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Greetings from the sabbatical world. I must mention a couple of things of utmost importance before telling you either what I am doing or trying to think of reasons for not telling you.

First...TVT will not be here on the 16th...he looked at the wrong date on his schedule. He would like to have lunch with his counsellors on the 23rd...howeversomany as may be present that day. He is even paying. His initial announcement for the 16th was ill-advised in that he expects to be in Toronto on that day and just overlooked it.

Second, he is pleased to see that other news services have jumped into the Weakly gap and he has scanned Mr. Pakala's publication very thoroughly...he may well get to keep the joy next year. The Weakly has always been recreation for the EDitor but maybe he will go back to bowling or something more conventional for recreative purposes. Time will tell. But the Editor really appreciates the taking up of the slack and hopes the slack takers get as much enjoyment out of it as has the Editor.

Now I have tried to keep you abreast of my sabbatical accomplishments to some degree. The last three weeks were taken up with academic matters and so I made no progress on my writing save to jot a couple of short articles which will probably be rejected by the editors to whom I have sent them. I mentioned the Word of Life talks in another communique and posted you also on the fact that I had gone for a conference at Detroit. Following that conference I spent a day in study and then a day at William Tyndale College and another day at Emmaus Bible College (Dubuque, Iowa) in the pursuit of students. I gave away a good bit of literature and talked to interested persons at both places. Both days wre "good" days as the travelling representatives say...which means you were not ignored...but my personal experience is that recruiting is a long haul that does not often produce quick results but produces good ones if you stay with it. Tyndale has some missions representatives on the day I was there and several of these had been at Biblical...they were quick to speak well of Biblical and to note our own missions interest in a positive way. So I hope our missions conference was a blessing to the seminary family although I have not been able to talk with anyone about it yet. As a recruiter, incidentally, I am really pretty low key...I advise them to pray, be well informed, then write all the seminary names on pieces of paper and drop them into a hat and make a blind selection...trusting providence for the lot. The real work in this is allowing them to allow you to draw the lot...our name comes out every time...it is an old card trick...not that I don't trust the lot method, you understand. But low key is the idea and there is no key lower than a Biblical rep on the prowl. We need more of them, incidentally.