

COLPORTEUR AND FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE

January 31, 1979

Dear Brethren,

Greetings of peace in Christ!

The Colporteur Committee will now be known as the Colporteur and Follow-up Committee and we would like to inform you of our expanded activities.

The Colporteur and Follow-up Committee is now sponsored by three ecclesias: Wilmington, New Brunswick and Chicago. Each elects a member to the committee. Since follow-up and colportering still prove to be very effective means of bringing people into the Truth, we hope to broaden the scope of our activities as the Lord prospers. In addition to supporting colporteurs, we would like to co-operate with the brethren in the following services.

A NEED FOR FOLLOW-UP WORK

Many classes have lists of interested names accumulated over the years from radio, T.V., tracting, obituary work and etc. Many of these names have never been contacted. Our committee is anxious to help you follow-up every name on your list. Upon request, we will provide, when available, a team of two who would exclusively do follow-up work in your area or a combination of follow-up work and colportering as you desire. All that would be required of the class or interested brethren requesting this service would be providing food and lodging for the team in the home of brethren for the month or more that this service is rendered.

A NEW SERVICE—PUBLIC MEETING AND FOLLOW-UP

We are offering this new service to isolated brethren or classes. Upon request, we will provide a team of two or more to help put on "For This Cause" or whichever public meeting is most suitable for the interested names in the area with the end goal of directing them to a class meeting. The host brethren would, of course, enjoy the blessing of housing this field team in their homes.

Finding people home between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. is becoming increasingly difficult. We plan to experiment with different hours, utilize telephone appointments, etc., in order to maximize the effectiveness of this service.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The committee provides the Volumes free to those engaged part time or full time in colporteur and/or follow-up work. Additionally, those serving full time receive monthly assistance. Full time means serving for a month or more in one of the above services. We have just increased the monthly assistance to \$75 per person, and in this era of inflation would like to raise it to \$100 if the Lord so prospers.

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL WORKERS

If our expanded activities are prospered by the Lord, more brethren will be needed to serve in the field. We would like to encourage our younger brethren to consider prayerfully the possibility of devoting six months, one year or even two years to full time service, before settling down to a permanent job and involvement in a home and family. The joys of being an ambassador for the Lord in proclaiming the greatest message on earth is truly one of the precious privileges of our life. "He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." We encourage you to consider volunteering for any one of the following services: (1) colporteur work, (2) follow-up work, or (3) a combination of putting on public meetings and following up the interest.

RETIRED BRETHREN

Also we would encourage our older brethren. We are living in an unparalleled time when many are able to retire on a pension at the age of 60, 62 or 65. From the Parable of the Talents, we know "Time" is a wonderful talent that can be used in the Lord's service. If you are retired, we would encourage you to devote a month or more in one of the above mentioned services. Many retired brethren could perform these services locally and our committee will assist you. Those who would like to travel, we would try to co-ordinate your activities with classes desiring these services.

Then there are brethren going to college who have two or three months free in the summer. We would encourage those who are able to devote their summer vacation to one of the above services and we would happily work with you and assist you.

We recommend that the brethren work in pairs. If you are considering this service and don't have a partner, we will endeavor to team you up with one.

Those who would like to co-operate in this service, either by hosting brethren to serve in their area or by actually serving in the field, please write to the following address for further details.

Colporteur and Follow-up Committee
Kenneth Rawson
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Edison, New Jersey 08817

Further, we would request the prayers of all the brethren that the Lord may prosper this expanded work in accordance with His will.

Also, we're happy to enclose our annual report of the Colporteur work accomplished in 1978 and a financial statement.

Yours in the Master's service,

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