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ANNUAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

HOLLAND

This has been a year of much progress in the work for the kingdom. The studygroups here are spiritually growing. Attendance is very regular, and new members are attracted. We only lost one couple that moved to an other place. Reading in Dutch has proven to be more effective for most people to grasp the deeper meanings of the text. English is, after all, a foreign language here, and most people who 'know' English, have only a limited knowledge of it, which, of course, results in a limited understanding of the meanings.

BELGIUM

Here too the studygroup in Brussels is doing well. There is good leadership. Recently new members have joined the group. I have visited them several times this year.

ENGLAND

The London group has not yet reached stability, though it has some excellent members. The main reason is that continually people are leaving London. It remains a mystery why our cause does not flourish more in England where there is no language barrier, while many books have been sold there over the years. I visit the group, and some readers in St.Albans rather regularly, about once every four months. St.Albans may develop into another studygroup.

FRANCE

In Avignon, in the south of France, is a good studygroup, spiritually alert and growing. Several members have a good knowledge of English and read the English text.

Paris remains a problem. Owing to the language, participation in a studygroup is difficult for me, and probably for the members too. I am now trying to brush up my french.

As far as I know the montnly studygroup of Jacques Dupont is still going on, but in how far it is efficient in fostering spiritual growth and insight, is a question difficult to answer for me.

It is too early yet to give an opinion about the reception of Le Livre d'URANTIA in France. However, it is a "free translation", as the title page informs the reader, which means a deviation of the original. A sincere revision is dependent on the consent of Weiss. I dearly hope that the conduct of the Foundation may not be such, that the consent of Weiss is being forfeited. France would suffer greatly thereby.

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To the president of URANTIA Brotherhood,  
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Dear John,

In my latest annual Field Representative Report, I forgot to mention Spain.

I know now of at least three studygroups there, the one in Sevilla, and two in the neighbourhood of Barcelona. A few months ago we visited one of the groups near Barcelona. This was possible for us because Albert Bakker, Bauk's brother, functioned as an interpreter. He speaks Spanish fluently and lives in Vinaroz, between Barcelona and Valencia. It was a joyful experience for us to meet these wholly unknown people that very soon manifested themselves as true brothers. We shared our common love for the Father and our interest in spiritual reality. My brother-in-law keeps in contact with them as he also does with the friends in Sevilla.

Of course they dearly miss a Spanish translation. Few people there know a foreign language. If they do it is mostly French. Even a professor at Barcelona university, who was a member of the study group we visited, knew no English! So the students of our book in Spain try to help each other with the Weiss translation. Why should not the Foundation do something to associate and synthesize the activities in Spain and South America to get a Spanish translation?

Cordially,

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FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT June, 1982

Lewis A. Clark, Sr.

Idaho seems to be the most active part of our northwest area at present. I attended a mini-conference with several other members of our society last August 22 and 23, in the mountains north of Boise.

Several members of our society plan to attend a "gathering" in the Coeur d'Alene area the weekend of June 12 and 13. Alice and I will have an active part in this one.

Otherwise activity has been limited to letters, phone calls and visits.

We have started a limited-edition newsletter which we hope will bring people together by keeping study groups in touch, and maybe spark some joint meetings.



Field Representative Report - May 1982

Study groups in Brooklyn-Queens, North Jersey and Long Island continue to progress. Members of New York area study groups assumed responsibility for holding the Spring Northeast Regional Meeting. For many this was the first experience in planning and running a regional meeting. The group did an excellent job. These same individuals have shown increased willingness to take the time to meet with individuals making inquiry about The URANTIA Book, and associated local activities. All of this is reflective of the general increase in active participation which has characterized this year.

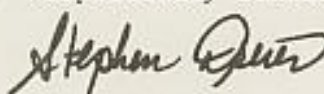
A stable study group is now meeting in the Philadelphia, Pa. area. Members of the New York groups have been making an effort to support this group by attendance at its meetings. Another group is meeting in the Reading, Pa. area, also supported by members of the New York groups. Two groups are currently meeting in Manhattan, but neither is yet stable and reliable.

The study group survey conducted by the Domestic Extension Committee has proved useful in putting individuals in contact with study group activity. It is suggested that this effort be continued.

