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Dear Fellow-laborers,

On this date 20 years ago, Herbert W. Armstrong died.

Today, 20 years later, his ministry is almost forgotten. There are now teenagers and younger children growing up in the Church who have never heard his voice, not even on tape. Some in our present generation don't even recognize his name! This is in stark contrast to the heady days of the 1960s, 1970s and early 1980s when his voice was heard by millions on radio and television.

Herbert W. Armstrong and the World Tomorrow radio program and telecast were – at one time – household words across the United States and Canada.

My call to repentance was made by Christ through Dr. Armstrong's ministry. Many tens of thousands of others were also called through this human tool of the Lord. Today those days seem like ancient history. But it was only 30 years or so ago. There are now THIRD and FORTH generation Christians growing up observing the Bible doctrines he taught their grandparents and great-grandparents. Yet some have no clue how their families came to the knowledge of this Way of Life! How soon we forget.

No vessel of God is perfect. I am not and you are not. We all have feet of clay. Herbert W. Armstrong made mistakes – some of them big ones – and so do you and so do I. That is why Jesus teaches us to look to ourselves first before judging another (*Matt 7:1-5*). All I know is that God tells us to look at the fruits. And his ministry produced fruit! I am – and probably you are – living proof of that fruit (*John 15:8*).

But I need to make a point here: Dr. Armstrong was empowered by God as His servant to spread the Gospel to millions of humans on this earth. Now he has been dead for 20 years. Since 1986, we have all moved on. Every one of us is at a different place in our lives than we were 20 years ago. And you know what? *God has also moved on too*. He is not stuck in some kind of time warp, powerless to change tactics or choose new servants to carry out His Divine Plan!

In the history of His Plan of Redemption for mankind, He has used different methods and DIFFERENT PEOPLE to Preach His Gospel. The Old Testament of the Bible talks about "Preachers of Righteousness" (**2 Peter 2:5, Jude 14**) who preached the Good News of the Kingdom of God. *They died*.

You can read many passages talking about the Kingdom of God in the books of David and the prophets. *They also all died*. In the 1st Century New Testament era, God used a TEAM of men

to preach the Gospel. They turned the world upside down. *All of them are dead and buried.* God moved on again.

During the time of the persecutions of true Christians by the Roman Caesars, God hid His people and only a small voice of the Gospel was heard. In far-off places like Ireland, Armenia and India, God raised up more preachers to take the Gospel to the nations. Thousands were called to Jesus Christ! *Then these men and their successors died.*

Later, during the Dark Ages and the period of persecutions of His True Church by the Roman Church, God hid His Church away, once again. Little was heard until after the Reformation. God chose men. They preached the Gospel. Thousands heard. Churches were raised up. *Then these chosen leaders died.* Sometimes the congregations they raised up died with them through persecutions or were scattered into small, ineffectual remnants.

Then we come to the post-Reformation period, when more freedom to worship allowed various Sabbatarian groups to rise and begin preaching the Gospel again. Again different leaders – different methods and organization – SAME LORD, SAME GOSPEL!

My point? While the chosen servants of God come and go; while the effectiveness of various movements preaching the True Gospel wax and wane; while sometimes it is a great and powerful Work by a charismatic leader and sometimes a small, quiet Work in a far off corner of the world; God marches on and the Work of God through His Church continues to prevail against all obstacles (**Matt 16:18**).

GOD'S PLAN has been in place since Eden. God picks and chooses His true servants, not man. Things are not always the same. And God does not always work the same way. He is not hamstrung by our petty notions of *HOW* He should do something; *WHEN* He should do it; or *WHO* He should choose to carry out His Will. He is God – He is in CHARGE!

I have just returned to Thailand from an extended trip to the U.S. I am astounded that after 20 years there are still members of God's Church who are embittered and made inept and ineffectual, *consumed by offenses* that happened more than 20 years ago! I am amazed that there are still many milling about like lost sheep looking for a shepherd to lead them!

If you are looking for another Herbert W. Armstrong, forget it, he died 20 years ago! If you are waiting for a charismatic successor BEFORE you fully engage in the Work of the Living God, stop waiting. Maybe God will not raise one up for you to follow!

My point is this: MOVE ON!! Forgive the offenses of the past done by men who are probably already DEAD! Stop trying to recapture a past that is long gone and probably never to occur again in your or my lifetime! Stop looking for a leader – you already have one – HIS NAME IS JESUS CHRIST!!

Go to Him! Build a CLOSE relationship with HIM! Forgive ALL offenses AS HE COMMANDS YOU (**Matt 6:14, 15**)! Do not remain chained to the past! BREAK FREE in Christ! And ask Him what you should do and where you should go. Find out WHERE God is doing His Work! Support it with all your heart. You don't have to find a home – you ALREADY have one in Jesus! Paul said we must MOVE FORWARD!

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Phil 3:13-14 NKJV

Letting go of the past is empowering! It is rejuvenating! Try it and a whole new world of peace and service to Jesus Christ Our Lord will open up to you! Believe me. I know from personal experience that it works! May God bless all of you in your quest to actively and effectively serve Him.

LEGACY STARTS NEW BUILDING FUND

Legacy Institute Leadership Training Center’s 4th academic school year will end early March this year. During our break from March to June, one goal I have is to concentrate on gathering materials to start building one of our girls’ dormitories. We already have a concept for the building and a floor plan drawn up. This first dormitory will house 8 girl students (we currently have 6 girl students) and provide a sleeping area, study area and bathrooms. We will also need to dig a new septic system and pipe in water.

We will build according to the local-style, which is up off the ground for air circulation. The girls can use the cool space below the dorm for study and leisure.

