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Dear Corps:

God bless and greetings to you in the wonderful name of our living lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

You think we will ever? Ever what? All Corps--committed to the hilt--all Corps principles living dynamically in each of our lives?

Well, I can't go beyond what you believe. Decisions today affect tomorrow. The world is waiting and needs the "Sonrise." Are you willing and ready and able to do it? You better have it "baby"--you will need it. Time and time again it will be just you and God. Can you take it or do you always need someone to take you by the hand?

This will be a long Corps letter so settle in and weigh each sentence and word. This letter relates to the greatness of the Corps. When do you think you will grow up and mature into a first-string spiritual athlete?

When the Corps graduates or goes on their interim year or on relocation, they go back into the world, into the valley of human need, out of the safety of the environment of concern, love and commitment of the Corps, and so many times when they go back into the world, the world so quickly gets back into them and their effectiveness for God is squelched. I feel that the Way Corps is getting "bloated" in numbers, and poorer in quality of standards and in keeping the world out of them when they go back into the world to move the Word of God.

For too many Corps the "more abundant life" still means having more material possessions than your neighbor or even your Corps buddy has. The more material things you can display, the more successful you feel. Learning to live on \$20 a month in the Corps soon becomes something neat to have over with and out of. When you graduate you don't have to practice any of the principles of thrift, utilizing money sparingly to the greatest advantage. My heart gets sick when I think of the true quality and caliber of the Corps.

The Corps' true, absolute commitment must always be on par. I can assure you that the Communists, the homos and many other groups are committed to their principles. As true Corps you stick with the Corps "on account of," come "hell or high water" and sometimes even "in spite of." The Corps is a cohesive unit. You develop within yourself the sense of belonging, sharing common goals and yet stay unique in your own personal way.

People in WOW teams and families can never be managed by an interim Corps or a Corps grad requesting of them to go into the valley of human need, unless the coordinator or leader is out there in front willing to witness, willing to lead and willing to give his life as a leader for them, for the reclamation of those who are lost in that valley.

The Corps has a collective goal and is a unit in order to keep the Corps at the highest standard. The Corps dare never abandon the responsibility to lead or position themselves in safe places behind desks or something else while ordering the rest out to witness and carry forth the greatness of God's Word into the valley of human need.

Organized witnessing must generally be two-by-two and it must be man and woman, especially so in some of the larger cities and in some of the more "treacherous areas." I know we are "safe" with God, but I also know that God gives wisdom and wisdom requires action.

One person on special assignment on her interim year wrote the following:

"I made a lot of changes in my life these first months on the field. Generally with changes there is an upset and confusion, but when the change comes about as a result of the Word being built in, the by-product is stability and tranquility.

"A number of times I have reached down within myself questioning my ability to handle the responsibility. But, when I finally pushed aside all the hidden weaknesses and fears, the Christ in me shone forth victoriously.

"I am excited about life and living it to the fullest. I see such great need in people's lives. There is nothing more soothing than the peace of God ruling in our hearts. That's a product worth shouting about.

"The greater the reality of who we are in Christ lives in us, the sooner the Word will move over the world. People still look at other people before they look at the Word. That's why there is a great need for us to become reckless, not only in the renewed mind category, but in our believing. Why not believe for the most outrageous to come to pass? We have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

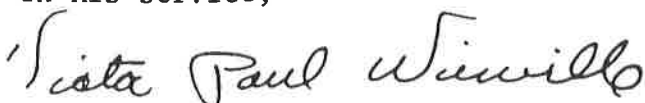
"The power of God in Christ in us needs to be released. All nine in operation all the time. It is up to us to put into action what we have received. Now is the time. Our days should be filled with perpetual nows.

"You have to accept the responsibilities for your decisions. Without the accuracy of God's Word in our daily lives, our daily living is a constant trauma. I know what the end results should be and therefore I can make sound decisions in light of the Word. It's up to me to stay in fellowship so I can hear Him above the world. God is my only reason for being successful.

"Because of my Corps training, I often find myself a hundred paces in front of everyone else. I am never a push-over Christian. The Word has given me the strength of steel on the inside as well as the necessary tenderness. The pressures of the business world were basically never intended for a woman to handle, for the pants I am wearing this year are a man's. That doesn't mean I can't fill them, but I have taken the pants to the seamstress on a number of occasions for altering. They fit me better as I stand faithful, tailor-made to suit my needs and God's will."

And so some Corps "do" and some "don't." Interesting, isn't it? Why? Well, I guess I'm so full of questions because I desire for every Corps brother or sister just God's best and each to be the best for Him. I do love you so together let's move the Word.

Faithfully,  
In His service,



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