



October 3, 1979

Dear Corps:

God bless and greetings to you on this, the third of October, 1979. This is the day from which we date what you know as The Way Ministry. However, I had been in the ministry as an ordained clergy, pastor of a church, before this time. October 3 in 1942 came on a Saturday and it was that Saturday when we traveled with our small group of eight young people from Payne, Ohio to Lima and did our first radio broadcast from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., under the name of Vesper Chimes. Later it was called the Chimes Hour Youth Caravan or the Chimes Hour, then The Way and now The Way International.

Perhaps the reason I'm writing to you today is because my heart, in one sense, is filled to overflowing and in another sense it sort of aches and I do not know of any people I have to whom I can open my heart any more so than to my Corps.

Through all these years, I have endeavored to try to do my best for people and above all, of course, for our God. At times I have felt so unworthy and so inadequate and yet God heals and God's wonderful grace and mercy allowed me to continue continuing.

The days of my years are rolling by and you are increasing daily with the knowledge of God and His Word and the joy of serving. I want you to have God's best and to be God's best. You represent in the world the greatest teaching ministry that I have available in my heart in spite of the areas where sometimes I feel I should do better.

You are Corps. You never graduate from the Corps if you're genuine Corps. You simply get deeper into the Corps because the Corps stands for a body of like-minded believers who are united as a core in a great, magnificent and wonderful singular objective as Corps.

On this day, as I endeavor to do every day, but especially today, I thank our God for you and I just wanted to write my heart to you and encourage you to be faithful to God and His Word, to allow the Word of God to dwell in you richly and for you to serve that Word of God abundantly to others. Anybody today can make a living but we, The Way Corps, serve LIFE to people. You are that life to the people of the world. And, as in the physical body not every member holds the same position or the same work, so in the spiritual body of the Corps not every individual has the same position but the whole Corps is strengthened by that which every member supplies and severely weakened by any member that is amputated from that household or body of the Corps.

Take heed unto yourself that you may so live the great principles of God's Word, should the Lord tarry, that you, on your 37th anniversary may be able to look back over your life with great thanksgiving and love for many more thousands of people than I in my years can point to.

Again, God bless and I thank you for allowing me to open my heart to you and being a part of your beautiful life and for you being God's best in every way. Bless you real good and have a believing, joyful, thankful and successful day.

Sincerely,
In His service,

Victor Paul Wierwille