

**“Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, and to day and for ever.”**  
(Heb. 13:8)

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## **40 special years**

Special greetings to all true believers, to God's children all over the earth, who believe as the Scripture says, in the precious name of our LORD Jesus Christ with the following Word,  
*“For ye have need of patience that after ye have done the will of God, Ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry,”* (Heb. 10: 36-37).

This time I would like to look back especially upon the forty years that have passed since the mission work in Krefeld began. In Scripture the number 40 seems to have special significance. We find it mentioned over fifty times in various connections. During the flood it rained forty days and nights (Gen. 7: 4). Moses was 40 years old when he went to look after his brethren, the Israelites, for the first time (Acts 7: 17-29). After another forty years, the LORD appeared to him in the burning bush (Acts 7: 30). The children of Israel journeyed in the wilderness for forty years (Josh. 5: 6). David reigned as king for forty years (2 Sam. 5: 4). Solomon reigned for the same length of time (1 Ki. 11: 42). Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted by Satan (Mt. 4: 1-11). Forty days Jesus appeared with His disciples after His resurrection and taught them the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God (Acts 1: 1-3).

Altogether I can look back on 47 years in the service of God's Kingdom. I am now more than ever convinced that it will only last a very short time before the things the Scripture predicted 2,000 years ago will be fulfilled. Then He -*Whom the heaven must receive; until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the time began,* (Acts 3: 21) will come without further delay, according to His promise (Jn. 14: 1-3). But there are conditions to be met in order to participate in the rapture, which can only find their fulfillment in our walk with God. The emphasis in our Scripture text is to do the **will** of God. *“...After ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”* The will of God must happen in our personal life and also within the Church. Only if God is pleased with us, as He was with Enoch, who exemplary was taken to Glory (Heb. 11: 5), we also will be taken up (1 Thess. 4: 17). The necessity now is the complete conformity with God and His Word, the unity of Bride and Bridegroom. In practical life this can only be achieved if we truly live every Word of God.

Of the Son of God it is written, *-I delight to do thy will, O my God,* (Ps. 40: 8; Heb. 10: 7). Our LORD said: *For whosoever shall do the will of my Father, who is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.* (Mt. 12: 50). He prayed in Gethsemane, *... not as I will, but as thou wilt.,* (Mt. 26: 36-42). May that be our prayer, for only in the direct will of God are we sanctified once and for all by His sacrifice (Heb. 10: 8-10). He became the sacrifice for all who would be sanctified by Him and thus reach perfection (Heb. 10: 14). The Redeemer sanctified Himself in complete obedience to the will of God, so the redeemed could be sanctified in Him and His Word (Jn. 17: 14-19). We sense that time has become very serious, as we are moving into the last phase of the final restoration and preparation of the Bride Church.

## **GOD'S WAYS**

Looking back, I see the hand of the LORD throughout my whole life. When I was fourteen, I was already reading my Bible daily. That might sound peculiar, but I did it because of a desire in my heart. My father, who was also a friend and a brother in Christ to me, was preaching and holding daily family devotions. Often ministering brethren would spend the evenings in our home to exchange their views on certain scriptures. I did participate then, but could only listen in. One would ask, -How do you see it? What is your opinion?., On my heart it has always been that I wanted to know how it really is according to the Scripture. Therefore, I would read the reference scriptures in question, asking my LORD to enlighten me. Thanks be to Him, Who from the very beginning when I started preaching in 1953 has protected and led me, so that I only taught as I would do if He should be personally present in the congregation. That applies to the entire span of the past 47 years. As every believer, I grew spiritually and was led from knowledge to knowledge in a progressive revelation and things became clearer, but always remained in His Word. I preached the counsel of God and scriptural doctrines as I found them in the Scriptures and as they were illuminated to me. In the thousands of sermons I preached, I did not have to make a single correction. The guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit has always been perfect.

Looking back to the past years in God's Kingdom. I can only select a few of the many experiences. The outstanding ministry of Brother Branham, whereby we were placed into Bible days again, I experienced for the first time in August 1955 in Karlsruhe, Germany.

Already in the very first meeting I recognised that the man on the platform truly was a man sent from God. After the sermon he prayed for those who wanted to dedicate their life to the LORD. Then he called the sick to the platform. The audience of over 20 thousand people saw and heard how he told the individuals details

from their life which were impossible for him to know. It became clear to me that we were seeing repeated what already happened in the ministry of Jesus Christ and that it was the same sign of the Messiah. *“Nathanael saith unto him, How knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.”* (Jn. 1: 48). To the woman at the well of Samaria He said, *“... for thou hast had five husbands, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband ... The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. ... I know that Messiah cometh, who is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.”* (Jn. 4: 17-26).

Right after the first service I had the desire to meet this man of God personally and to speak with him. The next morning before 8.00 o'clock I inquired about him at the hotel reception. As I was asking, the gentleman said, -You need no further information. Rev. Branham and his team are now entering the lobby.- I turned around and saw Brother Branham coming toward the reception, stopping just in front of me, pointing to me,



Left to right: Dr. Guggenbuhl, Rev. F. F. Bosworth and Brother Branham.  
This photo was taken in 1955 in Karlsruhe, Germany, where I met him.

saying, “You are a preacher of the Gospel!” Then he pointed to his left and said, “There at the entrance is Your wife!”, Being touched deeply in my heart and overwhelmed I shook his hand and we spoke together. From this time, I had the desire to know more about his ministry. Ever since I can remember, I had a longing to meet a man who had met God and knew Him personally.

In June 1958 I participated in the -Voice of Healing- convention, arranged by Rev. Gordon Lindsay in Dallas, Texas, USA. Brother Branham was announced to be the main speaker. In comparison to the many other evangelists present, I could well see that this humble man of God was an exception. And I recognised him to be a prophet like John the Baptist, a man sent from God. There Brother Branham also told people from different cities, who came for prayer, what their needs and their illnesses were. Some were told where they lived, even the city, street and house number, among other details. The reaction was a tremendous boost of their faith and they were healed on the spot, as in the ministry of our LORD, even some who were born blind! The same prophetic ministry which happened with our LORD as Son of man repeated. Jesus said in Jn. 5: 19-20, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do ... For the Father ... showeth him all things...”* In that same way Brother Branham could tell various things by vision and divine revelation, even hidden thoughts by the gift of discernment. He spoke of a message that he had received for God's people.

