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WATS test proves successful; letter writers more interested

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—The initial results in a six-month telecast response test without the toll-free 800 telephone service are quite encouraging, according to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

Bill Palmer is assistant editor of The Good News.

Since Feb. 4 the toll-free number has not been advertised on the World Tomorrow telecast.

Besides reducing expenses, removal of the 800 number is intended to ensure that only those individuals who genuinely want the literature receive it.

Australia: Telecast / off the air

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — The World Tomorrow ceased airing on television here in March, reported Robert Fahey, regional director for Australia.

Media Planning & Promotion in Pasadena and Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn's (BBDO) affiliate, Garnsey-Clemenger, have tried to negotiate better airing times and coverage for the telecast.

"However, they have not been able to achieve any real progress, and research by Garnsey-Clemenger indicates that relatively few people are watching television early on Sunday mornings," said Mr. Fahey.

Other obstacles

The World Tomorrow is perceived as an American religious show, with accompanying negative attitudes, particularly in light of the American televangelist scandals.

Audience levels on Sunday mornings are so low they are virtually unmeasurable, reported Aub Warren, Mr. Fahey's assistant.

In addition, airing costs have spiraled to unacceptable levels—with price increases from 18 to 58 percent—and the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal requires that no more than 20 percent of a program's content be recorded or produced outside of Australia.

"Hence there was the possibility of the program being canceled un-(See AUSTRALIA, page 3)

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Mail Processing Center employees track trends resulting from the removal of the toll-free number, including changes in the number of questions and visit requests.

"As sowers of God's seed," Mr. Tkach said, "we can't sow it carelessly. Wise stewards look for the best ground. We must do our part to make sure the seed falls on fertile ground, not stony ground.

"This becomes increasingly important as we experience these times of difficulty as recession rolls first through one part then another of the economy," Mr. Tkach continued. "It is one more way in which we must strive to be wise stewards of the resources God makes available to us to do his work."

From Jan. 1 until April 30 more than 60,000 pieces of mail were received in response to *The World Tomorrow*.

Bernard Schnippert, Media Operations director, said: "We estimated the total mail response to the telecast would climb to 4,000 letters a week. Actual mail response has averaged more than 6,000 cards and letters for each program. Only one program generated less than 4,000 pieces of mail, but one generated 11,100 cards and letters."

Also, MPC's Mail Analysis section has received hundreds of mail comments about each program.

"When the toll-free phone line was advertised, only about half a percent of callers commented about the program," Mr. Schnippert said. "On the other hand, 5 percent of letter responses include comments.

These figures support our belief that those who write are more interested in what the Church teaches."

The numbers and percentages of people requesting literature for the first time (called "new adds") show that removing the toll-free line has helped the Church accomplish the goal set by Mr. Tkach.

"In the past, new adds accounted for half of phone responses," Mr. Schnippert said. "The other half of calls came from individuals who had already asked for *The Plain Truth* or other publications.

"In contrast," he continued, "now that the toll-free number has been dropped from the telecast, new adds account for more than 70 percent of television mail."



BERMUDA BRETHREN—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets a Church family during a visit to Bermuda April 28. See page 3 for additional photos. [Photo by Eugene Harvey Jr.]

Students teach Palestinian youths

English clubs start in Jordan

By Cory Erickson

AMMAN, Jordan—Ambassador Foundation student volunteers here conduct weekly Englishspeaking clubs for 120 Palestinian students of the United Nationssponsored Amman Training College.

Cory Erickson coordinates Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan.

The 11 Ambassador College stu-

dents, who serve four centers for the mentally and physically handicapped, began the clubs in March.

Patterned after the Church's Spokesman Clubs, the clubs give the Palestinian students a formal speech atmosphere to enhance their English

"Only after a few club meetings, I have been approached by a number of students expressing their enthusiasm and excitement," said Rebecca Foote, a foundation volunteer. Many "have thanked us for the

chance to improve their English and speaking ability."

The success of the clubs (a pilot program) will determine whether the English-speaking clubs will continue this fall.

Cathleen Bonney, another volunteer, said, "The chance to organize and run these clubs has put all of our public speaking and public relations skills to a test, besides giving us the opportunity to interact regularly with college students of our host country."

PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Thack

Dear Brethren,

Some few have wondered why the Church of God doesn't keep the Passover on the same day as the Jews, that is, on the evening of the 15th of

The answer is quite simple when we understand this fundamental principle: What Christians are instructed to keep is a memorial of the death of the Lord (I Corinthians 11:26). Jesus' death took place, like the killing of the Passover lambs, on the 14th of Nisan.

What the Jews eat on the 15th of Nisan is not a memorial of the death of the Lord, nor is it a memorial of the killing of the Passover lambs. It is a memorial of the Israelites' deliverance from the death angel (who passed over those houses smeared with the blood of the slain lambs) and their departure from the physical and spiritual bondage of Egypt in the early morning hours (but still dark) of the 15th.

To be sure, these are impor-

tant events, but they are not the same as the killing of the lambs that took place at dusk, or between the evenings, on the 14th (Exodus 12:6).

The Passover meal, which the Jews still commemorate, although without the sacrificial lambs, was always eaten after the lambs were killed and the 14th

same day as Jesus died.

The Passover we eat is to commemorate Jesus' death that took place on the 14th. It is *not* the same observance as the Passover *meal* that the Jews commemorate on the 15th.

That meal was originally eaten by the Israelites in haste and with their shoes on their feet and their staffs in their hands, prepared for travel (Exodus 12:11). After the death angel passed over at midnight, and they had disposed of all the leftovers from the meal, they left Egypt (Exodus 12:31-36, 51) by night (after midnight, but still in the very ceremony of killing the lamb on the 14th, to the meal at which the lamb was eaten on the 15th, to the first Holy Day or to the whole period from the day of preparation in which the room for the meal was prepared to the last Holy Day (the 21st).

Christ our Passover lamb

Jesus was the Lamb of God who was killed for our sins on the 14th of Nisan. Therefore, it is not accurate to say that Jesus kept the Passover a day early. What Jesus did with his disciples the night before he was crucified (the night of the 14th) was not to eat a meal consisting of the Passover lamb.

Nevertheless, it was indeed a Passover meal, because the Lamb of God was present. But the purpose of the service was to commemorate his death, which was to take place later on the same calendrical day, the 14th, on which the Passover lambs were traditionally slain.

Understand this point: The killing of the Passover lambs always took place on the 14th. The Passover Jesus kept with his disciples also took place on the 14th and, with new symbols, expresses the fulfillment of what the Passover lambs only served to represent.

To rehearse, the eating of the Passover *meal* always took place on the 15th, a few hours after the lambs were slain. What Chris-

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had ended. The meal was eaten on the 15th, but the killing of the lambs was a few hours earlier on the 14th.

Proclaim the Lord's death

Christians, however, are told, "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (I Corinthians 11:26, New International Version). That is why the Christian observance is held on the 14th, the

early hours of the morning before dawn).

The meal the Jews eat today is called Passover, even though it is eaten without the sacrificial lamb. What we keep as a memorial of the death of Jesus is also rightly called Passover (Matthew 26:18-19).

We should understand that the term *Passover* came to have various meanings by the time of Jesus. The word could refer to the Passover lamb itself, to the

Joyous pope sees united Europe ahead

PASADENA-The drive toward European unification is proceeding along three fronts at the same time, although not at the

The speed is fastest in the economic area. Here the goal of a Europe without frontiers by the end of 1992 seems attainable, although much remains to be done. Directives pouring forth from the European Community (EC) bureaucracy in Brussels eliminate barrier after barrier standing in the path of trade across national

Now it appears that the economic integration plan will be extended soon to cover the whole of a unified Germany.

At a summit conference in Dublin, Ireland, April 28, the leaders of the 12 EC countries endorsed a proposal by the EC Commission to assimilate the area of present-day East Germany into the community in stages, apace with the unification program agreed to by the two German states themselves.

Under the plan, the first stage of integration will begin in July By Gene H. Hogberg

with the establishment of an in-

ter-German monetary union. West Germany's currency, the deutsche mark, is expected to become the official currency of East Germany by July 2. The relatively worthless East German mark will be exchanged with that of its robust neighbor at a generous one-to-one ratio, up to a 4,000 deutsche mark (\$2,500) limit for most individuals.

At a summit news conference, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl hailed the endorsement by his EC peers. For the Germans, he said, "this was a historic hour.... We hope that all in Europe realize that German unity and European unity are two sides of the same coin."

At the one-day Dublin sum-

mit, the more difficult and elusive quest for political union also received a boost. The leaders assigned their foreign ministers to examine and analyze methods for attaining closer political ties.

