearts of their youngsters.”

4. “In our congregation,” said another overseer, “we let our youngsters know they are wanted and needed. In cooperation with the parents we use them in demonstrations, teach them how to be helpful in cleaning the Kingdom Hall and keeping it neat, and as they grow older, we use them as attendants and assistant servants. Grown-ups in the congregation make it a point to speak to them whenever they are on the program or make a comment. We let them know we are all one large theocratic family under our heavenly Father, Jehovah. In this way they have grown up with the truth as a way of life, and we are happy that we have lost none of them.”

5. In general, the Society has observed that, where parents do not take their children for granted but really help them to see the truth for themselves, their own, they are more apt to stick with it. As one father whose children have grown up to be faithful servants of Jehovah put it: “It’s hard work to bring up children in the truth, in view of the way things are today. My wife and I always tried to set a good example in applying Bible principles in our lives as well as teaching the children to do so. They have been obedient and have always showed respect for us even though at times they may have thought we were a little strict. Today, thanks to Jehovah, they are faithfully serving him.”

6. How can you parents help your children to get a firm hold on the truth? The above thought-provoking suggestions may help, and, when they are able, encourage them to prepare their own talks in the theocratic ministry school. Family spiritual discussions aid them to think and reason on Scriptural matters. You can discuss the importance of Bible principles with them and help them to see the folly of pursuing the course this world is taking. In this way they will have not only a “head” knowledge of the truth but a “heart” appreciation of it as well. The spirit of this world with its fads and customs will not be able to overthrow such a well-founded faith. True, there is much work to be done and fulfilling one’s responsibility as a parent, but the reward comes in seeing that your youngsters have not turned aside from the faith.  Prov. 22:6.

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

How Did We Do in June?

Very well in placing books and Bibles. We placed 13,114 more than we did in May, a total of 28,188 more than in June 1965. This is excellent! What a blessing it will be to those who obtained these books now or for those who have made back-calls. This is fine. We commend you for taking an interest in others and endeavoring to help them get started on the way to life.
To Assist Our Catholic Neighbors

One woman said, "We've been tricked." Another said, "Now that we hear the mass in English, there's nothing to it." Others say, "We are supposed to witness to Christ, but we don't know how." These are some of the comments heard from Catholic people since the ecumenical council in Rome.

What approach might we take so as to assist our Catholic neighbors? If we are certain that it is a Catholic home, we could say, "We have been making friendly visits on our Catholic neighbors to encourage more Bible reading and discussion." Whatever introduction you use, there are three points that you may wish to include: (1) our call will take only a few minutes, (2) it is free, and (3) we would like to have the householder use his own Bible. The householder can be invited to get his Bible, and, if there is some hesitation, we might mention the subject we want to discuss. If Revelation 21:3, 4 is used, for example, we could briefly discuss what its fulfillment will mean to the householder. Other appropriate texts from a booklet such as God's Way Is Love or "This Good News of the Kingdom" can be used. After discussing appropriate scriptures right from the householder's own Bible, literature can be offered as an aid to understanding the Bible. If the literature offer is refused, you may still be able to arrange for another call to have a further discussion directly from the Bible.

However we handle such calls, it would be good to make the sermon simple and something that appeals to us as well as being informative and setting out a Scriptural hope. Make plain the purpose of your call so there will be no doubt in the householder's mind. At the outset some brothers talking to Catholics find it best to state that they are Jehovah's witnesses and then kindly explain why they are calling. They mention that they are very much interested in their neighbors and that is why they take time to come to their homes to help them with their study of the Bible. Also, you can stress the importance of Bible study because of the seriousness of the times in which we live. Try to end the call on a positive note, even if the householder does not respond to the offer of assistance made. May our plain words of truth appeal to the ears and act on the hearts of those who feel they have been tricked by their church.

Building One Another Up (Cont'd)

Building one another up next time you consider the day's text, why not formulate a comment on it that you believe will do the greatest amount of good in encouraging other members of the family?

Does your family prepare for service together? Think of the opportunities here for building one another up. This month's Bible offer is the 'Impossible to Lie' book, with a booklet, for 50c. Many families prepare a sermon together and, after experience with it in the field, exchange ideas on just what seems to work best. The same is true with starting studies. Have you experienced the happiness that comes from strengthening a loved one in this way, not because of obligation, but because of affection?

Is it really worth while going out of your way to build someone up? Yes, indeed. Being with our brothers and having their interests at heart is always worth while.

"Most Beautiful Music"

A letter recently received by the Society from a publisher appreciatively states:

"Right now I'm in the middle of my housework and my home is filled with the most beautiful music ever! Our two teen-age daughters have lost all interest in the radio and play the records every chance they get. We didn't notice No. 10 with the songs from the Bethel family at first, but what a thrill in hearing those beautiful voices!

"Now when the friends call on the phone they get to listen to a few notes of beautiful music before we talk. I just had to write you a letter of thanks for all the works of love that went into getting these records to us. This blessing from our Father, Jehovah, draws us closer to him and to our brothers as we serve Jehovah at his House."
Dear Brothers:

How time flies! Here we are at the beginning of a new service year. Of course, we do not yet know what the world report for the past year will be, but we can all consider the work done in our own congregations during the past twelve months to see what progress has been made. We can check our own increases and decreases. We can analyze the Bible studies that we have been conducting with interested persons, see what progress has been made, and what we can do to stimulate further progress in the months ahead. It is a good time to do a little reflecting on the work accomplished and to plan for the future.

We should be concerned with the kind of building material we are using to build up our brothers and others interested in the truth of God's Word. We do not want to be building with wood, hay and stubble, things that are not fire-resistant. Of course, Christ Jesus is the sure foundation on which we build. But, in addition, each one of us ought to build with materials that are fire-resistant, with materials that are like gold, silver, and coral, precious materials that fire does not destroy. There is no doubt about it, reports that we get show that the fires of persecution are coming upon Jehovah's people. We have in mind Portugal, Cuba and East Germany. When we see those brothers withstand great pressures we know that they are built up with fire-resistant materials. Now, how about each one of us?—1 Cor. 3:10-13.

It is important to feel the need of gaining a clear understanding of God's Word. If we feel that need, we will not be neglecting the house of our God, nor will we be slighting our personal study. We will also be busy in the field service. Thus we will be in position to aid others to build with fire-resistant materials because we will be doing the same ourselves. A great aid in this building work is the book "Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to...

1. Now that you have learned the truth and have dedicated your life to Jehovah, what is your goal in life? Is it not to stay in Jehovah's favor, to serve Jehovah everlastingly? Yes, that is the goal all of us have. And we want to find delight always in doing Jehovah's will. But what is Jehovah's will for us now? Simply stated, we are called on to do the work that Jehovah's only-begotten Son did and to conduct our lives by the pattern he set.

2. Now, just think for a moment about the pattern he set. Jesus was a preacher and a teacher of God's Word. He trained others to become fellow preachers and teachers of the good news. And he foretold that during the "time of the end" this good news of the Kingdom would be preached for a witness to all the nations.—Matt. 24:14.

3. Those words let us know what our work is. We know that if you find interested people in your territory you will do everything you can to teach them about the Kingdom. "Lie." With it we can aid others to become solid in the faith so that they will be able to withstand the fiery tests that may come on all of us in the not-too-distant future.

Starting this month, September, the circuit assemblies will feature a program that can do much to aid us in this building work. On Friday evening the film "Heritage" will be featured. On Saturday evening, the color film "God Cannot Lie." The Sunday public talk will be "Satisfying Mankind's Greatest Need." It is an excellent program! Let's all put forth an earnest effort to be present and to aid newly interested ones to be on hand for all three of these sessions. If we do, we will be greatly aided to do the right kind of building.

With warm love for you all, we are

Your fellow servants,

THE BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

* Fearlessly spreading truth though it plagues men.
SECOND MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Theme: Serve Jehovah with a Happy Heart

5 min: Introduction, text comments.

4 min: Accounts report and local field service report for August. Include comments if there are any. Commend.

12 min: Seek Happiness in Right Association.

