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Mr. Tkach dedicates AC buildings at ribbon-cutting ceremony

By David Bensinger

BIG SANDY—"We are here today as a result of the remarkable efforts of many outstanding people," said Joseph W. Tkach, chancellor of Ambassador College, at a Nov. 18 ceremony dedicating the newly constructed buildings on campus.

The ceremony took place in front of the new three-story College Administration Building. It was attended by members of the board of regents, faculty, students and guests.

Devoted workers

Mr. Tkach explained that plans for the building project started only 11 months ago and construction only eight months ago.

"On my frequent trips here from California, I would see day turn into night and lights burning as dedicated crews continued unabated," Mr. Tkach said. "And as the days turned into weeks, and the weeks into months, one thing became clear: Ambassador College was going to make it.

"Our presence here today is a living testimony to the unsung dedication of the crews of not only Ambassador College but also all of those who were involved in helping to accomplish this achievement."

The building project consisted of five residences to house 480 students, an administration building, a lecture hall seating 350 and offices for the Music Department, a language office complex that houses the Church's Italian and Spanish departments, a bookstore, several classrooms and asbestos removal in the gymnasium.

Work continues on a new telecommunications office, a faculty dining area, a barber shop and a women's hair salon. After removing asbestos, workers have restored portions of the gymnasium-auditorium, student dining hall and kitchen.

Workers remodeled the library and added floor space to the second floor by filling in an open area with a new floor system.



REMARKABLE EFFORTS—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach speaks of the unsung dedication of crews working on the building project. [Photo by Ian Bearman]

A central air-conditioning plant was built, and a mile-long utility distribution system that contains about 20 miles of high- and low-voltage cable, and gas and water lines was installed.

Other speakers

To begin the dedication ceremony Russell Duke, chairman of the Theology Department, gave the invocation.

Next, evangelist Donald Ward,

president of Ambassador College, introduced several city officials; two university officials; managers from Rogers-O'Brien Construction Co., contractors for the new College Administration Building; managers from Boone & Boone Construction Co., contractors for the new women's residence halls; Thomas Welch, architect, who provided plans for the administration building, women's residences and the lecture hall; Rick van Pelt, director of Facilities Services in Pasadena, who coordinated the design of the buildings and their construction; Sara Wendt of Facilities Services, (See **DEDICATION**, page 6)



DEDICATION OF BUILDING—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach cuts the ribbon at the new College Administration Building in Big Sandy, Nov. 18. [Photo by Ian Bearman]

Director will focus on media

French area takes new shape

PASADENA—Dibar Apartian, who served for 33 years as regional director of French-speaking areas, will now devote full-time to overseeing the editorial operations of the French Work.

Mr. Apartian is editor of the French edition of *The Plain Truth* and directs the production of all other French literature. He is also the voice of the French *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast.

Mr. Apartian, an evangelist, is also a member of the Church's executive committee and the advisory council of elders.

"Mr. Apartian's dedication and loyalty to God's Church are well known," said evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International.

"These changes will now free Mr. Apartian from the day-to-day administration of the French churches," he added.

Geographic boundaries

French-speaking Canadian churches will become part of the Canadian region, supervised by evangelist Frank Brown, Canadian regional director.

Mr. Salyer said that Haiti will be administered from the Canadian region. Cyrille Richard from Montreal, Que., will continue to pastor the Haitian brethren, visiting them periodically.

The Church hopes to eventually have a full-time minister resident in Haiti.

Mr. Salyer said now is the time to unite French Canada with the Canadian Office organizationally and financially, because the Church is seeking to incorporate in Canada.

Incorporation is necessary to meet requirements imposed by Revenue Canada to retain favorable tax benefits for the Church and members in Canada.

These changes are part of the Church's long-term international plan to organize regions as efficiently as possible according to geographic boundaries, not primarily on languages, Mr. Salyer explained.

"This will help us to be competent stewards of the resources God has provided," he said.

The French Office will continue to provide ministerial services to all French-speaking churches outside of Canada.

Olivier Carion, who served churches in France and Belgium before being transferred to Pasadena a year ago, will manage the office.

The French ministry will direct their reports to Mr. Carion, who will report to Mr. Salyer.

French West Africa, Europe
Mr. Salyer also announced

that the churches in French-speaking West Africa will be supervised by the Borehamwood, England, Office, which already administers English-speaking West Africa.

Bernard Andrist will continue to pastor the churches there, as well as the two French-speaking churches in Switzerland.

"The Geneva suboffice, whose primary purpose was to service French West Africa, can therefore be closed in the months ahead," said Mr. Salyer.

The suboffice in Paris, France, will handle the mail from French Switzerland. Samuel Kneller will manage the Paris Office as well as supervise the ministry throughout France.

"These changes will help us be increasingly effective in carrying out the Church's commission. We would appreciate your prayers during this transition period," Mr. Salyer said.

Subscribers see telecasts in England

SOUTHAMPTON, England—Robin Jones, pastor of the Southampton, Godalming and Reading, England, churches, conducted the first of two presentations for *Plain Truth* readers here Oct. 28.

Seventy-one readers accepted the invitation, which included viewing two *World Tomorrow* telecasts: *The Environment—Choosing Life and Utopia—Impossible Dream?*

Fifty-six attended the second presentation Nov. 4.

A professional audiovisual company was used to show the telecast.

Since the presentations, Mr. Jones has received visit requests from eight people and will be conducting follow-up Bible studies for those who are interested.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

As the United States observed Thanksgiving Day in November, I was reminded of the need for us to reflect on the wonderful gifts God has given his people.

In the midst of our typical problems as human beings, problems with other people, problems with our homes, with finances or with illness,

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we sometimes don't stop to reflect on the true wealth we possess.

Let's all ask ourselves this: When was the last time we considered the positive points of our mates? I mean, when did we last focus on what our mates really do for us and what they really mean to us? All the ways in which they put themselves out, sacrifice themselves and devote themselves to us?

Have we thought about how meaningful their words of support and encouragement are and how blessed we are to live with someone who cares about us as deeply as they do? How do we show our appreciation for their love?

How about our children? Have we thought about their efforts to please us, to be successful in school, to learn responsibility and to uphold right values and standards? Have we shown them that we recognize and appreciate their accomplishments?

What about our friends?

Friends who are always there when we need a favor or a helping hand. Friends who can help us share our burdens as well as our joys.

And how about our parents, our grandparents, our sisters, our brothers, our uncles and aunts and our cousins, not to mention our teachers, our students and our fellow workers?

Be thankful for others

God has given us wonderful relationships in which we can find the support, strength, help and encouragement we need to carry on.

But I know what some are thinking. They are thinking: "These individuals are no help to me. They are the very people who are the cause of all my problems."

Well, I realize that some people are cruel and impossible to reason with. But I'm not talking about them. I'm encouraging us to think about and be thankful for all those others in our lives who are human and weak like us, but are striving for the same crown in earnest faith just as we are.

I'm encouraging us to take time out to reflect on those who care about us, who worry about

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End of U.S.-U.K. special relationship?

PASADENA—"Still strong. Still sound. The great oak has been brought down." That was how Britain's *Daily Mail* began its Nov. 23 editorial, the day after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher stunned the world by announcing her resignation after more than 11 years in office.

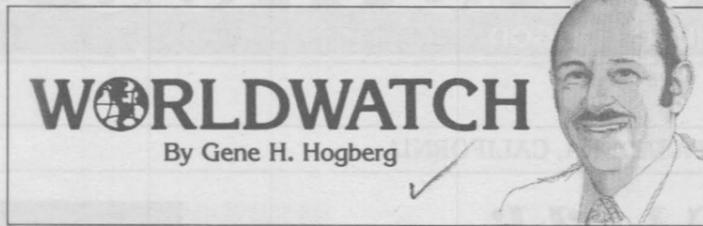
Recognized as the greatest peacetime British prime minister of the century, Mrs. Thatcher left an indelible mark not only on the modern history of her nation, but the entire Western world. With her unwavering convictions, she soared above the oftentimes seedy world of politics to the rarified atmosphere of true statesmanship.

Ironically, Mrs. Thatcher succumbed not in a general election—she won all three she contested—but to a revolt in the ranks of her own Conservative Party.

This internecine battle, led by former cabinet official Michael Heseltine, is over. With some satisfaction, Mrs. Thatcher has welcomed her successor as party leader and prime minister the relatively young, at age 47, former chancellor of the Exchequer, John Major. The election of Mr. Major, a Thatcher loyalist, denied the office to Mr. Heseltine.

While Mrs. Thatcher's standing in the opinion polls had suffered from negative reaction to several domestic matters (see "European Dairy" below), the issue that caused her downfall concerned Europe.

Over the years, she had railed against what she believed was a creeping centralization of political power in Brussels dangerously compromising British sovereignty. But her searing attacks against



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

European Community (EC) policy seriously divided her own party.

At the October EC summit in Rome, Mrs. Thatcher found herself, as usual, the odd person out on proposals to establish a common European currency and central bank. The other 11 leaders showed they were determined to move in this direction beginning in 1994—with or without Britain.

The prospect of being left at the station as the EC train pulled out (much as what happened when Britain declined to join the Community in 1957) worried many Tory members of Parliament.

On the Continent, few tears were shed over her demise. Behind official praise of her stalwart character were sighs of relief. The one individual who, more than any other, had slowed progress toward greater unity was now out of the way.