Now I wanted to know what he believes and teaches, for I saw that God is with him. I left my address with the brethren responsible for the tapes, Leo and Gene, so his sermons could be sent to me, but also had a personal talk with Brother Branham. At the end of that conversation in Dallas he looked at me and said, “You will return to Germany!” For me that was unbelievable, because in March 1956 my wife and I had immigrated to Canada and would never have thought of returning. But already in August 1958 we came back to Germany, according to the direction of the LORD, which was once again confirmed. I continued preaching in churches known to me from the time before.

It was in October 1959, when the district overseer in the congregation in Krefeld, in which my father and I were also preaching, warned against Brother Branham and his teachings. From that moment on, we were not welcome any more and could no longer preach freely. Some brothers and sisters withdrew from that church, including our entire family. Towards the end of December, we had a prayer meeting where I translated the first sermon of Brother Branham from a tape. It was a house-meeting of about 12-15 people. Our objective was clear: “Sola scriptura” - the Scripture alone should be valid in faith, teaching and life. By God's grace, a new beginning broke forth and He gave continuing growth and much fruit for eternity. Soon we had to rent a hall seating about 70 people, then another one with exactly 120 seats, after that one with 250, until we bought some property in 1973, as shown in a vision, and were able to build our own church, which has a seating capacity for over 600 people.

With deep gratitude I wish to mention that the same brethren Leonhard Russ, Paul Schmidt, Alfred Borg, Reinhold Illing and my Brother Helmut, who were with me from the very beginning, are still with us today after 40 years, serving in the local church. That is not only close to a miracle, that truly is a miracle. As experience teaches, brothers very quickly lean towards independence, mostly to prove that they can gather people around them and be pastor. Under all circumstances God has watched over His Word, His servants and His people. The reward to such brethren, who serve the LORD unselfishly, will be great.



First row from l. to r.: Bro. Borg, Bro. Illing, Bro. H. Frank. Second row: Bro. Frank, Bro. Russ, Bro. Schmidt

God blesses the faithful cooperation. One has planted, the other did the watering and God gave the increase (I Cor. 3: 5-9).

Brother Russ has led the services as minister and elder throughout these 40 years. Brother Schmidt has faithfully stood by his side, also as an elder, serving in the local church as well as in the mission work, especially in the countries of the former Soviet Union. I shall never forget that evening, in the mid sixties, when the LORD spoke to me with a commanding voice, saying, "MY SERVANT, DEDICATE UNTO ME LEONHARD RUSS TO BE ELDER AND PLACE TO HIS SIDE PAUL SCHMIDT, FOR THEREUNTO I HAVE ORDAINED THEM!" That was the precise wording. In the following meeting both brethren were unanimously accepted by the church and were dedicated as elders by the laying on of hands. Brother Borg and Brother Illing also have taken responsibility in the board of trustees, together with my brother Helmut. Also all brethren who joined later have kept their place and done their respective work faithfully in the church and the mission outreach.

It is our destiny to be in the service of the LORD, so He can continue His work through His Church, as it is written, "*must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work.*" (Jn. 9: 4). At the end of the time of grace, the ever faithful God has placed us into His end-time plan in a marvellous way. We are consciously participating in the last part of the plan of Salvation. At the first coming of Christ, only the true elect believers saw and partook in the fulfillment of Bible prophecies. So it is again in this generation before the second coming of Christ, only the true elect will recognise what God does. It remains true that many are called, but few are chosen (Mt. 22: 14), as it is also written, "*Even so, then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace ... What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it...*" (Rom. 11: 5-7). The same applies to the Church from the nations. All nominal believers have their own plans and Christian programs, according to the church and the mission work they belong to. Only the true children of God are the children of promise (Gal. 4: 8). They recognise the merciful visitation and experience what God has promised.

### DIVINELY ORDAINED

The dear LORD ordained it that I, as the least among His servants, should have a great part in the world-wide proclamation of His Word. What **He saw in me I do not know, perhaps** it was what He Himself had placed within me, for I personally brought nothing along that He could use. HE is sovereign, cannot be influenced and does all things according to His purpose. It so pleased the LORD to call me on 2nd April, 1962, giving me a direct commission, as prophets and apostles had received. With the same divine truthfulness as Paul spoke of his calling and commission, I can testify of the same. He could tell precisely and I can, too, - thanks be to God - where and when it happened and can repeat the exact words in detail. To me it is also of significance that he received his calling in his Hebrew mother tongue from the mouth of the resurrected and glorified LORD (Acts 26: 14). With the same assurance I can testify to having heard the mighty, all-penetrating-commanding voice of the resurrected LORD in my German mother tongue: "MY SERVANT, YOUR TIME FOR THIS CITY WILL SOON BE OVER. I WILL SEND YOU TO OTHER CITIES TO PREACH MY WORD."

The voice came from above, but from the right. At that very moment, my physical strength left me and I fell to the left, with my face towards the ground. Paul also fell to the ground (Acts 9: 4). The next moment I was taken out of my body, observing from the other dimension as I was then standing in the room, my hands stretched out before me, saying the words, "LORD, they will not hear me. They have all things in abundance and are not ready to listen." Then the LORD answered, My SERVANT, THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL HEAR YOU. STORE IN FOOD, FOR A GREAT FAMINE IS COMING. THEN THOU SHALT STAND AMIDST THE PEOPLE TO GIVE OUT THE FOOD." The last words of the heavenly calling were, "MY SERVANT, DO NOT ESTABLISH LOCAL CHURCHES AND DO NOT PUBLISH A SONG BOOK, FOR IT IS THE SIGN OF A DENOMINATION. All the words of this testimony are just as true as every word of Paul's calling in the Bible. Nobody can actually imagine what an absolute is connected to a direct, personally received commission of the LORD. Satan and all of hell could assail me: The divine decision and the experience I had would still remain true throughout all eternity.

