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Dear Friend:

I hope you enjoy this bookmark. It was made by a group of <u>URANTIA</u> Book readers who wanted to help raise money by sharing their efforts with you. We all cherish the spirit that leads individuals such as these. If you have already given or pledged this year, thank you. We want all of you to receive a bookmark as well as news of our fundraising efforts.

Our movement is filled with spirit-led individuals who work hard to get things done, such as the people who work with URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood. I'd like to tell you a few of the ways in which your previous donations have been used by these two organizations.

URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood have a very small staff of dedicated individuals who, among other things, answer letters which come in daily asking, "What is this book about? Where can I get one in my area? Are there any people near me who read the book?" They are constantly updating and adding to the mailing list of over 4,000. They also process book orders which come in daily. Last year they distributed almost 10,000 books.

URANTIA Foundation has just completed negotiations to begin translating The URANTIA Book into Spanish. This long and sometimes difficult process has ultimately evolved into a very thorough procedure involving a professional translating firm and three dedicated groups of readers in Spain, Colombia, and the U.S., who will check the firm's translation. With the Spanish translation now underway, the International Fellowship Committee, in cooperation with the Foundation, is beginning to investigate translating the book into other languages.

In a continuing gesture of goodwill and in cooperation with the Domestic Extension Committee, URANTIA Foundation has recently donated 1200 free URANTIA Books to be placed in libraries. So far, over 900 of these books have been distributed.

Book distribution is only one way we evidence growth in our movement. I'm sure you'll be pleased to know that the Charter Committee has had several new groups of <u>URANTIA Book</u> readers in different parts of the world inquire about forming new societies, including groups in Kansas, Tennessee, Georgia, Australia, and Vancouver, Canada.

The International Fellowship Committee is strengthening its friendships in Europe and is working in cooperation with French readers to help

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promote the conference being held in France this August for readers of The URANTIA Book.

The General Council is made up of 36 elected members of URANTIA Brotherhood and acts as its governing body. This Council has met three times within the past ten months in its further efforts to plan objectives and design programs to facilitate the broadest possible services our organization can provide.

Someday there will be even more readers of this great revelation. In the meantime, the work that you make possible through your support is imperative for laying down a good, strong foundation for the expansion that this movement is slowly but surely growing into. It's clear that URANTIA Book readers believe in these activities, because financial support to date is encouraging. But work continues, and so does the need for your continued donations. If you have donated in the past, I'd like to thank you for your generosity. But we still need your help.

I hope that this letter has given you some sense of how your money is used. And I hope that you find the work of the Foundation and Brotherhood important enough in your life to parallel the commitment that you share with the Father and begin or continue with your financial support. Unless specified otherwise, your gift will be split as needed between URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood.

As always, if you have ideas or concerns, please feel free to share them with us.

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