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Mission Statement

The ministry of *Future for America* is proclaiming the final warning message of Revelation 14 as identified within the prophecies of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. The end-time fulfillment of Bible prophecy is no longer future—for it is taking place before our eyes. The historic prophetic understanding of Seventh-day Adventism is now *present truth*. We are the final generation. Our emphasis on the **prophetic word** includes all the counsel of God's Word. To know what lies ahead is useless if we do not possess the experience to stand during these solemn times. The promises of God's Word provide that experience.

Coupled with the prophetic message *Future for America* emphasizes all aspects of the **medical missionary work**. The "entering wedge"—of medical missionary work must—be practiced by those who are to finish God's work in these final hours.

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Future for America intends to distribute and print truth-filled literature, while helping to establish lay-printing operations in parts of the Lord's vineyard where faithful brethren do not have the means to raise up a printing operation with their own resources.

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This is the new and improved newsletter of Future for America.

**Future for America** has come into existence so that meat in due season may reach the flock at this time. . . . It is present truth that the flock needs now. We look to add our *flavor* to the many present ministries available today.

Future For America is a self supporting 501-C3 nonprofit corporation, and funded by readers like you. We exist to assist those who are striving to be among the 144,000—through the prophetic Word and the Health Message—by the power of the Holy Spirit.. We hope to help lay people teach our Health Message by effective learning tools which we will provide. We hope to inspire lay persons to do this by arousing them to the lateness of the hour through the Prophetic messages found in this publication, in seminars, and available on audio and video tapes.

#### November, 1997

#### DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Greetings from Future for America. Things have been very busy this last month and we have had to rethink a few items. The first of which concerns the series which we have been sending out on audio cassette.

The Purification of the Church series has received very strong support from those who have listened to it, and many of the listeners say that the material has been so interesting they are requesting the entire set immediately. We have been recording these presentations at the fellowship we attend, and have not even finished recording all nine parts of the series. We are now laboring to complete the tapes in order to meet these requests. We also recognized that if we began to send out the entire series in a complete set to some brethren, and yet continued to send each successive presentation out on a monthly basis, there would be some duplication. And we have more presentations that we would like to send you. What we have decided to do is the following:

We are now making the entire series available for ordering from Future for America. Thus we will not send out any of the additional tapes in this series as part of our regular monthly outreach. While we want to continue sending out monthly audio tapes, we have learned that if we use a series for the monthly mailing it will have to be a short series. This change has some drawbacks.

The first possible drawback is that there may be some on our mailing list that want the entire series, but will not have the resources to purchase it. The reason we initially chose this series for the mailing is because all of us here believe that the information in this series is of vital importance—present truth. It is our conviction that the Lord wants this series to be delivered to anyone that desires it. Therefore if you have appreciated the series so far, and want the rest of the series, yet do not have the funds to purchase them, please let us know your desire. As far as possible, we will send you the tapes free, trusting in the Lord to cover the production and shipping costs.

Along with the audio-cassette we intend to send a handout which includes all the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy quotations. Parts 4 and 5 of the series identify the sequence of events associated with the Sunday law. These presentations are better understood when accompanied

by the chart which we are preparing which points out the many waymarks which we will address-so that you can refer to it as you go through the presentation. The audio-cassettes are selling for \$3.00, and the poster for \$3.00; plus 10% for shipping and \$2.00 for handling.

On the 15th of November, 1 will be speaking to the Latin brethren in Fontana, California. We will be presenting the prophecies through a translator. After those meetings we will spend the next month putting the prophetic messages on video and audio tape. The translator who is helping in

Fontana and at the video production is Norberto (Tico) Restrepo, Jr. from Colombia, South America. This is the brother whom Steve Dickie and Future for America are helping to print the Testimonies in Spanish. We are also helping him set up a printing operation in Colombia. Tico will be doing some of his own presentations for the video production. You will want to listen to his messages as soon as they are available, as he is being mightily used by the Lord, both here and in his ministry in Colombia. We are praying that Ron Goss will be able to come and put some of his messages on video while we have the studio rented, as well as Mary Ann McNeilus, and some other friends of Future for America. We are praying to have a small, but powerful group of endtime messages when our month of work is completed. Please pray that the Lord will bless our efforts.