The year 1961 had been the climax of the Cold War, including the Cuba crisis. Mr. Nikita Chrushtchev, the general secretary of the Soviet Union, had just beaten the pulpit at the UN summit meeting with his shoe, repeating quite loudly, "We shall never agree! We shall never agree!" In Berlin, Russian tanks on one side and American tanks on the other side of the Brandenburg gate were facing each other. The US-President John F. Kennedy said, "I will make an example of Berlin!" On 13<sup>th</sup> August, the Russian military started to build the Berlin Wall. In our country was high political tension, similar to the Soviet Berlin blockade in 1948/49. Therefore, I was under the impression that a catastrophe would strike our country, followed by a famine, comparable to the one at the end of World War II. And we actually stored natural food and groceries. But the months passed - without any catastrophe. I personally almost reached a state of despair, for I had announced the famine, as the LORD had told me, without it happening. I did not want to preach any more and even told the LORD, "If You will not give me an answer, then take my life!"

At that decisive moment, the thought came to me that I should fly to the USA to see Brother Branham. I knew about his gift and expected the LORD to give me an answer through him. And thanks be to God, that was what happened. On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1962, the four of us, Brother Branham, myself, Brother Banks Woods and Brother Fred Sothmann, were sitting at the table. Brother Branham inquired about the spiritual situation in Germany and Switzerland, whether the message was being believed. He asked about Brother Erwin Mueller and Dr. Adolf Guggenbuehl, for Dr. Guggenbuehl from Switzerland had also arranged the meetings for Brother Mueller in Germany. The conversation took its course. I got impatient, for only one question was burning in my soul: to know about what the LORD had spoken. I just said, "Brother Branham, I have something special upon my heart. May I ask you about it?" Spontaneously he looked at me, raised his right hand a little across the table and said, "Brother Frank, may I tell you why you have come to see me? The LORD has spoken to you. May I tell you what He said?" And he repeated word for word and sentence for sentence in the exact order what the LORD had said to me at daybreak on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1962. I was completely overwhelmed and speechless. Then Brother Branham continued, saying, "Brother Frank, you misunderstood what the LORD said. You thought there will come a natural famine and you have put in store natural food and groceries. But the LORD will send a famine to hear His Word. And the food you are to put in store is the promised Word of God for this time, which the LORD has revealed and it is kept in the sermons, which are recorded on tape." He added. "Wait with the giving out until you receive the rest of **the food**." **This part I did not understand, but** could not ask about it and therefore was sad later on. How could I have known then, that **Brother Branham, after preaching about the Seven Seals** from the Book of Revelation in March 1963 and other important subjects like "Marriage and divorce", would be taken home to Glory only three years later, on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 1965? Finally, Brother Branham laid his hands on me and prayed for me, embracing me.

I am very grateful for the answer given to me, which at the same time was a confirmation. I have carried out my ministry in a twofold way, according to my commission, traveling from country to country, from city to city, preaching God's Word and also translating more than 200 sermons of Bro. Branham, God's messenger for this time, up till now into the German language. I am also responsible for the publishing of his sermons in many other languages. In this way God's people are receiving the spiritual food, the promised and revealed Word of the hour.

*It was only because of my initiative that the sermons of Brother Branham, which to the day of his departure had only been recorded on tapes, were now printed as brochures. If I had not called the brothers together after the day of Brother Branham's burial - among whom were Roy Borders, Pearry Green, Lee Vayle and others - and had not told them about the commission I received from the LORD and what now needs to be done, the ministry of the man sent from God would have been buried with him and the whole world would have never heard about the end-time message. God knows all things and plans them in a perfect way. Brother Woods and Brother Sothmann were present as witnesses to confirm my interview with Brother Branham of December 1962. God had taken care of the things, which were now to happen, according to the corresponding instructions. So what would have been the end, became a new beginning.*

The brothers in the USA, who had been around Brother Branham, without exception were expecting his resurrection and the burial was postponed over and over again until Easter 1966. Even at the cemetery, the chorus -Only believe- was sung by all the bereaved for about two hours, still expecting him to rise, before the coffin was eventually lowered into the grave. I did not sing, I wept, prayed and talked with my LORD. At the evening of the same day, while in my hotel room, a deep peace suddenly entered my soul. It was as though a heavy burden was lifted from me and the LORD seemed to change my sadness into joy. There it spoke very

strongly in my heart, "Now your time to give out the food has come." After receiving this direction, I called the brothers together the next morning to that most decisive conversation. Brother Roy Borders took upon himself the responsibility to print and to publish Brother Branham's sermons.

## CHURCH AS BASE

I am very grateful to God for the local church in Krefeld, which has participated in the commission I received from the very beginning. And I am also very grateful for those, who consider themselves to be part of it. As the LORD instructed, I never founded a local church in any other city. My task is to reach all of God's children who are still scattered in the different churches and to share God's Word with them. It is also well known that all churches have published their own song books, to distinguish their denomination from the others. I can sing from any song book, but I am not permitted to publish one myself. As Brother Branham very clearly stated, this last revival will not bring forth a new, organised church, but instead the Bride Church of Jesus Christ.

We find the calling Paul received recorded three different times in the Book of Acts. He placed much emphasis upon the fact that he was divinely commissioned. For only the ministry connected to the divine commission was his legitimisation. In his epistles, he identified himself at the very beginning as who he was: an apostle of Jesus Christ, someone directly sent. That precludes that there had to be a sender, who gave the order to carry the special message of the sender. In this connection he refers to himself as servant of Christ, "*Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God...*" (Rom. 1: 1). He did not place himself in this high position, but rather referred to the ministry given to him. He was destined to preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20: 27). As servant and witness, it was his task to open the eyes of the people by his exposition of the Scriptures (Acts 26: 16-18). To him were revealed the mystery of God in Christ, the mystery of Christ in the Church and all the other mysteries, right to the transformation of the mortal bodies at the time of the first resurrection and rapture when Christ returns (1Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4 a. o.). His extraordinary calling was **connected to the special teaching ministry** for the Church of Jesus Christ.