But, once again, the nettlesome issue of defining the political aspect of European unification arose. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher-the EC's most outspoken opponent of ceding more sovereign national authority to the Brussels superstructure-explained her position on this by arguing: "I do not quite know what political union

Thus, in issuing yet another high-sounding but imprecise call for unity, the other 11 leaders left themselves open to Mrs. Thatcher's chiding.

"God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you

have shown toward His name, in

that you have ministered to the

longer on European soil. The overriding theme of the pope's messages was that a single Europe, united by the Christian faith, stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals, was now pos-

It was in the realm of the soul, in religious matters—the third

aspect of European unification-

during this same time period.

that the biggest gain was made

Exactly one week before the Dublin meeting, Pope John Paul

II made a lightning quick tour of

Czechoslovakia, newly liberated

from four decades of communist

69-year-old pontiff as being jubi-

lant over the sudden political changes in Central and Eastern

Europe. His speeches reflected a

vindication of his long-held belief

that the structure of atheistic

communism could not last much

News accounts described the

oppression.

"A united Europe is no longer a dream," John Paul told writers and artists at Prague Castle, the seat of the Czech government. "It is not utopian memory from the Middle Ages. The events that we are witnessing show that this goal can be reached."

Communism had failed, said the pope, because it had no spiritual depth or dimension, revealing itself to be nothing but a tragic and illusionary utopia. Moreover, it took no account of the Continent's cultural and spiritual roots.

At the same time, the pope warned Eastern Europe's fledgling democracies that they must be careful not to replace communism with what he called the "secularism, indifference [and] hedonistic consumerism" plaguing the Western world. "The dangers that the regaining of contacts with the West can bring must not be underesti-mated," he added.

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Just between friends By Dexter H. Faulkner

God notices your efforts

"Good thoughts bear good fruit, bad thoughts bear bad fruit and man is his own gardener." A friend sent me this saying from her college paper and how true it is. It's not so much what happens to you in life, it's the way you think about what happens to you that determines how you feel about it.

Negative thoughts make people unhappy. Unhealthy, negative emotions such as depression, anxiety, excessive anger and guilt, are caused by unsound, distorted thoughts that may seem perfectly valid at the time.

Let me illustrate with a story

from a colleague.

It seems in this story the devil decided to go out of business, and he decided to sell all his tools. On the night of the sale, they were all attractively displayed. Malice, hate, envy, jealousy, greed, sensuality and deceit were among them. To the side lay a wedge-shaped tool, which obviously had been used more than

Someone asked the devil: "What's that? It's priced so high." The devil answered, "That's dis-

couragement." "But why is it priced so much higher than the rest?" the onlooker

"Because," replied the devil, with that tool I can pry open and get inside a person's consciousness when I couldn't get near with any of the others. Once discouragement gets inside, I can let all the other tools do their work."

Discouragement is at the bottom of many negative actions. You'll face it every day of your life.

A time of change

This is a time of change. We are a mobile society. We constantly face change. Ministers, their wives and children will transfer during the summer months in the Northern Hemisphere. I'm sure the men and their wives are looking forward to their new assignments.

But change is not easy. Some congregations might not realize how much they become the family of the pastor and his wife. Ministers rejoice at your success in Christian growth, and grieve with you in your

When they move to a new area it is difficult for them to leave their church family behind.

Problems in affluent countries

I live in one of the richest nations on earth. Ironically, one of the biggest problems is making ends meet-having enough money for what we consider the necessities of life—a home, clothes, food, a car, saints, and do minister" (Hebrews David said in Psalm 37:25: "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous

forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread." Paul wrote to Timothy: "Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry

clothing, with these we shall be content" (I Timothy 6:6-8). No matter what you are going through, Christ understands and

nothing out. And having food and

can help you. "Let your conduct be without covetousness, and be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.

"So that we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:15-16).

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gas, electricity and a telephone.

Sometimes we are concerned from paycheck to paycheck whether we will have sufficient funds to pay the bills. If we don't, or if the struggle is too great, we get discouraged.

Some in the poorer countries might wish they had our problems. Many have only the real necessities of life-food, clothing and shelter. They can only dream of luxuries.

But some of the poorer brethren are some of the richest people spiritually, and the most giving, that I have ever met. "Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?" (James 2:5, New King James throughout).

God notices

When we are down and discouraged it is helpful to take a look at some of the sure promises of God.

God notices our efforts in growing and overcoming and serving those who are ill and those who are alone. "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).

What gets you down? A job loss, job transfer, a real or imagined demotion; death of father, mother, brother, sister, child, spouse; being single; suffering from a painful disease or watching someone else suffer.

Discouragement can come when we fail at something: a sin we can't seem to overcome, failure at school, on the job, in striving to fulfill our roles as men or women.

Thomas Alva Edison made 1,350 unsuccessful attempts before inventing a workable light bulb.

When asked if he ever considered himself a failure in the midst of so much trial and error, Edison replied: "I never failed. What I did was to document 1,350 ways you couldn't invent a light bulb.'

Even good change can be stressful: getting married, having children, quitting a bad habit.

Sometimes we get discouraged when familiar things change. At times like this we need to ask, "What is it we put our faith in?" If it is in temporary things we are bound to get unsettled when those things change.

But if our faith is in the eternal things of God and Jesus Christ, we

European Diary By John Ross Schroeder

Bible satisfies need, top export to the East

BOREHAMWOOD, England-As East-West trade barriers disappear, businessmen from all over the globe are anxious to market their products to East bloc countries.

But what are East Europeans buying? Jeans? Food? Televisions? Britain's top export to East Europe is the Bible. Collins, the largest British Bible publisher, reports record Bible sales to the East bloc.

Estimates show that some 100 million Bibles are needed in Eastern

Under communism religious freedoms were curbed, creating a spiritual hunger among the people. The human spirit has needs beyond day-to-day survival.

On the black market people would pay a month's salary for a

Then restrictions eased. Between January 1988 and July 1989 almost one million Bibles and one and a half million copies of the New Testament were exported to Eastern Europe. Large-scale shipments into the Soviet Union began in

There has been little problem getting Bibles into Hungary and Poland since the early 1970s. When a large number were imported into Czechoslovakia one year ago, they sold out in a few hours.

Previously, in Yugoslavia, no Bibles were allowed in or to be printed there. In Albania the Bible has been outlawed since 1967. Possession of a Bible is a punishable offence under the law.

In Romania too, up until a few years ago people were imprisoned for distributing Bibles imported illegally. And if you were caught with religious literature at the borders of Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Albania and the Soviet Union, it was confiscated.

To those in power there was something subversive about the knowledge found in this book. Material about the Bible was equally suspicious to government leaders.

Perhaps you have not realized that more than 18,000 people receive the English language Plain Truth in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Others receive the magazine in German. More than 16,000 subscribers are in the religiously tolerant countries of

Poland and Hungary.

Yugoslavia has more than 1,000 subscribers, Romania 60 and the Soviet Union 450.

The Borehamwood Office received this remarkable letter: "When calling on the U.K. Embassy in Moscow I stumbled across your ad in an English magazine. . . In its way this is my personal test of 'Glasnost.' I would very much like to receive your magazine in this day and age of unpredictable developments.

This man in the Soviet Union felt that whether he could receive our magazine was the acid test of real change. But will glasnost bring a real change in the human condi-

The revolution in Eastern Europe swept playwright Vaclav Havel into the presidency of Czechoslovakia. This man thrust to sudden power addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress. His words represented the quest for spiritual knowledge.

During his address Mr. Havel said: "Without a global revolution in the sphere of human consciousness, nothing will change for the better in the sphere of our being as humans, and the catastrophe toward which this world is headed-be it ecological, social, demographic or a general breakdown of civilization-will be un-

"We are still incapable of understanding that the only genuine backbone of all our actions, if they are to be moral, is responsibility. Responsibility to something higher than my family, my country, my success.

Without the Bible it is impossible for such a global revolution for the better to take place within the sphere of human consciousness.

In the past the Bible and biblically based literature have been banned in Eastern Europe. But think about the way the Work is done today. How helpful it is if the person receiving the gospel possesses a Bible or has access to one.

Eastern Europe is awakening to the future. These people must make choices between good and evil. We should all be praying fervently that we may be able to transmit the gospel of the kingdom of God into

Pastor general visits Bermuda



HAMILTON, BERMUDA

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 190 Bermuda brethren April 28.

Host ministers and wives were Cecil and Senior Pulley; and Caribbean regional director Stan Bass and his wife, Millicent.

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"Into all the world ..."

Letters from afai

I am a new subscriber of *The Plain Truth*. I came to Britain from Poland, where this monthly is still almost unknown. I have already collected and read some of the 1989 issues, and I should admit that I am glad to come across this

Australia

(Continued from page 1) der present tribunal rules," said Mr. Warren.

