

CHURCH OF THE
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“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” –Matthew 24:14

August 7, 2008

Dear Brethren, Co-Workers and Friends:

John Adams, 2nd President of the United States, stated, “The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.”

Rather than looking at 1776, we might want to focus instead on 2001. It was on July 2, 2001, when the Church of the Eternal God commenced operations. In our Update #1 it is recorded: “At the same time that doors were seemingly being closed, we have seen God’s Hand in our efforts and it appears doors are opening wide for us.” We are deeply humbled to see that since that date, much has been accomplished, but we also understand the need to continue within the Work of God with ever-increasing zeal, strength and dedication.

Undeniably, God continues to use us for His purpose (Philippians 2:13)! We are involved, to one degree or another, in the greatest Work of our time! It is the effort that God is accomplishing through His Church to fulfill His commission: the conversion and education of every willing human throughout time (compare Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Timothy 2:4; Mark 16:15).

In pursuit of this charge that we have been given by God, we have produced such volumes of information in support, that it is becoming increasingly difficult to collate in a manner that is comprehensible. We do it not out of pride, but duty and love for the Message that we have received and the driving desire to pass it on to others.

As of this most recent second day of July, we have been officially organized for seven years; a time that symbolizes completion. In retrospect, at a time in the future, we may see that we were utilized to achieve something specific in this initial time. But for now, I would like to believe and pray that the foundation for future growth has been laid; both for us individually and the church collectively. Also, that we are poised for greater understanding of the truth that we do know and that which has not yet been revealed.

In the resignation letter that was written by the ministry just prior to the commencement of Church of the Eternal God, it was stated that we should “pursue the original goals that were established at the founding of the Church of God, acf,” and also that “...we must act according to our conscience in teaching, as we were taught under the tutelage of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the doctrines of God. God revealed these truths and they are precious indeed. We are firmly committed to preaching these doctrines and to preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God going forward from here as God leads us.”

We are ALL to keep on keeping on! We need to keep contributing in a manner that will aid the Work in going forward. How are we to do that? In addition to praying, fasting, and giving financially, we can offer *ourselves* in this worthwhile effort. We must individually ask ourselves, “What can I do today to help the Church?” It is imperative that everyone do their part in supporting the direction that the organization is heading. If we all ask this question, surely there is some integral part that we can find and fulfill.

If this is our point of view, then with the assistance of God, how can we not go forward and accomplish even more than what we are doing now? We need to diligently continue to engage in this labor of love and zealously do our part in the Work of God (compare Hebrews 6:10). We must have a willingness to serve and go above and beyond. IF we do, then God will give the increase (compare 1 Corinthians 3:6; Acts 16:5).

As we proceed to the end of this age, let us look forward to serving with fellow brethren as a part of the Body of Christ in which God's Holy Spirit is bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God.

With brotherly love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wray Zehrung". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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