There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of reference letters coming into this area from headquarters. It might be instructive to attempt to elucidate the reasons for this.

URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut continues to grow and mature, with members demonstrating increased interest in the welfare of the Society, and in the fostering of its mission to faithfully represent and disseminate The URANTIA Book and its teachings.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Dreier

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REPORT FOR YEAR AUGUST 1, 1981 to JUNE 27, 1982

Out-of-State trips last year include Snowmass, CO; Chicago, IL; Austin, TX; Scottsdale, AZ; San Francisco, Berkeley and Sebastopol, CA; Kansas City, MO; Denver and Boulder, CO; Atlanta, GA and Fort Wayne, IN.

In-State special events include our Regional Forum at Fountainhead Lodge; Dr. Meredith and Irene Sprunger spent 5 days in Oklahoma City introducing The URANTIA Book to 4 ministers, 12 faculty members at Oklahoma City University, and Dr. Tom Boyd - professor of Philosophy at Oklahoma University; and an all-day Work Shop conducted by Larry Mullins on "Immature People With Power." Sixty people attended the Work Shop - many from out of State.

We shared our Multi-Media "Men of Clay - Children of Fire" at the General Conference at Snowmass, CO; Kansas City, MO Conference; and at Georgis's first Conference in Atlanta. "Pebbles of Truth" was shared with the Study Groups in Austin, TX and "Personality" was shown at the Boulder School.

Last fall we donated a URANTIA Book to El Reno Federal Prison, and a prisoner wrote asking us to meet and have a study group there - that he and a few others were interested. In January Harry McMullan, Clyde Lewis and I met with the prisoner, after going through the Chaplain to get clearance. We were given permission to come back weekly - a few days after our first visit - and the second week 4 prisoners were present. We continued having a regular 2-hour Sunday afternoon Study Group with these same four for several weeks - 2 from our Society meeting with them (we now have 12 people cleared through security), then they started bringing new interested people and today they have 32 studying, including 2 staff members from the prison. The "old hands" first give literature (Our Task & Leavening Our Religious Heritage), to new ones showing interest; meet and visit with them; check out a Book; then invite them to their mid-week study group; and if they continue to show interest and read, they invite them to the Sunday afternoon session.

Our Society and Asoka Foundation have donated several Books to their library and given many Books to the individuals, which they are now starting to pay for. The "regulars" are amazingly enthusiastic, knowledgeable and scholarly. They are well organized, have elected officers and leaders, feel service motivated and feel their lives are changed. The "leaders" are attempting to hold down the attendance - but they just keep coming. The President has been asked to lecture to the Muslims on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; write an article for the Chicano group's paper on the same topic; and to meet with the Jaycees to help pull their group together. We feel this is a great out-reach program.

Our Father continues to give us opportunities to serve.

Sincerely,

*Berkeley*  
Berkeley Elliott  
Field Representative



Warm and loving greetings to each of you as I present this annual report for July 1981 through June 1982. I have helped plan, or have participated in about two or three meetings per week during this year. As the majority have been reported to John Hales, President, I will outline typical projects here.

Conference - Berkeley, Ca. - July 11, 12, 13, 14 with the Chauhans from India.  
India Deep import of 7 new study groups in India. Presented slide talk on "Study Groups Around the World". Later arranged for books to be sent them.

Brotherhood- Chicago - July 29, Aug. 1, 2, 3. Three days at 533 Diversey.  
Council

Conference - Boise, Idaho - August 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25. Met first in Boise  
2nd State with study groups, then drove 80 miles north to Two Rainbow Lodge  
Idaho for State Conference of three days. Then back to Boise - further meetings.

Orange County- Anaheim - Sept. 7 - Two presentations - Children's group and  
Meeting Calif. Chicoine adult groups.

Orange County- Culver City - Sept. 26 - Jerry Lyle and others  
Meeting Calif.

International - Chicago - October 9, 10, 11 - French and Canadian represent-  
Fellowship atives. Led by Martin Myers.

Marriage and - Culver City - November 25 - Organization under Julia- at  
Family Class Julia's home. Julia and Gard Jameson.