Two of Australia's three major networks already refuse to air foreign religious programs.

Alternative plans

Thomas Lapacka, assistant director of Media Purchasing in Pasadena, said the Church will focus on other programs to present the gospel to Australia.

Reginald Wright, manager of mail processing in the Australian Office, said a number of WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) calls have expressed disappointment about the cancellation.

"The members are disappointed, naturally, but understand the wisdom in looking for more effective ways to preach the gospel," said Mark Ellis, Melbourne North pastor.

valuable magazine.

R.S. Plymouth, England

I have with pleasure received *The Plain Truth* for five years now. And the booklets you publish explain the material even better.

As I have always been interested in

how the future will develop here on earth from a scientific viewpoint, I was rather surprised to see that there was any literature which could tell us about our future.

I must honestly say that I was rather

I must honestly say that I was rather disappointed to find that *The Plain Truth* included material from the Bible! After all, I thought the Bible only described prehistoric events and the hope of a life after death.

The articles I read were the ones on the problems which we humans have here on earth, the environment, war, sickness, etc., while I skipped the articles which dealt with spiritual things.

However, I renewed my subscription. Since I am connected to cable TV, I watched *The World Tomorrow*.

I think it was the prophetic words/
quotes in the telecast and in articles in
The Plain Truth, which at last opened
my eyes. From then on I became very
eager to know more.

I went through some old issues (regrettably I threw some away). That gave me a clearer picture. During the summer vacation last year I bought a Bible. I more or less devoured the book. I also requested more booklets from you.

Norway

The next step

I have just completed Lesson 32 and have done my last test. I wanted to say thank you for a very educational and eye-opening 32 lessons. I also would like to say the lessons make the Bible easier to understand.

I enjoyed every minute of it, and I plan on going through the correspondence course again later. As I say, you can't learn enough. I am now a prospective member.

Cambridge, Ohio

A family effort

My dad is a regular reader of *The Plain Truth* and has requested nearly every booklet that you have offered. I am starting to read all of the booklets that he has. Please send me the booklet, *I Need Some Answers*. It sounds interesting.

I read lots of the articles in Youth 90 to my mom. My dad has read the Bible thoroughly, and we often have family discussions. My dad has a great time explaining everything to my mom and

Qualicum Beach, B.C.

the Treasurer's Office

PASADENA—The spring Holy Day offerings in 1989 were almost 30 percent more than the previous year. With such large offerings a year ago, it was expected that they would be difficult to match or exceed. This proved to be the case, as the Holy Day offerings were 10.6 percent less than last year. Even though that does not seem good, the overall average increase for each year was 10 percent.

We are now looking forward to the Pentecost offering. Last year we had about a 20 percent increase. With proper preparation it should be better comparatively than the early spring offerings.

The lower Holy Day offerings have changed the year-to-date increase of 5.6 percent a month ago to 4.8 percent at the end of April. I would like to compare that to the running year.

The running year compares the last 12 months with the previous 12 months. This gives a longer period of comparison. At present there is a 5.5 percent increase.

The 1989 audit by Arthur Andersen & Co. is nearing completion. We have been delayed about a week from our original schedule but still plan to finish all the audit work in early May.

Big Sandy mail center offers employment for AC students

By Kerri Dowd

PASADÉNA—As Ambassador College students gear up to move to Big Sandy, some of their jobs will follow them.

According to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC), what was once Big Sandy Telephone Response is about to turn into the Mail Processing Extension Center (MPEC).

MPEC will incorporate those areas of MPC that depend on student labor, including parts of the international mail center, mail receiving, master file services and quality control.

"Headquarters is still headquarters," said Frank Parsons, MPEC office manager. "We are just providing support functions."

Mr. Parsons was here April 2 to 9 with his wife, Jane, MPEC receptionist, to discuss the moves and changes with MPC personnel.

The Texas department, which

employed 25 to 30 students 16 to 20 hours a week, will now employ about 110 students 16 to 20 hours a week.

Transferring as supervisor of the international mail section is Ken Thomson. David McMahan will supervise the master file services area, and Al Garrett will monitor quality control in all areas. Cheryl Simpson will also transfer to coordinate training in the master file services area.

Ken Mohler, already employed in the Big Sandy operation, will serve as supervisor for mail receiving, and Tobin Cookman will continue to supervise telephone response. Rosene Hegna will coordinate student scheduling for all of the sections.

With the removal of the toll-free number from the telecast, it might seem that the telephone response area would require little attention. Mr. Parsons explained, however, that the toll-free number is still operational (the number can still be found in some Church literature), and the Work answers an average of 1,000 calls each day.

Each supervisor will be crosstrained. The supervisor of one area will also be assistant supervisor of another area, Mr. Parsons said. "This will help us to be more efficient and productive as well as to be prepared in case of sickness or other circumstances."

To accommodate the growth of the department, MPEC moved to occupy most of the Festival Administration building in January. Before the move the department, which began in a house trailer in 1984, was housed in several rooms of the old Imperial Schools complex.

Mr. Parsons was told that remodeling the central room of the building to accommodate 95 computer work stations might require breaking up part of the tile floor and possibly lowering the ceiling, so cables could be installed.

Not wanting to mar the beauty and design of the building, Mr. Parsons asked the design staff if there was an alternative.

They installed troughs, made from the same wood as the building's moldings, to carry the cables overhead.

"Not only does it look nice, but if

we ever have to move, the building can be quickly restored to its former state," Mr. Parsons said.

Mr. Parsons, who stopped just long enough while rushing from meeting to meeting to answer a few questions, said: "We are very excited in Big Sandy. It is a new pioneering spirit."

Mrs. Parsons reflected excitement about the changes and the new building. "It's better than anyone expected," she said.

United Europe

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The first Slavic pope in history indicated that his spiritual offensive in the East would intensify. A papal trip is already scheduled to Hungary in 1991, when he will also visit Poland for the fourth time.

Almost a year and a half ago, the British newsweekly, *The Economist*, predicted in one of its editorials the phenomenon we are witnessing today.

"Two ideas inveigled Europe in 1988," reported *The Economist* in its Dec. 24, 1988, issue, "the EEC's single European market and

Mikhail Gorbachev's misty talk of a 'common European house.' Watch out... for the coming of a third Euro-idea in 1989: the

"Both the EEC's Project 1992 and Mr. Gorbachev's perestroika are driven by economics. This leaves a gap in the market for spiritual goods.

"Enter the Pope, with plans to relaunch religion in both halves of the continent... The Pope wants not only to bring Catholics back to his churches, but also to encourage all Europeans to look to their religious roots."



PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)

Tupelo and Columbus, Miss.

By Pamela Henderson and Sandy Cafourek

A sense of history surrounds the Tupelo and Columbus, Miss., church areas. White, pillared antebellum (before the Civil War) homes dot the hilly countryside. These houses have a long history, like some of the Church members here. Many families boast up to three generations in the Church.

"We have an unusual number of second and third generation families," said John Cafourek, pastor of the Tupelo and Columbus churches. "Over 50 percent in each congregation."

Sunday afternoons these families often get together in state parks where parents coach their children in volleyball or basketball. Some evenings are spent at talent nights listening to duets, trios or budding teenage pianists play the piano.

A sense of history is especially evident in Tupelo where 40 out of 165 members are senior citizens. Eleven women are between 80 and 97 years of age.

At 97, Sara Strickland is the oldest in the congregation. She was baptized in 1955.

Eighty-five-year-old Lura Paradine Ivy remembers her dad



watching Herbert W. Armstrong on television in the 1950s. Mrs. Ivy grew up working in cotton and corn fields. She remembers going on opossum hunts for fun.

"She can always be counted on to say something witty," said Mr. Cafourek's wife, Sandy.

Field work

Ethel Jenkins, 90, also grew up working in the fields. When her children were small she would leave them on pallets at the end of the field while she plowed with draft horses.

"Life was hard but not as despairing as youngsters might think," said 82-year-old Delphia Mooney, her warm Southern accent sounding out each syllable, and even seeming to add a few, in every word. "We grew our corn for bread, cotton for cash—five cents per pound—hogs

for meat, sorghum for syrup. The old cow furnished us milk and butter.

"In my early recollection, automobiles were rare—always getting stuck in the mud and having to have the reliable old mule pull them out," Mrs. Mooney said.

"I remember the sinking of the Titanic," she went on, "the building of the Panama Canal and two world wars. I recall the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote and hold office and you'd be surprised to know how many women opposed it. I also remember the Great Depression, the New Deal, the Fair Deal and several other deals and the happy age of the '60s. I've survived through them all up to the rise of the atomic-nuclear cloud that ended a bloody war and brought an uneasy peace through which we are living still."



BUILDING BENCHES—Tupelo, Miss., boys relax after building benches at a YES day camp.



