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# PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Greetings, ministers and wives!

This past week we have watched steel being erected for our administration building. How inspiring to see what God is building. We are excited about the ongoing discussions with our architects on the plans for the auditorium.

Mr. Armstrong built one of the most beautiful auditoriums in the world; it was God's physical house. That structure hosted the headquarters congregation of the Church of God—which was God's spiritual house.

That auditorium served a role in fulfilling the GREAT COMMISSION OF THE CHURCH! Mr. Armstrong brought the finest performing artists in the world to its stage, and that Performing Artist Series was actually considered part of proclaiming the gospel! It was intended to showcase the very best that the human spirit was capable of producing. The auditorium helped people to see that this great Work of God, which so many label a "cult," has so much to offer this world.

Now God has given us 170 acres, and we plan to build an auditorium as well. This Work is sprouting leaves and showing the world a taste of the wonderful things to come in God's Kingdom. God wants us to build another house of God so we can show this world what great things He can accomplish!

The Prophet Haggai discusses the building of God's house. God stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel and of Joshua, and all the people, and they all worked to build a house for God (Haggai 1:13-14). These people were building the second temple, after Solomon's temple had been destroyed. Our Haggai booklet shows how this is a type of God's Work in this end time.

"The glory of this latter house [God's end-time spiritual house] shall be greater than of the former [Solomon's temple] saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:9).

This verse is talking about GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY. God dwells within His people! Haggai's prophecy tells us that OUR GLORY, with the Almighty God dwelling in us, actually exceeds that of Solomon's temple, which was "exceeding magnificent"—a sight to behold in all the nations (1 Chronicles 22:5).

How could this end-time temple be greater than Solomon's? BECAUSE IT IS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EATING FROM THE TREE OF LIFE. God gives us that glory.

Our physical life is just temporary, like any animal. But we have the potential to possess eternal life—and with God's Spirit, we ALREADY have eternal life in embryo!

The last part of Haggai 2:9 talks about "this place," which refers to a *physical place*. In the Haggai booklet I explain how this is referring to what was once the *physical* house of God—Ambassador Auditorium. God said He would give peace in that house.

Mr. Armstrong told the Church that Haggai's prophecy contained a COMMAND for the Worldwide Church of God to build God's house.

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I TELL YOU THE SAME THING TODAY.

To build God's house today, we must possess a lot of faith. Most people in the world would look at the small size of our group today and simply SCOFF at our ambition. BUT THE GREAT GOD DOESN'T NEED NUMBERS. HE NEEDS PEOPLE WHO ARE EATING FROM THE TREE OF LIFE!

God builds through His people. He always has. If we step out on faith, God

will provide the means to build His house. Walking by faith is the only way it will be possible.

“In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old” (Amos 9:11).

God says “I will raise up” —“I will build it.” GOD is doing the raising. GOD is doing the building! All we need to do is get ourselves out of the way. We don’t need to worry about HOW God will do it—we just need to be FILLED WITH FAITH that GOD WILL DO IT!

I believe our Church members already exhibit remarkable faith. That is why our Work is growing as quickly as it is.

One of our congregations sent a building fund donation specifically earmarked for God’s house. Along with it was a note from one of the women there. “I can’t tell you how excited and honored we are to be a part of this,” she wrote. “God has blessed us with such a wonderful opportunity to build His house. To build a house, not for ourselves but for God! I don’t know if we truly realize in the history of man how many have been chosen to actually build a house for God.”

That truly is inspiring to ponder! What an opportunity—what a blessing—what an honor that God has given only to a very few in human history.

This prophecy puts God’s little very elect right on the front page of history!

With love, in Christ’s service,



## MEDIA SERVICES

### PAXSON NETWORK

This coming Friday marks the first telecast on the Paxson Network. We are ready for the response with close to 50 operators. Because we don’t know what kind of call volume to expect, we have tried to maximize the number of operators we are going to use. But due to the time of the program (Friday mornings at 6 a.m. Eastern and Pacific time), it is difficult for us to get a commitment from a large portion of our operators because they are getting ready for their work themselves.

We are using a different toll-free number to solicit response to the program so we can more accurately track its productivity. With 58 over-the-air stations in addition to the network’s national cable outlets, we anticipate pretty high response—time will tell!

### KEY OF DAVID SCHEDULE

Title: “How to Know God”

Air Date: March 4, 2005

Literature: *We Have Had Our Last Chance* and *Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman*

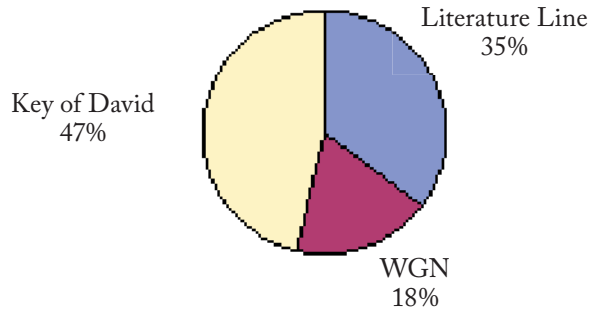
Synopsis: God wants all of mankind to know Him. If man repents and seeks God, he can then get to know Him in a very personal way. But if man refuses to repent, God brings strong correction in the form of national captivity and war to humble mankind so they will turn to Him. This week on *The Key of David*, Gerald Flurry discusses how to know God.

