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Dear Way Corps:

Thanksgiving is THANKSLIVING. Having just returned from our Presidential Itinerary to Central and South America, my heart is thankful and yet spiritually concerned that the ministry of God's Word we represent reaches out to every part of the world. As Way Corps you are the vital link in perpetuating the light of God's Word so that all who hunger and thirst after righteousness can be filled. The world so desperately needs the light of God's Word and you are the chosen vessels of this day and time and hour.

God is a personal God. Christianity is not the Mass or mass evangelism. I really even question the connotation many have given the name "Christianity." Maybe we should call ourselves—born-again believers!

Robert Coleman, in his book *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, stated:

The costly principles of leadership development and reproduction seem to have been submerged beneath the easier strategy of mass recruitment. The near-sighted objective of popular recognition generally took precedence over the long-range goal of reaching the world, and the methods of evangelism employed by the Church collectively and individually have reflected this same momentary outlook. . . . What really counts in the ultimate perpetuation of our work is the faithfulness with which our converts go out and make leaders out of their converts, not simply more followers. . . . When will we learn the lesson of Christ not to be satisfied merely with the firstfruits of those who are sent out to witness? Disciples (more accurately as men and women of the Corps—doulos) must be brought to maturity. There can be no substitute for total victory, and our field is the world. We have not been called to hold the fort, but to storm the heights.

Our ministry has always been directed to the individual. The Corps must continue to maintain their personal involvement with other people. The thing that turned you on when you took the Power for Abundant Living class was that you learned the how of the Word—how to walk with God, how to love your brothers and sisters, how to live life. We need to show and tell people how! If we show people how, then they too can be an established part of the united household of God—His habitation and dwelling place. How our heavenly Father's heart must long to have His children come home and be freed from the spiritual chains of darkness that have gripped so many in the world.

Yes, you Way Corps are the key as you shine forth the light of our ministry and the deliverance it brings and must continue to bring to those around us. We need to see ourselves so much bigger through His eyes.

That which is going to keep the ministry moving and tied together is strong leadership rooted and grounded in the Word who operate in the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation. The biggest challenge you will always have in the ministry will be the striving to maintain the balance that our ministry does not go the way of the denominations like the legalists have, or to go the so-called "freedom" or "do your own thing" way where you lose all the order and guidance of the Word. Either way it is still bondage if anyone turns away from the light of God's Word. That is why the bottom line for The Way Corps must always remain "It is written."

We front the ministry because we are the ministry. In sharing the heart of our ministry you cannot rely on promotion like television, radio, Sunday night announcements, Limb meetings and so on. Promotion must be one-on-one, where you take time to find out what the other person needs in his life. Then you can direct him to one of the many outreach aspects available to every individual in our ministry. I believe there are many whom God has called and who are qualified to be WOWs and Way Corps but have not yet made the commitment because they have not received the personal positive confrontation necessary for them to make their decision.

During our trip I saw where one of our Corps grads is challenging every Power for Abundant Living grad in his area to go WOW. Some may say "why?" I say "why not!" That is truly giving with vision and believing and acting on God's call to love. You as The Way Corps are the key. We must simply see it and do it now. We haven't got time to sit around and wait for someone else.

Speaking of people taking the class, while on our presidential journey, one area had over one hundred people fully registered to take the class. The night I taught was their opening session. Look at the quality of the Word in people's lives and what can happen when the Word is hot and the leadership is inspiring their people. Too bad we can't see more of the same in our so-called "civilized" countries like Europe and Great Britain and good old U.S.A.

Some of the people in these countries to the south don't even have coffee pots or refrigeration, but they do have the dynamics of their conviction and they move the Word. Maybe some of the Corps need to quit letting the meat of God's Word "loaf" and get off their back burners and start cooking on "high."

I believe it was Dr. Somerville who said if you "sweat much in peace, you bleed less in war." Maybe the reason we are getting beat in some situations is because we need to have less fight in our lives and sweat more in pushing the prince of peace, Jesus Christ.

Culture and politics are not important. Just teach the Word and get people excited about God and His Word and it will live no matter what political system or culture you live in.

By the way, if anyone "bugs" you on money for the class, just remind them that every dime that comes into our brother and sister countries *stays* in that country. The Way International doesn't take anything out. Nobody really believes we're doing it—but we are doing it anyway because we love people and just so want everyone to have their opportunity to hear God's Word. Name one domination that is doing that, including the "Roman Empire."

Don't get me wrong. I'm not preferring any of our people or their countries before another—but I love it when people move the Word, and as Corps you are *all* called to move the Word. Everything else is secondary.