Chairman: "Make Sure" to this meeting. To please men, when you bring Jehovah in the conversation you are making, he will give a publisher who is (1) beginning to miss meetings, (2) going back to some religious association with false worshipers, (3) Considering marriage. In other words, if we can consider things from the viewpoint of those who reproach us, we will strengthen each other. It is an evidence to us that we can be effective teachers. (John 13:13; 1 John 4:21.)

15 min: "Our Goal." Questions and answers. Read scriptures and selected paragraphs as time permits.

15 min: Field Service Can Build You Up Spiritually.

(3 min.) Chairman introduces: Holy spirit aids us in field service. (John 14:16; 16:13.) It is strengthening to Jehovah, bringing joy to his heart. Regularly sharing in the field service can strengthen you spiritually.

(10 min.) Demonstration: Young publishers say to his father: Field service is hard for me. I don't like it when people tell me I'm not interested or shut their doors in my face. Sheeplike ones will do this. An effective teacher father draws out son, discussing points: Why do we do the things Jehovah asks us to do? Is it for Jehovah or God? It honors Jehovah. He can use us as an example to answer those who reproach us. We show we love Jehovah by keeping his commandments. Inman observers and spies are not interested in Jehovah's side. (1 John 3:3; 1 Cor. 4:9; 10:16.) We are looking for sheeplike ones. It is not easy to train our hearts so we come to love Jehovah loves and serve him. What does Jehovah's will as Jesus did.—Ps. 40:8.

Boy is benefited by discussion, struclturally and spirituallv. He thanks father. As he leaves he meets his younger brother, who asks: What were you talking to Daddy about? Older brother says: "About field service." Did you talk about something interesting? Older brother says: Yes, I appreciated particularly what Dad said about our learning to love field service because this is what Jehovah wants us to do.

(2 min.) Chairman concludes, assuring all that we will benefit our congregation if we come to love the things Jehovah loves. It will also result in life to us and others.—1 Tim. 4:14.

9 min: Concluding comments. Song 111.

THIRD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Theme: Do Not Give Up in Doing What Is Fine.

5 min: Introduction, text comments.

5 min: Two or three members of the congregation committee discuss the material in the September 1, 1965, "Consultation" and the "Watchtower." Why does God permit wickedness? (Rev. 5:9.) Why does God permit wickedness now? The Bible has been clearly set forth in this special issue of "Awake!": A subscription for Awake! and three booklets can be ordered for $1 for subscriptions for "Awake!" and an-sized copies of the magazine to those who do not accept the subscription offer.

12 min: Conclusion. Concluding comments. Song 111.

FOURTH MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Theme Use "Awake!" to Spread the Good News. Song 5.

5 min: Introduction, text comments.

15 min: Are You Watching the World? This can be handled as an interview or a news broadcast if desired. Read or on report new items; then read or report the prophecy.—Deuteronomy 18:22. See "Watching the World" pages 28-31, for new items and for looking over news items from current news items can be used if desired.


18 min: "Why Does God Permit Wickedness?" Chairman: Discuss with congregation and demonstrate if desired. As you present the "Awake!" subscription, you want to present the subscription offer in the way you get the book. It probably will not help us like to use it, a simple presentation is outlined below.

Theme: Why Does God Permit Wickedness? 2 Tim. 3:1-5 (read parts) or Deut. 32:3-4; Jehovah is not the cause. (Rom. 9:14 or Deut. 32:3-4.) Jehovah will change things. You might say: Our call is to answer a question that has been in the minds of men for years. It is why God permits wickedness. The Bible foretold that there would be trouble everywhere in the last days. (Job 25:3.) It is as part of the prophecy. 2 Timothy 3:1-5. You will notice, however, that the Bible makes clear that God is not responsible for wickedness. Read verses 1, 2 on Romans 3:14 or Deuteronomy 32:3, 4. Rather, the Bible shows that God is not responsible. Then, just as Jesus taught us to pray for God's kingdom to come and the time when wickedness and wickedness will be put an end to wickedness. That's God's wish. Isn't it? But the question still remains: Why does God permit wickedness now? The Bible answer has been clearly set forth in this special issue of "Awake!": A subscription for Awake! and three booklets can be ordered for $1; subscriptions for "Awake!" and "The Watchtower" with single booklets, for $2. Offer single copies of the magazine to those who do not accept the subscription offer.

10 min: Conclusion. Concluding comments. Song 4.

FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER

Theme: Increase Earthly Interests of the Prince of Peace. Song 73.

5 min: Introduction, text comments.

15 min: Now That Young Servants of Jehovah Are Growing Up, This can be a discussion between parents and children in the same family or parents and children together in a group. Consider the need for young servants of Jehovah to conduct themselves properly at all times. Consider some of the problems that will face children in the local schools and how Jehovah's people will conduct themselves properly in speech, dress, manners, obedience to parents, holidays, etc. See "The Watchtower" of June 15 and September 1, 1965, for direction on these matters and others.


15 min: Presenting "Awake!" in Our Territory. Call on mature publishers after they have been notified in advance to make presentations of the subscription offer or the single copies of the publication. They normally do it most successfully in the local territory. (Sermon need not be included in presentations. You may want to do it after the meeting is over.) After these publishers after they make their presentation to ask why they presented it and what they thought of the way they did it.
It's Just What We Need

3 One of our goals in the ministry is to start studies with all sincere persons who will study with us. But there are always the questions: How do we start them? and, What should we study?

4 For one thing, we place a lot of magazines in the territory, don't we? When you get your September 8 Awake! you will see something new. Read the article under the heading “Your Word Is Truth” and you will find that it has been prepared to help us start Bible studies. This article, entitled “Who Is the True God?” is simple, pointed, and has been prepared for studying with new ones. We hope to have a similar article, but on a different subject, in the first issue of Awake! each month.

5 When we make a return call and ask the householder if he read the magazines we left with him, the answer is usually “no,” isn’t it? Well, after acknowledging that everyone is busy these days, you could tell the householder that the reason you stopped is that there is something in the issue he obtained (or the issue you are bringing) that you thought he would be interested in. You could ask to step in, if you feel at ease doing this, and then consider the article with him. But how?

6 First of all, see that all members of the family have a copy of the magazine, if others will be joining you. Then we would suggest that you just read the first paragraph with the householder. If at this point the householder shows that he is just not interested in this sort of thing, there may be no need to proceed further. If, however, the householder shows interest by following along as you read the first paragraph, why not ask him for some answers to some of the questions in this paragraph? Then go ahead with the reading of the next paragraph.

7 In paragraph two when it suggests that the householder get his Bible and look up the scripture at 1 Corinthians 8:5, 6, why not indicate to him how to get his Bible to do this? Rather than reading the scripture out of the magazine, you may wish to suggest that he read it from his own Bible.

8 If, after completing a paragraph, you wish to see if the householder understood the main point, you can use the questions at the end of the article. There is one question for each paragraph. Also, you may find it desirable to cover a few paragraphs on the first call and arrange to come back another time to consider the rest of the article. Use your good judgment on this.

9 If some of you have a certain procedure you follow in starting studies and it works well for you, then by all means use it. But we believe that the above suggestion will be easy to follow and practical for many publishers, both young and old. Really, this sounds like just what we need, doesn’t it?

Our Goal (Cont’d)

- About 85,000 are not. Could you help yourself and someone else to be more regular in this? By all means do so, if you can, for the sake of his spiritual health and yours.

- Concerning the ministry again, can we improve our share in this? Perhaps we can by increasing the amount of time we set aside for it, or we may be able to start a study or resume a study that was interrupted during the summer.

- Also, there is a need for time to be set aside to look after things at home and to be together with other members of the family. Periods of recreation are needed. Whenever possible, plan for the family to do wholesome things together.

- All of us want to make the progress we can and we should be glad for what we are able to do. If we keep our goal indelibly fixed in mind — remaining in Jehovah’s favor, everlastingly serving him—and we work toward that end, Jehovah will surely bless us so that we can always delight in doing his will.

