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Weekly Update

Howdy again,

That was last week's update. It failed to make the trip due to an oversight of my very own. The trip to Cincinnati was positive on all accounts. We had forty plus in attendance, which was a pleasant surprise, and everyone seemed most appreciative, and the messages they heard were applicable to the situations we face and the times we are living in. Mr. Mike Garrett did a particularly good job. Several (maybe 15 or more) were non-members of the ICG.

The Garner Ted Armstrong telecast brought in a total of 849 over the past TWO WEEKS with four hundred two first time calls.

The national political machinations we see unfolding are enough to give us all heartburn or maybe chronic depression. Thank goodness we don't look to our politicians for deliverance! It's been particularly disheartening to see what's transpired in California in recent days, with the ruling of the CA Supreme Court overturning the will of the people to legitimize "gay marriage." Mr. Jim Josephsen was quick on the draw, and wrote a good commentary which should be posted yet this evening.

Response to the most recent letter is flowing back in with appreciation and positive feedback. Cracks are forming in the authoritarian "police state" organizations that have purported to carry on for HWA. There are more than several, and now it looks as though all of them are beginning to teeter under the weight of their top-heavy "governmental" structures. Our groups should do everything possible to conduct gatherings with appropriate dignity and welcome any and all bruised and battered refugees that approach us, with open arms.

The storms have boomed through our area every day and a half or so all week long, but calm has returned and we're looking forward to a gorgeous weekend. We hope things are looking good for you as well. Have a great Sabbath, everyone.

Until next time,

Mark Armstrong