No longer would EC officials hear their efforts toward unity described as "airy-fairy and absurd." No one would now claim, as Mrs. Thatcher once did, that "Europe has only been single under tyranny . . . not under liberty."

And certainly no one is likely to deliver the kind of broadside the Iron Lady did in 1988 in Bruges, Belgium. Speaking at the College of

Europe, the training ground for EC bureaucrats, Mrs. Thatcher praised the sacrifices made by British soldiers during the First World War, thousands of whom lay buried nearby in the fields of Flanders.

"Had it not been for that willingness to fight and die," she said, "Europe would have been united long before now—but not in liberty and justice."

Looking to the Continent

Of the three candidates who contested the Tory leadership (the third being Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd), John Major is believed to be closest to Mrs. Thatcher's views. Nevertheless, on the issue of European unification, he is expected to take a more accommodating, albeit still cautious, stance.

Moreover, the new prime minister is the first leader of a major Western nation to have no personal recollection of the Second World War. This will affect his own views toward Germany, in particular.

What this portends, wrote Michael Parks in the Nov. 16 *Los Angeles Times*, is "a reorientation of British foreign policy to emphasize the importance of Europe and, consequently, to reduce that of the 'special rela-

tionship' with the United States that Thatcher made so central for Britain over the past decade."

A senior British diplomat goes even further to say that "we will not be making policy with Washington first and foremost, but approaching Washington secondarily and as [an] 'outside ally' and even, say on trade issues, as a rival."

Mrs. Thatcher, on the other hand, according to her biographer, Hugo Young, "had a bias on Europe, and not just one, but a whole set. She did not like Germans or trust them, because she remembers World War II. She does not want to rely on the Continent or entangle ourselves with them, because she felt they were and are different over there."

Mrs. Thatcher, continued Mr. Young, "looked for what alternatives to Europe she could find." The best alternative was the United States. She was, said Peter Stothard of the *Times* of London,

"an instinctive Atlanticist."

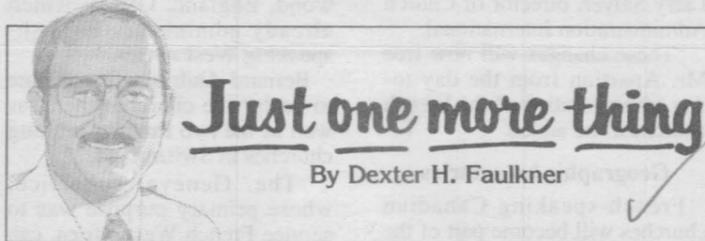
Her political inclinations were reinforced by her bonds with former U.S. President Ronald Reagan. The two saw the world essentially through the same prism. They will go down in history, added Mr. Stothard, as Washington and London's "last romantics."

Changing relationship

With the departure of these two Anglo-American giants of the 1980s, this "special relationship" of necessity must change. For one, *Sunday Telegraph* columnist Peregrine Worsthorne is concerned.

"These are intensely dangerous times for Britain," wrote Mr. Worsthorne in his Nov. 25 column. "The real challenge comes from Europe; from, in particular, a united Germany."

The danger of "caving in to a Europe dominated economically by a friendly Germany," according to Mr. Worsthorne, is not nearly as apparent as was the threat posed militarily by a hostile Germany in (See BRITAIN, page 3)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

It doesn't come naturally

"Birds do it. Bees do it. Even educated fleas do it," begins an old song.

I'm not talking about falling in love, I'm talking about communication. Although you can't even fall in love unless you have communication.

Human beings can communicate like no animal can. We can write novels, choreograph dance, compose orchestral works. We reflect upon the world around us, describe the world inside us and wonder about the world beyond us.

A communications expert once said that "society evolves not by shouting each other down, but by the capacity of unique, individual human beings to comprehend each other." There can be no doubt about it—mankind is exquisitely capable of communication.

But look at the average family, or summit of politicians, or two foreigners trying to communicate and you can have your doubts. Most of us misunderstand quite frequently. Communication doesn't come naturally. It's something we must learn.

Speaking the same language

The word *communication* is derived from the Latin *communis*, which means to have in common or share. The original meaning involved meeting another's needs by pooling resources. In this modern communication age that basic principle still applies.

In foreign language areas, you need a translator. As an American in England, I often feel the need for one myself. Six thousand

miles of ocean, distinct histories and quite different ways of expression can easily result in miscommunication.

For more than 50 years *The Plain Truth* has aimed to be a magazine of understanding—to communicate a message based on the biblical perspective. Its reason for being is found in the book of Matthew.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations" (Matthew 24:14, New King James).

Christ understood the need for expressing thoughts in the language of his audience and the need for good listening.

It's a huge task, but not an impossible one. To communicate anything to all nations we must share our thoughts in a way the hearer (or reader) understands.

The basic message of the Bible is put across to people in a way that relates to them. Biblical writers used their own experiences in the hope the reader would be somehow transformed, his or her viewpoints altered and understanding enlarged.

An anglicized edition

Communicating in Britain is different from communicating in the United States. Winston Churchill said England and America are divided by a common language.

This is something *The Plain Truth* has come to recognize. And so we will be producing a new anglicized version of *The Plain Truth* especially for our British readers. The content will be the same, but the language will be that of the United Kingdom rather than that of the United States.

But one thing is missing. With the best communication skills in the world, you can't do it on your own. The sharing of thoughts and ideas requires receptive listeners too.

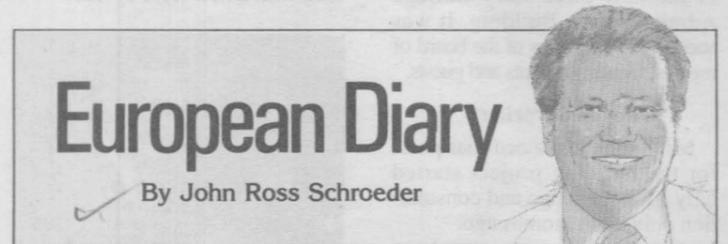
Sadly, the art of true listening is fast being lost. People feel frustrated when no one really cares what they have to say. And those who block out the thoughts and ideas of others are losing out too. Born to a life of fulfilling interaction, they have chosen to live on an island of limitations.

The greatest communicator who ever lived was Jesus Christ. The apostle John called him the Word—the communicator of

God's plan to men. But Paul also described him as the one who listens intently to our thoughts and concerns in prayer and makes intercession on our behalf. He understood the need for expressing thoughts in the language of his audience and the need for good listening.

We hope that the anglicized edition of *The Plain Truth* will serve our British readers well. But we would also encourage you to think about how you absorb what you are reading.

Are you growing as a person? Does good communication change the way you think? In the words of Jesus Christ, "He who has an ear, let him hear."



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Thatcher era over in British politics

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Twenty-four hours after British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher declared, "I fight on, I fight to win," she resigned.

Division was growing in the British Conservative (Tory) Party in the weeks leading up to Mrs. Thatcher's resignation. The unpopular poll tax decreased her popularity sharply. But it was on the issue of Europe that yet another cabinet member, Geoffrey Howe, resigned.

In a blistering resignation speech in the House of Commons, Mr. Howe bluntly criticized the prime minister for her caution on the European question and accused her of overemphasizing the potential of a federal Europe.

A remarkable criticism considering that Britain's older generation is substantially in agreement with Mrs. Thatcher's approach to Europe. An expanded marketplace is one thing, but many Britons are in no rush to meld their national future with a continent that was the battleground of their youths.

Shortly after Sir Geoffrey Howe's speech, Michael Heseltine challenged Mrs. Thatcher for the leadership of the Conservative Party. Many Tories also thought it was time for a change.

Mrs. Thatcher was determined to fight. But she did not gain enough votes in the first round to retain party leadership. Her immediate reaction—she would "fight on." But support for her was weakening and Mrs. Thatcher, after 11 years in office as the first woman prime minister in the United Kingdom, resigned.

Her resignation speech to the House of Commons left members of Parliament asking, "What have we done?"

Few would deny that Mrs. Thatcher has put her stamp on the face of British politics for years to come. She has also played a significant role on the world scene.

Her name has become synonymous with living within your means, strong defense and no compromise with terrorism.

Because of her resolve, many in the Tory party called Mrs. Thatcher the best man we've got. The Rus-

sians nicknamed her "the Iron Lady."

Mrs. Thatcher was among the first to recognize Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev as "a man with whom we can do business."

During her premiership Mrs. Thatcher has seen many changes in the world. She led the Falklands campaign against Argentina. She was instrumental in ending the Cold War, and has witnessed the emergence of a strong Europe, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the embracing of her own capitalistic policies in the Eastern Bloc.

Polish economists have come to London to learn the economic practice of Mrs. Thatcher. Sir Rhodes Boyson, a Conservative member of Parliament, said it will be "ironic if Thatcherism dies in the country of its birth when it succeeds in the rest of the world." The reaction of many foreign representatives in Britain has been, "If you don't want her, we'll take her."

Some have called Mrs. Thatcher "the greatest peacetime prime minister this century."

Britain has a history of remarkable women leaders. Boadicea fought the Romans in A.D. 61. Queen Elizabeth I rallied her troops to defeat the Spanish Armada in 1588. Queen Victoria gave her name to the golden age of British colonialism and industrialization.

These examples have left their stamp on British life. Mrs. Thatcher has no doubt done the same.

Biographers note that an early influence was her father, a Methodist lay preacher, who passed on his strong sense of duty and principle. Others point to the help and advice of her businessman husband, Denis Thatcher.