In order to provide materials and construction we have started a Legacy Building Fund. God showed us a long time ago that He wanted us to build a school. He has provided our needs for over 4 years and the school has run successfully. He even miraculously provided the funds to purchase land for the campus! Now I fully believe He will provide the resources we need to build the necessary dormitories to house our students. Please pray that God will stir the hearts of those He wills to help us build the dorms we need.

EMAIL FROM SENG HTUN

Seng Htun is a Kachin graduate of Legacy Institute. He returned to Myanmar (Burma) to find a job and help out in the Church. An officer of the Kachin army gave him a good paying job – but it was in a gambling den on the China border. He soon wrote me and told me that he could not work there because it was a place of sin. He then went to Yangon (Rangoon) to try to get a license as a tour guide. He studied very hard and took the test. He told me he knew 100% that he had passed – but they told him he had failed. The government officials then asked for “tea money” (bribes) to let him try again. He knew that they would have him keep paying more and more to get the license, so he stopped trying that route.

He is presently staying in Rangoon with the Church of God Deacon Myu Zaw. He was able to acquire a passport and we plan to bring him back in June to Legacy for further training in Bible, Homiletics and Principles of Pastoral Care. Below is an email I recently received from him. I have not changed the grammatical or spelling errors because I want all of you to see how well he has progressed in the English language:

“Jan 9

“Dear Aj. [“Ajarn” (teacher)] Leon Sexton,

“I am writing this letter to you respectfully. I hope you are very well. Are you and Aj. Gloria still in America? If you are still in America, when will you come back to Thailand and when will you come to Myanmar. Right now, I am living in Decon Myo Zaw house. Decon Myo Zaw help me a lot. I and Pastor David Yen Jang are leading the Church of God in Yangon. I give sermonet every Sabbath about rejecting Trinity, Christmas, false prophet and why we observe seven annual holydays and so on. The church member from here, they are little bit different with us Even though we observe the same Sabbath. So, I am giving them about our regards. And also, I am going to plan to have Sabbath school for the children in every Sabbath morning before church service. This is what I am going to do during these months. Yesterday, Pastor Lazum Brang also called phone from Lake IndawJine phone to here that he asked When will you come to Myanmar.

“Waiting your reply.

“Your St (student),
“Seng Htun.”

As you can see, Seng Htun has made a lot of progress – in life’s education and spiritually as well. We welcome him back to Legacy Institute for further education. Please pray for Seng Htun – and pray we can get the visa he needs to stay in Thailand and study as long as needed to prepare him for the future that God has in store for him. Also please pray for 3 others that Lazum Brang wants to send from Burma and Kachinland to Legacy Institute Leadership Training Center. Satan does not want these young people to come to Legacy and learn God’s Way of Life. He throws every obstacle he can in our way. We must deal with resistance from government agencies every time we attempt to bring students from Burma (Myanmar). Please make special time to PRAY about these 4 young people.

Tamil Nadu Tragedy

Michael Hubert reports from India that the victims of the massive flooding that hit Southern India are still in dire need of assistance. He is currently working mainly with 200 families near Madras. These families suffered loss of lives and property in the great tsunami of December 26, 2004. I visited the location of this affected area on a trip to India last year. I saw no reconstruction of housing and spoke with many victims who had lost loved ones. They were frustrated by the lack of government aid and worried about how they were going to take care of their children in the future.

These same people were struck again with massive flooding caused by cyclones hitting Tamil Nadu in November and December 2005! Their makeshift houses were washed away and they are in the same condition or worse than just after the tsunami!

Michael Hubert is working with 200 families from this tsunami affected – *and now flood affected area!* His goal is to provide them with emergency foodstuffs and small fuel stoves to cook on.

I asked him for a detailed list of needs for each family. This is what he sent:

Rice	50 kilos @ 20 rs (Indian rupees) per kg	1000 rs
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Tamarind	2 kg @ 40 rs	80 rs
Dhal (lentils)	5 kg @ 50 rs	250 rs
Salt	2 kg @ 5 rs	10 rs
Soaps and hygiene items		100 rs
Cooking stove		400 rs
Cooking oil and kerosene		<u>160 rs</u>
TOTAL per family		2000 rs (\$46 USD)

These foodstuffs are emergency supplies to help each family get on its feet. They also need plastic for temporary shelters and straw mats to sleep on until they can rebuild.

I will be visiting Michael Hubert and inspecting this area in early March. Please pray for me. Ask God to guide me. There are many thousands more in South India that are left homeless and with crops destroyed. Legacy can only provide help in a small way. But to the people, whom you help – it makes a very BIG difference to them!

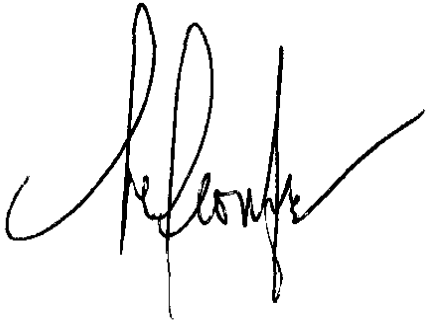
One time, King Bhumibol of Thailand told me that anything we do to help the poor and downtrodden is like: ***“adding drops to the ocean – but we must continue adding more drops”***.

Jesus never forgot the poor and destitute. Neither should we.

Until the next letter, may God bless all of you. We pray for you. Please pray for us! I will soon be going to India and Myanmar (Burma). These trips are always arduous. Pray that God will guard my health.

Thank you all,

In Our Lord Jesus’ service,



T. Leon Sexton

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