YEARS OF EXPERIENCE—Women in their 80s and 90s from the Tupelo, Miss., church include (from left, back row): Mary King, Alpha Hartley, Lura Paradine Ivy and Lucille Ivy Bridges. Front row: Lena Myers, Ethel Jenkins, Lydia Esther Holliman and Mertie Bell Blaylock. [Photo by Kara Harris]

Change continues in Tupelo and Columbus. Iuka, a small town just 50 miles away, was selected for the National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) rocket booster program. The resultant rise in number of jobs, businesses and education standards promises to transform the area.

Already Tupelo and Columbus contain numerous furniture plants, as well as tire and heavy machinery factories.

"One reason there's so much industry for such a small population [30,000 in each town]," Mr. Cafourek explained, "is the right-to-work law." This law allows factories to employ at minimum wage rather than higher wages negotiated by labor unions.

"It can be hard for families to live comfortably on those wages," Mr. Cafourek said. Therefore, many young people move to other church areas in search of higher-paying jobs.

One member, Dwayne Griffin, is president of a furniture company employing about 100 people. "The employees get the Holy Days and Sabbath off just like us," said Mr. Cafourek.

Besides numerous manufacturing plants, both towns have topnotch school systems, Tupelo ranking as one of the tops in the nation. According to Mr. Cafourek, higher teaching wages donated by private industries attract better teachers.

Classical music, pop legends

Despite its small size Tupelo also boasts its own symphony orchestra. Four times a year maestro Eric Knight flies in from New York to conduct concerts.

George Bush visited Tupelo in November 1987 as vice president, and Columbus in May 1989 as President.

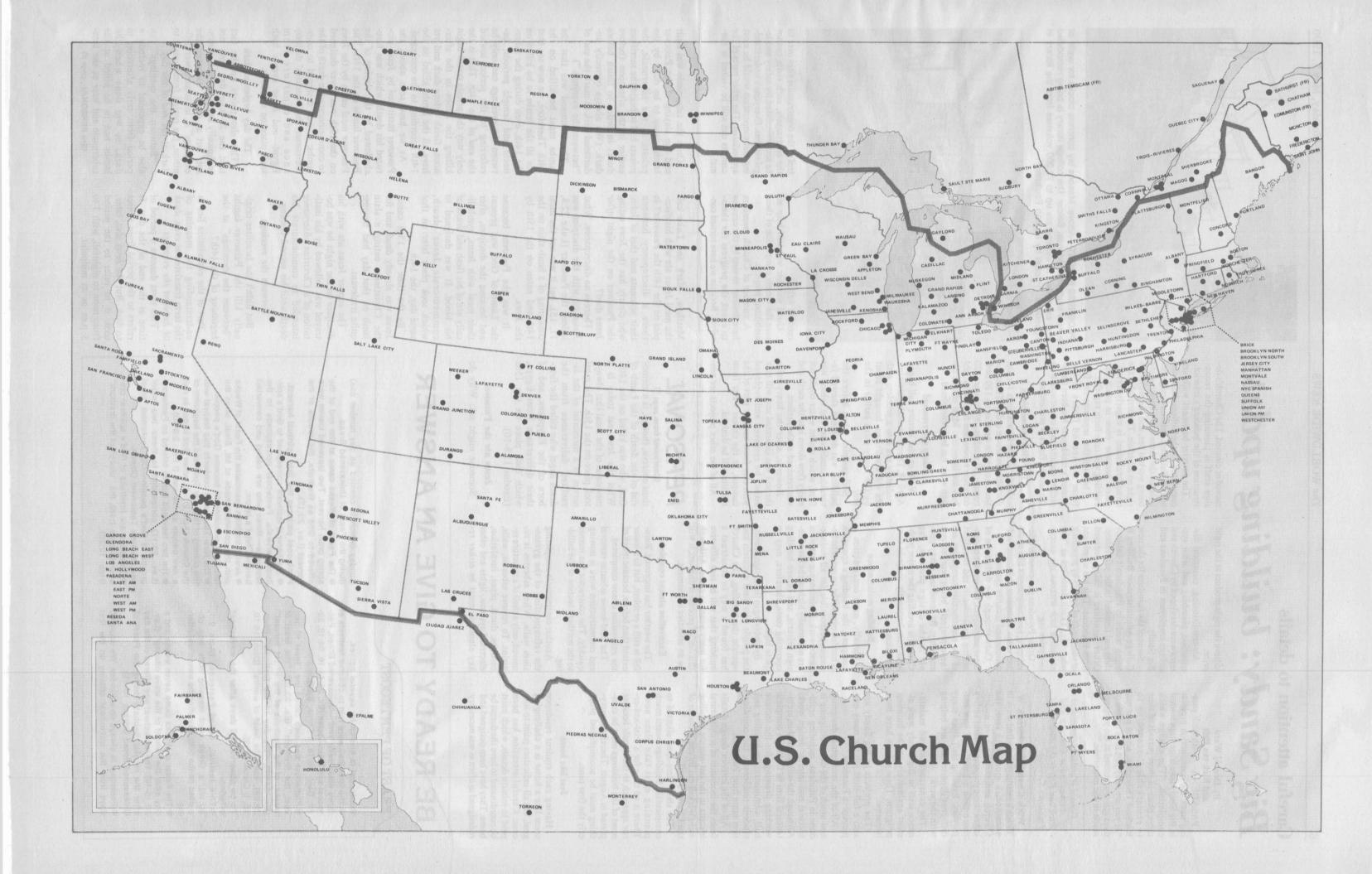
Thousands of music lovers make the pilgrimage to Tupelo every year to visit the birthplace of pop singer Elvis Presley, whose career took off in Memphis, Tenn., about 95 miles away.

Churchgoers take advantage of this influx of tourists.

"We're blanketing waiting rooms, even local libraries, with *Plain Truth* stands," Mr. Cafourek said. "Tupelo has 478 stands and Columbus 200." Church attendance has not increased, however, since low wages force many to move to other towns.

Tupelo and Columbus 255 Attendance Local church elders Deacons Deaconesses 3 Teens 36 Children under 12 35 28 Singles Over 60s 50 Spokesman-Graduate

WE ARE ONE FAMILY



Careful attention to details

Big Sandy: building update

By Donald Ward and Rick van Pelt

PASADENA—With each passing week the construction projects in Big Sandy take large steps toward completion. "The change which takes place in short periods of time is remarkable," according to Richard Thompson, acting provost. "If you are away just for a couple of days you are amazed at the progress made in the meantime."

Donald Ward is the president of Ambassador College and Rick van Pelt is the director of Facilities Services.

With Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach's instructions to find ways to accomplish more with less, the Church and college have undertaken these projects without adding more than a handful of new employees. Existing staff from many different departments are helping with the work.

The construction and maintenance staff in Big Sandy work almost exclusively on the building program. Their efforts have been immense.

The projects in Big Sandy are also a full-time job for many employees in Pasadena.

All of the conceptual designing and much of the detail designing is done in Pasadena, including architectural and interior design work. Although the college used an architectural firm in Dallas to complete working drawings for the lecture hall, administration building and student residences, the coordination came from Pasadena.

All of the interior design details from the inception of architectural layouts to the last-minute detailing were worked out by one member of the Church's staff.

The short time-span allotted to complete the buildings means much planning must take place now. There is no time for a trial-and-error approach to the details because most of the buildings must be completed in August. Therefore, everything must be accomplished properly the first time.

Just like home

Having each student residence seem like a home is a challenging goal, but all indicators point to success. Careful attention has been paid to minute details, which must be coordinated to have the dorms be home. They have been designed and redesigned as often as was necessary to have the right product at the right

Air-conditioning, electrical distribution, plumbing and other systems were developed by Church and college employees in Pasadena and Big Sandy.

Some of the furniture for the new College Administration Building is being made in Pasadena's cabinet shop and finished in the paint shop. Other furniture is being ordered from Pasadena. This has saved tens of thousands of dollars by providing what Mr. Tkach describes as "the executive look without the executive price tag."

Other Pasadena personnel are developing key components like audio and video, computer, telecommunications and security systems.

Only through the dedication of these employees, the service of consulting professionals and the effort of the construction companies are these projects being worked out smoothly. By involving many people in the design process, the Church is avoiding the major problems that frequently occur in construction.

Building maintenance

Usually, once construction is complete, the building's operation is handed over to the owner, who becomes responsible for all maintenance work. Maintenance concerns are not usually high on the list of design criteria, and future building operating costs, therefore, may be quite high.

By involving in the design process the people who must maintain and operate the building, the Church has found a way to construct a building that will be cost effective for many years to come. Although this design process is unusual, it will be an effective investment.

