

Mobile Unit III Begins its Mission

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Mobile Unit III left Washington D.C. August 8th and arrived in Detroit, Michigan, on August 9th. Our immediate plan at this point was to set up our organization, determine our goals, assign responsibilities and begin the practical training to acquire knowledge and understanding of how to function within the framework of their assignments. Though I set a time period of seven days as a training period, I realize it will take much longer for most of the members to become good at what is to be their responsibilities. But time is pressing and we cannot wait until we are experts in our fields, but instead must go forward with what we have, hoping for the best.

While there are obstacles to overcome, I am happy to say that we are moving ahead. Our spirit is fairly high as a team, cooperation is becoming better, our teaching program is shaping up, candle sales are relatively high, we have made a few conversions, whipped up a rally for God and are starting to stir things up.

Although it is too soon to recommend any names to you for future missions, I definitely feel there are several individuals who will be courageous warriors or bold pioneers for you. After the organization and appointments were

made, the Unit began training and practice. We set up our organization this way:

(A) A teaching program was established under the guidance of Susan Hughes who, as you know, did so well on the Southern bus team commanded by David Kim. The program has six individuals, organized into two teams responsible for teaching.

(B) A Witnessing Program spearheaded by Chuck Ancency has begun to develop. Chuck is a serious, dedicated, conscientious worker and organizer.

(C) A Fund Raising Program was formed. It is responsible to provide all monies needed by the Unit and to raise funds for the international headquarters in New York.

(D) A Rally for God Program was formed. Training was immediately begun to "professionalize" the technique.

(E) A Publicity Program also was created. Here a definition of goals and methods is constantly necessary. All of the activities then must be coordinated with other countless small things that have to do with personal care and maintenance of the entire unit. These, in the form of family services (cooking, cleaning, shopping, laundry, transportation) can be very time consuming and troublesome. So it will take some time to develop a smooth operation. This depends entirely upon clear mindedness, consistent dedication, and emotional stability. Once these technicalities were dealt with, we could begin the actual work of raising money, witnessing, and rallying.

Our usual day begins by rising at 6:00 AM, prayer at 7:00, discussions until breakfast at 8-8:30, followed by cleaning of the center. (30 minutes is usually sufficient) when all members participate.) Study and lecture practice until 11:00, witnessing until 3:00 PM, candle selling until 9:00 and a light snack before retiring at 10:00. Personal time for study, writing, taking, prayer, etc. is from 10:00 PM to 1:00 AM. This is our normal schedule but we may interrupt it from time to time with other things such as rally practice or singing practice. Most Saturdays are semi-free for members to relax and pursue personal things. However, some time must be devoted to witnessing.

I met with the teaching staff and began to formulate our strategy for presenting the Principle. We will gear our presentation towards a more dynamic, emotionally charged, psychologically persuasive approach. We are making the lectures rather revivalistic in flavor while setting up a firm theological sound position upon which to launch our opinions. We have given the lectures different titles, such as: "Is the Family Unit Obsolete?"; "The Dynamic Process of Love,"; "Progressive Revelation"; "The Messiah and God's Formula in History." I do not have much to report yet on how they work out but I will keep you fully informed as to whether they are successful or not.

At 12:00 noon on August 16th we gave a rally for God in the park at Belle Isle near where Master blessed Holy Ground. A young Black fellow was caught up to us filled with the spirit. He came to our lectures that evening and wants to join the crusade. His wife (who is White) has accepted Master and the Principle, but their financial situation is desperate. Detroit Center under my wife Sandy is trying to resolve the situation in such a way as to bring advantage to all concerned.

Summary of Accomplishments of OWC Unit III, from August 8 -- 22nd.

Witnessing -- Distributed over 3,000 tracts and other witnessing materials. Direct person-to-person witnessing of approximately 800 people.

Teaching -- 30 individuals heard in part, 7 were completed, and 6 heard more than once. In total, 43 people were exposed to the Principle. Susan Hughes presented the Principle to a college level class at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

Rallies -- Three Rallies were given.

Publicity -- Jon and Sandy Schuhart and Alice Kiriazis met with a noted reporter from the Detroit News. Arrangements are in process for a full-page article on Unification Church, Master and One World Crusade. Perhaps when Master visits again, this coverage can take place.

Membership -- Three potential members were gained, as well as the strengthening and deepening of 8 members who had previously joined the Unification Church.