You May Want to Try It

Many brothers are having good success witnessing in their territory in the evening. Perhaps you are too. One brother, after several years of pioneering, said that he is able to talk to more people in the evening than at any other time he shares in the witness work. He is meeting many men in the evening and often they are relaxed, unhurried and willing to talk. Another brother reported that in his territory he is finding as many as four or five at home and willing to talk during the evening, whereas he is finding only about one out of five at home during the day. You may find in your territory, too, that evening is a good time for house-to-house work, back-calls and Bible studies.

Announcements

- The overseer should see that the congregation accounts are audited September 1 or soon thereafter.

- LITERATURE OFFER: “The Answer to ‘How Can I Lie?’” and a booklet for 50c. Also, individual volumes of New World Translation (big, big, big) for 15c and and (half size) 25c each can be offered with the “Impossible to Lie” book.

- October: Awake! subscription and three booklets for $1; or Awake! and Watchtower subscriptions with six booklets for $2.

- November: Latest bound book and a booklet for 50c.

- The following suggestions may be used to good advantage at meetings for field service: October 11: Review one or two encouraging points from article “Our Goal.” September 18: Ask publishers what management and Scriptural counsel they would give one beginning to miss meetings. Suggest publisher call on any who are not invited to attend meetings. September 29: Plan according to local needs.

- October 2: Review sermon “Why Does God Permit Wickedness?” October 9: Consider presentation of Awake! that are effective in your territory.

- Before assignments of the new public talks are made by the overseer, we suggest that the congregation committee meet and consider what you should about the qualifications of speakers on page 32 for our booklets. Be sure that speakers sent out to other congregations are well qualified.

- New publications available:
  - “Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie”—English
  - “All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial” —English
  - “Things in Which It Is Impossible for God to Lie” (Pocket Edition) —German
  - When God Is King over All the Earth—Kikongo

- Since orders for the deluxe edition of the new songbook have been heavy, we will not be able to fill them immediately. We will send them as soon as possible.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

- Sp’l Pios. 737 134.7 47.1 7.2 136.1
- Pios. 8,957 86.5 28.5 4.8 93.1
- Vac. Pios. 5,553 81.4 16.1 1.6 76.5
- Sp’l Pubs. 285 9.5 3.2 .6 11.5
- TOTAL 303,076

21,288

UNIFIED STATES GOAL FOR 1966

332,695 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN JULY?

Our field service report for July shows fine increases over last month’s report. Many newspapers and magazines placed. So, many people continue to have opportunity to hear and read the truth. Particularly it is pleasing, however, to see that 303,076 publishers shared in the ministry in July, isn’t it encouraging to you to know that so many of your brothers are sharing with you in Jehovah’s service each month!
Presenting
THE GOOD NEWS

In Territory Not Often Worked

1 You should have been there to listen to her talk and watch her eyes flash with delight and excitement as she told what happened. Who was it? A sister who had been working in unassigned territory. She told of her thrill in finding a family of publishers, when she thought there were none in the county. She told also of a call at a home where the husband had suffered a stroke and had lost all desire to live. The wife listened and then asked the sister if she would also talk to her husband. He listened, took the magazines, expressed appreciation and began to read. “The wife just cried,” the sister reported, “It was the first time in months he had taken any interest in anything. She just begged us to come back.” Yes, there are few joys that can be compared to the happiness that comes from finding and feeding hungry sheeplike ones.

2 This summer there are over 1,500 congregations involved in working unassigned territory or helping one another work congregation territory that is not often worked. If you are helping with this work, will you finish up your territory during September? We certainly encourage you to do so, if at all possible. There are sheeplike ones in the territory and we want to find and feed every one of them that we can. Also, we want to endeavor to get mailing addresses of interested ones. During the fall and winter months you may be able to keep this interest alive by making back-calls and conducting studies by mail, if you cannot return to the territory periodically.

3 We will look forward to hearing from you at the end of September on your successes this year in presenting the good news in unassigned territory and in nearby congregation territory not often worked.

What’s in It?

1 We always look forward to the special issues of Awake! But the question is: What’s in the special issue this time? It’s the answer to the often-asked question: “Why Does God Permit Wickedness?” Sounds like a good subject, doesn’t it? And it is. It is a question in the minds of many people, religious and non-religious. In fact, the reason many people have nothing to do with religion is that they have never been able to get the answer to that question. So we believe that you will find that this issue will have a great appeal to all kinds of people in your territory.

2 Last year we found that many publishers succeeded in placing 30 magazines and more during the month. With such a good subject to talk about, you may find that you are able to place many during October too. Some pioneers have been able to place 200 and some special successes in placing 300 and more in a month. We suggest that the magazine-territory servant check with each publisher and pioneer to determine how many magazines he feels he may be able to use.

3 When interested ones read the special issue they will just be getting a taste of the sort of interesting information that will be presented in Awake! during the year. So let’s be alert to offer the subscriptions to those who show interest in the special issue. You will be interested to know that during October 1964 we obtained 196,741 new subscriptions, while last October we obtained 173,007—or 23,000 less. This was no doubt because we were offering the new book in the field at the same time. But during October this year we will be offering just subscriptions for Awake! or a double subscription for Awake! and The Watchtower, if you wish. Of course, you will also be presenting three free booklets with each year’s subscription. We know how much we appreciate the excellent information we read in Awake! from issue to issue. So, with heartfelt enthusiasm tell others why you wouldn’t miss a copy. Offer subscriptions to friends, relatives, neighbors, business associates, teachers, schoolmates and everyone in your territory you can contact. With real pleasure we look forward to the result of our united activity.

‘Do not give up in doing what is fine.’

THEOCRATIC NEWS

Ministry of Jehovah’s witnesses legally recognized in Kinshasa, Congo. Despite difficulties in province of Katanga, three circuit assemblies were held for first time; 13,472 saw Society’s film.

Ceylon reports a circuit assembly in Tamil language in city of Jaffna attended by 50 publishers; 141 persons present for public talk.

Thirty-four-percent increase in Dominican Republic; 2,147 publishers in June.

A new peak of publishers in Malagasy Republic. During June, 214 reported, which is 35 percent over last year’s average.

Moorhead, Minnesota, Congregation reports that when 30 percent of the publishers were vacation pioneering in June, the remaining 20 publishers averaged 15.1 hours—the highest report on record in the congregation. Many studies were started.

An eleven-year-old publisher in New York received an honor certificate as the “best citizen” in his seventh-grade class.

Question Box

How much time should a pioneer spend training other publishers in the ministry?

All of us have the God-given assignment to preach and teach this good news of the Kingdom. Pioneers are reaching for the goal of 180 hours a month in this ministry, and they are encouraged to try to meet this goal. As stated in “Preaching and Teaching in Peace and Unity,” paragraph 55: “The primary responsibility of the pioneer is to devote his time to the preaching work, engaging in house-to-house, back-call, home Bible study and magazine work.”

Of course, all of us are encouraged to assist our brothers as we are able to. As stated in Awake!, page 43: “So, if pioneers are able to work with other publishers in the ministry, encouraging and training them, this is fine. Many pioneers do much in assisting others in this way and other ways and they are to be commended and encouraged to keep up their good work as they are able. Refreshing satisfaction and mutual encouragement often result from aiding others.”

However, a pioneer may have family responsibilities, employment or other things needling his attention and his time for the ministry may be limited. In such a case it may be well for him to use his remaining limited time for his work in the field as a pioneer. He should not feel obligated to wait on other people and look after other publishers at the sacrifice of his pioneer ministry.

So it is up to each pioneer to decide how much time he will spend aiding and training other publishers. Each must take into consideration his own time, balance and judgment, remembering the counsel at 2 Corinthians 8:7: “Let each one of you give as he is doing good, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OCTOBER, 1966

"We should not neglect the house of our God."—Neh. 10:39.

VOL. IX NO. 10

Dear Publishers:

All of us who attended one of the "Gods Sons of Liberty" District Assemblies this past summer were given much to think about, weren't we? The talks and the dramas made us feel the urgency of the times and the need of walking circumspectly before Jehovah.

The young people, too, have a lot to think about. Where are they going to expend their energies? Young men who are dedicated to God can offer to serve Jehovah at Bethel. There is also the missionary service, preceded by special training at Gilead. There is also the missionary known the truth and, at the same time, comforting those who love righteousness. In a clear, understandable way the special October issue of Awake! presents the facts.