His intention was to present to Christ a chaste virgin, but he feared that as Eve was beguiled, so the Church would also be corrupted (2 Cor. 11: 2-3). In spite of it, he was convinced and believed that the LORD would take care of His Own, "... *that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*" (Eph. 5: 27). In his letter to Titus the apostle opens his heart and we see his calling and commission for the faith of the elect and for the knowledge of God in all truth. "*Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began, but hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God, our Saviour,*" (Tit. 1: 1-3). That is what can be called -ministering according to God's commission- even today.

A comparable calling and direct commission was given to William Branham on 7th May, 1946. He was the promised prophet who should appear, before the great and dreadful day of the LORD cometh, to turn the hearts of God's children back to the faith of the apostolic fathers of the very beginning (Mal. 4: 5-6; Mt. 17: 11 a. o.). To him the LORD revealed how the fall in the Garden of Eden actually happened. Just like to Paul, the entire plan of Salvation was also revealed to him. It can truthfully be said that God has revealed all His Word from Genesis to Revelation. All the truths that were hidden therein and lost are now made known. Once again we can live by every Word of God and can be nourished by the hidden Mannah. At the beginning, Paul laid the foundation - Brother Branham did the same at the end of the time of grace. Paul was the apostle and teacher placed by God and therefore refers to himself as co-worker of God (1 Cor. 3: 9-15; 2 Cor. 6: 1), as ambassador of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5: 16-21). The same applies to Brother Branham. **He taught and did** the same. In 1 Cor. 4, the Apostle Paul admonishes the believers as the steward of the mysteries of God. The teaching and practice revealed to him is binding for the New Testament Church. Even today it is the only valid pattern before God. Only what completely coincides with it, without the slightest deviation, originates from God and is truly faith as the Scripture says. That I also received such a calling I cannot and will not deny. On the contrary: I have the same responsibility today as the men of God had before me.

## CONFIRMED BY SCRIPTURE

Since the beginning of the seventies, the sermons of Brother Branham were not only sent out from Jeffersonville, USA, but also under the leadership of Don Bablitz from Edmonton, Canada. It was in July 1975, when I was visiting there, that he came to me, telling me about all the countries that were being served. He was simply overwhelmed that the message was spread all over the world through my ministry. Suddenly he said, "Brother Frank, we see Brother Branham's ministry in the Bible. What about your ministry? Is it also found in the Bible?" I had never thought about it before and replied quite harshly, "Stop it! Don't talk like that! How can my ministry be in the Bible?"

Very early the next morning I had just reached over to take my Bible to read, when suddenly the same voice of the LORD said, "MY SERVANT, I HAVE ORDAINED YOU ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 24: 45 TO GIVE OUT THE FOOD IN DUE SEASON." I was shocked. Up to this moment Mt. 24 for me was the chapter wherein the LORD speaks about the end-time, about wars, earthquakes, about false prophets and false christs, about Israel in the symbol of the fig tree, which has come back to life again. But now I was deeply touched as my eyes fell

directly upon the verses 45-47, which I read, “*Who, then, is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? -Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you that he shall make him ruler over all his goods.*” (Mt. 24: 45-47). This was a scriptural revelation and a direct confirmation, for if this final ministry would not be based upon a promise, then it would not have a significance in the end-time plan of Salvation, would not have any legitimisation, not even the divine right to exist.

When we continue reading in Mt. 25, we notice that the concern is the coming of the Bridegroom. But before the return of the Bridegroom, the original teachings in their entirety must be proclaimed without compromise. After all things were restored through the prophetic ministry, they must now be shared through the teaching ministry with all the servants of the household of the LORD. That is according to the THUS SAITH THE LORD in His Word. The divine order must be fully established in the end-time. All who now listen to what the Spirit says unto the churches will hear the revealed Word. And all who receive it will prove it by faith and obedience. Only then do they have the access to the very Holiest of Holies and will partake of the riches prepared for them. They eat the fresh Mannah and live by the revealed Word promised for this time. The LORD predicted the spiritual famine in Am. 8: 11. HE therefore watched over His Own Word to fulfill it, so His Own would partake of His promised food, whereby they live spiritually.

## TWO TIME PERIODS

The past 40 years 1960-2000 can be divided into two periods. The sixties and seventies were in regards to the local church and the mission work very important and show a continuing growth.

I made the first missionary journey outside European borders in 1964, to countries in the Middle East right up to India. In 1966, I invited Rev. Pearry Green of Tucson, Arizona, USA, to testify 4 what his eyes had seen and his ears had heard in the ministry of Brother Branham. As an eye-witness, he gave a tremendous testimony in Germany and the neighbouring countries. From that time on, I also ministered frequently in the Western European countries, preaching the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ including the end-time message. After receiving the printed sermons, we started to translate and publish them. From 1968-1978 I had a radio ministry each Sunday morning for 20 minutes, via Radio Luxembourg. During that time, I reached the people all over Europe, also the ones living in the German Democratic Republic and the German speaking minorities in the other Eastern European countries.

Also from 1968 I ministered in the countries behind the iron curtain, under most dangerous circumstances. In various churches the doors were opened to me **and I could share** the message. In the seventies the LORD touched the heart of the president of the Baptist Union in Moscow and he said, -Brother Frank, we are taking responsibility for you with the authorities and you are free to preach in our country wherever the LORD opens a door... At that time it was necessary to obtain a special permission from the police for foreigners to even greet a congregation. If I would make mention of how the LORD was with me, protecting, guiding while visiting all these countries, a separate book could be written. I remember those years of the East-West confrontation until the change in 1989. When the troops of the Warsaw Pact occupied Czechoslovakia in 1968, I was literally caught between Russian tanks, driving from Prague towards the Polish border, when I had to pass the convoy. How often did I have cassettes and literature in my luggage! If I would have been caught with it, the first step towards prison was most certainly guaranteed. In every Eastern Bloc country it was on top of the list that all Christian literature and Bibles were prohibited. In Prague and East Berlin warrants of arrest were issued against me. In East Berlin I was caught with a film projector and the film “Deep calleth to the deep” of Bro. Branham and taken into a prison cell for a few hours. Looking at the observing video camera, I still felt secure, knowing the LORD was with me. When I was interrogated I gave testimony as freely as always. I confessed my Redeemer and also my calling, as Paul did in the presence of high or low, in every situation. Through the missionary trips I made every month, also by the radio ministry and the publication of Brother Branham's sermons, the work was done and uncounted souls in all the world were saved, delivered and blessed, also many were healed.

