

And to sum it all up: *Now that you have 'knocked' most every denomination or whatever, I would like to know what you believe in...--PA*

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The Alert Sheet Ministry began in its infancy in February 1974 with an opening investment of "\$"300. for an old out-dated mimeograph machine and a typewriter. The first issue was mimeographed on one side of an 8½ x 11 sheet of paper, and was sent to people with an accompanying missionary prayer letter. Its circulation rated around eighty people, basically made up of relatives and friends of the editor. There was not so much as a handful of supporters in the whole lot who would contribute even a dollar to help cover postage. Our beginning was not by any means encouraging, for as each issue went out at our expense, hardly any of those eighty even acknowledged it or offered a word of encouragement. But soon it circulated outside of that circle, and other publishers began to publish them. By the sixth issue, our ministry became flooded with some 25 letters per day requesting the Alert Sheet.

These many letters were placed in a cardboard box and we sought to answer them as best we could. When the influx slowed down, we were able to catch up. With that support we were able to purchase a small printing press for "\$"100. Through the education of time, we were able to look a little better on paper. Keep in mind that we knew nothing about printing. We came entirely from the ground floor — through many rough times, hard knocks, and challenging trials. Yes, we even had the human emotions of wanting to "quit", but the Lord sustained the ministry for us to carry on.

He permitted this ministry to move forward with better equipment, an ever-enlarging list of varied subjects, a tape ministry, and a number of folks across the country who now write giving us their encouragement and support for what we are doing. Occasionally we still find ourselves faced with discouragement, but we know how the Lord has sustained us in the past and we know He will not forsake us now, as we know our strength is daily in Him. We have been given a commission of the Lord to do that which is not very popular — namely, to print expose' material. At times this editor wishes he could refrain from speaking out, but the Lord has other plans.

When we contemplate the testimony given in Scripture, it is well put in Christ's own words, *"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets."* (Lk.6:26) After all, Noah won no popularity contests nor great support — neither did Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, or Amos. Men did not flock to their feet to hear the Truth — why should we fare any better than they?

Our only goal left is that each of us, as Christians, please the Lord and let the chips fall where they may.

Finally, dear one, it would be our joy to have you included among the numbers who are now part of the Alert Sheet Family. Please look over the enclosed lists and send us your order. Please allow three to five weeks processing time. Thank you very much, and may the Lord bless each of you who are determined to stand for the Truth — regardless of the cost!

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