Mrs. Thatcher sacrificed herself on the altar of her opposition to a politically powerful Europe. She fought for a concept of national sovereignty that many feel is outmoded.

Suspicious of the European unity movement gathering speed on the Continent she tried to put controls on the mighty Brussels bureaucracy.

Her concern over the future of Europe has sounded a note of caution. She has warned of a potential threat to the sovereignty of Britain.

Members suffer property damage as typhoon hits Philippines

By Paul Kieffer

MANILA, Philippines—With winds up to 150 miles an hour, Typhoon Mike swept across the central Philippines in mid-November, leaving a trail of death and destruction.

Although brethren suffered from the effects of the storm, at least their lot has not been as bad as that of many other Filipinos.

Paul Kieffer is regional director for the Philippines.

According to news reports, Mike was one of the strongest storms to hit the western Visaya region, which because of its location, is usually more protected.

More than 175 people were reported missing, and 29 provinces and 24 cities were declared disaster areas.

Jeremiah Ortiguero, pastor of the Iloilo, Roxas and San Jose churches, reported that water and electric services were disrupted throughout the island of Panay.

Members there suffered substantial damage to crops and homes.

We will send Mr. Ortiguero

emergency third title money because he cannot withdraw money from his bank. The storm disrupted the bank's computer link to Manila.

The bridge connecting the city of Cebu with Mactan Island, where Cebu's airport is located, was damaged when high winds pushed a Japanese tanker into the bridge supports.

As of Nov. 22, electricity in the province of Cebu was out, with about 80 percent of the utility poles damaged.

Utility company officials predicted that restoring full services would take from three to six months.

There has been panic buying of food and gasoline.

As incredible as it sounds, the amount of damage in Cebu appears to be greater than that suffered in Baguio during the July 16 earthquake.

Andrew Teng, pastor of the Dumaguete, Jagna and Tagbilaran, churches, reported damage to members' homes in surrounding areas, but no members were hurt.

Mr. Teng expects power to be restored in about 45 days.

Petronilo Leyson, pastor of the Bacolod, Kabankalan and San Carlos, churches, reported no water or electric services in the area after the storm and that gasoline was rationed. Brethren were spared major damage to their homes.

Typhoon Mike prompted a notable Manila commentator to describe the Philippines as an "accursed land" during 1990.

Pursuit of accreditation continues

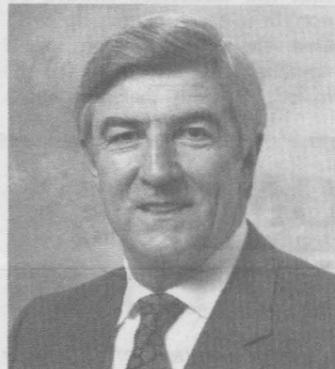
College launches self-study

By Donald Ward

BIG SANDY—Ambassador College's pursuit of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) continues to progress on schedule.

Evangelist Donald Ward is president of Ambassador College.

The executive director of SACS officially gave the College permission to launch a self-study.



DONALD WARD

One of the purposes of the self-study is to acquire impressions and suggestions from a wide range of sources. We will probably ask alumni to participate in some alumni surveys.

If the self-study can be com-

pleted on schedule, we anticipate a visit from a SACS-appointed committee next fall. If the visiting committee makes a positive recommendation, the College could gain candidacy-for-accreditation status in June 1992.

Although the College would prefer to gain full accreditation at that time, only one institution within the jurisdiction of SACS has achieved candidacy after having received an initial visit from a SACS committee.

More commonly, the committee will recommend candidacy status along with a list of areas that need to be improved before conferring full accreditation status.

Nonetheless, candidacy status affords essentially the same benefits that full accreditation does. The achievement of candidacy is certainly not a sure thing at this time. We need the prayers of all God's people with regard to the whole process.

Many of Ambassador College's alumni have commented favorably on the College's pursuit of accreditation. Some of these alumni have found the process of seeking employment or post-graduate education much more challenging because Ambassador is not accredited.

Although some think that the pursuit of accreditation will require a drastic change in philosophy for the College, this is

not true. There are a large number of church-related colleges that have become accredited while holding on to their theological values.

Ambassador College is devoted first and foremost to its foundational principles. Ambassador College remains dedicated to the premise that the Word of God is the foundation of all knowledge. Ambassador College will remain dedicated to recapturing true values.

In preliminary discussions with SACS representatives, doctrine has not been an issue.

Accrediting agencies involve themselves with such issues as quality of instruction, appropriate credentials of faculty, an appropriately publicized mission statement, a well-defined plan and a comprehensive assessment process.

Accreditation basically means that an institution is living up to its stated goals and purposes as well as meeting minimum standards of academic excellence common to colleges of its size and type.

Accreditation does not have to derail us from presenting a biblically based education to the students. We know that accreditation will help hundreds of our young people in the pursuit of higher degrees and employment. Thus we believe the pursuit of accreditation is a wise venture.

Exotic Thai Festival: Plan ahead for 1991

By John Halford

PASADENA—Chiang Mai in northern Thailand will once again be a Feast of Tabernacles site in 1991.

Keeping the Feast in Thailand is an unusual opportunity to experience an exotic land and with friendly people and a fascinating culture.

Festival tour

As in previous years, the Church is offering an informative and comprehensive tour, including several days in Bangkok before transferring to Chiang Mai.

John Halford is the Festival coordinator for Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Visitors in previous years have remarked that to keep the Feast in Thailand was an exceptional learning experience.

U.S., Canadian members

For members in the United States and Canada, the tour will leave Seattle, Wash., Thursday, Sept. 19, and return Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The cost, including all travel, first class hotel rooms (double occupancy), meals and touring expenses will be about US\$1,980 for each person.

Australia, New Zealand, Europe

We are also working on total package prices for members wishing to transfer from Australia, New Zealand and Europe. This information will be sent to you upon receipt of your application.

The cost for children age 2 to 11 has not been finalized, but we expect it to be about 70 percent of adult costs, depending on room arrangements.

Trans Pacific airline seats are in great demand, and in order to make firm bookings at a competitive rate, we are asking those interested to apply as soon as possible.

All applications should be sent to Thailand Festival, Travel Office, Ambassador Foundation, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. The fax number is 1-818-568-0137. There is no application fee for this site.

Britain

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control of Europe half a century ago. What is at stake is virtually the totality of Britain's historical tradition.

The Germans believe, said this noted journalist, that because of their preponderant economic might, "a new Eurostate would have a German body." The British, on the other hand, "care about, and take pride in, their political institutions which have developed over 1,000 years of unbroken constitutional history."

This history has been marked by concern for individual rights and freedoms. In contrast, added Mr. Worsthorpe, "Europe's Continental political tradition, as much on the Catholic right as on the socialist left, is almost wholly ... a tradition of enlightened despotism at best."

Margaret Thatcher instinctively sensed these dangers, as well as, in Mr. Worsthorpe's words, "the perilous reality of a Europe which no longer has the steady American prop against which to brace itself."

But Mrs. Thatcher's time is now past. The baton has been passed. God allowed it to come about since "the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses" (Daniel 5:21, New King James).

A new and troubling future awaits the Anglo-American world.

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. This column shows how the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the Church's publications change the lives of subscribers, co-workers and prospective members.

Co-workers comment

Please thank Mr. Tkach for his last letter because I am from the group who are interested in a directly religious message. I really liked the quote, "you will not see our presenters screaming and trying to whip up emotion." If you did, I would not watch your programs. I just want to hear the plain truth, God's Word in the Bible.

Sykesville, Md.

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Today I received your September letter and read about all your decisions. I am glad you've found ways to readjust and readopt your resources to better fulfill your commitment of telling the good news of Christ to all parts of the world. Your commitment is the reason why I try to contribute now and then because I believe in it.

I hope you will never have to cut down on your telecasts. We tape them every week because we usually go to our own church on Sunday mornings.

Los Alamitos, Calif.

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Thanks for the changes
I applaud your decision to change the *Plain Truth* format to give us

more spiritual messages. Although we are sorry to have to discontinue *The Good News*, and our prayers will go out to those who lose their positions, we think it is a wise decision.

Tucson, Ariz.

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Precious truths

I am a student from Yugoslavia and I am happy to be reading your incredible magazine. I like how you explain to us readers the problems that occur and that exist around us today. The advice you give on overcoming difficulties is very precious.

Portorose, Yugoslavia

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I would like to congratulate you for your useful and precious magazine that you offer. The articles contained deal with realism; they are educational, and seriously cultural. In my opinion, they contain much truth, which is of primary importance for us adolescents.

By chance I saw your program *The World Tomorrow* concerning relationships with parents and adolescents, and it was truly interesting. It didn't present the problems abstractly, but it brought out examples, discussions, concrete experience, things that we teenagers ask for and instead often receive only abstract answers of information—confused and vague. It is a program worthwhile watching.

Thanks for the simplicity and clarity of information.

Milan, Italy

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Q&A from the Pastor General's Report

Hebrews 12:16-17 tells us that Esau "found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears." What does this mean?

Some have thought that God didn't allow Esau to repent even though Esau wanted to, but this idea is in error. Genesis 27 makes it clear that Esau was not repentant; what he sought with tears was the blessing (verses 34, 38). But his request was rejected.

Isaac's prophecy about Esau was that he would receive only a small blessing. Esau was so bitter that he wanted to kill his brother (verses 39-41). And that is not a repentant state of mind.