We have had some feedback on land around the country, but as of yet the door has not been opened by the Lord to proceed. With the developments presently taking place around us in the world it is easy to become anxious to find the place in the country, but we are trusting in the Lord to lead this ministry where He wants it to be-in His time.

Another project we are working on is a monthly information letter. We hope that by January we can turn this small Newsletter into a 16 page info-letter which tracks issues connected with end-time prophecy. There are six of us who are going to review specific issues which we believe are relevant to the final issues of the Sunday law crisis, and each of us will focus on one of those issues. We have an attorneypastor who is tracking the issues connected with religious liberty. One of us is focusing on the Protestant world in general; another on the Christian Right Movement; while another is tracking issues in the health field; and yet another

is keeping an eye on the economic issues. I am going to attempt to pull it all together into the Newsletter-while following Catholicism and the current spiritualistic phenomena which are occurring all over the world on an increasingly regular basis. We are hoping to leave out the sensation-

alistic hype and supply information which will better prepare God's people for the time ahead, while at the same time awakening us to the nearness of Christ's return. This will be a



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large undertaking, but we are convicted it will be used of the Lord. Please pray for this work as well.

In February we are hoping to mail out our first Spanish Newsletter. We are getting set up to supply present truth information to the Latin community of Adventists here in the United States, primarily because we see the Lord directing us to be working in the Latin American world. When we work in the Latin world we generally need to raise the finances for the individual projects here in the United States. We have a conviction that if we acquaint some of the Latin brethren here in the United States with what we are trying to do, they will rally to the support of those projects. We also plan on holding Spanish-speaking meetings here in the United States with brethren whom we have been blessed to meet in South Americawhenever these brethren visit. When we consider that the Catholic church has almost 1 billion members, and that it is that church which is most closely identified with Modern Babylon, then when we recognize that the greatest number of God's people are still in Babylon, and that 50% of the Catholic Church speaks Spanish—it is clear that there is a great work to do among the Spanish-speaking brethren, both here and in Latin America. South America is a large vineyard for the Lord, and from our perspective there are very few who have accepted the call to help in that field.

We have now computerized our mailing list, and we hope that if we have been misspelling anyone's name, or sending to an incorrect address, that they would now let us know of any corrections so we may start out right.

I would like to recommend that you read, The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North. The book covers Daniel 11:40-45, and is the foundation of much of my material. I believe it is present truth. If you

have not previously read this material I believe you would be challenged by this information. If this book is correct—and you need to know if it is—it identifies the next movement in prophecy to be a Sunday law in the United States. The book normally sells for \$8.95, but we are selling it for \$7.95 until the January 31st. If you purchase 2 or more it will be \$7.25. We charge 10% for shipping plus \$2.00 for handling.

In connection with this study we also have in stock the *Time of the End* magazine for \$3.00 an issue or \$1.50 an issue for 25 or more. This magazine is a series of articles which ran in *Our Firm Foundation* magazine in 1996 covering the same verses that *The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North* covers. It is essentially the same material with the exception that the book was not limited by the restrictions which you have when you prepare an article for a magazine. Some brethren are using this magazine for prayer meeting and Bible study guides.

We are putting together our itinerary for speaking engagements in 1998 and we are soliciting your help. If you have a church family or study group which would be interested in holding a meeting or series, please let us know. There are a variety of ways you can help. If you have the ability to arrange a meeting from the beginning to end that's great, but if you

can just help us arrange it from a distance we need that kind of support as well. For instance: locating meeting halls, providing a home to stay in, meeting us and returning us to an airport, etc. We believe the message for Adventism today is a warning of the imminent Sunday law and the issues which precede that event. Our meetings cover issues connected with these events, along with the preparation necessary before the storm hits. We have several speakers who will travel and share speaking spots when their schedule allows it.

After April, we will be prepared to also share evangelistically with your non-Adventist neighbors—if you should desire an evangelistic series. If we can assist you in your efforts towards soul winning—this is our desire.

We thank you all for your prayers and financial support as we attempt to raise up this ministry for the Lord. End time events are happening at a faster and faster pace, and it is our prayer that we can use this ministry in a way which will glorify our Lord and shed light to many souls who do not yet have an understanding of the issues related to God's final warning message to a dying world.