There is so much more that is on my heart to share with you personally and face-to-face, and ultimately it will take the gathering together and our lives together with Him for all eternity to truly show the greatness of it all. But I do pray for you and love you very dearly and look forward to being with you during the 40th Anniversary Weekends and our class on LIVING VICTORIOUSLY.

During our 39th Anniversary celebration I shared with our people the eight great truths of our 40th Anniversary year:

1. Our monthly themes given in our 40th Anniversary Packet
2. Our Presidential Itinerary to Latin America
3. Our 40th Anniversary Weekends
4. Our Word in Business and Profession Conference in Kansas City
5. Our Presidential Itinerary to Europe and Great Britain
6. Our LIVING VICTORIOUSLY class
7. Our Rock of Ages and the commissioning of our 4,000 WOWs
8. Our 40th Anniversary week-long celebration and the installation of our new president for The Way International

I encourage you to build these into your heart and life and to share them and all their dynamics with your people.

Also remember to share with your people the true heart of Thanksgiving during this holiday season. In the New Testament thanksgiving is never depicted as a day, but as a manner of life—a moment by moment THANKSLIVING expressed in thankfulness. According to the Word of God, we have the following to be thankful for:

Thankful to Christ—I Timothy 1:12.

Thankful in the name of Christ—Ephesians 5:20.

Thankful in behalf of ministers—II Corinthians 1:11.

Thankful in private worship—Daniel 6:10.

Thankful in public worship—Psalms 35:18.

Thankful in everything—I Thessalonians 5:18.

Thankful upon the completion of great undertakings—Nehemiah 12:31.

Thankful before taking food—John 6:11; Acts 27:35.
Thankful always—Ephesians 1:16; I Thessalonians 1:2.
Thankful as a remembrance of God's holiness—Psalms 30:4.
Thankful for the goodness and mercy of God—Psalms 106:1.
Thankful for the gift of Christ—II Corinthians 9:15.
Thankful for the reception and effectual working of the Word of God in others
—I Thessalonians 2:13.
Thankful for deliverance through Christ from indwelling sin—Romans 7:23-25.
Thankful for victory over death and the grave—I Corinthians 15:57.
Thankful for wisdom and might—Daniel 2:23.
Thankful for the triumph of the gospel—II Corinthians 2:14.
Thankful for the conversion of others—Romans 6:17.
Thankful for the faith exhibited by others—Romans 1:8.
Thankful for love manifested by others—II Thessalonians 1:3.
Thankful for the grace bestowed upon others—I Corinthians 1:4.
Thankful for the zeal exhibited by others—II Corinthians 8:16.
Thankful for the supply of our bodily wants—Romans 14:6 and 7.
Thankful for all men—I Timothy 2:1.
Thankful for all things—II Corinthians 9:11.

Never forget that you have been trained and are being trained to truly represent His best in the world today. As one of our people said on return from the trip to Central and South America, "...if a picture is worth a thousand words, then one of the smiling faces of our believers is worth a whole book, and we are building quite a library out there." Hold it high and hold it forth.

Faithfully,
In His service,

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P.S. October 19 was the 200th anniversary of the surrender of the British troops at Yorktown which signaled the close of the revolutionary war and heralded the independence of our then fledgling nation. The Sunday on or before October 31 is Reformation Sunday which historians use as the date of the event which precipitated the coming of the Protestant Reformation when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenburg.

Today our ministry is the pacesetter and forerunner of the spiritual revolution and true reformation currently taking place. In light of the significance of our ministry I share the following which was written by Marilyn Friedly who was inspired to write this while on our Presidential Itinerary with her husband, Dan, as our guests. The Friedlys have stood faithfully with our ministry for almost 30 years. Dan was in the first PFAL class I taught in 1953 and Marilyn in the second. Their son Danny is a member of the Third Corps. I believe this sharing captures some of the great insight regarding our journey to our brothers and sisters to the south:

As a child I grew up along a stream which contained many pools of still waters. It was a pastime to select small stones to skip across the surface of the water. If some small disturbance was on the surface, the waves washed them aside. When the choice of stones was right and the angle thrown correct, waves would be started repeatedly that would reach the farthest banks of the stream.

Two weeks ago Ambassador One was cast upon the southern hemisphere by the hand of God, touching the surface seven times, setting up new waves that are washing to the borders of seven countries. Unlike normal waves that break on reaching the shore, the waves set up by these visits are building with such a force that the whole hemisphere will feel the effects in the months and years to come.

The Bible tells us the message of Jesus Christ spread over Asia in two and one-half years. After seeing the enthusiasm of the past two weeks, it can happen again—this time worldwide.

I am appreciative to have been a part of this momentous occasion.