Excavation almost complete

The weather has improved. Rainfall is still a problem, but to a lesser extent than before, because much of the excavation is now completed.

The field house asbestos removal and reconstruction work is moving quickly. The contractor has moved to the northern section of the building.

Another contractor is completing the refireproofing of the gymnasium walls. When asbestos is removed, only a shell of a structure remains. To remove asbestos, walls, ceilings, ducts, pipes, insulation, electrical systems, lights and other key elements must be either re-

moved or cleaned. The Church's design staff is planning the reconstruction of the building's interior.

The exterior basement walls are completed for the College Administration Building. Interior design details for the three-story building are being worked out, and the project is right on schedule. The arrival of the structural steel is eagerly anticipated because once in place, the building will take form rapidly.

The steel that separates the first from the second floors in the women's residences has been delivered to the site, and construction on the second floors is proceeding.

Dormitory furnishings

Most of the furnishings for the dormitories are on order. The logistics involved in decorating 120 bedrooms, 60 studies, 30 lounges, 20 common rooms and five entry lobbies are immense. Most of this design work has been completed.

Damp soil removed

Work on the lecture hall began April 18. The construction crew immediately ran into a problem with the soil conditions, brought about by the heavy rains earlier in the year.

Soil samples taken before the building was designed showed favorable conditions. The subsoil was firm, which meant water could not easily flow down into the earth and was retained at the surface.

However, after the heavy rains the soil was saturated and will now either be removed and replaced with clay from another part of the campus, or the excess water from the site will be drained.

All of the other projects are pro-



PROGRESS REPORT—Above: Masons lay concrete blocks for walls of a new student residence. Below: The college library is being remodeled and expanded to incorporate up to 72,000 volumes from the library in Pasadena. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner]



ceeding well.

Good weather will still help assure the timely completion of these ambitious projects.

A number of Church members have desired to stop by the campus to check the progress for themselves. Because we have turned control of the construction sites over to the contractors, such visits cannot be accommodated for safety and legal reasons. Everyone's understanding and cooperation would be most appreciated. The other parts of the campus can still be visited as nor-

PERSONAL

(Continued from page 1) tians observe, though, is a memorial of the death of the Lamb of God, who was killed on the 14th. What the Jews eat today is a memorial of the meal that always took place on the 15th. This meal serves as a memorial of the Israelites' deliverance from the death angel who killed the first-born of the Egyptians, and of their deliverance from Egypt, which took place on the 15th-

Jesus ate the Passover

(Exodus 13:8-10).

Someone might ask: Why do

Matthew, Mark and Luke call the meal Jesus ate with his disciples on the 14th the Passover? Is there a discrepancy between their accounts and that of John, who clearly has the Jews eating the Passover on the night after Jesus died?

There is no discrepancy. What Jesus ate with the disciples was indeed the Passover (Luke 22:8, 11, 15), but it was not the meal consisting of a lamb slain on the 14th and eaten on the 15th by the Jews.

It was the Passover because the Lamb of God was present and because the disciples, after their meal with Jesus, symbolically ate of his flesh and drank of his blood. It was designed to commemorate Jesus' death, which took place later on that same day, the 14th.

By the time the 15th came, Jesus was already dead, and for the Christians, eating a slain lamb on that day had become quite irrelevant.

The supper Jesus ate with his disciples on the night he was betrayed was followed by his institution of a *Christian observance* intended to commemorate his death until his second coming.

Between the evenings

But didn't the Israelites originally kill the Passover lambs "between the evenings" at the beginning of the 14th?

Part of the explanation lies in understanding the meaning of the term translated as even, dusk or between the evenings.

This term denotes a period of time at the end of the day. It refers to the period from sunset to dark. But the Jews also, later, took it to refer to the period from noon to nightfall, with 3 to 5 p.m. as its midpoint.

Once the tabernacle was built and the slaying of the Passover lambs came to be done by the priests at the tabernacle, the priests had to begin the sacrifices earlier in the afternoon (before dusk) in order to finish before dark. (We always correctly understood dark to mark the end of "between the evenings.")

The command was that the lambs must be killed on the 14th. Therefore, we now see that for all the lambs to be killed on the 14th, even during the tabernacle and temple periods, between the evenings can only be referring to the period toward the *end* of the 14th. That is the only way the priests could begin killing the lambs in the afternoon, finish before dark and yet have all the lambs killed on the 14th according to the command.

As we have seen above, the Passover instituted by Jesus pictured his death, which was foreshadowed by the slaying of the Passover lambs on the 14th. The Passover meal eaten by the Jews on the 15th was never designed to commemorate the death of the lambs; it was designed to commemorate the Israelites' deliverance and departure from Egypt—and these events both took place on the 15th.

The day begins at dark

This also points up the fact that the 24-hour day does not technically begin and end at sunset, but at dark. "Between the evenings" is, in its narrower definition, the period from sunset to dark at the *end* of the day.

"Between the evenings" can also be expanded to include a period from early afternoon to dark, as was done when the lambs had to be killed at the tabernacle and later at the tem-

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BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

FEAST OF PENTECOST

Pentecost is known by several names.

● The Israelites were told to observe festivals at three times each year—Unleavened Bread, Pentecost and Tabernacles (Ex. 23:14-16, 34:18, 22-23, Deut. 16:16, II Chron. 8:13).

Pentecost was also called the "feast of harvest, the firstfruits" (Ex. 23:16), "the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of the wheat harvest" (Ex. 34:22), "the day of the firstfruits" (Num. 28:26), and "the feast of weeks" (Deut. 16:10, 16, II Chron. 8:13).

To be observed 50 days after the wavesheaf offering.

 This festival, called Pentecost (Acts 2:1, 20:16), a Greek word meaning 50th, was observed on the 50th day after the wavesheaf offering.

• The Feast of Weeks came seven weeks and a day after the "sheaf of the wave offering" (Lev. 23:15-16). The wavesheaf was offered on the day after the regular Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread (verses 10-11).

 Pentecost is always on a Sunday. We count 50 days from the wavesheaf offering on the first Sunday (which is counted as day number one) during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

● The Feast of Weeks came at the end of the spring grain harvest. Two leavened loaves were offered to God as firstfruits, the results of the harvest (Lev. 23:17).

Pentecost pictures the first spiritual harvest.

The harvest festivals correspond to God's spiritual harvests. Pentecost corresponds to the firstfruits—those who are called and converted before Christ's return.

 Jewish tradition associates the Feast of Weeks with the covenant made at Mt. Sinai, when the Israelites promised to become God's people.

• The New Testament connects this festival with the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church (Acts 2:1-4), when God began to call a new people as his own (I Pet. 2:9-10).

 The two leavened loaves offered on Pentecost (Lev. 23:17) correspond to these two major groups of God's people—Old Testament Israel and the New Testament Church.

Christians are firstfruits of God's spiritual creation (James 1:18), the "church of the firstborn" (Heb. 12:23).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDERSON, Glen and Karin (Hillman), of Olympia, Wash., girl, Lisa Renee Lynn, March 18, 12:37 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BEAUDOIN, John and Judy (Hall), of Boise, Idaho, boy, Lowell Alexander, March 22, 12:07 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BEGGS, Damon and Elizabeth (Davison), of Fairfield, Calif., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Jan. 10, 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BOSCH, Daniel and Colomba (Mallardo), of Rome, Italy, boy, Alessandro Alberto, Feb. 24, 3:50 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

BRADLEY, James and Sheba (Grafton), of Athens, Ga., girl, Sonya Allison, April 8, 9:05 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BROWNING, Walter and Sharon (Love), of Vancouver, Wash., boy, David Matthew, April 8, 4:44 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CAREY, Randy and Teresa (Johnson), of Grand Island, Neb., boy, John Eugene, March 2, 12:58 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

CARLSON, David and Michelle (Deraas), of Duluth, Minn., girl, Ilona Lynne, Jan. 29, 1:53 a.m., 7 pounds 15% ounces, now 2 boys, 1

CARLSON, James and Kari (Kervina), of Duluth, Minn., girl, Tamara Lynn, Dec. 22, 6:06 a.m., 7 pounds 11½ ounces, now 1 boy,

CARNAHAN, Mark and Tammy (Knoerl), of Erlanger, Ky., girl, Rachel Christine, March 20, 8:32 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2

CARO, Noel and Lilian (De Chasteigner du Mee), of Perth, Australia, girl, Elodie Rose, March 21, 9:56 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

CHARLTON, Frank and Debbie (White), of Blackfoot, Idaho, twin boys, Benjamin Quin-ton and Frank Nathan, Dec. 27, 12:10 and 12:28 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces and 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 5 boys, 1 girl.

DAVIS, Paul and Myrtle (Higgins), of Bir-mingham, England, twin girls, Jocella Amanda and Geraldine Alicia, Oct. 14, 6:20 and 6:24 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces and 5 pounds 9 ounces, first children.