Marriage and - Beverly Hills. December 8 - Gard's Apt. Three lessons.  
Family Class

New Study Group - Fresno Ca. - January 23, 24. Lee De Mers- Led by Julia and  
Conference Chick. New study group of advanced scholars.

Southwest - Paradise Valley - Feb. 12, 13, 14 - Led by Larry Bowman  
Conference Arizona.  
Franciscan Renewal  
Center

International - Western Section - March 5 - Marvin Gawryn led. Princes  
Fellowship Culver City and others attended.

Women's Corp - Culver City - April 14 - Led by Nancy Hoag and Polly Friedman.  
Meeting Julia's home. Planning session for future Women's  
Corps. based on Urantia Book.

Membership - Culver City - April 29 - Led by Lucile and Duane Faw.  
Orientation Julia's home - Julia presented slide talk.  
Meeting

### Projected Attendance at Conferences

Oregon Conference Grant's Pass	Grants Pass, Ore.	May 14,15,16	David Clearwaters - 7th Annual Mtg.
Lake Forest School Conference	LakeForest, Illinois. June 29,30, July 1	June 28	Led by Brotherhood Committees.

### OTHER URANTIA BOOK ACTIVITIES

Visitors from Other Countries: Visitors stop here almost weekly from other countries, partly because we are near the International Airport (LAX) and also because I have frequently visited in other countries and because the URANTIA telephone is listed in the airport telephone book and the telephone is in my home. This gives us very informative contacts with U.B. students. Examples are Geri and J.J. Johnson from Saudi Arabia who will soon be visiting with their new baby boy David and 3 year old Michael. Douglas Fraser of Bogata and Texas visited here recently. Several have visited from China and we have placed three books there, two at the University and one with a private family. Our contacts with both Eastern and Western Australia continue and with India and Canada.

Visitors and Calls(Domestic): The greater amount of time is spent with helping U.B. readers from other localities in California and nearby states who wish to get contacts with other U.B. readers. I also help some of these people organize new study groups and strengthen existing ones.

Computer: The Apple Computer in my home continues to serve many purposes, such as putting out mailing lists. These <sup>names</sup> are easily retrievable and can be changed quickly. Bryan Soderberg owns and operates this computer to help all of us in our work.

Marriage and Family Study Group: This class is now operating on a weekly basis in my home with a new group every six months. Materials gathered on this topic are also mailed out by request to many study groups seeking help.

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Dear Friends:

As requested by Marian in her memo of April 15, this letter will be my annual report to you. Other than the usual response to letters sent by the Brotherhood and Foundation to readers in this area, the majority of my work has been focused outside the country.

I should begin with my work in Colombia. I was in Colombia two months ago, and John has a copy of my report ( Feb. 10 ) which gives details of the situation there. In general terms, they continue working on a translation, as they have for the past five years. There is no longer any real study group activity outside this translation group, for reasons explained in my letter.

Not mentioned in that letter is the fact that there have been two valuable additions to the translation group, one a Colombian, the other an American. The Colombian, Carlos Camacho, has a degree in computer science from the University of Connecticut, speaks flawless english, and was a member of Nick Scalzo's study group for several years. The gringo is a very personable man named Dale Hall, who has lived in Colombia 12 years, has had the URANTIA Book for 1½ years and seems genuinely interested in it. I met him for the first time in February, and in fact, that was his first study group. Since that time, Carlos Zapata tells me that he comes regularly.

Having native speakers in both the original language and the target language finally gives the group the depth it needs, and can only help accelerate the process. Unfortunately, both men are quite busy in their professional lives, but their presence will undoubtedly help the final quality of the work.

Currently the group is exploring the possibility of using some secretarial help in transcribing the original handwritten text, and copying it for it's examination by the others in the translation group prior to their weekly meeting. I have offered to help them economically with this, and have discussed the mechanics of this with Tom Kendall in some detail. He can answer questions you might have about specific details. At this time I really do



not know what, if anything, will come of this offer. I have asked Carlos to talk with the group and have them decide what help, if any, they need. Douglas Fraser will be in Bogota sometime this summer on business, and will be with the group at that time. He will discuss with them what kind of help they may need, and how it might be arranged.

It should be borne in mind that, after five years, only half the fourth part has been completed. If their rate of work could be doubled with this kind of support, we are still looking at probably another decade of work to render the entire book into spanish. In other words Frank, I don't see any spanish language fund drives any time soon.