# MAIL PROCESSING

## CALL CENTER

February was the second month in the past four months, where our call center answered over 10,000 calls from all of our toll-free numbers. The program offering the correspondence course was largely responsible for the tremendous call volume, but the January issue of the *Trumpet* also brought in a record number of literature requests. We have only answered more than 10,000 calls per month twice in the history of the Church. January 2005 brought in a total of 9,325 calls, which also was quite good considering we aired three repeat programs due to the ministerial conference.

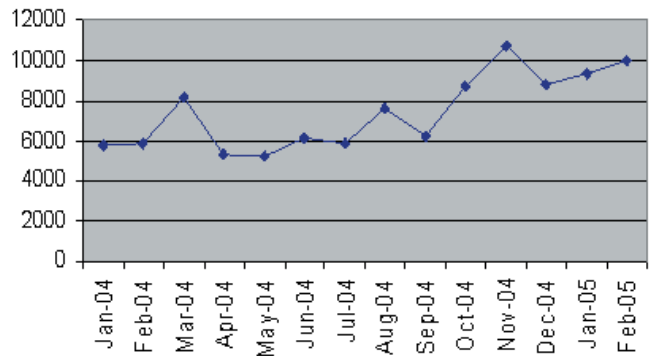
As noted in the chart below, the television program was responsible for 65 percent of all calls answered, while the *Trumpet* and other pieces of literature generated 35 percent. The correspondence course also advertises one of the toll-free numbers, so increased call volume can also be attributed to that publication.



Comparing our call volume year-to-date with the same period of time for 2004 shows some exciting growth as well. January and February 2004 brought in 11,591 calls. So far this year, we have answered a total of 19,350 calls! That is a 67 percent increase over the same period of time last year!

With the addition of the PAX Network (airing this Friday), we should see another sizable increase in the total call volume. Without a doubt, we have experienced some remarkable growth since the Feast of Tabernacles ended last year.

Combined Call Volume

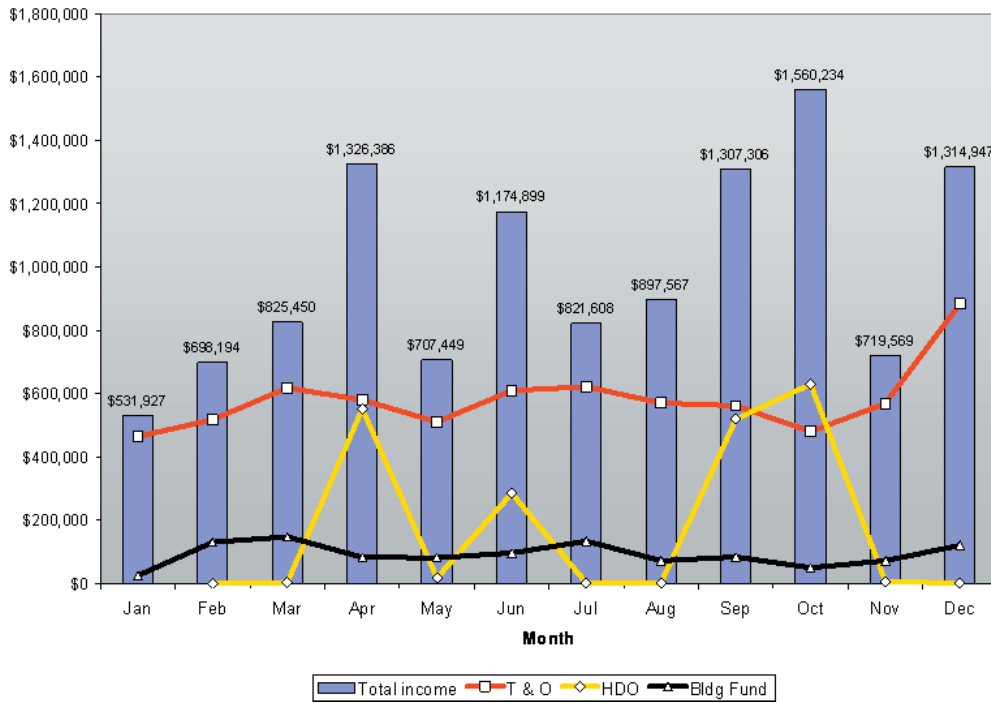


# BUSINESS OFFICE

## UPDATE

We have included a couple more charts that we hope will be useful in giving you statistics for your spring holy day offertory messages. The information was compiled by Richard Williams for our 2004 Income Analysis report.

### 2004 Monthly Income



### Income and Contributors (Top 15 States)