DYER, Art and Linda, of Philadelphia, Pa., boy, Troy Alan, March 21, 8 pounds 13% ounces, now 3 boys.

EBOYA, Nicholas and Jane (Naitore), of Nairobi, Kenya, girl, Sharon Temina, Feb. 24, 3:15 a.m., first child.

EFIMOV, Drew and Debbie (Wright), of Bris-bane, Australia, girl, Jessica Anne, Feb. 20, 1:30 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

EPPERSON, Raymond and Annette (Johnson), of Altadena, Calif., girl, Emily Lauren, March 16, 11:57 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

FRANCIS, Robert and Julie (Sleder), of Seattle, Wash., girl, Kendra Leigh, Feb. 21, 11:12 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1

FRICK, Brian and Elaine (Doucette), of Bermuda, boy, Nathan Doucette, Dec. 4, 5:34 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

GEVERS, Roland and Elizabeth (de Jager), of Big Sandy, boy, Jonathan Waldo, March 11, 9:09 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

GIROUARD, Dan and Lisa (Sprotte), of Longmont, Colo., girl, Kristen Elise, March 27, 4 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GNAGE, Robert and Deanna (Dowd), of Rochester, N.Y., girl, Kaitlyn Whitney, Feb. 26, 9:23 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GODDARD, Robert and Bonita (Clancy), of Kingston, Ont., boy, Travis Patrick, March 16, 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GREIMEISTER, Lutz and Niramol (Vatheevisai), of Vienna, Austria, boy, Patrick Taninth, March 15, 9:03 a.m., 2.6 kilograms, now 2 boys.

GROVER, Pat and Gail (Simmons), of Jackson, Miss., girl, Courtney Michelle, Nov. 4, 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

GUIANG, Randolph and Anaflor (Solido), of Quezon City, Philippines, boy, Anthony Ralph, Feb. 2, 7:40 a.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

GYEBI, Reynolds and Cecilia (Mensah Bediako), of Accra, Ghana, girl, Wendy Adobea, Jan. 27, 2 a.m., 6 pounds, first

HALE, Michael and Janet (Burbeck), of Pasadena, Calif., girl, Emily Jane, March 28, 6:20 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

HAMILTON, Rick and Vallery (Ardoin), of Farmersville, Tex., girl, Karen Inez, March 17, 9:56 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 2

HARDWICK, Scott and Sherry (Fields), of Modesto, Calif., girl, Brandy Nichole, March 11, 10:35 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first

HONESS, Daryl and Cindy (Nork), of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Daryl Glenn II, April 8, 5:59 p.m. 5 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

HULL, Darrel and Valerie (Grace), of Eugene, Ore., boy, Benjamin Scott, March 27 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HURST, Jesse and April (Bryant), of Houston, Tex., girl, Jessica Leanne, March 31, 7:24 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

KEARON, Michael and Natalie (Stevenson) of Riverside, Calif., girl, Amber Brenna, Feb. 17,5:10 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

KLINE, Jeff and Pam (Irvin), of Woodward, Okla., boy, Logan Garrett, March 6, 2:41 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

LARSEN, Mark and Amy (Weiner), of Pasadena, girl, Kassondra Leigh, March 17, 1:54 p.m., 7 pounds 5% ounces, now 1 boy,

LERAAEN, David and Annette (Berke), of Beloit, Wis., girl, Jennifer Jean, April 3, 7:36 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

MANUMBAS, Lauro and Ofelia (Mangalindan), of Malolos, Philippines, boy, Nielsen Ray, March 7, 1:30 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MARKS, D. Michael and Kim (Kozlovsky), of Denver, Colo., girl, Megan Ashley, March 19, 3:31 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

MARTIN, Alan and Connie (Kysar), of Black-foot, Idaho, girl, Charnele Renae, Feb. 16, 3:45 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys,

MOONEYHAM, Lonnie and Janie (Oliver), of Blue Springs, Mo., girl, Lauren Jaclyn, March 8, 10:27 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

MURRAY, Scott and Cindy (Schoon), of Paradise, Calif., girl, Alisha Pearl, March 24, 7:13 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 cites.

NAYLOR, John and Jayne (Clements), of Milton Keynes, England, girl, Louise Jayne, Feb. 18, 12:42a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

O'BRYAN, Lawrence and Deborah (Coffey), of Pasadena, girl, Deanna Maye, Nov. 9, 5:15 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2

OLSEN, Raymond and Dixie (Blackman), of Chariton, Iowa, girl, Kelsey Kay, March 26, 6:08 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1

PADMORE, Jeremy and Le'Anne (Smith), of London, England, boy, Thomas David, March 7, 8:25 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first

PEREZ, Steven and Nina (Chacon), of Los Angeles, Calif., girl, Tiffany Sara, Feb. 13, 4:10 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

PYLE, Dave and Michel-Anne (Briltz), of Regina, Sask., boy, Tyler Lawrence David, March 3, 8:33 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

PREHATNEY, Jeff and Leanne (Ebeling), of Elk River, Minn., boy, Garrett Lee, March 12, 8:23 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

RENDALL, Doug and Ramona (Chitwood), of Pasadena, boy, Matthew Douglas, April 4, 5:57 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ROBERTSON, Malcolm and Lorna (Elliott), of Penrith, Australia, girl, Emily Elizabeth, Dec. 22, 11:03 p.m., 3.48 kilograms, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

RYLAND, Peter and Jennifer (Bartlett), of Birmingham, England, boy, Michael William, March 21, 9:55 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces,

SEARS, Chris and Tanya (Britton), of Round Rock, Tex., girl, Lauren Rene, Feb. 6, 6:35 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SMITH, Mark and Linda (Fitzgerald), of Richmond, Va., girl, Heather Lynn, March 11, 5:56 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

SUPRUNIUK, David and Lorie (Dillingham), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Lisa Marie, March 31, 5:45 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child. TRINKA, Tom and Karen (Richmond), of Tuckerton, N.J., boy, Jeremy Thomas, Feb. 14, 3:52 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WHITE, Edward C., II, and Katherine (Dandeneau), of Seaford, Del., boy, Edward C., III, March 1, 1:37 p.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

WOJKOWSKI, Walter and Caroll (Radley), of Ratavia N.Y., boy, Joseph Michael, of Batavia, N.Y., boy, Joseph Michael, March 14, 6:17 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Buffington of Weep-ing Water, Neb., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Joanne to Mark Thomas Vernich, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Vernich of Hermitage, Tenn. A Sept. 9 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

The families of Carmen Stephenson and Wesley Kincade of Cincinnati, Ohio, are pleased to announce their engagement. A July 8 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eddington of Mel-bourne, Australia, are happy to announce the engagement of their third daughten Catherine, to Sean Hill, only son of Cynthia Hill of Melbourne. A July wedding is

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Green of Houston Tex., are pleased to announce the engage-ment of their daughter Tekoa Jane to Em-manuel Hill. A May 27 wedding in Houston is

Mr. and Mrs. David Carpenter of San Anto-nio, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth to Larry Walker, son of Mrs. Joe Rutland of Houston and Rayford Walker of Commerce, Tex. A late May wedding is planned. Tex. A late May wedding is planned.

Mrs. W.C. Culpepper of Athens, Ga., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Nancy Catherine to Robert Andrew Knutson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Knutson of Minneapolis, Minn. A June 24 wedding in Athens is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. TROY SMITH

Lisa Beaudoin, daughter of Margaret

Brouillard of Dallas, Tex., and Troy Smith, son of Harry R. Smith, were united in marriage, Oct. 6. The ceremony was performed by Mitchell Knapp, Kansas City, Mo., North associate pastor. Julie Fratto was maid of honor, and Steve Turner was best man.



MR. AND MRS. JON HELMUTH

Lana Marie Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker of Cadiz, Ohio, and Jon Mark Helmuth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Helmuth of Vista, Calif., were united in marriage March 11. The ceremony was performed by Dexter H. Faulkner, the Church's European bureau chief. Emily Reisdorff was maid of honor, and Melvin Helmuth was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. MARK OLSON

Beth Bierstedt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bierstedt of Lone Rock, lowa, and Mark Olson, son of Donna Olson of Des Moines, lowa, were united in marriage Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed by David Gilbert. Mason City and Waterloo, lowa, pastor. Cheryl Hellman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Todd Schreiber was best man. The couple live in Fenton, lowa.



MR. AND MRS. SERGIO D. MOLO

Minerva Rosario, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo Rosario of Catbalogan, Philip-Minerva Rosario, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo Rosario of Catbalogan, Philip-pines, and Sergio D. Molo Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Molo Sr. of Jaro, Philippines, were united in marriage Feb. 18. The cere-mony was performed by the bride's father, Catbalogan pastor. Joceila Dabuet was maid of honor, Josephine B. De Guia was matron of honor and Marvel Rosario, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple live in Tacloban, Philippines.