For me personally, the years 1968-1978 were special. It was a time of almost undisturbed fellowship with God. A few times the Scripture passages I should speak on were given to me. The LORD would say, -My SERVANT, STAND BEFORE MY PEOPLE AND READ Also the LORD gave directions a number of times for others who were in need, or when I was concerned. One time, as a sister was in big trouble I was told with regard to her, “MY SERVANT, GO AND SPEAK THE WORD!” The miracle happened on the spot. Another time the LORD spoke in reference to a very sick brother, “MY SERVANT, GO TO HIM, TAKE THE ELDERS WITH YOU AND READ THE WORD THE PROPHET ISAIAH SPOKE To HEZEKIAH!” The healing from cancer happened immediately.

In October 1976 the LORD spoke with emphasis, “MY SERVANT, CANCEL YOUR TRIP TO INDIA!” The ticket was already in my hands, it was about 48 hours before departure. About 10:00 AM and again at about 11:30 AM the LORD said, “CANCEL YOUR TRIP TO INDIA!” I was obedient, without knowing why and sent to the brethren in India telegrams, stating, “Trip to India cancelled. Letter follows.” Only two days later it came through the news that the aircraft I was booked on from Bombay to Madras had caught fire after the take-off, like recently the Concorde in Paris, and all the 96 passengers died in flames in the air. A man from the German press center of Cologne called the Krefeld Mission Center to announce the sad news, that Missionary Ewald Frank was among the 96 passengers who were killed. Then I was called to the phone and could personally tell the gentleman that I was still alive! He assured me again that he had read my name on the passenger list. Yes, God is faithful!

It was a walk with God like the one Job experienced, enjoying similar protection from all sides. But trials and tests also came upon me and my family. In 1970 our fifth child, who had not given a sign of life for some days, was taken out of the mother's womb by serious operation. Several blood transfusions were necessary to save her life. We were not permitted to see the baby, as decomposition had already set in. In 1980, after a trip to Ghana, Africa, I got sick with malaria tropica. The professor of the main hospital in Krefeld, who probably thought that I was unconscious, told the physician team several times in three consecutive days, "It is too late!" I was wheeled into the room where people are left to die, and only through a direct miracle of God am I alive today. At the very moment of death, the LORD let me experience the rapture in advance. I left my natural body and was in the glorified body together with the innumerable white dressed multitude, going up in the air. All were young, all sisters had long hair, hanging down their back, and together we were majestically lifted up higher and higher. I saw the Holy City in the shape of a pyramid and the Glory of God. When I returned into my body I was terribly disappointed and wept bitterly. But the ministry was not yet completed. In all the trials and experiences I realised that my earthly life is no exception, but rather has to be like that of all the others. The difference is only on the spiritual level, according to the divine commission for the Church.

### THE MISSION CENTER

At Easter 1974 we inaugurated our church building, which has become a place of blessing for thousands in Europe and from all over the world. It is not a cathedral, has more similarity with the stall of Bethlehem rather than with a sacred domed building. In view of the near return of Christ we just wanted a place to assemble, where not the visible impression counts, but rather the inside of the believers, who make up the spiritual temple of God wherein the LORD should find pleasure, as it is written, "... *For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*" (2 Cor. 6: 16).

In the middle of the seventies the brethren in the USA and Canada within the ranks of the end-time message believers were emphasising the year 1977 to be the end. Again it was the faithful LORD, Who at the right time spoke directly from heaven, because nobody can know the time or the hour of His coming. It was a nice September day in 1975, the evening shadows had begun to fall. I came around the backside of the church, as suddenly the commanding voice, which every time comes from above and from the right, spoke again to me. At the first word I stopped in reverence, as I was told, "MY SERVANT, GO UNTO THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY AND DEDICATE THE LAND ADJACENT TO THIS TO ME, FOR YOU MUST PREPARE DORMITORIES. PEOPLE WHO WILL COME FROM ALL NATIONS NEED ACCOMMODATION..." I promptly turned around, went through the small gate, which leads to the shopping center, right to the neighbouring property, knelt down in the brushwood and dedicated it to the LORD. Soon the first building was being built on the property now measuring about 10,000 square metres - one hectare.

As the first building was almost finished, Brother Schmidt came along just saying, pointing to it, Brother Frank, one house is not enough for half of the guests who will come.- This utterance seemed to fall deep into my heart and I pondered on it. Just a few days later, I opened my Bible one morning and my eyes fell on the passage in 2 Chr. 14, where it says, "*So they built and prospered.*" (v. 7b). In the German Bible it states this in the plural, "And they put up the buildings..." I read the text again while kneeling and I knew very definitely that the LORD wanted to speak to me. This time not with an audible voice, but within my heart it said, "**Put up two equal buildings!**" And so it happened. By faith and the help of the brethren, we put up the two missionary buildings in 1977 and 1978. At the beginning of the nineties we could also construct our publishing house and print shop. We can accommodate up to 300 guests and in the dining room we can serve 400 people at one time. The mission work spread, accompanied by the visible blessings of the Almighty. Never has anyone heard that money was mentioned. All guests stay for free, they do not pay for meals or for their stay. Also all literature in the many languages, all books, all audio and video cassettes are sent out free of charge into the whole world.

### TEST THE SPIRITS

This blessed paradise-like condition did not seem to go over well with the enemy. As with Job he was permitted to bring about a terrible destruction. But God will now as then restore twofold (Job 42: 10-11; Jas. 5: 7-11). If we take examples from the Scripture, Satan was always terribly against those who carried God's Word. It happened just like the Word says, "... *smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered...*" (Zech. 13: 7) and also, "*For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?*" (Lk. 23: 31). The prophets and servants of God had to go through various trials and persecutions (Heb. 11: 32-40). From Abel right down to Zechariah they had to endure the wrath of the enemy (Mt. 23: 34-39). Satan, the prince of this world of darkness, cannot stand the divine influence of the Word, and the enemy is a murderer from the beginning, a liar and a destroyer. Since Cain his seed has tried to murder the Seed of God and attempted to destroy It. He begins with the married couples, continues with the families, right on to the Church and to all of God's work. Even the whole creation is groaning and suffering since the fall (Rom. 8: 19-22), so God finally will have to make all things new (Rev. 21: 5).