"Why Does God Permit Wickedness?", surely is timely, isn't it? On September 11, 106 who share a privilege it will be for all of us to have a part in sharing it.

During the entire month of October, as we distribute this special issue of Awake!, we are going to urge people to subscribe for the Awake! magazine for a full year. We know from our own experience that Awake! gives insight into the problems of everyday life. We also enjoy its articles on science, the marvels of creation and the way of life of people in many parts of the earth. And we know that when Awake! covers these fields of information it presents facts and highlights viewpoints that other publications do not, isn't that so? This is so because it does not compromise the truth and because it always takes into account the principles and prophecies of God's Word the Bible. Furthermore, when a householder receives and reads Awake! regularly he is kept aware of the vital fact that God has promised to bring in a righteous new order in this generation. Awake! often appeals to persons who are not inclined to accept our other publications. They like its broader coverage; so it is an effective means of reaching these people with the Kingdom message. Also, for those who do read The Watchtower, Awake! serves a valuable purpose in adding them to see how Christian principles should affect one's view on all the various matters of life. So, during October let's enthusiastically encourage everyone who will to subscribe for Awake!

In addition to obtaining subscriptions, we can have a share in vindicating our God by offering individual copies of the special Awake! with its Scriptural answer to the question, Why does God permit wickedness?, and the October 15 Watchtower, which answers the question, What has God's kingdom been doing since 1914? This is something that we all can do. If people are too busy to listen to your sermon, at least offer the individual magazines. If they do listen to the sermon but do not want to subscribe, certainly encourage them to accept the special issue. Then, too, there is regular magazine work that can be done, whether from house to house, store to store, on the streets, and just getting these magazines into the hands of the people may open the way for them to learn the truth.

Who else is there with whom you could share this message contained in the special Awake!? Do you have a relative to whom you have tried to witness? It may be that you will want to send him a copy. Are there certain neighbors, deliverymen or shopkeepers to whom you have talked about the Bible? Many of them would appreciate a satisfying answer to the questions, Why does God permit wickedness? and, How much longer will it be? Let them have the opportunity to get the answers; offer them the magazine. It may get them started on the way to life. Let's keep on using these magazines just as

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Increasing earthly interests of the Prince of Peace. ---
SECOND MEETING IN OCTOBER

Theme: Have a Part in Vindicating Jehovah, Song 105.

10 min: Introduction, text comments. Work up to Get magazine promises. Be sure to follow the instructions on all subscription promises. Discuss how accurate knowledge of application of Bible is needed to gain victory in this battle as well as how it can be used in the field ministry to the end of the world. 

20 min: Question and answer session. Encourage participants to ask questions and discuss what adjustments if any are needed in personal service or emphasis. The impact of magazine work sharing in distribution of special issue of "Awake!" should be discussed. 

25 min: Using "Awake!" to Start Home Bible Studies. Demonstrate to make sure all on those who obtained special issue of "Awake!" do so get magazine work. Discuss the importance of being at this meeting to be effective ministers. 

30 min: Servant serves handout of "Awake!" with "Watchtower." Discuss how the first issue of "Awake!" each month is now designed to aid you to start Bible study. 

SECOND MEETING IN OCTOBER

Theme: To Equip Us for the Ministry, Song 99.

5 min: Introduction, text comments. Use such methods as "Watchtower." 

8 min: Question Box. Include audience participation and comments on application of Christian principles. Emphasize the importance of being at this meeting to be effective ministers. 

12 min: Use such methods as "Watchtower." This can be a discussion between two public speakers, particularly analyzing paragraph by paragraph. Discuss how readers feel about the new public talks can be worked in. 

15 min: Presenting the Good News. Use such methods as "Watchtower." A Congregational servant may want to take this part and consider what adjustments, if any, are needed in service arrangements locally. On paragraph 4, emphasize the placement of special materials such as "Awake!" and "Watchtower." 

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FOURTH MEETING IN OCTOBER

Theme: Help Them to Get Accurate Knowledge of the Truth, Song 95.

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10 min: Local experiences in obtaining subscriptions; emphasize how it was done, features of service, etc. Discuss how working on all subscription promises. 

15 min: Concluding comments. Include experience or two from a local publisher telling how he learned means of a home Bible study, Song 8a. 

FIRST MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Theme: Organized to Fight Hard for the Faith, Song 91.

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Our Public Meetings

It has been heartwarming to receive the letters that many of you have sent to the Society expressing appreciation for the new public-meeting arrangement. As one said: "The topics and teaching methods employed are helping those in the congregation as well as the newer ones really to learn the points dealt with. They have proved to be a fine stimulus for even those living some distance away to attend each talk." Another wrote: "Our attendance has increased about 20 percent since we started the new series."

Now there are twenty more new talks available for you to use, and in October you will not doubt be hearing some of them. Each one provides a real spiritual feast and practical counsel that we all need. Don't miss any of them.

Though the name of the speaker usually means little to the public, and so is not printed on the hand-bill, the publishers are often acquainted with the speakers and appreciate it when they are told in advance who is to give their public talk. If you prefer, this can simply be posted on the information board for each month. Also, it stimulates interest in the talks when the congregation is told in advance, not only the title of the talk, but something else about it to whet the appetite. Why not try it?

If you have the privilege of giving a public talk, by all means make it your best. Though the outline is extensive, do not just read it to the audience. Careful preparation is required to do a good job. Get a clear grasp of each one of the main points and then speak with earnestness, from an overflowing heart. Then the success of the life of a talk! In delivering your talk, keep in mind, too, that you have fifty-five minutes to teach your audience something of lasting benefit. The job is not accomplished simply by covering the material. You need to use local illustrations, reasoning, repetition and oral emphasis to fix the points in the minds of those in your audience. If you cannot cover everything that is on the outline and still do really effective teaching, then feel free to skip portions. It is not how much you say that counts; it is how much the audience remembers!

Where speakers have followed through on the suggestions given concerning the use of the blackboard, illustrations, reviews, and so forth, this has added greatly to the enjoyment on the part of the audience. Others have taken the initiative in using other teaching methods, too, and with good results. Give careful thought to this matter in preparing your talks, because it will make your presentation more lively and interesting and will help to impress on the minds of your audience in a more lasting way the material that is presented.

All of us enjoy these public talks, and we are looking forward to a most beneficial series of meetings in the months to come.

Announcements

FOR TRAVELERS: Brothers who are making their own personal arrangements to travel to assemblies in Central and South America and Caribbean islands may fill out Room Request forms available at local conventions and send them to the Society's branch offices in lands where they will attend conventions. Branch offices may also send them by air to booksellers who have the publications. Those desiring rooms in Mexico City should send their Room Request forms immediately to La Torre de Vigia, Calzada Melchor Ocampo No. 71, Mexico 4, D.F., Mexico. This information does not apply to those who are traveling on the Society's tour arrangements and who bought their air tickets through the Society's office.

Starting November 6, the circuit servant's new public talk will be "Not Giving Up in the Quest for Life."

CORRECTION: The study days for Monday, September 10th, should be Watchtower should be October 9, 16, 23. Most of the copies printed had this correct, but some of the earlier ones in the press showed dates that overlapped on the study schedule for the September 1 issue.

Literature offer: October, Awake! subscription and three booklets, for $1. November, Life Everlasting in Freedom of the Sons of God, and a booklet, for 50c. December, For World Translation, the Holy Scriptures and Life Everlasting in Freedom of the Sons of God, with two booklets, for $1.50. Please endeavor to anticipate what literature will be needed and send your order to the Society as soon as possible.

Congregation book studies may start studying the new book Life Everlasting as soon as they complete "The Son of God—What It Is Impossible for God to Lie."

At meetings for service you may find it helpful to consider the following week of October 22: Discuss how to make offer of Awake! subscription appeal to householders. October 29: Encourage the backing up on Awake! subscription promises; discuss how to take in October 22 Awake! with sermon. October 36: How to start studies in following up on placements of Awake! November 6: "Life Everlasting: In a Better System of Things" and offering new book.