Hebrews 12:17 says that Esau "found no place for repentance." Some commentators suggest that this clause means Esau was trying to change his father's mind.

It is true that Esau tried to change Isaac's mind, but the natural sense of verse 17 is that Esau found no room in his heart to regret what he had earlier done with the birthright, and certainly no change of attitude toward Jacob.

Esau wanted to change the result of the events that had been set in action when he sold his birthright. But he could not undo

what he had done, no matter how badly his unrepentant mind wanted the result changed.

Would you please explain the reference in Genesis 6:9 that Noah was "perfect in his generations"?

In Genesis 6:9, Noah is described as "perfect in his generations." This expression was explained by E.W. Bullinger as a

reference to the purity of Noah's racial pedigree.

Seeing that the Hebrew word *tamiym* is frequently used for the physical perfection of the sacrificial animals, Bullinger concluded that this term is "the technical word for bodily and physical perfection, and not moral," and asserted that Genesis 6:9 "does not speak of Noah's moral perfection, but tells us that he and his family alone had preserved their pedigree and kept it pure" (*Companion Bible*, appendix 26).

Inherent in Bullinger's expla-

nation is the premise that racial purity was important to God and that he used Noah's racial purity as an example for subsequent times—hence its inclusion in the biblical record.

The matter can be settled satisfactorily by noting that the Hebrew word that Bullinger took as indicative of racial purity—the word *tamiym* ("perfect")—appears in other places in the Old Testament, too. A couple of references may be sufficient.

In Genesis 17:1 God instructs Abraham to be "perfect" (*tamiym*). The context, however, makes it abundantly clear that God is asking only for good character. After all, for Abraham to be responsible for a pure pedigree would have been impossible, since it is always in the past and beyond

pedigree was beyond his control.

One might ask why the Hebrew text of Genesis 6:9 uses the plural "in his generations," and not the singular "in his generation." Noah's life covered many generations (Genesis 6:3). This provides a rather interesting commentary on the wickedness that had been increasing since "men began to multiply on the face of the earth" (verse 1) and "the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing" (I Peter 3:20).

It is also worthwhile to note that the Jews who translated the Hebrew scriptures into Greek and produced the Septuagint for the synagogues of the Diaspora did not render Genesis 6:9 in terms of racial purity, but in terms of moral uprightness.

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any man's control.

In Deuteronomy 18:12-14, God announces that he is expelling various nations from the land because of the abominations they had committed. Therefore, he admonishes Israel to be "perfect [*tamiym*] with the Lord your God."

This reference, too, has no racial implications. Its meaning is that the Israelites should be upright in their relationship with God. Their racial pedigree would obviously be out of their control in the same way that Abraham's

They even rendered the plural expression "in his generations" in the singular, "in his generation"—a clear reference to Noah's contemporaries. This rendering does not capture the full meaning of the Masoretic text, but it shows that racial history had not even entered their minds.

Not only in Genesis 6:9, but in Deuteronomy 18:13, the Jewish translators used the Greek term *teleios*, which does not refer to pedigree. It is the same term that the New Testament uses, in Matthew 5:48 and Ephesians

4:13, for genuine godliness, a reflection of God's character.

There is a difference between the Hebrew concept of perfection, as it is employed in Genesis 6:9, and the Greek term for perfection as used by Matthew.

The Hebrew term means nothing more than freedom from moral blemish. As Matthew uses perfection, in the Beatitudes, it reflects the sense of the whole section—merciful behavior toward one's fellow man.

For this reason, Luke's version of the Beatitudes does not employ the term *perfect* but the term *merciful*. "Be ye therefore merciful, as your father also is merciful." This shows clearly that the Greek term *perfect*, as used both in the Septuagint and in the New Testament, was even more distant from nuances about Noah's racial line.

We can say that the theme of perfection that runs through the lives of Noah (Genesis 6:9), Abraham (Deuteronomy 18:12-14) and other Old Testament men (II Samuel 22:26, Septuagint *teleios*; compare I Kings 8:61, 11:3 and I Chronicles 25:8) speaks of moral goodness, while the theme of perfection that runs through the section of the Beatitudes and Paul's epistles transcends those limits to encompass an expression of God's mercy, compassion and character in the life of a Christian.

Noah's perfection, in contrast to that of his contemporaries, is an integral part of the broader biblical concept of godly character, not a detail about racial characteristics.



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)

Tonga

By Kerri Dowd

Tonga, a nation of 150 islands in the South Pacific, is home to 36 Church members.

Toluta'u Ha'angana was the first person in Tonga to receive *The Plain Truth*. He got his first copy in November 1960 when he was a lay minister in the Wesleyan church. He saw a *Reader's Digest* advertisement and wrote to the Australian Office. In 1963 he requested a visit.

However, it was not until 1966, when three others also requested visits, that someone came to talk with them. Mr. Ha'angana and the others were baptized that year.

From 1966 to 1969 the four members met every other Sabbath to study the Bible. Sometimes Mr. Ha'angana would read to them from the *Good News* magazine. In 1969 they began to meet every week, and in 1977 Mr. Ha'angana was ordained a local elder, and he now serves as pastor of the Tongatapu church.

Mr. Ha'angana speaks nearly every week to a congregation of 36. Occasionally the group listens to audio tapes from Pasadena or from the New Zealand Office. About two to four times a year Tongan brethren are visited by evangelist Raymond McNair, New Zealand regional director, or someone else from New Zealand or Fiji. They also hear guest speakers at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Plain Truth circulation reached 1,300 when the magazine was

available on newsstands. There are now 330 subscribers. Mr. Ha'angana mails the magazines and other literature from an office there.

Tonga has one radio station, and it has aired *The World Tomorrow* on Sundays since August 1977. Tonga's only television station carried *The World Tomorrow* in 1988 and 1989.

One third of Tonga's 150 islands are inhabited. All Church members live on the main island, Tongatapu, which covers 99 square miles. The area of all the islands is about 267 square miles, and the population is just more than 100,000.

The main island is flat and is served by artesian wells. An appreciable amount of rain, which falls primarily in December and January, makes it possible for many to collect and store water.

A windy season lasts from October to March, and the area sometimes experiences cyclones. Yearly highs are about 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius), and lows are about 60 degrees Fahrenheit (15 Celsius). High humidity is the only drawback in terms of climate.

Tongan is Tonga's official language, although English is a second language for many Tongans. Of the 36 who attend Church ser-

vices, 12 do not speak English.

Life in Tonga

King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, who is 70 years old, can sometimes be seen riding his bicycle about the island. Mr. Ha'angana has met King Tupou on three separate occasions.

Tonga is primarily agricultural, although business and industry are being gradually introduced to the country. Many members raise their own vegetables and earn enough money to pay for other necessities.

The main cash crops are bananas, coconuts and watermelons. Some of these crops have been curtailed for a time because of pestilence. This has affected those members who are commercial farmers.

"Inflation is growing, and that makes things harder for the brethren," Mr. Ha'angana said.

All of the members own their homes. According to the Tongan constitution, each boy older than 16 is given 8 1/4 acres, which he can farm, plus a lot in one of the villages on which he can build his home. According to this law, the land cannot be sold but it is to be passed from father to son. Under certain circumstances it may be leased.

Land shortage

A problem is developing



FOND MEMORIES—A moment of entertainment (left), and a grandmother and granddaughter enjoy the outdoors during the 1988 Feast of Tabernacles in Tonga. [Photos by Alexandra Engle]



because there is a shortage of land to give to the young men.

No such provision is made for women unless they have no brothers, in which case they too can be given 8 1/4 acres until they have a son to inherit the land.

Traditionally, young men and women live with their parents until they marry. If a woman does not marry, she continues to live with her parents.

Dating does not occur in Tonga as it does in the Western world. A young man may visit a woman at her home in the company of her family, but traditionally couples do not go out together.

On certain occasions, a man and woman may attend a social event, but they must be accompanied by an escort and return home when the event concludes. Some are beginning, however, to adopt Western dating customs, according to Mr. Ha'angana.

Children must attend school until age 16. Because there is only one university in Tonga,

many young people go abroad to study, primarily to Australia or New Zealand. One member, Tapu Panuve, is an Ambassador College graduate.

But travel is uncommon for the members. Most stay in Tonga to keep the Feast and warmly welcome visitors from other parts of the world. Some of the youths have attended Summer Educational Programs in New Zealand.

Brethren get together for meals and games on public holidays and on some Sundays. Because it is a small group and everyone lives close together, they share activities often and fellowship for hours after Sabbath services.

Tonga

Attendance	36
Local church elders	0
Deacons	0
Deaconesses	0
Adults—over 19	19
Teens	9
Children under 12	8
Singles	3
Over 60s	1
Spokesman Clubs	1

WE ARE ONE FAMILY



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Could one of your children be reaching out for help?

By Hugh Mauck

PASADENA—The Personal Correspondence Department receives many letters from young people. You might be shocked by how many begin with, "I can't seem to get along with my parents." Some are not yet in their teens. Some are children of Church members.

Hugh Mauck is a local elder who works in the Personal Correspondence Department.

You might be even more shocked if you were given one of these cry-for-help letters from your child. Perhaps you think your child would not write such a letter; perhaps you think you treat your children well.

Don't assume that your children know you love them, that they are happy with their home life and that they have a good relationship with you. It is not always someone else's child who is reaching out for help.

Will you listen?

A first-grade child was asked by her teacher if she knew the difference between listening and hearing. She thought for a moment and replied, "Listening is when you really want to hear."