If the enemy cannot murder physically, he will do it by assassination of character, through spreading lies, and he appears very subtly as the accuser of the brethren. The adversary always attacks with -It is written-, but twists the Word, as he did at the temptation with our LORD (Mt. 4: 1-11). He uses Scripture, but always puts his own

interpretation to it. Any utterance inspired by him can be like a deadly injection. The poison of the serpent is in deceitful tongues he misuses and their throat is an open sepulchre, as is written in Rom. 3: 13-18. James also describes the tongue as an unruly evil which no one can tame, inspired by the fire of hell, carrying deadly poison (chapter 3: 1-12). The enemy does everything with the intention to destroy the credibility of the one carrying the divine Word and to establish enmity. It is the same every time: Those who look up to a man, the enemy will confuse, they will be offended and later turn the matter around for their excuse. When Jesus went on His way through Gethsemane to Calvary, He said, "All *ye shall be offended because of me this night...*" (Mt. 26: 31). Of course, those who have received a personal relationship with their Lord and Saviour because of the ministry ordained by God, will see through the situation and find their way back, even after the attack. They know that it is Satan who destroys and do not go along with his destructive work.

What happened in paradise can repeat itself with men of God. Satan influenced Eve and she beguiled her Adam, to whom the LORD GOD had spoken personally. The enemy always knows how to do it. He starts with what God has said, twists and turns it into the exact opposite by using his own arguments. Therefore God rebuked Adam, "*Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife...*" (Gen. 3: 17). If someone is not married, take Joseph for example, to him a woman might speak - it could even be Mrs. Potiphar with her reputation and influence - "Lie with me", then pull his garment from him to make up the whole story against him. As she was holding the proof in her hands, her lie was well believed (Gen. 39). All the rest fit right into the whole situation.

It has been from the very beginning that God permitted things to happen in the natural life of His servants, which we cannot comprehend. Moses took a Cushite woman, and his sister, the prophetess Miriam, thought to be right, complained about it and was smitten with leprosy. The LORD GOD demanded her and Aaron to come unto the tabernacle of the congregation, so they could hear the truth from Him (Num. 12). In Dt. 34: 10 we are told, "*And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face*". Samson, an answer to prayer, a promised son, dedicated from his mother's womb, went to Gaza to the Philistines and visited a harlot. And that after the Spirit of the LORD had begun to move in him (Jud. 13-16)! Even David did something that we can never comprehend. He committed adultery, taking the wife of Uriah, and even had her husband killed and became a murderer (2 Sam. 11). It displeased the LORD. But we still read the Psalms and Jesus Christ is called the Son of David. He was not asked to step down, not forbidden to sing or to preach. The LORD only gives a short declaration about those, to whom the Word came, "*... Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High. But ye shall die like men...*" (Ps. 82: 6-7) and also, "*If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken...*" (Jn. 10: 35). Servants of God are not under the jurisdiction of the Church, but only responsible toward God and judged by Him. Therefore we have the serious admonition, "*Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be held up; for God is able to make him stand.*" (Rom. 14: 4). They are human beings like the rest. The divine part in them is God's Word as the supernatural substance, whereby we also partake in the divine nature (2 Pet. 1: 3-4). They are earthen vessels with divine contents (2 Cor. 4: 7).

Every time a true servant of God appeared on the scene, the spirits were discerned and separated. The people have to make their decision whether to receive or to reject that ministry. "*For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other, the savour of life unto life.*" (2 Cor. 2: 15-16). Even of our LORD is written that He would be a sanctuary for some and for others a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence (Isa 8: 14-15). The Apostle Peter writes about the elect and precious cornerstone, and those who put their trust in Him shall not be ashamed. But he also mentions the builders who have rejected that stone, taking offence in their disobedience (1 Pet. 2: 1-8). For some He is set for the fall and for others He is appointed to rise and be a sign of dispute (Lk. 2: 34). The sanctimonious scribes and Pharisees disputed our LORD at every occasion, even insinuating in view of His birth, "*We are not born of fornication...*" (Jn. 8: 41). They should have known that the Redeemer was not to be born by a woman, but by a virgin, as it is written (Isa 7: 14; Lk. 1: 27). The concern is always God's Word. For as certain as there is life in the originally inspired Word, spiritual death and deception are in every wrong inspiration.

In the past fifty years, since 1949 when I had my full salvation experience with the LORD, I experienced both: the growth in divine love and the destruction in devilish hatred. At Pentecost 1953 I witnessed an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as several hundreds were baptised with the Holy Ghost at the same time. Suddenly from the midst of the congregation glorious heavenly singing in other languages broke forth, which spread over the entire congregation and became louder and all were filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking and singing in pleasant harmony in other tongues in a heavenly atmosphere. In the Krefeld church we experienced for many years God's blessings by the use of spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. But then we had to experience how destructive the misuse of that same gift is. It can be meant well, even meant to assist and help God, but the experience teaches the following lesson: Everything that comes from God will be for our uplifting and be a blessing. Where the own will of those who use a gift comes in, false inspiration, destruction and curse follows. "*By their fruits you shall know them.*" Gifts and those who use them can be pretended and deceitful, but the fruit always testifies about the life of that tree. No one can pick figs from a thornbush. Everything in the natural and spiritual creation brings forth after its own kind.

When the person using the gift, believing her own revelations and expectations saw that they were false, then did her utmost to destroy the ministry she had fully supported from the very beginning. Only to God we owe our gratitude, because He held His protecting hand over His Church. It happened as the LORD had said to Peter,

*“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not...” (Lk. 22: 31-32).*

We may not even ask why our dear LORD and Saviour consents to the request of the enemy to sift the believers. But while the wheat is sifted, the wind of false doctrines only **takes away the chaff and the** wheat remains. The same LORD Who was betrayed and crucified rose victoriously, and with Him did we. It would be much easier for us, if there would be no need to fight with the forces of the enemy (Eph. 6: 10-20), which have already been conquered (Col. 2: 13-15). But only trials prove who we are. Without battle there is no victory; and without victory there is no crown. In the same chapter our LORD experienced the betrayal by the one who ate and drank with Him at the same table (Mt. 26). Like a transgressor He was captured and then only said, *“...but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”* (Lk. 22: 47-53). No further explanation. In Mt. 26: 54 He gave the answer, *“But how, then, shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”* Brother Branham preached that the Word of the hour would be crucified. This could not happen theoretically, it had to be in the one who carries the Word Itself. Therefore the betrayal happened and, behold, it was night (Jn. 13: 21-30). Also the last part in the plan of Salvation happens as it did right from the very beginning.

There also can be cases as the following story, related in one of the sermons at the beginning of this year by Rev. Harry Hampel, whom I first met in 1958 at the convention in Dallas, Texas, USA. There was a spiritually gifted lady in a church in New Mexico, USA, singing in the choir, who fell in love with the preacher. He did not give in, in fact he rejected her. She was so hurt by it, got furious because of being spurned, went to the elders of the church and told them that she had lived in sin with the pastor. They all believed her, the pastor was dismissed and the church shattered. The pastor did not stop preaching, he started his work anew and slowly a church was established. After more than 20 years, in 1999 the same sister was dying with cancer. Her conscience bothered her and she called the elders, confessed to them that she had spread the lie about the pastor because of being jilted. Now she asked them to pray for her, because she could not die in this state of despair. But she did not even think to call that pastor and to ask his forgiveness. She died in agony and, as far as could be observed, without peace with God.

At the judgment seat of Christ only what He Himself said will count, *“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”* (Mt. 12: 37). This we should remember always and tame our tongues. Not what others say about us, but what we say about others will be our own judgment. But who will repair the damage done to the souls who believed such a lie, which was spread about the pastor, and had taken offence? In Heb. 10 we are told, that if someone sins wilfully, that means purposely, intentionally, there is no forgiveness. And in Heb. 6 it says, even if we did partake of the Holy Spirit, all the experiences we had do not count any more and no religious arguments will help.

It is sad but true, the enemy always finds people, even believers and those who have received gifts, whom he can inspire and twist the Word in their heads and mouths, keeping them in his own traditions. God does never destroy His Own Church. HE only destroys the works of the enemy. Christ builds His Church! But sometimes the roles are reversed and the devil is mistaken for God. God certainly is not self-destructive. Paul writes about the workers in the Kingdom of God, that they serve the LORD *“... by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report, as deceivers, and yet true...”* (2 Cor. 6: 1-10).

The supernatural influence of the prophets, apostles and servants of God, that Satan wants to destroy, is not of themselves. It is always God, Who through special callings and ministries has exercised His influence. Paul, who was in chains even though he had done nothing wrong, said, *“...but the word of God is not bound.”* (2 Tim. 2: 9). We can testify to the same today. The authority is not of a man, but of God, through the Word he proclaims.

## A NEW BEGINNING

In the 20 years which lie behind us since 1980, God has made a new beginning after the attack of the enemy to destroy in 1979. World-wide a few million souls received Salvation in Jesus Christ through this ministry. The believers were baptised according to the pattern of the apostolic days, in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ. Since 1997 I have spoken in more than 60 Pentecostal-charismatic meetings world-wide, so they will also be without excuse. In some countries I could repeatedly speak to whole nations via TV. All over the earth God has opened the doors, has granted grace for the many journeys throughout all these years in over 120 countries. Also in the eighties and nineties, uncounted souls came into the Church of Christ. God's people were led deeper and deeper into the plan of Salvation, as recorded in prophetic Scripture and predicted for the end-time. We now see all these things fulfilled. God's message, the promised and revealed Word under the terminology of “end-time message”, is being spread in every possible way throughout the world. Including the mission works of our brethren Alexis Barilier and Etienne Genton, who both were in Brother Branham's meetings in 1955 and have part in this ministry from the very beginning, we now print in 15 different languages and serve the whole world.

We should not be astonished that with the year 2000 several TV stations, which by satellite signal reach the whole world, are offering the opportunity for airing our program. The end of all things is near, as Peter admonished (1 Pet. 4: 7), and therefore the last call must go forth. And did not our LORD predict in Mt. 24, Mk. 13, Lk. 21 what would take place before His return? Did He not point to the importance thereof, saying, *“... when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.”* (Mt. 24: 33). For 2,000 years this text could be read. **But we are the generation that sees all these things fulfilled.** Also what our LORD said in Lk. 21: 24 in reference to Israel has happened, *“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away*

*captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*" (Lk. 21: 24). After 2,000 years, since 1948, the country of Israel exists again. In the peace process the negotiations concentrate on Jerusalem, which is the capital of Israel since 3,300 years, for that city now must become a burden stone to all nations (Zech. 12: 2-3). Actually the concern is the temple mountain, as could be seen when Mr. Ariel Sharon at the end of September 2000 visited there. All is being done; negotiations take place on every level. Land is being offered for peace, "autonomy" here and "a separate state" there, until finally might be fulfilled, as it is written, "*For when they shall say, Peace and safety ...*" (1 Thess. 5: 1-3). But it will be a deceptive, man-made peace. In the last round of talks, the Vatican as the highest authority on earth will play the main role, so the Scripture can be fulfilled and the contract for the seven years can be signed (Dan. 9: 27), as it is agreed openly in the Oslo-accord.

Now the time is at hand, things are moving. Bible prophecy is coming to pass in every way, with the chosen people of Israel as well as with the chosen Church from the nations. The entire constellation of the last world empire - the European Union - in politics, economy and religion signifies global fulfillment of Bible prophecy for the end-time. As all things are being united on all levels, even the world capital, into existence comes the "United Europe" under the Roman Catholic pre-eminence, as it has been under Emperor Charles the Great. In this circular we cannot deal further with this matter. It is later as some think! Our LORD speaks with urgency to His Own, "*Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*" (Lk. 21: 36).

