



PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

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Greetings, ministers and wives!

I want to show you something very inspiring. "And she [the true Church] brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne" (Revelation 12:5). This verse provides quite an overview. It depicts Christ being born as a child, and His future ruling all nations with a rod of iron, and His present responsibility at the right hand of God in heaven as our High Priest.

Now notice how this thought is repeated. "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child" (verse 13). This verse tells about this crisis in the end time where God's Church has been attacked by the devil and 95 percent of the people have turned away. In this context, God points right back to the fact that this Church brought forth the Man Child who will rule Earth with a rod of iron, and now sits at the right hand of His Father.

There is a vision in this verse! You can clearly see why the Laodiceans fell: because they didn't realize who they were! They never deeply understood or they forgot their own history!

When Christ repeats an expression in one short chapter, we need to understand why He emphasizes it. The PCG is the same Church that brought forth Jesus Christ as a baby! And look where He is now! And if you follow Him, that's exactly where you're going to be—except, of course, you'll be ruling with Him on Earth; nevertheless, you're going to be on the throne of David.

What does it mean to us to be a part of the Church that brought forth the Man Child? What wonderful history. God loves you very much, and He wants you to really understand this history.

We are going to rule with Christ and help Him change this world and the universe—this same Church that brought forth the Man Child!

It's hard to imagine Christ's sacrifice for us. It's even harder to imagine our eternal future with Him. We must not forget what we are a part of and who we are!

Satan can conquer people who lack this vision. That is why there was a great falling away from God's truth. This past history of the Man Child gives a mind-staggering vision of our future and keeps us on track!

The Word, who was God, came to this Earth as a helpless physical child. This unparalleled sacrifice could have cost Him everything—His eternal glory. But His success gives us the potential to be very sons of God.

How can we "neglect so great salvation"? We have seen a gigantic falling away of God's people because they didn't get this vision.

These verses give us cause and effect. There is a cause for such a mountain-sized failure.

Mr. Armstrong told us that we must not forget our rebellious 1970s history, or we would be destined to repeat it. And so the Laodiceans have—on a scale even greater than Mr. Armstrong imagined.

Verses 5 and 13 have the solution to the Laodicean problem. The vision is right there in the same verse where Satan attacked them! You can see why he was successful. Are they going to prophesy again? Can God use them to prophesy when they don't even get it? They don't understand what the God Family is all about, and they let

Satan take it all away!

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With love, in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald Flurry".

BUSINESS OFFICE

U.S. FOT OFFERINGS TOP \$1.15 MILLION

The 2004 fall holy day offerings revealed the generosity of God's people. Total offerings from the U.S. sites alone exceeded \$1,150,000. While this is less than last year's offerings (which were significantly higher due to the court-case victory), it is over \$50,000 more than 2002 fall holy day offerings. Offerings per person were outstanding as well. In Surrey, the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles saw a per-person average of \$84. That average increased on the Last Great Day with a \$103.86 per-person average. The San Diego site ended with an average of \$141.80 per person. These offerings will help the Work as it goes for over six months until the 2005 spring holy day season.

REGIONAL FUND-RAISER

Brethren of the Western U.S. Region conducted a fundraiser from August to November 15 that raised money to purchase a greenhouse for the Imperial College campus

and make a contribution for the construction of the new auditorium. The original intent was to raise \$8,000 to buy or build a new greenhouse for the college. A nearly new greenhouse was purchased in September only about one mile away from PCG headquarters for less than \$2,000. The brethren continued to hold local fund-raisers for the remaining \$6,000, however. The additional amount would be donated for the construction of the new auditorium. Brethren throughout the region eagerly contributed with donations from spare-change drives, car washes, flea-market sales, and a spaghetti feed, as well as personal donations. Two more "miracles" occurred that made it possible for the goal to be not only reached, but exceeded: Firstly, one congregation was able to hold an apple sale where an apple orchardist donated 2,700 pounds of organic apples. Secondly, a widow donated \$4,000 when she heard about the fund-raiser. By the deadline, over \$14,675 had been raised—an amount that exceeded the region's target by over 80 percent.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

MAKING UP GROUND ON HALL OF AD

With 5.66 inches of rain, November was one of the wettest months on record. The building program was at a standstill. Once December arrived, the heavy machinery began to lumber over the original 40-acres, pushing, molding and carving dirt to form the foundation of the Hall of Administration. Plumb lines have been set, footings marked out, and surveyors are aligning and calibrating the necessary measurements to initiate the pouring of concrete pads.

The hill slopes from southeast to northwest requiring a large amount of backfill to level out the pad. Now the pad has been leveled and tamped to compact the dirt, steel for the footings has appeared on the construction site.

If the weather cooperates, the Hall of Administration could be up as early as the 2005 Feast of Tabernacles.

Just beside the planned home of the Hall of Administration sits the plot of land the auditorium will rest upon. Both buildings will face southeast—their backs following the shoreline of Spurlin Lake.

When they are completed, there will be smaller parking lots placed in positions to complement the aesthetic look of the buildings—to avoid a shopping-mall-parking-lot look, weaving smaller lots into the overall landscaping theme.

Plans for a new 34-bed dormitory are before the Fire Marshall. The new dormitory is designed to be a multi-purpose building. On the bottom floor will be room for 34 beds and the necessary facilities related to housing students. Mr. Flurry also indicated that the upstairs portion of the facility would be used as classroom facilities. This, he said, will free up some of the pressure on the Tower and John Amos Field House classrooms. The new facility, if approved, would be placed south of the parking facilities, across the road from the duplexes and beside the current agriculture plot.

Though the decisions are not final, at this time the dormitory is planned to house the ladies, who are currently in the duplex facilities—freeing space for male and married students quarters.