I don't believe you can find a better definition of what it means to listen, especially when it comes to listening to your children.

To really be of help to your children you must take time to listen patiently. If they will not open up to you right away, you must court them—spend time with them and listen to them, just as you courted your husband or wife before you were married.

They are not too young to be facing real problems and trials that are serious to them. This is an evil, frustrating, frightening age. It is sometimes as hard for our children as it is for us, although we don't always recognize the emotional stress and trials our children may be going through.

It's never enough

One young person, asking the Church for help, wrote: "I can't seem to get along with my parents. I feel like a lot of time they don't treat me well. I know I am not perfect, but I try to act the way they want me to and treat them well. It never seems to be enough, though.

"Whenever they make me upset I turn to my friends. They [my friends] only hear bad things about my parents and it probably makes them hate my parents. That's not right.

"I would like to tell my parents how I feel, but I can't seem to talk to them.

"They would probably deny that they are doing anything wrong. Your family is supposed to be the closest to you, but I feel like we're enemies. I want them to know I love them. I would also like to know they love me."

This young person ends the letter, "I don't know if you think this is much of a problem, but I hope you can tell me how to deal with it."

Is this much of a problem? It was a problem to this young person and so much of a problem that she reached out to the Church when she could not reach out to her parents. She must feel that her parents are unapproachable. Is this how your child thinks about you?

Children need to know that their parents love them. Parents, it is not enough to know that you care about your children, you must show that you care, that you know and understand your child's basic frustrations and need for comfort and unwashed cooking utensils.

The young woman who wrote the letter wants to know how to

deal with the problem. Do her parents want to know how to deal with the problem? Do they even know

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there is a problem?

What can you do?

The Church can help, but it is the parents' primary responsibility to listen to their children, to love them and to help them with all difficulties that they face. Parents should

be able to help their children solve problems, not be the source of their problems.

This is an age when children are becoming oppressors. Youth street gangs, some members as young as 12 years old, are multiplying at an alarming rate. Newspapers are filled with reports of violence, drive-by shootings, gang-related murders and other horrible crimes.

Many of these articles are printed again and again to be sent along with letters from the Personal Correspondence Department to these young people who sincerely want to improve their relationships with their children.

But sad to say, we don't get many letters from parents wanting to improve their relationships with their children.

Nevertheless, we also write booklets addressed to parents for the children's sake, such as *Parents Are People Too!*, *I Need Some Answers* and *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*.

If you have not already done so, maybe you should send for these articles and read them. Although most may be designed to help your children cope with you, you need to learn how they are striving to improve their relationship with you and the family.

You'll find your time will be well spent!

Today's neglect is tomorrow's compromise

By Jeff Zhorne

After another knock the door fell open, so we cautiously entered the dismal house. A quick survey of the interior revealed dirty clothing and unwashed cooking utensils.

Foul odors emanated from the bathroom. There was no sink. Everywhere clothes were laid in disarray. On the walls, scaling paint and plaster were witness to years of neglect.

In various rooms sleeping bags lay atop piles of unwashed laundry. We wondered why. Abandoned children? A drug-addicted mother? We looked for more clues.

In the kitchen a refrigerator was still running. Cold air blasted from the open freezer door.

"Are you sure we want to buy this dump?" asked my wife. "Well, we want a place to fix up, don't we?" I replied.

A little neglect today...

Our self-guided tour through that neglected residence in a corner of Pasadena brought to life a quotation. Framed by a picture of a sun-baked shack, it reads: "Hard work is an accumulation of easy things you didn't do when you should have."

Sloth, laziness, indolence, aversion to activity, neglect, inattention, indifference, apathy—no matter what you call it, the results are ruinous.

Just as physical neglect today produces decay and deterioration tomorrow, spiritual neglect and sloth can have devastating effects on our spiritual lives.

It starts with little things. With them Satan can make startling forays into our spiritual lives. He begins with something seemingly small or picky.

For instance, the coming of children to a married couple's life can cut into prayer life. Work or other pressures may begin eroding the significance of Bible study. Interruptions if unchecked can become routine during prayer and study times.

If we're not careful, spiritual faults and deficiencies can be tolerated. The old way of life slowly becomes familiar and comfortable. We want to hang on to as much of it as possible.

Decay occurs slowly

Deterioration is never sudden. The run-down house we toured in Pasadena didn't degenerate over-

night. Similarly, no marriage all of a sudden breaks down. No strong nation all of a sudden becomes an average power. No man or woman suddenly becomes immoral.

Little by little we let down. Slowly, ever so slowly, certain things are accepted that once were rejected. What was once considered harmful is now seriously tolerated. We start to neglect priorities and

and statutes in God's Word.

Other biblical examples bear the telltale results of sloth and compromise, neglect and abandon.

As the book of Judges records, the Israelites neglected God by not driving out their enemies when they had them in their grasp. They paid the price by rendering tribute to Chushan-rishathaim (Judges 3:8), to Eglon (3:12), to Jabin (4:2), to the

lon of confusion characterizing society around us. And to come out completely. Why? So we can enjoy abundant, satisfying lives—both now and in the world to come.

Truly, the things we do today, the habits we form and the lives we lead day to day, in one way or another help mold our attitudes, our thoughts and finally our

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responsibilities.

At the outset it appears harmless, perhaps even exciting, but the snags become gashes in our character, growing wider as moral corrosion spawns spiritual decay.

"The way which seems right" slowly becomes "the way of death." Solomon, inspired by God, said so in Proverbs 14:12. Solomon eventually ignored the laws, principles

Midianites (6:1) and to the Philistines and Ammonites (10:7-8).

Why compromise won't work

Compromise starts the ball of sin rolling, slowly eroding precious and righteous character, opening the way for sin on a grand scale.

It's so easy to compromise and live like the world does, but Christ demands we come out of the baby-

actions tomorrow.

If you need a little motivation to shake off spiritual lethargy, compromise or neglect, read Romans 12:9-21 in the New King James version. This passage is filled with stimulating, active, can-do principles to awaken anyone out of spiritual slothfulness.

Don't let it lodge in your character!

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

FORGIVENESS

God forgives us

Our sins are forgiven when we repent and are baptized (Acts 2:38, Col. 2:11-14).

● God faithfully forgives us when we confess our sins to him (1 John 1:9).

● God is ready to forgive those who ask (Ps. 86:5).

● Jesus Christ has power to forgive sin (Matt. 9:6, Mark 2:10).

● Those whose sins are forgiven are blessed (Ps. 32:1).

● All sins will be forgiven except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matt. 12:31, Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10).

● There is forgiveness with God—it

belongs to him (Ps. 130:4, Dan. 9:9).

● We have forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ's blood (Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14).

We must forgive others

● We will be forgiven by God as we forgive others (Matt. 6:12, 14-15, Mark 11:25-26, Luke 6:37, 11:4).

● We are to willingly forgive others, even if they repeatedly wrong us (Matt. 18:21-22, 35, Luke 17:3-4).

● We are to forgive others because God has forgiven us for Christ's sake (Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13).

Mary Mosleh: hearing person growing up in a deaf home

By Mary Mosleh

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—Growing up as a hearing person in a deaf home was fine as long as I knew nothing about the world outside the family.

I began to communicate in American Sign Language (ASL) with my deaf parents as early as 8 months of age, according to my mother.

Mary Mosleh is a deaconess in the Brooklyn, N.Y., South church, and is involved with the Deaf Program in Pasadena.

Living in the same apartment dwelling were my two deaf aunts, my maternal grandmother (who spoke only Spanish and refused to learn English), two hearing aunts and another distant relative.

People have wondered how I managed to communicate in a family of so many languages. To my parents I would sign. To my grandmother I would speak Spanish—if I didn't she would pull my ears—and to the people outside the family I would speak English.

My brother and I played games switching from sign language to spoken English, and sometimes using both.

In early childhood my outlook toward deafness was different from what it is today. I did not want my teachers to know that my parents were deaf. I made sure my grades were high so none of my teachers would ask to see my parents at teacher-parent conferences.

In the eighth grade I still felt the same way, but my English teacher wanted to know why neither of my parents ever came to school. So he mailed a letter home requesting that someone visit him during open school night.

Teacher learns of deaf parents

My parents asked one of my hearing aunts to visit my teachers. She answered all my English teacher's questions, and was surprised to learn he was not aware of my parents' deafness. He was impressed. He thought I had a good command of the English language and wondered how that was possible since my parents were deaf.

That night I cried myself to sleep, wondering how was I going to be treated now—how I was going to face the teachers the next day.

None of the teachers said anything to me except the English teacher at the end of the school year. He asked me to come and see him after school.

I don't remember how the conversation started about my parents, but I do remember crying. He made me see my parents through different eyes. I think that was a tremendous turning point in my life as far as deafness is concerned. I saw this English teacher about seven years ago and thanked him for his part in my life.

A career in communications

My guidance counselor thought I should attend the Latin American Institute for training as a Spanish translator-interpreter. I visited the school in New York City and loved it.

For the next 18 months I was trained as an interpreter. I went on to pursue a degree in pedagogy [profession of teaching] of deafness and linguistics.

I have interpreted in the

Church since 1969. Since then I have seen the deaf membership in the Church grow, with many people becoming interested in signing or becoming interpreters. We need more so that the deaf brethren will be able to fellowship in the rich and full Church environment.

