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THANK YOU, FELLOW MINISTERS!

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It is Monday night. The Feast of 1978 is over. I still haven't unwound from the final sermon here at the Tucson site. But before I do, I have to type out a few words of deep gratitude and THANKS to all you ministers of our wonderful Christ. Largely through you, we have had the finest feast in years -- and probably of all time.

It was a SPIRITUAL REVIVAL! After our living HEAD of God's Church moved to set His Church back on the track, then His College, now He has set His Festivals back on the track! I heard many comments that this Feast was as different as day from night, compared to last year.

While SPECIAL commendation, and a "WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT" is what I feel Christ would have me say for Him, in His name, to all you who delivered sermons, I feel Christ says the same to ALL OF YOU -- for many led in song services, prayer, and other duties, YOU ALL were leaders among the brethren attending, and you all served so wonderfully in the marvelous SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE that filled every Feast site.

It seemed all members were "up" for this Festival -- and that reflects the LEADERSHIP of God's ministers!

Attendance was UP -- increased in numbers, as well as in SPIRIT. The Holy Day Offerings were UP -- I don't have exact figures tonight, but I'm sure the highest ever.

The WORK OF GOD is OFF TO A NEW FAST-RUNNING START. Now let's STAY "UP" for it:

HOLY DAY OFFERING UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

We are still in the process of entering all the Holy Day Offering information into our files for the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day, so we do not have final figures at this time, but we would like to give you the PRELIMINARY numbers in this report (U.S. only).

	<u> 1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	CHANGE
Total Offering	\$2,099,107.29	\$2,205,465.07	+ 5.1%
Average Attendance	66,072	66,555	+ 0.7%
Per Person	\$31.43	\$33.13	+ 5.4%

There will be additional offerings coming from U.S. Citizens who attended festival sites in Canada and in the International areas, so these figures will go up slightly.

Mr. Armstrong is encouraged by the financial support of all the loyal members and wants to thank each of you for your part in this Great Work of God.

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