

Getting Busy for the Year Ahead

Every Year, God has blessed us with the opportunity to build on the work that He had begun in us the year before. Never has that been more exciting and true than this year. I believe that when you read this month's newsletter that you'll agree that God has granted us a powerful opportunity to build on this year.

A lot has transpired since the Feast. For those who may not have been at the Feast Sites, let me begin by catching everyone up.

On the Friday evening before leaving for the Feast, I got word from Boyd Tuttle that I had been invited to present what I was going to share at the Feast of Tabernacles to the three day Mormon event in Salt Lake City, Utah. I expect there were about 5,000 who actually attended over the three day event.

They gave me complete freedom to speak on whatever I chose. Fortunately I had some time to pray for direction that would be most appropriate. Finally, I felt led to share the same message I spoke on at the Feast, "The Biblical Mystery of Tammuz 17 and the Rise and Fall of America." I concluded by sharing the five minute intro of the TV Special "Handwriting on the Wall" that was aired on the weekends between Trumpets and Tabernacles.

Tying these two together helped to produce a powerful warning message to them for our nation and the rest of the world. It was received with great enthusiasm and excitement to many hundreds. In fact, it created so much attention that they looked to have me repeat it should one of their main speakers had to cancel out in the main auditorium. Unfortunately that didn't happen. However, I was asked to stand up in the main room and was introduced to everyone, and told them about *God's Unchanging Word* and our mission. At the conclusion of the introduction, everyone gave a round of applause. For the two days I was there, I manned a booth they gave me to talk and answer questions. What I didn't know before attending is that they are fracturing as other churches are doing, and they also wanted to

know about God's Holy Days. To save space in the newsletter, I'll defer this part because I talk about it at length in my sermon I just delivered talking about the work for this year. You can get it by writing in and asking for it.

There were numerous highs and lows, during the conference for me. The one that has puzzled me the most was, how to break the barriers and removing what was previously taught as to what God wants everyone to learn. The Mormon church is deeply entrenched into their beliefs, probably as much, if not more than that of the Catholic Church.

The task of taking God's truth to a world steeped in Satan's deceptions is daunting. But one that can be accomplished through God's divine intervention. Without that, we won't have a chance.

One of the things I found most interesting as I considered the time while I was there is, that on the one hand, we were running a special focusing on the Rise of the Beast of Revelation, while attending a conference to the Mormons. Both very powerful religious churches, and probably the most difficult to penetrate with God's truths. We all need to pray about this, I don't believe any of this is an accident.



Positive Response From The TV Special, *Handwriting on the Wall*

This special has created more interest and phone calls than anything we have produced to date. Audrey has spent many hours on the phone, sometimes till two or two thirty at night. Additionally, most have asked to be added to the mailing list.

On the first Monday morning following the first week-

end airing of the special, the Lesea Broadcasting Network's switchboard began receiving calls thanking them for airing the program and wanting to know who the ministry was that ran it. We also received forwarded emails from the local offices, saying it was all very positive. This was the pattern for the following weeks that the program aired.

Something else happened that we hadn't expected. We began getting calls from Protestant evangelical ministers asking if they could get a copy to share with their members. That seemed like a breakthrough into the Protestant community.

As I prayed and meditated, I kept coming back to the same question; if these pastors who saw the special wanted to share it, would other pastors feel the same once they saw it? That possibility brought me to another obvious question, if so how can we reach those pastors?

Many churches around the country believe we are heading into the end times. They can see the moral decay, the obvious turning our backs on our creator, the increasing escalation of tension and conflict around the world, especially in the Middle East, and the world debt rising so rapidly that it is impossible to stop.

Many also believe the Roman Catholic Church is the prophesied Beast of Revelation and are reporting on the exploits of the new Pope. We are not alone in this. However, the understanding God has given to His "called out ones" does stand alone. Even though many churches have a great deal of truth, it is mixed with false doctrine and lies passed on from generation to generation. This was the conflict that continued to concern me. These false doctrines are so deeply imbedded, that only God can remove them. Even so, we are commanded to go and tell them anyway.

Building an Outreach on the Seed That God is Establishing

Judging from the initial fruits being borne from the TV Specials, it appears that God has pointed us in a direction we had never considered in getting the warning message out. Let me ask you the question that continues to run through my thoughts. Is it possible to begin an outreach program to the Protestant evangelical community and build on the TV Specials that we have been blessed to create? Time will tell, but from the initial responses we are getting, I would have to come to a resounding yes. Each person will have to come to their own conclusions.

To this end, we are building a program this year that anyone, and everyone can be a part of. I'll have a lot more of the details next month in the Quarterly. The goal is to lay all the foundation to launch a nationwide outreach by February, and be running it though the Spring Holy Days. In the advertising field, this approach is known as direct marketing. Direct marketing keeps cost down while focusing on your target audience.

Hopefully other churches in the Church of God community will also want to participate. I've spoken with Dixon Cartwright of the Journal, the Newspaper to the Churches and he has agreed to run a story in the Journal. Along with that, we'll also be running an ad to invite all the churches to be a part of the outreach for their own communities.

I've also written to Jim O'Brien of the Cincinnati Church of God to ask permission to present this concept at the Winter Weekend in Lexington, KY this year. Many Hundreds of people attend this event from the many independent communities of the Churches of God.

Your prayers for all of this is greatly needed. Hopefully this time others will want to be a part of what I feel can be the beginning of a powerful outreach from the scattered Churches of God.

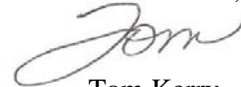
Fulfilling Our Part in God's Commission

Look what God told Ezekiel: *"And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.*

⁴For they are impudent children and stiff-hearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus says the Lord GOD. ⁵And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them." We are to go whether they will hear or not.

Is it possible that God has granted us the means to share a warning message in a unified manner without fear of the independent community losing its independence? I think so, but again, only time will tell. One thing is certain, it is a concept we had not ever considered.

In Jesus name,



Tom Kerry



Coming Next Month
In the Quarterly
New Outreach - "GO" that everyone can be a part of. Be watching next month for details
Post Feast Update

Send in your updates, articles, baptism's, pictures, to get them into the Quarterly next month.