Interview with Mary Mosleh

Mrs. Mosleh teaches ASL and trains sign language interpreters at the College of Staten Island in New York City, and is working toward a master's and Ph.D. in deaf education and bilingualism at Columbia University Teachers College in New York.

Mrs. Mosleh was interviewed by Ted Landis, an assistant in the Deaf Program in Pasadena.

Mr. Landis: When do parents typically discover their child is deaf?

Mrs. Mosleh: Most parents think their child doesn't want to respond, or is preoccupied, or "I'm just not speaking loud enough." So they delay looking into it. They really don't want to think about what it is, because deafness to them seems like the black plague.

There are child-intervention centers in almost all states, and parents could check for listings under special education. Once your child has been professional-

ly diagnosed and assessed, act immediately. Accept that deafness is not a childhood disease. Deafness is a way of life for your child.

Sometimes people look at deafness as they would a death. And all because their child cannot hear or speak. Deaf people can have wonderful lives. Deaf people have gone on to get Ph.D.s and others have gone on to various and highly successful careers. Become the best parent you can be from the very first with your child.

Mr. Landis: How can parents with deaf children adequately parent, when parenting generally means talking to the child, with the child talking back?

Mrs. Mosleh: Parenting does not necessarily mean vocalizing to the child. It means being able to communicate with your child.

Mr. Landis: How do parents find the most appropriate way to communicate with their deaf child?

Mrs. Mosleh: They will need to use what I term a cafeteria approach. Expose the child to everything—pointing, pulling, writing, drawing, speaking, signing. To restrict the child to only one method deprives the child of communication.

Mr. Landis: Don't most parents get frustrated early on because sign

language overwhelms them and seems unattainable?

Mrs. Mosleh: Perhaps parents think they have to master the language right away. In reality, their 1-year-old only needs simple language. The parents will learn the language as the child grows. It must be realized this is a language. American Sign Language is the third most widely used language in the United States.

Mr. Landis: Will using sign language diminish the child's potential to speak?

Mrs. Mosleh: No. What's important for the deaf child is to see language. You are not forced to choose between oral and signing. It can be a combination.

Parents want their children to be normal and accepted, but acceptance comes from the home

first. When the child can be accepted and feel normal at home, he becomes well adjusted. We have found that the children who succeed both in the deaf and the hearing communities are those whose parents are involved in supporting them.

The Church's Deaf Program would like to hear from parents in God's Church with hearing-impaired young children or teens.

The Deaf Program would like to know about experiences that such parents have had that can be of benefit to others and how the Deaf Program can be of help.

Please write to Church Administration, Deaf Program, Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

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If you need additional labeled envelopes, please let us know the next time you write.

Member turns junk into works of art

By Zenda Cloninger

STATESVILLE, N.C.—One man's junk is another man's treasure, and few demonstrate this adage better than Norman Milam.

Zenda Cloninger is the wife of Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Winston-Salem, N.C., church.

Mr. Milam's hobby is turning junk into imaginative works of art. He has at various times displayed his artwork in libraries and schools and has been written about in the area paper. He has been featured twice on WBTV news in Charlotte, N.C., in a segment titled "Carolina Camera."

Mr. Milam has created a pickup truck, a wrecker, a race car, an 18-wheeler and an airplane (modeled after the Gulfstream II once owned by the Church), out of such things as cans, pipes, bottles, curtain rods and bottle caps.

One of his favorite creations is a

train made of coffee cans, a cracker can, a meat can and various lids. He has fashioned a cat out of 4,500 common tacks and a guitar and banjo entirely of old keys.

His latest creation is a junk man, which (when completed) will consist of 3,000 throwaway items, with no two items the same. Already, this life-size man has generated a lot of interest locally and has even been used to protest the building of a toxic waste incinerator in the area.

Mr. Milam's love of creating began when he was only 5 years old. He watched biwinged planes landing at an airport and tried to duplicate their design. He wanted to be an inventor when he grew up. Originally, most of his artwork was made of wood, but now he finds his greatest fulfillment in turning useless junk into objects of beauty.

He also enjoys drawing and photography, an interest shared

by his wife, Patricia.

Mr. Milam's art gives a whole new meaning to the word *recycle*,

and certainly a new appreciation for the value of objects thought to be useless.



SAWING LOGS—Norman Milam, a member who attends the Winston-Salem, N.C., church, turns junk into works of art. [Photo by Robert Cloninger]

PERSONAL

(Continued from page 1) us, who work and play alongside us, who share something of themselves with us, who may even tell us when we're wrong—all the meaningful people in our lives.

Let's not allow our relationships with all those around us to go unnoticed or take them for granted. Let's think about them. Let's ponder what they mean to us. Let's be thankful for them.

A notable gift

God has given us many things. He has given us life itself. He has even given us a taste, through the Holy Spirit, of the eternal life he has in store for us. But surely the most profound and important of gifts God has given us are relation-

ships—a relationship with him and relationships with one another.

Even his law is given for the purpose of safeguarding and enhancing those relationships. In our relationships lie the ultimate value and meaning of our lives.

Let our thankfulness not be limited to our possessions, our shelter, our jobs or even our health and provision. Let's thank God daily for those people into whose lives he has permitted us to come, those for whom we live and work and those who are likewise committed to us.

And as we dwell on the pricelessness of those we love and those we appreciate, let's kindle anew the great calling God has given us to extend the truth of his love for all humanity to all he enables us to reach.

Dedication

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who coordinated the design of the building interiors; architect Bill Scott; Dale Bailey, director of Facilities Services in Big Sandy; and several others who participated in the design and construction of the buildings.

Church and College personnel directly contracted the construction of Ambassador Hall (the new lecture hall) and the new language building.

After Mr. Tkach's address and a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Thomas Delamater, director of Development & College Relations, invited guests to a reception in the College dining hall.

Earlier in the day Mr. Tkach conducted a meeting with the Ambassador College board of

regents. Board members are Mr. Tkach; Franklin Guice, a local church elder in the Pasadena East A.M., church; evangelist Herman L. Hoeh; John Merritt, a member from Charlotte, N.C.; evangelist Leroy Neff; Raymond Roenspies, a local church elder in the Chicago, Ill., Northwest church; and Harold Treybig, a local church elder in the Houston, Tex., West church.

Extensive coverage

The dedication ceremony received extensive media coverage in East Texas, according to Mr. Delamater. Articles on the event were on the front page of the Longview *News-Journal* and the Tyler *Morning Telegraph*, and the ceremony received coverage on the evening news of KLTU Tyler, an ABC television affiliate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDREWS, Rickey and Gladys (Bailey) of Lufkin, Tex., girl, Jessica Christine, July 31, 2:35 a.m., 7 pounds 3/4 ounces, now 2 girls.

BIXBY, Bill and Kelly (Kozlovsky) of Colorado Springs, Colo., boy, Joseph William, Aug. 17, 8:45 p.m., 8 pounds 3/4 ounce, first child.

BLAKELY, Kelvin and Marisa (Goodwin) of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Larisa Shirley, Sept. 14, 1:05 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CALE, Stuart and Marysue (Trout) of Clarksburg, W.Va., girl, Kayla Christine, Aug. 22, 5 pounds 15/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CASE, Michael and Beverly (King) of San Fernando, Trinidad, girl, Clare Alicia, Oct. 21, 2:17 p.m., 7 pounds, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

COOK, Dana and Kelly (Smith) of Wichita, Kan., boy, Brandon Lynn, July 18, 1:17 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

DE GUIA, Danilo and Josephine (Borinaga) of Catboglan, Philippines, girl, Kathlynn Joy, Oct. 5, 12:40 a.m., 7 pounds 7/2 ounces, first child.

EVANS, Joseph and Melinda (Doss) of Chillicothe, Ohio, boy, Jacob Nathaniel, July 6, 10:42 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FERRELL, Robert and Janet (Richards) of Pittsburgh, Pa., girl, Allyson Patricia, Oct. 23, 7:37 p.m., 11 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

FERTIG, Ray Jr. and Catherine (Flynn) of Cheyenne, Wyo., boy, Royce Daniel, Oct. 26, 5:31 a.m., 8 pounds, now 4 boys.

KASH, David and Lora Lee (Wuertz) of Chadron, Neb., boy, Jeremiah David, Aug. 9, 6:57 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

KENNEDY, Richard and Vickie (Kizer) of Little Rock, Ark., girl, Kikkie Leigh, Sept. 17, 7:45 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

OSEI KOFI, Paul and Sussana (Boakye) of Kumasi, Ghana, boy, Daniel, June 3, 11:15 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

PEARSON, Colon and Donna (Garrison) of Charlotte, N.C., girl, Meagan Rose, Oct. 9, 12:59 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

PEARSON, David and Jeanette (Minehan) of Melbourne, Vic., boy, Paul David, July 31, 9:55 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

POBKE, Ken and Jocelyn MacDonald of Port Lincoln, S.A., girl, Janine Rachael, Oct. 22, 12:56 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

THURMAN, Wayman and Sara (Coston) of Houston, Tex., boy, Jordan Lee, Oct. 14, 1:27 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

WARREN, Gregory and Julie (Rains) of Hartford, Conn., boy, Cody Michael, Sept. 11, 5:47 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WIEBE, Bill and Bev (Wiebe) of Grande Prairie, Alta., girl, Jody Victoria, Sept. 23, 1:42 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WILLIAMS, Blane and Julie (Roskopf) of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Zachary Stephen, Oct. 5, 5:53 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ZAJAC, Oleh and Renee (Gould) of Pasadena, boy, Gregory John, Oct. 13, 3:15 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Munro of Cilgerran, Wales, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Sylvia Ruth to Vaughn Maurice Duke, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Rillie Duke of Rosewood, Tex. A Dec. 30 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. CLIFF SANDERS
Cliff Sanders and Denise Frederick were united in marriage June 17 in Ponoka, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Robert Millman, Red Deer, Alta., pastor. Cheryl Christie, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor, and Larry Bickford was best man. The couple live in Innisfail, Alta.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD LEWIS
Teri Lynn Hillme of Evansville, Ind., and Ronald P. Lewis of Portage Des Sioux,

Mo., were united in marriage Aug. 26. The ceremony was performed by Robert Spence, Evansville pastor. Annie Roe was matron of honor, and Michael Arman was best man. The couple live in Portage Des Sioux.



