

Greetings from Tyler,

Upon sitting down to write this week's update, we received a call from a gentleman requesting to speak directly with my Dad. He'd just received and read our material on the Mark of the Beast, and was very interested to find that he was in agreement with many of the points and references contained in the booklet he'd just read. He was shocked and saddened when I related to him that we'd lost Dad in 2003 (he'd only seen the telecast three times), but was absolutely thrilled when informed that we have a Sabbath-keeping group only twenty miles from where he lives. The indication he gave me was that he couldn't wait to make contact and meet together with a group of people that believe in adherence to God's laws!

The Garner Ted Armstrong telecast this week offered Heaven on Earth, and The Third Day in Heaven. It produced 401 responses with one hundred sixty two first time contacts.

A new monthly letter has been completed and is off to be printed. We're in the early stages of layout for another issue of 21st Century WATCH, to deal with some of the prophetically important events that have transpired over the past couple of weeks.

We currently face a very important time in our national history, and more so considering the uncertainty surrounding our future national leadership. Some enormous challenges to stability in the Middle East loom large, and now Russia is making what appears to be a bold play for influence if not dominance in eastern Europe. NATO held emergency meetings earlier in the week, and failed to arrive at any cohesive response to Russia's bullying. Some have wondered aloud whether NATO still has relevance. Many of the aspects of this situation were addressed in last week's update, and there is more to come in the monthly letter you'll get in a week or so. Of course, our web site is updated with important developments every single day, so we're doing our best to fulfill our calling with the available resources.

We hope all of you in the field will have a terrific Sabbath, and want you to know how much we here at HQ appreciate all that you do.

Until next time,

Mark Armstrong