Congregations may want to arm themselves with an understanding of the world's Thanksgiving Day, covering territory not often worked.

New publications available: Life Everlasting—in Freedom of the Sons of God (Regular and pocket editions). English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Yiddish.

New stock in U.S.A.: New World Translation (single volumes: b15, b1-ps, b1-sa, b1b, b17)

-English
With Well-Planned Arrangements for Service

In a discussion among some of the servants here at the Brooklyn branch office a short time ago, it was mentioned that sometimes publishers and study conductors alike become discouraged because they cannot support all the meetings for field service. Do you feel that way at times? Well, perhaps the problem is that we need to keep those meetings in proper perspective. They are meant to be an aid to us, not a burden.

Some of your brothers can be out in the service every day, and that is a marvelous blessing. Others of you may get out in the field ministry just once a week. But not every publisher can be at every meeting for field service, can he? Of course, when you go out, if it is convenient for you to work with a group, it is usually mutually upbuilding. On the other hand, there are times when you may find that it is advantageous to work alone, and it is quite all right to do that.

Our book study conductors endeavor to arrange things conveniently for us, and we appreciate that. From time to time they may want to talk to all of us in their service groups to see just what time we have available that we would like to use for group meeting, and perhaps some of us can adjust our schedules to coincide with those of others in order to help them. If some of us can share in your service or another evening activity, from house to house, making calls or conducting studies, our study conductor will be glad to arrange for that. If some can go out on weekdays, arrangements will also be made for that, even though not everyone can go then. So, too, some may be able to go out on weekends, while that may not be possible for others. The point is that these meetings for service are arranged for our convenience: they are not arbitrarily selected times at which everyone is expected to meet for service. The study conductor himself may not be able to be on hand for every meeting for service, though he certainly will be taking a zealous lead in the ministry. He may ask someone else to care for the service group when necessary. But if the one in charge of a service group finds that he is often the only one at the meeting for service, then perhaps other arrangements need to be made.

It is good to be flexible in matters like these. Sometimes where there are only a few who can share in Saturday-morning magazine activity or Sunday activity, for example, it may be advisable for the overseer to combine several groups, if this does not make it inconvenient as far as travel is concerned. A congregation that has ten service centers, for example, may want to have just three meetings for service on Saturday morning and then possibly some meetings for service at the same places or other locations in the afternoon. Even where such arrangements have not been made, a publisher who would like to work with a group may find it necessary to go to a meeting for service at another service center on a certain day, and that is all right. But do not forget the importance of following up interest that is located.

As we arrange our field service, either individually or as groups, let's keep in mind that the important thing is to have a full share in preaching the Kingdom good news and making disciples. In the short remaining time, let's work at it with urgency!

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

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PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: 15,998

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1966 332,695 PUBLISHERS

HOW DID WE DO IN AUGUST?

A nice conclusion to our year's report! Yes, it was very fine to see the number of publishers who attended the district assembly over last August. Especially was the report good considering that August was district assembly month for the U.S.A., with assemblies at San Francisco, Dallas, Newark, Baltimore, and other locations. The important thing is to make sure that attendance at the district assembly is better on an evening that is not followed by a school day. We even know of an instance in which quite a number of sisters whose husbands are unbelievers found that they could not get to the congregation study in the evening, and so arrangements were made for them to have a meeting during the day. The important thing is the attendance at the district assembly meeting, and theocratic ministry is better on an evening that is not followed by a school day.

Most publishers prefer to do their district assembly early on Sunday, and they gather for congregation meetings in the afternoon or evening. But certain congregations have found that it works out well for those of those who, in their locality, they get a more favorable response in the field ministry on Sunday afternoon, than in the morning, so they have their meetings in the evening. Either is all right.

At the same times, we suggest that you consider these points: (1) Are the meetings at times that give publishers and other interested persons? (2) How will the times of the meetings affect the field ministry of the congregation?
Dear Publishers:

The past service year has been an interesting one for all of us, and we feel built up spiritually as a result of it. What was accomplished in the field service during the year? Much good work! On an average, 3,000 more persons joined us in the preaching work each month than in the previous year; that is a 1-per cent increase. Also, 14,163 got baptized, and, of course, we want to aid them to be regular preachers of Jehovah.

Though we spent 50,000 fewer hours in the service, still 48,047,551 hours were devoted to the field ministry, and that has resulted in a tremendous witness to the name and purpose of our God. Furthermore, on the part of most of you that service represents careful planning and earnest devotion.

Here in the United States we distributed 56,151,950 copies of the magazines this past year, and, while that is down somewhat from last year, still it represents 11.2 monthly for publishers, 97 for pioneers and 148 for special places, and each one placed has great faith-building potential. Our report also shows that we obtained 105,000 fewer subscriptions this past year, probably because books were being emphasized, but we did have a wonderful time with the 'Impossible to Lie' book. There were 430,000 more books placed than the year before, and that is the best in twenty years! It also opened the way for more new home Bible studies, which are a vital part of our work. From 225,073 studies in 1965 we went up to 223,580, on an average, in 1966. Very fine indeed!

Of course, some are wondering why our increase was not as great as during past years. It may be that Brother Knorr pointed to the answer when he spoke to 23,664 gathered in Los Angeles in September, and again in Pittsburgh when he talked to 2,177 on the same subject at the Watch Tower Society's annual meeting on October 1. Basing his comments on Isaiah chapter six,

1 Yes, Life Everlasting—in Freedom, of the Son of God is indeed another fine instrument, for us and for others! Have you heard some comments on it? We have. "Once you pick it up and start reading it, it's hard to put it down." "This should make all feel a sense of urgency." "I have read it through once, but I must read it again." "This book has substance, surely it will build up the spirituality of our brothers in these final days."

2 Have you read it yet? If not, why not do so as soon as possible? Remember, it is another fine instrument for us. Here is "food at the proper time." (Matt. 24:45) There is only one way to transform that spiritual food to spiritual strength and that is by partaking of it. True, we will be studying it at our book studies when we finish our current publication, but why wait until then before benefiting from such strengthening food? Rather, why not give up something less important so as to get it read as quickly as possible?

3 And now we have the opportunity to enable others to benefit from this fine instrument. During November we can concentrate on offering the new book to all in our territory. What will they find as they begin to read? The most encouraging information for those who long for freedom! Our book shows them from the Bible how true freedom can be had. It shows that man needs to be freed from things outside and inside the body. He needs to be freed from religious bondage and the influence of unseen spirit forces, as well as human imperfection, sin and death.

4 When you are presenting the book it would be good to be prepared to refer to something specific that would illustrate its value. For example, one might read the opening paragraph on page 5. Or, we might refer to the fine illustration on the opening page and comment on the freedom that God has in mind for lovers of righteousness in a paradise earth. Some have opened to page 219 and explained that the chapter "God's Gift of Marriage" outlines God's instruction for married life. This has caught the attention of those who appreciate that marital problems are increasing and that man's counsel has not offered the solution. After highlighting this chapter and placing the book, one brother said, "If she reads nothing but that chapter, placing the book with her will have been worth while, although I hope she continues on and reads the rest." Sermons and comments can be flexible, in harmony with what you decide to highlight.

5 Are there others who might appreciate the opportunity to obtain the new book? What about friends and relatives? Many of them have our other publications. It could well be that the new book is just what they need to spark their interest and help them toward life everlasting. And what about those on whom we are making back-calls and those with whom we are con- (Continued on page 2, col. 3)
SECOND MEETING IN NOVEMBER
Theme: Pay Attention to Your Teaching. (1 Tim. 4:16) Song 32.
10 min: Introduction, text, comments. Chairman invites consider-
tors to contribute material together and, where possible, make application of it to their own situations.
15 min: "Another Fine Instrument" Questions and answers.
2 min: Account of steward's report.
5 min: Chairman comments, considers congregation service report
for October and "How Did We Do in September?". Chairman
will comment on advisability of involving those with whom home
Bible studies are being conducted to means of helping them share
in field service in December as we work for 10-percent increase.
Song 54.

THIRD MEETING IN NOVEMBER
Theme: "Stand Firm in the Faith." (1 Cor. 16:13) Song 17.
10 min: Question Box. Talk. Draw audience into discussion on
main theme or points. Chairman mentions that he has
been a feature of the article "Bible Knowledge Made Plain Through
Modern Translation" in the October "Awake!". He had
written: "An encouraging talk can be
made to capable brother on
"Awake!", with article designed to start
home Bible studies with the congregation.

10 min: An encouraging talk can be
made about the following: "1966
Yearbook" experiences to be found on
page 132 ff; page 135 ff. 1:2; page 157 ff.
1, 2. Have a brief summary
and conclusion on the theme, "Setting
a Good Exampleto the congregation."
Chairman mentions that he
has been an enthusiastic reader of
"Bible Knowledge Made Plain Through
Modern Translation" in the October
"Awake!"). Chairman asks for
questions and answers:

FIRST MEETING IN DECEMBER
Theme: Helping Others to Find God to Be True. (Rom. 3:4) Song 61.
12 min: Talk on month's theme. See December 3, 1966, Watch.
This talk may include some points on the text and
comments for the day. Experiences from
"1966 Yearbook," page 152 ff, 5, 6 might
be included and page 152 ff, 4, 5, 6
might possibly be used.

15 min: "What View Do You Take?
Questions and answers.
3 min: "Taking In and Giving Out." Talk by capable brother on material
under the heading "Presenting the
Good News." He can draw audience into discussion by a few questions on
main points.

15 min: Chairman gives talk on points of "Life Everlasting book.
"New World Translation" and "Life
Everlasting book."

4 min: Chairman mentions that he
has been "Life Everlasting" in a Better System
of Things, A. D. 1984. Chairman presen-
ter to concisely summarize it
without actually giving the sermon.
3 min: Chairman gives summary
of sermon.

4 min: Two well-prepared
publishers demonstrate making the offer. One features the Bible along with the
book; the other highlights the book
alone. Chairmen of the demonstrate-
s explain to the audience how the book
promises a new future, the demons-
tations begin at the point where
they they have just concluded their ser-
mon. Both demonstrations are
well-prepared; the book may be
used, but for those desiring to use
"Life Everlasting" in a Better System
presenter to concisely summarize it
without actually giving the sermon.
3 min: Chairman gives summary
of sermon.

6 min: Concluding comments. Song 68.

Another Fine Instrument! (Cont'd)
(1 Cor. 16:13) Song 32.
15 min: "Another Fine Instrument!"
Questions and answers.
2 min: Accounts of steward's report.
5 min: Chairman comments, considers congregation service report
for October and "How Did We Do in September?". Chairman
will comment on advisability of involving those with whom home
Bible studies are being conducted to means of helping them share
in field service in December as we work for 10-percent increase.
Song 54.
What View Do You Take?

1. How do you feel when a mature brother such as a study conductor visits you? Do you view his visit as simply an effort to get you out into the field service and to turn in a report? Or do you feel he is there because he is genuinely interested in your spiritual welfare and wants to help you? We do want to have the right view, don't we? In this way we enjoy the greatest benefits from their labors of love.

2. We can learn much from the example of Stephanus and his household. Of them Paul said: "They set themselves to minister to the holy ones . . . they have refreshed my spirit and yours." (1 Cor. 16: 15, 18) They were interested in helping their brothers. What was to be the response from those to whom they ministered? Paul exhorted: "May you also keep submitting yourselves to persons of that kind and to everyone co-operating and laboring." (1 Cor. 16:14) So when we visit others we have in mind building them up, and when others come to help us we are thankful that they are concerned about our spiritual welfare, aren't we?

3. It is not, then, a matter of trying to get a field service report when we call on one who is irregular or inactive, is it? We are there to help. That is our chief concern. The congregation is interested in the spiritual growth of all associated, not simply numbers on the chart. Of course, if the individual wants to share in the ministry but circumstances hinder him, we are glad to assist. If he has little or no desire to do so, then we want to help him become strong spiritually and to stay on the way to life. We feel about him as Jesus described in the illustration at Matthew 18: 12-14: "What do you think? If a certain man comes to have a hundred sheep and one of them gets strayed, will he not leave the ninety-nine upon the mountains and set out on a search for the one that is straying? And if he finds it, I certainly tell you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that have not strayed. Likewise it is not a desirable thing with my Father who is in heaven for one of these little ones to perish."

4. So when we visit our brothers who need help, we are not there to get something but to give something. As Romans 1: 11, 12 puts it, to 'impair some spiritual gift to them in order for them to be helped back, that there may be an interchange of encouragement.' Our hearts go out to them, as Paul's did to his brothers in Thessalonica. To them he wrote: "We became gentle in the midst of you, as when a mother cherishes her own children. So, having a tender affection for you, we were well pleased to impart to you, not only the good news of God, but also our own souls, because you became beloved to us." (1 Thess. 2: 7, 8) Our brothers are beloved to us too. We want to revive their love for Jehovah and their desire to serve him. One of the best ways to do this is to bring them with us to the congregation meetings, in harmony with our text for the year. And he who should not neglect the house of our God.

5. But what about the list study conductors receive from the assistant congregation servant twice a month, reminding them of any in their group who have not been out in field service? Isn't he supposed to help them get into the service and remind them to turn in a report? These lists indicate that here are people who need help of different kinds. A report of field service is not a mark of success in every case. The conductor should analyze the situation and provide the help each individual needs. Some persons may need to have a home Bible study conducted with them again. Others may need to be assisted to get to meetings regularly, so they will really want to serve Jehovah. But if what is needed is an invitation to go along in the service, he would not hesitate to offer it. We feel as did Epaphras, a fellow worker with Paul, who put himself to great effort on behalf of the brother to which he was assigned. He, as stated at Colossians 4: 12, they would "finally stand complete and with firm conviction in all the will of God."

6. So, whether we are giving or receiving assistance, may our view be one of grateful thanks to Jehovah for moving his people to show genuine brotherly love for one another.—1 Thess. 4: 9, 10.

Announcements

◆ The "Your Word Is Truth" article in the December 8 Angel! is designed for starting home Bible studies with Catholics. In a kind, reasoning style, it considers from the Catholic Bible the question: Should Catholics View Mary? Do you have some calls on which you might use it to good effect?

◆ Literature offer: December, New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures and Life Enrichment—in Freedom of the Sons of God, with two booklets, on a contribution of $1.50, January through April, Watchtower subscription campaign. Year's subscription and three booklets, $1. Please order booklets and increase magazine supply now.

◆ Suggested discussions at meetings for service: Week of November 13: Discuss and demonstrate an appropriate simplified sermon. November 20: How to overcome local objections, or effective for the New Year's Book. November 27: Suggestions on how to drop down to the two-magazine offer if regular offer is not accepted. December 4: In need of an easy and short and World Translation that can be used in presentation.

◆ Any who can arrange to vacation pioneer are encouraged to do so. The enrollment requirements are still the same: One must be a regular publisher for six months and baptized, though not for six months.

◆ It is suggested that all congregations make arrangements for a special morning November 26 which is the worldwide Thanksgiving Day.

◆ Orders for copies of the 1967 Yearbook and calendar in English may be placed before November 23 and those in other languages may be ordered two weeks later. The Yearbook is available in English and Spanish, 50c each. Calendars are available in English, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish, 25c each. Please order through your congregation. Reminders on the list before July 1, 1968, may receive a free Yearbook by making request of literature servant. This offer is being limited. In congregation order, and, later, credit may be requested for the pioneer's copy of the Yearbook. Pioneers may obtain additional Yearbook copies at 15c each.

◆ New publications available:

"This Good News of the Kingdom"—Danish

Basis for Belief in a New World—Russian

Out of stock in U.S.A.: "Let God Be True"—Arabic

"Equipped for Every Good Work"—French

Make Sure of All Things—Japanese

When God Speaks Peace to All Nations—Portuguese

T5—Hope for the Dead—Javanese

T8—Life in a New World—Javanese

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

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TOTAL 308,211

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: 18,069

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1967: 336,629 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN SEPTEMBER?

September saw 308,211 publishers in the field. In September, 1966, we had 301,155, so there is evidence of growth. Now, do you see yourself in September, 1968? If so, how do you feel lost in that big figure? Remember, if Jehovah knows when a sparrow falls, it is because each servant of his is doing in honoring him as the months slide by in these final days of the old year?—10: 29; 31. Rejoice in having participated in the great shout of praise for our God that characterizes this year. And after knowing that so many others were united with us in September's work was one of that month's pleasures.
Taking In and Giving Out

Our work as servants of Jehovah is really not too complicated, is it? Simply stated, it is a matter of taking in knowledge from Jehovah and then giving it out. This reminds us of what Jesus said, at Matthew 10:8, “You received free, give free.”

But let us not be fooled by the simplicity of the matter. Both taking in and giving out require thought and application. Why? In order that each aspect will be done to the fullest extent possible and also in order that they be kept in proper balance.

How would one get out of balance in this vital matter? Well, some have appreciated the importance of serving Jehovah actively in the field and have devoted a considerable amount of time to this. They have had a full field service schedule. However, after a time they began to realize that they were pushing themselves into the service and not getting as much joy from it as they once experienced. Service began to fall off little by little and soon irregularity began to set in, and some even became inactive. Why? Attention may have been focused on giving out, but taking in may have been neglected.

For one to be a zealous, capable publisher, happy in his work, it is necessary for him to be concerned with his own spirituality. This is not at all selfish, but, rather, it is the reasonable and Scriptural approach (1 Tim. 4:16). So, if you have a good schedule for field service, have also a good schedule for personal study. If you have a home Bible study that you prepare for and conduct faithfully each week, then determine that in the same way you will prepare for and attend the congregation meetings each week. How important it is to be a “fine minister of Christ Jesus, one nourished with the words of the faith and of the fine teaching which you have followed closely.” —1 Tim. 4:6.

Not only will we be strong spiritually, “nourished with the words of the faith,” but we will be more effective in our ministry.

Regular attendance at the service meeting and ministry school, for example, will keep us right up to date on the latest methods of presenting the truth in the field. Luke 10:1, 2 tells of a meeting Jesus conducted with seventy publishers before sending them out. Would any one of these have wanted to miss the fine instructions that he then gave? Would they have been truly effective in the field if they had? Of course not!

Nor do we want to be out of balance in the other direction, either, that is, always taking in but doing little in giving out. Our studying would then miss its full purpose, wouldn’t it? It would be similar to living to eat instead of eating to live. How would “this good news of the kingdom” be preached “in all the inhabited earth” if we did not zealously preach? Love of God and love of neighbor will prompt us to have a good share in presenting the good news to others too.

So, why not give the matter serious consideration? Be concerned for your own spirituality. Plan and work things out so that you keep yourself spiritually strong. Personal study and regular meeting attendance play vital roles in this. Then, do your part in presenting the good news to others. Paul had these two important aspects of our ministry in mind when he said: “If you publicly declare that ‘word in your own mouth,’ that Jesus is Lord, and exercise faith in your heart that God raised him up from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation.” —Rom. 10:9, 10.

Truly Jehovah has instituted a wonderful arrangement for his people. There need be no end of taking in what is needed in order that our faith may be strong. And there need be no lack of opportunities in giving out, thus satisfying the Christian’s unsatisfied desire to share the truth with others. How worth while is the effort to maintain a good balance in taking in and giving out!

THEOCRATIC NEWS

In Cuba many Kingdom Halls were closed recently by the government. Much propaganda is being published against the Witnesses, yet our brothers continue faithfully in service to Jehovah. Kenya reports 294 publishers in August, a 40-percent increase; also, 509 Bible studies.

Martinique, with 193 publishers in August, tells that 650 attended district assembly public talk in Fort de France.

Two assemblies in Indonesia: 700 attended at Bandung, Java, and 26 baptized, 356 at Manado, Sulawesi, and 20 immersed. Four new congregations formed in August.

Despite rainy weather, 6,652 on hand for public meeting in Hanyang University amphitheater in Korea; 5,535 publishers in August.

Question Box

Is it all right to read the paragraphs first when planning a home Bible study, insomuch as some students do not do well in studying in advance? In conducting a home Bible study we want the student to come to an accurate knowledge of the truth. Also, in relation to study today’s lesson so that eventually he can stand on his own two feet, so to speak, not depending on his spiritual food. How can this best be done? Will it speed progress if we do not encourage the student to prepare in advance, but, rather, when we get there, read the paragraphs first and then answer the questions? Very likely not. It will undoubtedly encourage lazy study habits. It might even encourage the same for the teacher, and he would no longer be setting a good example, nor would he be prepared to teach as he should be prepared.

There are other advantages to advance preparation. It sets a high standard for the student. It teaches him how to study. The teacher will be able to observe if the student is getting the main points from the lesson. He can put new ideas or old into practice in preparing for next week’s study. But what if the student cannot answer the questions in advance or, if he does, has difficulty in getting the points by himself? It will help to put on the question first, then read the paragraph, and then read the question again.

It always good to encourage the best methods of study, while at the same time not insisting on holding everyone to one set of rules. Those who have had good success with the higher standard that encourages thorough, advance preparation often have been the best progress in their students.
Dear Publishers:

Right now we are thinking about our work for December and how well it fits in with the name of the Society—Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. Last year we printed 118,770,627 copies of The Watchtower and 18,257,200 tracts, but how are we doing as a Bible society?

Since 1866 the Society has been a Bible publisher, though having other people do the actual printing. Starting in 1926, we printed Bibles on our own presses. But in 1930 our own New World Translation, printed in the Society’s Brooklyn plant, was released. During the next ten years we were getting out the individual volumes of the New World Translation, and 3,598,000 copies were produced. After that we produced our single-volume edition for $1, and from 1961 to the present we have printed 4,593,743 copies. Add to that the large-print edition, and the total comes to well over five million copies. That is a tremendous task for any Bible society.

On behalf of other language groups much work has also been done. We have published the New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures in Portuguese, Dutch, German, French, Italian and Spanish, and in the past three years it has been necessary to print 1,775,000 copies of these editions. Truly we are a Bible society.

For December we are again preparing for a big work of Bible distribution, and we hope that you are too. Wherever the New World Translation is available around the world, our brothers will be offering words “section of the Bible must be prepared now. The type is made up in pages as far as the Song of Solomon. Just when these three Bibles will be out we cannot say yet. Publishing Bibles is no small job. Typesetting, page-making, proofreading, placing, printing and binding must all be done; but we are happy that we are able to do it. Translation for the editions in Dutch, French and German is still under way.

Work on the new factory, to enlarge our publishing facilities, is still progressing. The 18-foot basement walls are complete, the first floor has been poured with reinforced concrete, and structural steel is up to the third floor. We hope that the work will move along at a good pace now.

We all have much to do in making God’s Word available to people everywhere. To date, we have printed more than ten and a half million copies of the New World Translation, either the whole Bible or parts, and you have done very well in distributing them. Let us all keep it up during December.

May Jehovah’s rich blessing go with you as you encourage the people to get the comfort that is available for them through Bible reading and study; they certainly need it.

Be assured of our warm love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Brooklyn Branch Office

Helping others to find God to be true.
SECOND MEETING IN DECEMBER
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(20 min.)
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10 min: Branch letter. A talk.
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Servants Help You

1 Do you enjoy having your overseer or another servant visit you and give words of encouragement? Yes, we all appreciate it when these mature brothers take a genuine interest in us. Especially are we glad for their help when we are faced with trying circumstances. Rendering this loving help, the undershepherds are imitating the Fine Shepherd, Christ Jesus, of whom it was foretold prophetically that “I may know how to answer the tired one with a word.”—Isa. 50:4.

2 Sometimes we do get tired and perhaps a little weary, don’t we, as we “have plenty to do in the work of the Lord?” Then we appreciate helpful words of encouragement. We may rest up momentarily, to the meetings regularly. In fact, they really should be coming to meetings with a degree of regularity before they are encouraged to report their activity in the ministry. New ones need help to get the full “pattern of healthful words.” They need to learn about Jehovah’s organization and how they can cooperate with it in preaching the good news.

3 Since the spring of the year circuit servants have been following their revised schedule, which permits them to spend from twenty to thirty hours each month visiting those who need encouragement. Special and regular pioneer overseers may spend ten to fifteen hours per month in this activity when it is necessary and note it at the bottom of their report, always mentioning the number of dedicated persons they served during those hours. It is important for us to set aside definite times to visit these brothers. Setting aside definite times to make these calls is recommended. This takes time, we realize, and our servants have many things to care for in doing their jobs right, in addition to family responsibilities in many instances. This may even cut into the time they have been giving to the field ministry some months, but a lost sheep needs the special help of the shepherd.—Matt. 18:12-14.

4 Those who are new or are slowing down in their service to Jehovah need spiritual food for strength. The servant in calling will see what is needed to ensure a good spiritual diet. In addition to a home Bible study, where needed, he will see what help can be given to them to make the meetings. In fact, he is there to make the meetings successful, to encourage them to continue, to be encouraged himself, and to be of help to another brother who is facing a trying situation. Let us appreciate what our servants do, and let us cooperate with them in giving God’s word. It is healthy to hear healthful words. These words are to be cherished. Let us practice “to speak the words of truth with the wisdom that comes from Heaven.”—Jas. 3:17.

5 For the future, the Society would like to recommend that when the booklet Preaching and Teaching in Peace and Unity is issued, the overseer, his assistant or the Bible study servant take an evening, or two or three if necessary, and go over the first twenty-five pages of the booklet with the newly baptized person. There is valuable information in this book that the new one needs to understand fully as a minister. The servant can make up appropriate questions on the paragraphs, and the study can be handled in a manner similar to a home Bible study, making sure the student understands the points being made.

The loving help given by our servants is appreciated. Let us with gratitude respond to their efforts to help us as they shepherd the flock with tender care.

Upbuilding Experiences

Before you leave for service tomorrow morning, would you enjoy visiting with an experienced missionary to hear how he handles situations that arise in the field? How would you like to be with publishers in Asia and Africa for a few weeks and see how they serve in the ministry? Or, what about having brothers and sisters from Communist lands visit with your family for a few days to tell you their experiences in Jehovah’s service? It would be thrilling, wouldn’t it? You can personally share every one of those happy experiences. That’s right; all that is necessary is to read your 1967 Yearbook. Don’t miss it!

Why not read the Yearbook report from just one country each morning? Or if it is at evening that your family is together, do it then. Generally it will not take more than five minutes; frequently, less. Do it after you discuss the day’s text, before or after your meal; whenever it is most convenient for you. The servants are trying to help us as if we were missionaries, and we can have meetings with them as we would like. We may find in reading the Yearbook, “The story of the kingdom is being told throughout the world.”—Rev. 7:9

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Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

The Prospects Are Good!

1 Why can it be said that the prospects are very good for the twenty-ninth annual Watchtower campaign? We have excellent reasons to say this, because never have we had so many publishers of the good news out in the field preaching world wide. Never has the truth been so unmistakably clear and attractive to sheeplike ones. (Prov. 4: 18) Never have we been so well qualified as ministers to present the good news. And never have we felt the nearness of Armageddon and the urgency of our work as we do now. What motivating reasons for an outstanding Watchtower campaign?

2 For a moment let’s think about our prospects for subscriptions. How many families or people close to you are there who are not in the truth and not receiving the Watchtower magazine? Two? Three? Four? Don’t you agree that if they are friends they should have the Watchtower subscription? Do we want to hold back from them this life-giving information because we know them well? (Eph. 4: 25) If each of us obtains just one subscription from one of our friends, it will mean over 1,000,000 more subscriptions!

3 Let’s go about contacting these prospects in a systematic way. Suppose we start off the first month of the campaign with our immediate family and our relatives. Are we personally subscribers for The Watchtower? Do our children have their own subscriptions? You will find that the children will appreciate the Watchtower more if they have their own copy coming through the mail in their name. This can be a real incentive to their reading and studying the magazine with more appreciation. Most of us have relatives who are not in the truth; have we given them the opportunity to learn the same wonderful things we’ve learned? Give them that opportunity when you write to them, talk to them on the phone, or when visiting them. Offer the Watchtower subscription to them. Let the direction of God’s spirit do the rest.

4 For the second month of the campaign we could give special attention to those with whom we conduct Bible studies, ones on whom we make back-calls and to whom we deliver magazines. Persons with whom we conduct Bible studies are almost certain to want the Watchtower subscription, so be sure to offer it to them. Those on our magazine routes are already enjoying each issue of The Watchtower, so why not approach each one with the subscription offer?

5 In March we could approach those with whom we do constant business. How about your grocer-man? You know him well and he supplies you with physical food, so why not offer him spiritual food through a subscription for The Watchtower? Do your doctor and dentist have Watchtower subscriptions? And the milkman? Don’t you agree that these are tailor-made prospects?

6 Finally, we could make a diligent effort during the fourth month of the Watchtower campaign to obtain a subscription from one of our fellow workers or neighbors. And you schoolchildren, don’t forget your schoolmates.

7 With these good possibilities for subscriptions in view, along with our regular house-to-house ministry, we can certainly say that the prospects are good for this year’s campaign. So good, in fact, that we can hardly wait to get started!

Can You Use the Film “God Cannot Lie”?

The brothers everywhere have expressed appreciation for the film “God Cannot Lie.” Now, in order that an even wider audience may be reached, the Society is happy to announce that this interesting film is available for any circuit, congregation or individual wishing to obtain copies for local showings. Made by Technicolor, it consists of six 400-foot reels, 10 mm, without sound track, and must be run at silent speed (16 frames per second). It comes with either single or double perforations. The cost is $150 for single perforations, $160 for double. This is a cash item and shipping costs are included. A script in either English or Spanish is also included.

When we “plant” and “water,” Jehovah adds growth.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

• 43rd Class of Gilead School began October 24, with 103 students from 14 different lands. The students average 26.6 years of age and 11.2 years in the truth.
• 14th anniversary of October 8 special “Awake!” on “Why Does God Permit Wickedness?” was given excellent distribution. 3,275,-000 copies in English were printed and mailed from Brooklyn alone, compared to 2,747,000 copies for the special issue in October of 1965.
• A new branch started as of September 1, 1966, in Lomé, Togo. The report showed 668 publishers in the ministry.
• Lebanon, with 854 publishers in September, reported a combined assembly attendance of 1,315 and 19 were baptized.
• Nicaragua had 825 publishers for September, a 20-percent increase over last September and a 9-percent increase over last year’s average of 755.
• Fiji reports two one-day assemblies held, one on each side of the island, to follow up the Pago Pago assembly. 435 attended the two assemblies, four were baptized.
• First theocratic assembly held in Marshall Islands in September, with 55 at public talk and three baptized. This was excellent; just 8 publishers reporting.

Question Box

• How should Theocratic Ministry School students be counseled when they do not have “Progressive Speech Training” sheets?

The Society published the “Kingdom Ministry” supplement “Progressive Speech Training” in 1961 and “Progressive Speech Training” in 1962 as an aid to publishers at the time. But since that time some of the publishers have lost theirs or they find them badly worn and there are many newer publishers who have never received a copy. Numerous requests have been sent to the Society about possibly obtaining more copies of “Progressive Speech Training.” Additional copies are now available. They may be later on in 1967, but please do not order them now.

Those who have the “Progressive Speech Training” inserts may continue to refer to them. However, the Society published the book “Qualified to Be Ministers” and that book may be used as a basis for giving counsel and suggestions to those who are participating in the Theocratic Ministry School. The book contains adequate references in the index, beginning with page 361 of the book, to help those in the class to look up the subjects with which they are concerned and thus receive practical suggestions on how to use the book in the presentation of the Kingdom message. We encourage school servants to use the book “Qualified to Be Ministers,” in giving helpful counsel to those who are enrolled in the school. Therefore you may carry this book when attending and participating in the Theocratic Ministry School.

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