MR. AND MRS. HERMAN HALICI
Traci Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Schatz, and Herman Halici, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rupen Halici, were united in marriage Feb. 25 by James Friddle, Reseda, Calif., pastor. The couple live in West Hills, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. WILLARD SCOTT
Vanessa Durham and Willard Scott are happy to announce their marriage. The ceremony was performed Sept. 9 by Charles Holladay, Cincinnati, Ohio, West pastor. Stephanie Broadnax was matron of honor, and Barry Phillips was best man. The couple live in Cincinnati.



MR. AND MRS. MARK FARMER
Shelby Lynn High, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. High of Junction, W.Va., and Mark William Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Farmer of Niles, Mich., were united in marriage in La Vale, Md., June 24. Peter Whitting, Frederick and Cumberland, Md., and Front Royal, Va., pastor, performed the ceremony. Jeff Grosenbacher was best man, and Liz (Howard) Grosenbacher was matron of honor. The couple live in Berrien Springs, Mich.



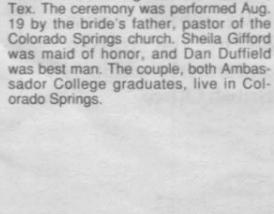
MR. AND MRS. TODD A. WANGNESS
Arlene K. Schuch and Todd A. Wangness were united in marriage Sept. 30 in Sioux Falls, S.D. The ceremony was performed by Terry Johnson, Omaha, Neb., pastor. David and Molly Clark were best man and matron of honor. The couple live in Redondo Beach, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES R. EVERITT JR.
Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Jerrolds of Birmingham, Ala., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Madeline to James R. Everitt Jr., son of Esther Everitt-Heifner of Orlando, Fla., and the late James R. Everitt. The ceremony was performed Sept. 8 by Robert Miller, Birmingham assistant pastor. Cynthia Bates was maid of honor, and Eddie Stephens was best man. The couple live in Birmingham.



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW HANSON
Lisa Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Larson of Fisher, Minn., and Andrew Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Charles Hanson of Fargo, N.D., were united in marriage Aug. 4. The ceremony was performed by Bill Quillen, Las Vegas, Nev., pastor. Ann Larson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Tony Hanson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Las Vegas.



MR. AND MRS. MONTY BOBO
Mr. and Mrs. David Carley of Colorado Springs, Colo., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Carlina Elizabeth to Monty Wayne Bobo, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bobo of Amarillo, Tex. The ceremony was performed Aug. 19 by the bride's father, pastor of the Colorado Springs church. Sheila Gifford was maid of honor, and Dan Duffield was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Colorado Springs.



MR. AND MRS. PETER LISEC
Peter Jon Lisec and Julia Ann Malone are happy to announce their marriage. The ceremony was performed July 15 by Rick Beam, Amarillo, Tex., pastor. Kay Witt was maid of honor, and John Packwood was best man. The couple live in Alamogordo, N.M.



MR. AND MRS. GARY DOWNHOUR
Gary Downhour and Lucy Ardwin of Detroit, Mich., were united in marriage Aug. 12. Melvin Dahlgren, Detroit West pastor, performed the ceremony. The couple live in Auburn Hills, Mich.



MR. AND MRS. JASON WILLIAMS
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Majeau of Westlock, Alta., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Carla Marie to Jason Lynn Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Heber Springs, Ark. The ceremony was performed Aug. 19 by Will Wooster, Westlock pastor. Joy McDavid was maid of honor, and Karl Vulchev was best man. The couple live in Fayetteville, Ark.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL SCHEID
Debbie Goodell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Goodell of Greeley, Colo., and Michael Scheid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Retus Scheid of Eugene, Ore., were united in marriage Aug. 19 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by Robin Webber, Pasadena East P.M. pastor. Laverne Harty was maid of honor, and Jon Middleton was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. H. BETTENDORF
Harold J. Bettendorf of Pueblo, Colo., and Ramona M. Miller of Dilworth, Minn., were united in marriage July 8 in Dilworth. Michael Blackwell, Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., pastor, performed the ceremony. Sandra Bettendorf, daughter of the groom, was maid of honor, and Neal Miller, son of the bride, was best man.



MR. AND MRS. C. GREGG JR.
Katrina Lynn Bailey, daughter of Earl and Shirley Bailey of Elkhart, Ind., and Clarence Karl Gregg Jr., son of Donna Jebbet of Tacoma, Wash., and the late Clarence Gregg Sr., were united in marriage June 24. Robert Dick, Seattle and Bremerton, Wash., pastor, performed the ceremony. Bridesmaids were Joyce Reece, Elaine Blessing, Mary Coleman (sisters of the bride) and Jeannie Jebbet, Shelly Hartman and Carin LaRue. Groomsmen were Joe Wine, Paul Bailey, Leslie Albertsen, Clifford Gregg, John Holiar and Douglas Coleman. The couple live in Middlebury, Ind.



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MR. AND MRS. E. COURTON
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Franks of Spokane, Wash., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Angela Jean

to Edward Patrick Courton of Portland, Ore. The ceremony was performed July 6 by Noel Hornor, Portland West pastor. Renata Leewright was maid of honor, and Sean Beougher was best man. The couple live in Portland.



MR. AND MRS. SILVA KANDIAH
Chrystaleen Virasami of Queens, N.Y., and Silva Kandiah of Singapore were united in marriage July 22. The ceremony was performed in New York by Craig Bachelier, Queens pastor. Veronica Bethea was matron of honor, and Paul Fung was best man. The couple live in Singapore.



MR. AND MRS. KLAUS KASTNER
Heidrun Lambertus and Klaus Kastner are pleased to announce their marriage Aug. 5. The ceremony was performed by Wade Fransson, Stuttgart, Germany, assistant pastor. Anne Lambertus and Anja Wegenast were maids of honor, and Hubert Knoferl and Thomas Keller were best men. The couple live in Gengenbach, Germany.



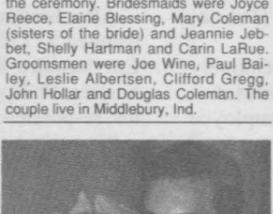
MR. AND MRS. BRYAN PEARL
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips of Joppa, Ala., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Cathleen to Bryan Edwin Pearl of Decatur, Ala. The ceremony was performed Aug. 19 by Otto Lochner, pastor of the Florence and Huntsville, Ala., churches. Cathy Phillips was maid of honor, and Marvin Phillips was best man. The couple live in Decatur, Ala.



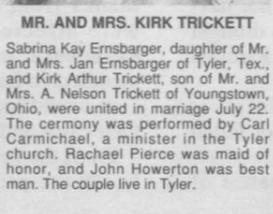
MR. AND MRS. D. JEFFERSON
Barbara Gwen Manka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Manka of Golden City, Mo., and Daniel Eugene Jefferson, son of Gurvis Ferdinand Jefferson of Fayetteville, Ark., were united in marriage June 23. Martha Trowbridge was maid of honor, and Ronald Swinehart Jr. was best man. The ceremony was performed by John Elliott, Banning and San Bernardino, Calif., associate pastor. The couple live in Fayetteville.



MR. AND MRS. BRUCE CARTER
Amanda Beth Romero, daughter of Eugene Romero of Centerville, Tenn., and Sue Wolfe of Kingsport, Tenn., and Bruce Allen Carter were united in marriage Sept. 1. The ceremony was performed by Randall Kobernal, Kingsport pastor. Michelle Robinette was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Kingsport.



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MR. AND MRS. KIRK TRICKETT
Sabrina Kay Ernsbarger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Ernsbarger of Tyler, Tex., and Kirk Arthur Trickett, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson Trickett of Youngstown, Ohio, were united in marriage July 22. The ceremony was performed by Carl Carmichael, a minister in the Tyler church. Rachael Pierce was maid of honor, and John Howerton was best man. The couple live in Tyler.



MR. AND MRS. LUIS GOMEZ
Kathrine Grace Scott, daughter of Robert and Judith Scott of Findlay, Ohio, and Luis Antonio Gomez, son of Alfredo and Zola Gomez of McAllen, Tex., were united in marriage Aug. 4. The ceremony was performed by Vernon Hargrove, Columbus, Ohio, pastor. Karen Scott was maid of honor, and Larry Loewendick was best man. The couple live in Fort Wayne, Ind.