A second area of work I have begun this year is placement of URANTIA Books in overseas study groups. Specifically I get books by the case at the wholesale price. I have so far mailed 21 to Colombia and 7 to India. I take 3 or 4 books at a time to the post office, so that the recipient does not have problems with duty on a large number of books. The Colombians are then distributing the books in a variety of ways. The need is rather limited, of course. In India I have really just begun this project, having begun a correspondence with Rajan Chouhan. The need there seems enormous, and it is a real pleasure to send those books knowing that there are eager readers waiting to receive them. Rajan has told me, in a recent letter, that he has immediate need of 100 books, and the number he could use " is growing every day." I see this placement by me as a supplement to the proposed, but not yet activated program of the IFC to place books with study groups overseas. Even now there is more to be done than all of us have the capacity to do!

As always, I look forward to serving the Executive Committee in any way I can. Please let me know if there is anything else specifically you wish to know.

Sincerely,

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May 11, 1982

To: Executive Committee

From: Helena Sprague

Re.: Annual Report

This year we have had the usual newcomers, many via Chicago. In the last four months, two groups, Barre, VT and Dover, NH, have been formed. We learned of numerous readers in or near Burlington, VT and have put them in touch with each other.

Stability of study groups is equal in importance to their formation. Over a period of years, six groups in New England have endured and continue to attract new readers: Hampton Beach, NH; Sherborn, MA; N. Harwich, MA; Farmington, CT (2); Darien, CT.

The Urantia Society of Central Connecticut in some ways serves all of the northeast. It has formally elected to sponsor two regional conferences a year, and to publish The Finaliter. The mailing list for these is now over 500, including eastern Canada.

Over the past eighteen months, I have taken leadership in small workshops at our church, (Congregational.) I constantly use concepts from The URANTIA Book, but do not mention it. On the side, I lend books if I feel the persons appear to be receptive. So far, four new readers have resulted.

Two concerns have absorbed considerable time:

Trudi Flourde, a member of U.S.C.C., has been left brain damaged by viral encephalitis. It now appears she will never fully recover her memory, but she has made remarkable progress. In the fall, she was sent to the West Coast to stay with her mother; she is now in the University of Washington Hospital Rehabilitation Facility in Seattle. I have kept in close touch with her, with the Probate Court, (Bristol, CT), and with the court appointed conservator, a member of our Farmington study group. Trudi asked for her URANTIA Book a month ago. The Society has also sent her, as a gift, Le Livre d'URANTIA, as French was her native language. I have asked Lew Clark for a contact among readers in Seattle, at Trudi's request.

Two years ago, the first of numerous followers of a Brother Julius in Bristol, CT made contact with me, via Chicago. Since then I have met about 20 of them,



and know that at least 50 own URANTIA Books. My early impressions were positive; the knowledge these people have of the Bible is impressive. Many had been active in this cult, which numbered at its height about 250 people, most in their 20's and 30's, for ten years. In his early teaching, Brother Julius stressed the New Testament, but he has slowly changed to the Old Testament emphasis of sin and punishment. From the beginning, he proclaimed himself the Second Coming.

Three years ago, Trudi Fiorde was introduced to Brother Julius by one of her nursing colleagues, and Trudi took him a URANTIA Book. He devoured it, (I have seen his tattered, marked up copy), called it 2000 pages of pure revelation, except for errors the midwayers made in Part IV. Julius is now the "Latter Son".

Julius has long been the silent partner of a business man who operates a small empire in construction, solar heating and real estate; employees all follow Brother Julius. In the last six months I have been more than dismayed to discover that there are illegalities, extortion, blackmail and appalling liberties with the girls. There have been divorces laid directly to the authoritarian style, and at least one suicide attempt. Those who make moves as "no longer believers" promptly lose their jobs. They are also threatened with the devil.

I have had several long conversations with Brother Julius, an interesting experience. At one time he considered us prospects. His former followers tend to be gun-shy about any other "cult," but several have joined study groups, here or in Washington, CT. I feel sure there will be more, a comfort in some badly shattered lives.

It seems worthwhile to give you this background in case there are any sudden developments for which I need guidance.