MR. AND MRS. ALBERT B. LEWIS

LaVerne Esteile Walenta and Albert B. Lewis Sr., were united in marriage Jan. 14. The ceremony was performed by Harold Lester, Austin, Tex., pastor. Douglas Lewis, son of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Austin.



MR. AND MRS. D. CROSLAND

le of Queens, N.Y., and Dwayne son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crosland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hard Crosland of Queens, were united in mar-riage Aug. 13. The ceremony was per-formed by Craig Bacheller, Queens pastor. Nicy Parker was matron of honor, and Harry Crosland was best man. The couple live in Norfolk, Va.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN PEREZ

Mr. and Mrs. Danny M. O'Neal of Chattanooga, Tenn., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Tammy Lanetta to John Patrick Perez, son of Orey Perez and Margie Hebert of Lafayette, La. The ceremony was performed Nov. 19 by Harold Rhodes, Chattanooga pastor. Shannon Sullivan was maid of honor, and Johnny Trent was best man. The couple live in Acworth, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. ALVIN CARMON

united in marriage July 23 in Richmond, Va United in marriage July 2s in numinion, va.
The ceremony was performed by Val
Burgett, Fayetteville, N.C., and Dillon, S.C.,
pastor. Maid and matron of honor were
Angela Carpenter and Janice Wiley. Best
men were Richard Martin and Steve Brown.
The couple live in Flint, Mich.



MR. AND MRS. LEON S. ALLISON

Christine H. Wegner, daughter of Helen Wegner of Portland, Ore., and Leon S. Alison, son of Darrell and Patricia Allison of Westminster, Calif., were married Dec. 31. The ceremony was performed by Stanley DeVeaux, Long Beach, Calif., associate pastor. The couple live in Long Beach.



MR. AND MRS. LARRY CONNER

Robin Pulleyblank and Larry Conner are pleased to announce their marriage, which took place May 20. The ceremony was performed by Nelson Haas, Russellyville and Mena, Ark., pastor. Tina Pulleyblank, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Darrel Farah was best man. The couple live in Portland, Ore.



MR. AND MRS. M. BECHTHOLD

Lee Ann Boyd and Michael John Bechthold were united in marriage Sept. 17 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by Gary Antion, Big Sandy dean of students. Kathryn Boyd was maid of honor, and Rod McFall was best man. The couple live in Arcadia, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. KEVIN BROWNLEE

Marjorie J. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D. Garner of Swansea, S.C., and Kevin A. Brownlee, of Middleburg, Fla. were united in marriage June 25 in South Carolina. The ceremony was performed by Greg Albrecht, dean of students at Ambassador College in Pasadena. Elizabeth Gleaton, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Joseph Brownlee, father of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Chesapeake, Va.



MR. AND MRS. C. HARRIS

Shannon Gail-May Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shaw of Peace River, Alta., and Christopher Paul Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Durham, England, were united in marriage Dec. 31 in Vancouver, B.C. The ceremony was performed by Pieter Michielsen, Abbotsford, B.C., pastor. Shereena Milne, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Terry Dobson was best man. The couple live in Ramsgate, England.



MR. AND MRS. J. MORRISON April Marie Haymaker, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Bob Sevier, and Jeffrey Wayne Morison, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison were united in marriage Nov. 22. Sheri latchell was matron of honor, and Randy Lipps was best man. The couple live in Noblesville, Ind.



MR. AND MRS. E. McDONALD

Diane L. Sanders and Elbert L. McDonald were united in marriage Sept. 10 in Detroit, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Melvin Dahlgren, pastor of the Detroit West church. Deborah Davis was maid of honor and Mark McDonald was best man. The couple live in Detroit.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. CECIL GREEN

The children of Cecil and Ruth Green are pleased to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents April 13. Mr. Green is the associate pastor of the Houston, Tex., North, congregation. The couple have two children, Tekoa Jane and Kevin



MR. AND MRS. GRAEME JOHNSTON

The children of Graeme and Mary Johnston are pleased to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents, which took place March 6. The Johnstons have twin daughters, Jennifer and Ruth, and two sons, Glen and Peter. The couple attend the Dunedin, New Zealand, church.

Arie and Hadassa Ikar celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Jan. 25. The couple were baptized in 1988, and they attend the Winnipeg, Man., church. The Ikars have four children, David, Tamara, Esther and Aharon, and seven grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD

Leo and Emogene Simpson celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary May 3. The Simpsons attend the St. Cloud, Minn., church.



MR. AND MRS. ARLEY HEYER

Mr. and Mrs. Arley Heyer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 24. They have been Church members since 1968, and they attend the Spokane, Wash., church. The Heyers have three daughters and eight grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. HARRY LOUDER

The Indianapolis, Ind., congregation cele-brated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Louder Feb. 24, The Loud-ers have seven children, 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Louder were baptized Oct. 1, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rubenacker were hon Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rubenacker were hon-ored by family and friends in the Cincinnati, Ohio, churches on their 50th wedding an-niversary, Dec. 24. The Rubenackers at-tend the Cincinnati North congregation and have been Church members since 1966.

OBITUARIES



ALFRED ALBISTON

ALBISTON, Alfred W., 94, of Madison Heights, Mich., died Jan. 15 after several years of failing health. Mr. Albiston, a Churchmember since 1971, is survived by a son, Alfred; a daughter, Clara; grandchildren; step-grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella.



ORVILLE ASHCRAFT

ASHCRAFT, Orville N., 76, of Natchez, Miss., died Jan. 4 after an extended illness. Dr. Ashcraft was baptized in March 1969 and ordained a deacon in June 1976. He is survived by his wife, Iris; three children, Myra Nell, Stephanie Kay and Norman; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

BROWN, Robert O., 53, of Gibsonton, Fla. died March 5 in an automobile accident. Mr. Brown, a Church member since 1975, is survived by his wife, Lois, also a Church member; his father, Omar; a brother, James; two stepchildren, Laurie and Kirk McDonald; and two grandchildren, Jeremy and Robert.

DITTMAN, Charles B., 54, of Vallejo, Calif., died March 20 after several years of ill health. Mr. Dittman, a Church member since 1988, is survived by a sister, Eileen Wilson.



CHRISTOPHER FOUNTAINE

FOUNTAINE, Christopher Michael, 16, of Windsor, Ont., died March 23 after a long bout with kidney disease. He is survived by his mother, Shirley Fountaine, and two brothers, Paul and Tony.

HUGHES, Wilkieson Elliott, 82, of Dayton, Ohio, died March 12 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Hughes, a Church member since 1968, is survived by his wife, Janet, four sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

LUCAS, Annie M., 74, of Macon, Ga., died March 25. Mrs. Lucas, a Church member since 1988, is survived by six children and many grandchildren.

MARTE, Belina, 23, of Navotas, Philippines, died March 27. Miss Marte, a Church member since September 1987, is survived by her mother, three sisters and other rela-

NEUMAN, Albert, 85, of Edmonton, Alta... died of heart disease Dec. 16. Mr. Neuman, a Church member since 1965, is survived by his wife of 54 years, Eva; two daughters, Gladys and Jeana Hilda; two sons-in-law, Erwin Knuth and Walter Schmidt; six grand-children; two great-grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters. OAK, Earl H. Jr., 64, of Fredonia, Kan., died Nov. 21 of cancer. Mr. Oak, a Church mem-ber since 1962, is survived by his wife, Delanie; two daughters; two sons; and one sister, Diane Lawton.

WADDELL, Willis "Waddy," 82, of Calgary, Alta., formerly of San Diego, Callf., died March 19. Mr. Waddell, a Church member, was preceded in death by his wife, also a Church member.



EMILIE WIETER

WIETER, Emilie, 82, of Muscatine, wielen, emilie, oc., or muskaume, rowa, died March 18. Mrs. Wieter, a Church member since March 1966, was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, also a Church member. She is surjuing by three Church member. She is survived by three cons, Richard, Kenneth and Robert; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Della Brown.

WORTH, Josie, 73, of Amarillo, Tex., died Feb. 10. Mrs. Worth, a Church member since April 1986, is survived by her hus-band, Sherman, also a Church member.

NEWS OF UPDATE PLACES & UPDATE EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GO

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia-Heavy rains throughout inland eastern Australia have caused unprecedented flooding and widespread damage, according to Aub Warren, assistant to Robert Fahey, Australian regional director.

The office has received no reports of injury to Church members, although in Narromine in New South Wales, the Fidock family, who attend the Bathurst church, were 'isolated in their wool shed-the highest point on their propertylast Sabbath [April 21] as flood waters rose," Mr. Warren said.