MR. AND MRS. GRAHAM MEW
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoffmann of Brisbane, Qld., are pleased to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Linda, to Graham Keith Mew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mew of Boonah, Qld. The ceremony was performed Sept. 23 by John Andrews, Maidstone, England, assistant pastor. Lucill Hoffmann, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Gavin Barclay was best man. The couple live in Kent, England.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN-JOHN QUINA
Bernadette M. Ramirez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelio Ramirez, and John-John B. Quina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Poncio of Quezon City, Philippines, were united in marriage June 16. The ceremony was performed by Jose Raduban, Quezon City pastor. Eva Angel was matron of honor, and Lourdes Ramirez was maid of honor. Edwyn Angel and Jesse Boone were best men. The couple live in Quezon City.



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MR. AND MRS. A. ATTEBERRY
Susan Annette Benningfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Benningfield of Sturgis, Ky., and Aaron Jess Atteberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Atteberry of Holyoke, Colo., were united in marriage Aug. 5. Clint Atteberry was best man, and Donna Scott was matron of honor. The ceremony was performed by Robert Spence, Evansville, Ind., and Madisonville, Ky., pastor. The couple live in Murray, Ky.



MR. AND MRS. BANTOM MINONG
Isabel Sib-at, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Sib-at of Cabanatuan, Philippines, and Bantom Minong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Minong of Baguio, Philippines, were united in marriage Sept. 2. The ceremony was performed by Medardo Maniang, Baguio pastor. Marihill Sib-at, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Jerson Casi was best man. The couple live in Baguio.



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dren, Tiffany, April, Vykortia and Joanna. The couple were baptized in 1973 and live in Ada, Okla.

Clyde and Faye Roberts of the Evansville, Ind., church, celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary Oct. 1. The couple celebrated their anniversary at the Feast in Hawaii.



MR. AND MRS. CECIL CAMPBELL
Cecil and Bonnie Campbell of Phoenix, Ariz., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 5. The Campbells lived in Indianapolis, Ind., before moving to Arizona in 1974. Mr. Campbell was baptized in 1959 and Mrs. Campbell in 1965. They have two daughters, Renee and Diane; and one granddaughter, Leandro Stenbok.

OBITUARIES



MABEL KELLY
KELLY, Mabel, 83, of Big Sandy, died Nov. 11 of cancer. Mrs. Kelly, a Church member since 1957, is survived by her son, evangelist Ronald Kelly, director of Editorial Services, and his wife, Norva; five grandchildren, Ronda, Kara, Randel, Shari and Michelle; and two great-grandchildren, Jenna and Austin.

HUGHES, Madlynne, 82, of Tampa, Fla., died July 14 of congestive heart failure. Mrs. Hughes, a Church member since 1984, is survived by her husband, John, five children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



HEDWIG JUNG
JUNG, Hedwig, 93, of Sunland, Calif., died Oct. 13 after suffering a stroke April 2. She was baptized in 1964 and is survived by her husband, Friedrich Wilhelm Jung, and a nephew.



MIRIAM KING
KING, Miriam, 53, of Norcross, Ga., died Sept. 4 after a series of battles with cancer. Mrs. King is survived by her husband, Freddie; a son, Randy; a daughter, Kim White; her parents; two brothers; and three grandchildren.

KALDUN, Irene Anne, 57, of Edmonton, Alta., died Aug. 5. Mrs. Kaldun, a Church member since 1964, is survived by her husband, Joe, and her mother, Lexie Colton.

DOMBROWSKI, Robert C., 59, of Cleveland, Ohio, died Sept. 30. Mr. Dombrowski, a Church member since 1971, is survived by his wife, Louise; a daughter, Linda Fradette; and a granddaughter, Margarete.

ACKERMANN, Gerhard, 42, of Reutlingen, Germany, died Oct. 19. Mr. Ackermann, a Church member since 1969, is survived by one sister and two brothers.

JONES, John Henry, 56, of Bessemer, Ala., died Oct. 18 of cancer. Mr. Jones, a Church member since 1986, is survived by his parents, two brothers and four sisters.

DOWIE, Ivan Eben, 77, of Prince George, B.C., died Oct. 19 from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident returning from the Feast. Mr. Dowie, a Church member since 1968, is survived by a sister, Peggy, two nieces and a nephew.

MEITZLER, Clyde Wesley, 79, of Nicholson, Miss., died Sept. 2 of a heart attack. Mr. Meitzler, a Church member since 1974, is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lois, seven sons, four daughters and 25 grandchildren.

WIGHT, Alistair, 17, of Edinburgh, Scotland, died Aug. 10 of muscular dystrophy. Alistair is survived by his parents, Robert and Jean Wight, his sister Morag and his brother-in-law Stephen Bell.

ANNIVERSARIES

Frederick and Heather Northwood of the Cambridge, England, church, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Nov. 24. Their sons Eric and Stuart, daughter Caroline and son-in-law Mike Sutton congratulate their parents.

The children of Kenneth and Joan Vandever wish to announce their parents' 30th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Vandever were married Nov. 19, 1960. They have two children, James and Radonna; a daughter-in-law, Jessica; and a son-in-law, William Linn. They also have four grandchildren.

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

UPDATE

BIG SANDY—Wilmer E. Parrish, 73, faculty emeritus and medical consultant for Ambassador College, died Nov. 9.

Chancellor **Joseph W. Tkach** called Dr. Parrish a "faithful servant for many, many years" and named the medical building on



WILMER E. PARRISH

campus the Wilmer E. Parrish Health Center in his honor.

Evangelist **Donald Ward**, College president, said Dr. Parrish "deeply touched the lives of all of us in the Big Sandy area and for that matter thousands of brethren around the world, as he served as campus physician. He will live on in our hearts, memories and minds."

Dr. Parrish, a pediatrician, served at the College as professor of health and biological science, personnel director and a general practitioner. He received a 25-year plaque and watch Dec. 3, 1988.

Dr. Parrish completed his pre-medical education at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, and received his medical degree from Oklahoma City University in 1943.

Dr. Parrish was a captain in the Army Medical Corp. in World War II and was called back into service in the Korean War.

Dr. Parrish practiced pediatrics in Longview, Tex., from 1947 to 1963. He was also involved with the boy scouts and girl scouts.

He was staff physician at Ambassador College from 1963 to 1978, when he joined the Texas Department of Health as staff physician. He retired in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, **Elenora**; two sons, **Wilmer Jr.** and **Thomas**; three daughters, **Anita Kay Pierce**, **Kathryn Sue Parker** and **Mary Magowan**; two brothers, **Jack** and **Bob**; one sister, **Mavis Cavett**; 14 grandchildren; and eight



AC BASKETBALL—Freshman Seth Mullady vies for the ball in a game against Louisiana State University, Shreveport. [Photo by Duane Cannon]

great-grandchildren.

Dr. Parrish was preceded in death by one son, **John**.

"Indeed, Dr. Parrish was, as Paul spoke of Luke, the beloved physician," said Dr. Ward.

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BIG SANDY—The Ambassador Royals men's basketball team defeated Louisiana State University, Shreveport, 68-53 here Nov. 10 in its first extramural game.

The program involves men's and women's teams in basketball, volleyball, cross country, golf and track and field. Men's teams will also participate in soccer and baseball.

The women's volleyball team defeated Texas College, Tyler, 7-15, 15-8, 15-5, 5-15 and 15-6 in its first extramural game Oct. 31. The women also defeated Wiley College of Marshall, Tex., Nov. 5.

"We started off in a very positive fashion with the two victories in women's volleyball," said **Gil Norman**, Ambassador College athletic director. "If that's any indication, we feel we're going to be quite successful with the extramural program."

"This season we are just testing the waters," said Mr. Norman. If the program goes well this year, the College may join the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), an intercollegiate league that demands high academic and athletic standards.

Mr. Norman explained that if Ambassador has an average schedule next year for each of the sports,

about 50,000 people would come into contact with the College teams.

"They will see that we educate people on proper attitudes and that we have clean-cut, obedient players who go above and beyond," he said. "After the men's basketball game, the officials said they had never seen fans who applauded the opposite team."

According to Mr. Norman, almost immediately after word spread of the new program, athletic directors from area schools began inquiring about adding Ambassador to their schedules.

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MIDLAND, Mich.—"Celebration of Faithfulness" was the theme for the 25th anniversary of the church here, Aug. 11.

Gerald Weston, Kansas City, Mo., East pastor, was guest speaker. Mr. Weston pastored the Midland church from 1974 to 1983.

Activities were a buffet meal, a dance, a photo display of church activities and charter members' anecdotes about the early years.

Garvin Greene, Midland and Cadillac, Mich., pastor, presented copies of a photo of the first service to those who attended that service.

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IOWA CITY, Iowa—Combined services June 30 commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City churches and the 15th anniversary of the Davenport, Iowa, church. Two hundred twenty-five members and their families attended.

Bill Quillen, pastor of the Las Vegas, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz., churches, conducted the first sermon in Cedar Rapids Sept. 5, 1970. Services were first conducted in Davenport in May 1975.

Messages were read from ministers who have served the congregations.

John Knaack now pastors the Iowa City and Davenport churches.

FROM OUR

SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—Fuel costs in Ghana soared 50 percent in September (because of the Persian Gulf crisis) when the government announced that the price for a single gallon of gasoline would increase from 400 to 600 cedis.

Considering that a government accounts clerk earns 218 cedis a day, a gallon of gasoline costs virtually three days' wages.

The government also froze job recruitment as an austerity measure.

"This greatly affects prospects of our unemployed members," said Alan Tattersall, pastor of the Accra, Kumasi and Hohoe, Ghana, churches.

People with jobs are relatively secure, but employers sometimes "arbitrarily transfer an employee to another area of the country," Mr. