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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENCY

WE OF 1949 GREET YOU BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF 1999 WITH LOVE AND COMPANIONSHIP IN THIS GREAT WORK OF TEACHING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO OUR FELLOW MEN, FULLY REAL-IZING THAT MANY NOW ATTENDING OUR SUN-DAY SCHOOL MAY BE ON THE RECEIVING END OF THIS OUR COLLECTION OF DATE AND PICTURES.

THIS IS A GREAT WORK BRETHREN AND SISTERS AND THOUGH WE ARE NOT ABLE TO REACH ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR WARD WE WISH THAT IT WERE POSSIBLE TO GET THEM ALL ACTIVE. OUR TESTIMONIES OF THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE GOSPEL GROW DAY BY DAY IN THIS WORK. MANY GREAT AND NOTABLE PROPHECIES WILL UN-DOUBTEDLY HAVE SEEN THEIR FULFILLMENT FROM THIS TIME 1949 TILL THE PRESENT TIME THAT YOU ARE READING THIS. WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT THE GOSPEL WILL HAVE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE EARTH AND THAT PEACE WILL HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED UPON THE EARTH FOR ALL TIME. WE HAVE JUST PASSED THROUGH A CRITICAL PERIOD OF TIME WHEN OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HAVE SERVED THEIR COUN-TRIES IN A GREAT DESTRUCTIVE WAR WHICH SAW MANY PROPHECIES FULFILLED AND MANY GREAT CITIES DESTROYED. WE KNOW THAT IN THE EVENT THAT ANOTHER GREAT WAR HAS TAKEN PLACE IT WILL HAVE MADE THIS LAST WAR SEEM MERE CHILD'S PLAY, BUT WE FERVENTLY PRAY THAT SUCH A WAR WILL HOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO DESTROY AND BRING OUR BRETHREN DOWN LOW EVEN TO THEIR DESTRUCTION.

WE KNOW AS WE READ THE HISTORY OF FORMER

INHABITANTS OF THIS THE AMERICAN CONTI-NENT THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE BECAME HARD-ENED IN THEIR HEARTS AND WICKED IN THEIR NATURE THE LORD SAW FIT TO DESTROY THEM COMPLETELY FROM OFF THE FACE OF THIS GREAT LAND OF LIBERTY. ALSO THAT A THREAT THAT WHEN THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES, WHEN THEIR CUP IS FULL WITH WICKEDNESS, THAT THEY TOO WILL BE SWEPT OFF THIS LAND WHICH IS CHOICE ABOVE ALL OTHER LANDS. WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS AND THAT GREAT WORK IN TEACHING THE GOSPEL TO OUR FEL-LOWMEN WILL CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD AS FAST AS WE CAN PREPARE OUR MISSIONARIES TO CARRY THIS WORK FORWARD. IT MATTERS NOT WHETHER JESUS HAS MADE HIS SECOND COMING IN THE INTERVENING YEARS, NO ONE AT THIS PE-RIOD OF TIME KNOWS THE HOUR OR THE DATE BUT WE KNOW THAT HE WILL COME AGAIN UNTO HIS PEOPLE.

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WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE LIVING IN A CRITICAL TIME WHEN THE PERIOD OF THE GENTILES IS RAPIDLY FILLING THEIR CUP OF INIQUITY. IT IS RE-PORTED THAT A MAJOR CRIME IS BEING COMMIT-TED IN THIS NATION EVERY 19 MINUTES. SINCE THE ENDING OF THE LAST WAR WE HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED OUR PREVIOUS RECORD OF MIS-SIONARIES IN THE FIELD. WE HAVE ALMOST 5,000 MISSIONARIES SERVING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.

AGAIN BRETHREN LET US BEAR OUR TESTIMONIES THAT WE KNOW THIS GOSPEL IS TRUE, THAT WE HOLD THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD OF GOD AND THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD. WE PRAY THAT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL HAVE GROWN IN SCOPE AND THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WILL BE BROUGHT TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOSPEL THROUGH YOUR EFFORTS. MAY THE LORD EVER BLESS YOU,...WE REMAIN....YOUR BRETHREN

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