"The floods covered their property, ruining all floor coverings and downing fences, but apparently sparing them from large stock losses. The water level inside the house was eight inches.'

Several members in southeastern Victoria were unable to attend Sabbath services April 21 because of flood waters, but apparently have suffered no damage.

Mr. Warren said the worst damage appears to be in Charleville in south central Queensland and in Nyngan in the central west area of New South Wales. Charleville's 4,000 residents were evacuated to a tent city at the town's airstrip.

Nyngan residents lost a daylong battle to protect the town with a sandbag levy.

One member, Marlene Gilshenen, owns a large farming property near Charleville and three townhouses in the township.

Mrs. Gilshenen reported to Alan Dean, Toowoomba pastor, that her family has suffered stock losses in the thousands and their fences have been downed.

Water up to three feet deep flooded townhouses and damaged personal property, including Mrs. Gilshenen's

Mrs. Gilshenen reported being evacuated at 4 a.m. and told of townspeople being stranded on rooftops for 30 hours without food.

Thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes in rural towns throughout the flooded area,

PERSONAL

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ple. This period at the end of the day means that the natural day ends with nightfall, at the end of dusk, after sunset.

The Jews built a margin of safety around the Sabbath, however, by beginning its observance a few minutes before sunset and ending it a few minutes after dark. It has long been the practice-and still is-of the Church of God to observe the Sabbath beginning at sunset, except in near polar regions.

At one time in the last century, though, Adventists and the Church of God (Seventh Day) observed the Sabbath from 6 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Passover of Jesus Christ is the most important event of the year for all true Christians. The Church keeps it on the correct day, the same day Jesus was betrayed, the day on which he instituted the symbols of his body and blood, the day on which he gave his life to take away our sins and reconcile us to

Let's thank God for this priceless gift and for the guidance he continues to give to his Church. Let us make effort to be diligent in studying God's Word and in following all his instructions.

and damages are expected to run into the millions of dollars. Six deaths have been reported.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has directed the Australian Office to donate AUS\$10,000 to the Western Queensland Flood Appeal and the New South Wales Flood Assistance Appeal.

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BIG SANDY-Sylvia Munro, an Ambassador College sophomore, was presented with the Gold Standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award March 13 at St. James Palace in London. The ceremonies were attended by Prince Philip.

The awards program, open to British youths, provides opportunities for personal achievement, community and social involvement, adventure and a widening of leisure interests.

Qualification for the Gold Award includes meeting requirements in five areas: service, expedition and exploration, skills, physical recreation and a residential project. A report on each activity is assessed by a regional director.

Miss Munro, who is from Kent,



SYLVIA MUNRO

England, served in the British Red Cross Society and is an emergency medical technician (EMT).

Miss Munro fulfilled her expedition and exploration requirement when she undertook a 630-mile cycling expedition from Brighton, England, to Loch Lomond, Scotland. She completed her skills requirement by designing and creating stage costumes, performing in musicals and directing stage productions.

She fulfilled the physical recreation requirement by playing tennis, and her residential project by teaching educational and sporting activities at a youth summer camp.

The program was established by Prince Philip to help develop strong character and encourage youths to be service-oriented in their commu-

PASADENA—The telephone system at Ambassador College in Big Sandy will be made compatible

with the system in Pasadena. According to Dyle Koch, Big Sandy telecommunications manager, the system in Big Sandy has a dialing plan with four-digit numbers that will allow direct dialing between Pasadena and Big Sandy in

By using leased fiber-optic lines that run across the country, the two locations will be linked directly to each other by telephone, as they already are by computer data lines.

The voice lines are to be connected in June and will enable departments in Pasadena and Big Sandy to contact each other by dialing four-figure extension numbers without paying long distance call rates, or using an operator. In the

United States 11 digits must be dialed to call long distance.

A further advantage to the new system is its ability to direct calls through the most economical route. If a long distance call is cheaper from Texas than California then the call will be routed first to Big Sandy by the direct link and then dialed from there, and vice versa. In this way the Work will save about \$20,000 each

The new number for Ambassador College in Big Sandy is 214-636-

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PASADENA-The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites in Hoogeveen, Netherlands, and Pacific Harbour, Fiji, have reached capacity. No further transfer requests can be accepted.

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PASADENA—The Legal Office will move to the first and second floor of the Fine Arts Building on the Ambassador College campus, according to Ralph Helge, legal counsel for the Church.

The staff of 20 full-time and four part-time employees will vacate leased offices on Lake Street by December, when the Legal Office's lease expires.

'Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach wanted the office a little closer, and with the college moving to Texas, there will be extra space on campus," said Earle Reese, office manager.

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CEBU, Philippines-The church here established an outreach program early in 1990 under the direction of pastor Reynaldo Taniajura.

The purpose of the program is to serve elderly, sick and needy brethren who live in remote areas of the Cebu province.

Four teams of about 12 members each escort the elderly to Sabbath services, perform household chores, do carpentry work and provide tutorial classes. They also visit and entertain.

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PASADENA—International visitors who will keep the Feast in Port Vila, Vanuatu, can stay at the Radisson Royal Palms Resort, where services will take place.

The resort is 11/2 miles from the

TELEVISION STATION

Renewals

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New Station

WSAZ/Huntington, W.Va. Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

4-22 to 4-14-91

town center and four miles from the airport. Taxis are available, and fares are reasonable, so a rental car is not necessary.

Rooms are air conditioned with telephone, radio and minibar. The hotel has several restaurants, a beach and water facilities, a golf course and tennis courts.

The daily rate for single occupancy is NZ\$85 (about US\$50). Double occupancy is NZ\$45 (about US\$26) for each person. These rooms can accommodate two adults and two children (less than 16 years old). The cost for children (under 16) is NZ\$4 a day when they share a room with their parents.

These rates are lower than those listed in the Feb. 5 Worldwide News. A number of less-expensive accommodations are also available in Port Vila.

Further information will be provided in a letter of acceptance.

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TIEL, Netherlands-The four Dutch churches honored lepke Klarenberg for 25 years of service to the Church on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 10.

Miss Klarenberg is the first Dutch employee to reach the 25year mark, according to Richard Steinfort, Dutch correspondent for The Worldwide News.

Miss Klarenberg has served in the Mail Processing departments at the Church offices at Duesseldorf, West Germany (1965 to 1970), Bricket Wood, England (1970 to 1975), and

Utrecht and Nieuwegein, Netherlands (1975 to 1990)

Bram de Bree, Dutch regional director, presented Miss Klarenberg with a plaque and gold watch. He said, "Her service is an example of loyalty and faithfulness, not only to



IEPKE KLARENBERG

her baptism but also to her work as an employee of the Worldwide Church of God."

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PASADENA-The Spanish Department announced that plenty of space is still available for those who would like to transfer to the oceanside resort city of Mar del Plata, Argentina, for the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles.

This city features traditional architecture, a picturesque fishing port, historical sites, springtime weather and a favorable exchange rate. Visitors can fellowship with brethren from five South American countries.

Festival services will be in English and Spanish with alternating translation. Those interested should submit an application as soon as possible.

FROMOUR

"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

cholera outbreak, members in Lusaka, Zambia, could not meet for church services or Bible studies in the last three weeks of March.

Andre van Belkum, newly appointed regional director for Southern Africa, reported that cholera has claimed the lives of more than 80 people so far.

To minimize exposure to the disease, Mr. van Belkum canceled his Passover trip to Lusaka, and members in Zambia were instructed in how to keep the Passover in their

"The economy continues to backslide at a rapid pace," Mr. van Belkum said.

"The country has gone through four currency devaluations in 18 months," he added.

The cost of living is now incredibly high. Our members are struggling to make ends meet."

Aldrin Mandimika, Lusaka pastor, asks for members' prayers.

Eight French lectures

Evangelist Dibar Apartian, re-

PASADENA—Because of a gional director for French-speaking areas, conducted eight Pure Verite (French Plain Truth) Bible lectures in Europe April 6 through 21.

The lectures were conducted in Switzerland, France and Belgium.

Many of the 510 new people attending the lectures "seemed to be very interested and we hope that a good number of them will attend the different Bible studies given by the respective ministers,"-said Mr. Apartian.

"Another interesting point is that a good number of guests are faithful listeners to the World Tomorrow radio broadcasts," he added.

Ministers conference

In Geneva, Switzerland, the regional director spoke to 240 French, Belgian and Swiss brethren.

After the Days of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Apartian led a two-day ministerial conference in Bruges, Belgium, for French-speaking ministers and wives in Europe.

Mr. Apartian's wife, Shirley, also went on the trip. They returned to Pasadena April 22.

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