In His service,

Jeff Pippenger Speaker, Future for America

#### **TIMELINES**

### THE STATE OF LATIN AMERICAN CATHOLICISM

According to a continent-wide poll, secularization and attendant moral relativism are the primary challenges for the Catholic Church in Latin America rather than Protestantism. While the dominant presence of Catholicism may be rooted more in tradition than in conviction, the poll said that 8 percent of Latin Americans claim to be "highly committed," 34 percent say they are "committed," and 38 percent claim to be "partly committed." The "non-committed" accounted for 11 percent.

If there is a fear that Latin America is turning massively Protestant, as there was a few years ago in some Catholic circles, the tendency seems limited only to Guatemala, Puerto Rico, and Chile, where Protestants have reached a record figure of 14 percent of the population. However, in most other countries, the number of Protestants, after a growth spurt, have stabilized at between 5 and 7 percent. In these nations the Catholic

Church is considered to be the most reliable institution, with the possible exception of Ecuador, where the army is almost as popular. The Catholic Church earns the confidence of 72 percent of the region's population, hitting the 79 percent mark in countries like Bolivia and Peru, with the media in second at 51 percent. The least reliable institutions for Latin Americans are Parliaments, political parties, and trade unions, being seen as the incarnation of the worst: corruption, poor quality work, quarrels, etc.—National Catholic Register, March, 1997.

#### In Her Own Words; Catholic Theology In A Nutshell

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger explained that the Catholic Church generally groups its teachings into three categories:

- Dogmas contained in [biblical] Revelation.
- 2- Definitive doctrines not formally revealed but linked to Revelation.
- 3- Other teachings requiring an attitude of respect and assent.

Catholic News Service, February, 1997.

#### THE NATURE OF THE CATHOLIC CHRIST

Regarding the temptation in the wilderness, Christ was hungry and physically weak after His fast, but He embraced the weaknesses voluntarily. For us, weaknesses come from Original Sin that we inherit from Adam. Christ did not inherit Original Sin. However, by His incarnation, Christ takes on something from all of the states in which human nature can be found.

From the state of the glorified body after death, Christ takes the vision of God that He enjoyed from the moment of his conception in the womb of Mary. From the state of justice and innocence, which Adam enjoyed before the fall, Christ takes perfect infused knowledge, love, and the passions that are spontaneous, free and well formed. From the state of Original Sin, Christ takes suffering and death. Christ, then, took on all of our sufferings—except those, which resulted from the moral weakness of sin.—*National Catholic Register*, March, 1997.

## Profile: Keith Fournier, Catholic with a mission.

Currently Mr. Fournier is the President of the Catholic Alliance, an independent nonpartisan public policy organization seeking to infuse the public with Catholic values. He also serves as president of Liberty, Life, and Family Institute, a non-profit public policy organization. One of Pope John Paul's statements that he likes to quote is when the Pontiff said in his US visit in 1995, "Freedom does not consist in doing what we like, but having the right to choose to do what we ought." As if we don't have the God-given freedom to do what we ought not.

Fournier declared in an interview with the National Catholic Register that everyone's saying that the era of big government is over—that's yesterday's news. The real question is what lies ahead. And Catholics have a unique opportunity to help develop creative public policy initiatives of the future to re-empower those mediating institutions of family, Church, and charity, and voluntary associations, and those creative new kinds of efforts. He means creative new efforts to make public policy conform to Catholic dogma.

He says, "Our hopes for Catholic Alliance are to bring together an association of Catholics throughout this country who take their faith seriously, who speak to the issues, respect the Church, and [respect] the Magisterium [The doctrine of Papal infallibility]. We've seen it happen in other countries. Look what happened to Poland with the Solidarity movement. A grassroots lay movement moved mountains."

There are four areas that the Catholic Alliance has chosen to focus on: life, family, care for the poor and needy, and ordered liberty. These "present an incredible opportunity for us to not only be faithful as Catholics, but as citizens, and to shape and frame the future debate, to change public policy and affect legislation. First of all, we don't presume to speak for the Catholic Church. We're an association of lay Catholics involved in the political rough and tumble." Programmed lay people, that is.

