

Greetings from Tyler,

Work on the next monthly letter has just been completed, and we'll try to see that everyone receives it soon after the first. As promised, we've compiled some current statistics for this year and they are as follows. The Garner Ted Armstrong telecast has generated over 20,000 direct responses this year, and roughly 50% were first time contacts. Our office staff has mailed out some 262,000 items including literature, DVDs and CDs. If you factor in newsletters and the monthly letter, the total swells to some 434,000 overall. The amount of information and material being retrieved from our two web sites is all but incalculable. Although the Web Report will contain more intricate detail, we've recorded 368,006 visits to the GTA site alone.

The response to monthly letters continues to roll in reliably, with a goodly percentage of those actually supporting our efforts financially even without being asked. Of course, we realize that the bulk of that support actually comes from those of you who receive the weekly Updates, and we here at Headquarters are at a loss to express our deepest appreciation.

We can't help but wonder what kind of future awaits our nation in the wake of more economic failures and more gigantic government loans and bailout schemes. Surely the very fundamental principals that have made our nation free, unique, and the envy of the world are being undermined. As I wrote in the letter, the future of the United States is being mortgaged into infinity.

While millions in the northeast are without power due to a bitter freeze, L.A. freeways frozen and closed, three and a half inches of snow covering the Las Vegas desert, Chicago (including the airport) is frozen solid and closed down, not to mention freak snow and ice in Houston and New Orleans some days ago, Al Gore chanted, "Yes we can!" at his closing speech at the UN "Global Warming" conference in Switzerland. The absurdity is just blinding. They obviously chose to ignore the 650 scientists who say that their (UN sponsored) calculations and conclusions are completely without merit. Yet we face an almost certain cooperation with international forces determined to clamp down on our freedoms and impose "carbon taxes" and a host of regulations on our domestic production and use of energy. U.S. sovereignty is rapidly becoming a page in history.

Last week the GTA program brought 509 requests for Way of Escape and Rapture in Prophecy and Heaven on Earth, with two hundred forty first time contacts. This week the program generated another 332 requests for material on the state of the dead, with one hundred forty first time contacts.

We hope all of you in the field are staying healthy in the bitter conditions that prevail over much of the country. It's that time of year when colds and flu can take a toll. We here in Tyler hope you'll all have a terrific Sabbath regardless of local conditions!

Until next week,

Mark Armstrong