## RETROSPECT

The years 1960 to 1979 were a special time for the local church, also in connection with the initial spreading of the message of the hour. 1980 was a new beginning with the propagation of God's revealed Word in almost all the existing churches. God has led in such a way, that I am being received with respect. It has been a great privilege for me to serve the LORD throughout all these years. The true Church of God receives the fresh food of the Word. It should not seem strange to anyone, that I have the same responsibility as Paul had, because of the divine commission. The chosen ones will recognise God's ways and walk therein. Whoever respects what God says, must acknowledge that God's gifts and callings are without repentance (Rom. 11: 29). A gift and a calling merges into the task. I believe, what Brother Branham, who was the promised prophet and messenger, was told on 11th June, 1933, from the super natural light, which was witnessed by approximately 4,000 people at the baptismal service was going on, "AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS SENT TO FORERUN THE FIRST COMING OF CHRIST, THE MESSAGE THAT IS GIVEN YOU WILL BE A FORERUNNER OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST." We now see this announcement fulfilled. The messenger was taken to Glory, but the message remains with us. Not the many special doctrines about parousia, so-called revelations of the seven thunders etc., but the original Word is being preached as God's message. God so ordained the whole matter, that my ministry is connected to Brother Branham's as no one else's on earth.

God's revealed Word is valid for all of God's children. The last message is being proclaimed in all clarity and truthfulness as a testimony. Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.

Once again, so everyone will for ever understand, I need to mention that according to my calling, my ministry is in a twofold way: *Firstly, to preach the Word of God. Secondly, to give out the spiritual food.* This I do. I preach the Word in the light in which it was revealed, including everything that was given to Brother Branham, and let the Bible, as God's Word, remain the highest and final authority. The sermons of Brother Branham I do not preach again, do not take quotations from them to make up special doctrines, I leave them all the way they are. And all the brothers and sisters, who read or listen to them, are richly fed and blessed. Whoever is right in his heart will understand everything the right way, including the ministry I received from God. Whoever is false in his spirit will understand all things the wrong way. That is the spiritual principle. All brethren who place statements of Brother Branham above the Bible should think about it, because they are twisting things, causing their own downfall and the destruction of others, as Peter was writing of those men who already did the same in apostolic days with the Holy Scriptures and with the statements of the Apostle Paul (2 Pet. 3: 14-18).

With all who remain in the sound teachings God's Word has fallen on fertile ground. Whoever follows interpretations, forsaking Bible ground, making doctrines from quotations, is twice deceived. For only those who remain in God's Word truly remain in God. "*For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God...*" (Jn. 3: 34). The same applies to the servants He sends, "*He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.*" (Lk. 10: 16). Our LORD says, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.*" On (Jn. 13: 20). The concern today is also the direct commission, "*... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*" (Jn. 20: 21). The calling is the actual condition for the ministry, as Brother Branham said, "No one has the right to be in the pulpit, unless he had an experience with the LORD like Moses and received a commission." Only then applies what John wrote, "*We are of God. He that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. By this know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*" (1 Jn. 4: 6).

At this point I would like to mention with appreciation that all the staff members, who take part in the Mission Center work since 1980, are still here with us today. They serve the LORD in all faithfulness in the office and distribution department. As for you, my beloved brothers and sisters in Europe and all over the world, as you

are walking with the LORD and have accompanied me in this ministry in the past 40,30,20 or 10 years or how long it might be, I wish to thank you with all my heart. Together we shall spend eternity with our beloved LORD. In all faithfulness many of you remember this ministry in your prayers. Also special thanks to those, who give unto the LORD what actually belongs to Him. You are blessed in a special way according to His promise. Your tithes and offerings do not go to a man and not to an association, but unto the LORD directly, into the storehouse, so the spiritual food can be distributed (Mal. 3: 6-10). This also is part of the divine order, that all true believers comply with. The brothers and sisters of the three German speaking countries, Germany, Austria and Switzerland, bear the main burden of this mission work. May God richly bless all those of you, who share the burden, all of you who give, and may He reward you and supply all your needs according to the riches of His Glory. Thank you for remembering God's work also in this important practical way.

Also I wish to thank all ministering brethren in Europe and worldwide for the good co-operation. May the LORD restore the Church quickly to where she was at the very beginning, totally re-built and endued with the power of the Holy Spirit, to do the final will of God and experience all things, right to the last promise.

The true teaching ministry will now be followed by a true and mighty work of God. By a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit God's love is poured into our hearts (Rom. 5: 5). That is the love for the Truth. In this true love the Bride Church is being completely united with Christ, the Head, and becomes one heart and one soul, baptised by one Spirit into one Body (1 Cor. 12). Only perfect love will enter there. Jesus Christ, the First and the Last, Alpha and Omega, has redeemed and established His Church and He also completes the same for the day of His return. Truly the best is yet to come at the end of the time of grace! Brother Branham saw what would take place just before the rapture, namely a mighty supernatural work of God, as also promised in His Word (Hag. 2: 5-9; Hebr. 12: 25-29 a. o.).

By faith we proclaim the total victory of the crucified and resurrected LORD over all the power of the enemy (Rom. 16: 20; Col. 2: 13-15). It could be that we are now moving into the last part. Blessed are all who faithfully walk in the ways of the LORD right to the end. Together we believe what the Scripture says, *For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.*,< (Rom. 9: 28).

May we all reach the level where God's pleasure might rest upon us and we could cry out from our hearts, "Maranatha, come soon!" *"He who testifieth these things saith, Surely, I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."* (Rev. 22: 20-21).

I wish to sincerely apologise to all those, whose letters and requests I could not reply to. I am travelling each month, sometimes over two weeks, and when I am here, the translation work and other duties consume my time, mostly up until midnight every day. It is therefore impossible to reply to letters personally. The material you order will be sent to you as promptly as possible. In Glory, when time shall be no more, I shall be able to sit with each one of you and together we will enjoy His presence for ever.

For the year 2001 I wish you all God's richest blessings, expecting by faith from the LORD our God what Apostle Paul wrote: *"Now unto him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."* (Eph. 3: 20-21).

By His commission