Concerning the suggestion that the Catholic vote in America is in favor of partial-birth abortion. Fournier declares, "That's nonsense. We need to work in this area so that maybe five, six, eight or ten years from now, there will be a discernible Catholic [political] influence in America."

Editor's note: Do you see the shadows of a totalitarian worldwide regime that would provide "ordered" choices and liberties to its programmed subjects looming on the nearing future horizon? Read The Great Controversy, 60, 563-581, and maybe George Orwell's, 1984.

#### Religious-Political Arena: GEORGIA MOMENT OF SILENCE LAW UPHELD

A Georgia law requiring public schools to open with a moment of "silent reflection" is constitutional, a federal appellate court has ruled. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously rejected a challenge brought by teacher Brian Bown, formerly of suburban Atlanta, who was fired after he refused to implement the 1994 law. The statute reguires schools to observe a 60-second period of "silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the day."

In its May 7 ruling, the three judge panel said the measure is constitutional because it says nothing about prayer. But Bown and his attorneys argued in court that during deliberations over the law. Georgia legislators indicated their purpose was to circumvent the Supreme Court's rulings against school-sponsored prayer. Steven Leibel. Bown's attorney, said he will appeal the Bown v. Gwinnett County School District ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.—Church & State, June, 1997.

#### RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL ARENA

Pat Robertson appoints two Republican politicians to lead a drive to double the Christian Coalition's support base.

In a move that reemphasized the Coalition's partisan character and its national political clout, Robertson came to Washington, DC, and named Donald Hodel and Randy Tate, two Republican activists, to replace Ralph Reed at the helm of the TV evangelist's political machine. Hodel, 62, a Colorado resident, is best known for stints in the Reagan administration as head of the Energy and Interior Departments. Tate, 31, is a former one-term member of Congress from Washington state. Both men are evangelical Christians with strong ties to the Religious Right. According to Robertson, Hodel will serve as the Coalition's president, while Tate will occupy the position of executive director. Giving up the presidential slot, but not control of the group, Robertson will become chairman of the Coalition's board of direc-

Continuing his "doubling" theme, Robertson told reporters Hodel and Tate's assignment will be to double the number of Coalition activists, to train twice as many political candidates and to double the number of initiatives in Congress and the state legislatures.

Critics of the Christian Coalition said the new leadership simply reaffirms the partisan character of the organization. Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Executive Director Barry Lynn attended the Robertson news conference and noted its Republican bent in a subsequent press statement. "The selection of Hodel and Tate proves conclusively that the Christian Coalition is nothing more than a GOP political unit. Robertson wants to win maximum influence in the Republican Party in order to advance his extremist agenda.'

In other news from the Robertson empire: Some Christian Coalition state chapters are taking on issues that fall outside the usual definition of "pro-family." In New Mexico, for example, the Coalition had focused on opposing gay rights and legal abortion but this year broadened its agenda to support a measure allowing the carrying of concealed firearms.—Church & State, July August, 1997.

#### Religious Representation of the 105th Congress

151 Roman Catholics

(Democrats)

(Republicans) 60

Non-Denominational 100

**Baptists** 67

Methodists 60

55 Presbyterians

**Episcopalians** 42

Jews 35 25 Miscellaneous

Christianity Today, April 7, 1997.

#### 'Revive Us Again'—Pensacola, FLORIDA

In one of the most spectacular revivals in modern times, charismatic Christians have flocked to a Gulf Coast church four nights a week for 24 months. More than 1.5 million people have attended the revivals at the Brownsville Assembly of God since it began on Father's Day 1995. People line up as early as 2:30 a.m. to get one of 2,000 seats for evening services.

Little noticed by the mainstream secular and religious media, The Brownsville Revival has shaken up Pentecostalism with its return to the movement's roots in emotional worship. Hundreds of pastors visit each week in hopes of learning how they, too, might fill their churches with baby boomers. "I believe America is ripe for revival," said evangelist Stephen Hill. "I believe this is turning into an awakening."

America has seen two great moments of religious fervor, in the 18th and 19th centuries. Hill, a 43-year old former drug addict and leader of the revival, says this "very well could be" the third. Combined with a contemporary worship style that allows participants the freedom to cry, dance, sing or do whatever else the "Holy Spirit" tells them to do, it is no less hard-edged Christianity. People are told that the path to hell is paved with pornography, alcohol, drugs and cigarettes. "People are hungry for a real move of God. People are tired of going to church and leaving church the same as they went." There is also the shared sense that America is in moral decline, and a belief preached by other great revivalists through the nation's history that God is going to set things right.

If it sounds a lot like the "Jesus Movement" of the 60's, it is. "A lot of older ministers were afraid of the 'Jesus Movement' and they missed out on revival," said the Rev. Tommy Smith, a Church of God of Prophecy minister from Alabama. "Now they have another chance, and they're holding on to it." A steady stream of people, from unshaven 'good old' boys' in plaid shirts to clean-cut teens, dump condoms, drugs, magazines, cigarettes, and other stuff they think unclean into two garbage cans. Behind them the congregation is smiling, dancing, and singing "Glory to God, He set me free." A young man dressed in punk clothing takes off one earring, then the other and slams them into the garbage can. "Kick the devil in the face tonight!" shouts Hill, who has been jumping up and down and pumping his fist in the air. "He's already down and all beat up. Kick him one more time!" No one preaches a soft gospel here. Witches, warlocks, smokers, beer-drinkers, regular churchgoers, and pas-

tors all come under the withering scrutiny of Hill, who expects the "saved" to come under an exacting code of personal holiness. "Those of you who are hung up on love stories need to hear the wrath of God," announces Hill, a diminutive evangelist with a booming voice that has only two settingsloud and louder. "Don't live on Twinkies!" "My God is loving, but he also has wrath. There is a time when it is over, my friend," shouts the peripatetic Hill, continually wiping his mouth with a handkerchief as he stokes the fire in a "hellfire-and-brimstone" sermon. "And America, I'm saying to you tonight, you ain't got a chance!" It is an effective message.

Studies show that many who promise to change their lives slide back into old habits once they are away from the highly charged revival. But it is clear that many attending the revival believe they have been touched by God, and healed. One by one, as they gave their testimonies during the baptismal service, they spoke of reconciling with their families, of giving up drugs, of no longer being slaves to pornography. When they get home, the changes continue, some said. And how long will God move in Brownsville? "I don't know, my friend, says Hill, I don't know."—The Christian News, March, 1997.

#### ON HOME-SCHOOLING

The Department of Education estimates there are 500,000 home-schoolers in the U.S. today, but advocates estimate about one million. Home School Legal Defense Association figures show that home-school students score about 30 points higher on standardized tests than public school students. Many parents have their children take the Iowa Basic Skills test yearly to monitor their progress. If concerned about students having a hard time transitioning back into the traditional classroom with calculus and chemistry classes, parents of home-schoolers can usually network with other home-school parent support groups and find someone who can teach these tougher classes.

Most home-school families agree its not true that home-schooled children miss out on the social skills kids get in public schools. Advocates think home-schooled students might be socially more adept than public school children. Unlike public school children who socialize primarily with children of their own age, home-schoolers learn to socialize with all age groups. In addition, many home schoolers participate in sports, Scouting, church activities, and community events with other children.

Advocates say that home-schooled children only miss the bad things associ-

ated with public school, like missing busses and school days, threatening behavior from bullies, and other undesirable experiences.—*Christian News*, June 2, 1997.

#### GLOBAL UNITY

'Pro-Family' Religions Unify at World Congress in Prague. Call it the Religious Right, International Division. Conservative religious activists representing a broad cross-section of Christian and non-Christian faiths from around the world gathered in Prague in March to share information and plot strategy. Titled the "World Congress of Families," the Congress issued a "Declaration on Families" that criticized the notion of individual rights. According to one plank of the declaration, "Those philosophies which elevate the abstract 'individual,' thereby encouraging social fragmentation, are to be deplored." Their Internet Website; http:// www.ngovoice.org-Church & State, June, 1997.

"The signs of the times are ominous." The Desire of Ages, 636.

#### AFRICAN PROTESTANT LEADER SEES STAGE GETTING SET FOR ANTI-CHRIST

Bishop Isaac P.B. Mokoena, President of the All African Council of Bible Believing Churches, before the International Council of Christian Churches, said that Africa is filled with religion, but little of the Lord Jesus Christ; much form and talk but little spiritual life. The New World Order advocates are in the process of reversing what God did at the Tower of Babel. There are to be no boundaries, only one nation, with one government for the whole world. Man is determined to worship himself in place of God. We can see this in the World Council of Churches' "dialogue with living faiths," they no longer say "Jesus Christ alone," but Jesus Christ and Allah, or Jesus Christ and Buddha. The aim is to overcome both the present spiritual crisis and the problem of social misery, war, terrorism and ecological catastrophe, by taking the best out of all religions. In sum they want a one-world government ruled by man and a one-world religion. Of course this is getting the world stage ready for the coming rule of the anti-Christ.—Christian News. June 2, 1997.

#### "INTO ALL THE WORLD"

The U.S. Army has 142,500 troops in 100 of the 197 nations of the world. *United Press International*, May 27, 1997.

Editor's note: "It forced the earth and all who live on it to worship the first beast." Revelation 13:12.

#### FAKE FATS IN REAL FOOD

Complex-engineered flavors, sweeteners, and fats are part of the U.S. daily diet. Food additives, mostly flavorings, are a \$4.2 billion a year industry and growing. Food substitutes amount to \$1.5 billion. 1995 sales of fat replacements were approximately \$150 million, and are expected to top \$500 million by the year 2000. In 1995 U.S. consumers ingested about 2.2 pounds of substitutes for every \$1000.00 worth of food and beverages. By the year 2000 it is expected to top 3 pounds.

U.S. consumers buy about one-half the food substitutes produced worldwide. Western Europe and Japan each account for about 20 percent of the market.

Fat provides 9 calories per gram of heat energy for the body, but carbohydrates and proteins only provide 4. Government agencies and health organizations recommend limiting fat intake to 30 percent of the diet. Americans still consume an average 33 percent of their calories from fat—down from 36 percent for men, and 37 percent for women from a decade ago.

Studies show that consumers are willing to cut out the fat as long as the food still tastes good. That is where the substitutes come in. Last year the Food and Drug Administration approved Proctor and Gamble's sucrose polyester fat replacement—olestra. It has been so successful that research by several companies on several competing products has been abandoned.

Olestra starts as a natural oil, such as cottonseed or soybean oil. It is loaded up with extra fatty acids, which make the molecule too complex for the human digestive system to break down and absorb, so it passes through the body unchanged. This can possibly result in abdominal cramps and diarrhea, as states the warning label. Olestra's prime appeal is that it can be fried without breaking down—so it is used for chips, puffs, and curls. Junk-food junkies, arise!—Chemical and Engineering News, April, 1997.

*Timelines* is written by PAT RAMPY, of Inyokern, California



# The Strawberry Patch

Update on the work of Strawberry Meadows.

By Steve Dickie

This past spring and summer we have been blessed to overflowing. Our Ukrainian press upgrade to larger equipment is progressing—although not as fast as we planned. Initially we could not find a paper cutter we needed at a price we could afford—but that has now been located. All of the press equipment has been purchased and is being gone through in Lincoln Nebraska by Mike Wells. The equipment going to Ukraine must be set up to run on a different type of electrical current, so it is taking longer than originally planned.

Last spring funding became available for our South American press operation. We have been rapidly moving ahead on that, after making a trip to Colombia to check out the building site and arranging the customs entry on that side. This will be a real blessing to God's people in that part of the world. The only current publishing and printing plants dedicated to printing colporteur books in Spanish are in Argentina and Spain. This equipment will be large enough to print books for colporteurs. We have a small press on site given to us by Sweet Veneta Marcuson. The South American people are going forward in faith preparing the ground for the building. The roof has been purchased already, but we are still waiting for the Lord to provide the funds for the press building and related storage area. We have been blessed with a site on a major blacktop road with three-phase power running through the property. The farm where the press will be located is 35 minutes from a jet airport and a good size city. God is so good.

The printing project in Mexico that Strawberry Meadows is assisting in, is now printing 100,000 sheets per shift. (That is real production for a little press!) Tim Ries is in Mexico getting this operation up and running. He is the same young man who set up the press in Ukraine for us two years ago. This operation is ready for the larger equipment which will be able to print colporteur books. We found the larger equipment in the states. We are waiting for the Lord to provide the funds for this upgrade which will cost around \$17,000, and



has probably the greatest potential to do the greatest work—as far as producing a raw number of books to be distributed. We are now doubling the size of the press area by 32,000 square feet.

Last month we were asked to go to Yugoslavia and Bosnia to plan for the printing and distributing of *The Desire of Ages*—in all of the prisons. We were in the country for a week the last of October making preliminary plans. Please pray for our success.

Editors note: Steve will present that story in our next Newsletter.

Since the fall of 1996 we have been in contact with Rudy Harnisch and family in Tanzania. Rudy has been working on an OCI (Outpost Centers Inc.) project for the past three years. He has had a burden for the colporteur work in that part of Africa, and has had good success working with the natives and supplying them with books purchased both here in the states and from presses located in other parts of Africa. He has invited me to attend an East African Lay Evangelism rally December 17-20. We will be in Africa from December 2-26. This is the first project I have heard about in Africa where the book work has been self-supporting; based on the book sales of the colporteurs. This project needs your support and prayers.

We appreciate the opportunity to say a few words in *Future for America*'s newsletter. We welcome any comments.

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Jeff and I plan on working together placing presses around the world as the Lord opens the way for the scattering of the leaves of autumn.

In His service, Stephen Dickie

#### **Future for America Letters**

Dear Brother Jeff P.

Thank you for the tapes. I enjoyed them very much. They are very thought provoking, I pray for your ministry.—MC-Tennessee

Jeff,

I now have three of your tapes on *The Purification of God's Church*, and several of your *Time of the End* booklets. I would like very much to get copies of the rest of these series as soon as possible for the prayer meetings I am conducting. Keep up the good work!

God Bless you.-DG-California

Dear Brother:

May God bless you in your new ministry and may you, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, help to arouse God's people so we can develop the character needed and give the warning message to a dying world.

Your brother in Christ.-DB-B.C

Dear Jeff

I wanted to write and tell you how much I have appreciated the messages, part 1 and 2 of *The Purification of God's Church.* . . . When God's people repent and forsake their evil ways, then God will purify His church. . . .

My prayers and encouragement are for you. Please be faithful. May God bless you.—BW-Michigan

Dear Jeff.

Thank you for sending me the tape *The Purification of God's Church.* . . . It's very good and inspiring. One that stirs our hearts and soul. I'll make copies and will give to my friends that they too will be warned in their Laodicean condition. Enclosed is a donation to your ministry. Use it where needed. Thank you very much and may God bless your ministry.—LV-California

Dear Jeff,

Your tapes *Purification of God's Church* are great. Just what I need. Please continue. I'll help as much as I can.—JS-Pennsylvania

Dear Jeff,

This check is for the two books, *The King of the North*, which my son and I enjoyed very much. And I am enjoying your monthly tapes. Even started reading Ezekiel myself. Fits right in, doesn't it.

Would you mind sending one of your books to my son who is in prison? I can't send it; it must come from an organization. . . . I would appreciate it very much.

In Christian love.—ES-California

Dear Jeff

My daughter \_\_\_\_ has received #1 & #2 of your tapes. She is sharing with our family. Keep sending to her & I'm sending a donation for your work.

This is a message we need!! God Bless your work.—KK-Texas

Greetings Brother Jeff,

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we just want to thank you for having us on your tape ministry list.

We are truly blessed listening to the messages. Please keep up the good work.

God Bless you.-FB-California



This is the site for our school in Puerto Rico. This site is reached by driving far up into the mountains, away from the city, and traveling on a steep road for a mile down into this very rugged terrain. It was a very primitive, though beautiful setting.

This is the site for the school in the Dominican Republic. This is a living room, which has

been converted into a classroom. Norberto Restrepo, Jr. has his back to the camera. The windows are plastic which are pulled up to let the air in as needed. Pastor Restrepo is on the front row, all the way to the left.

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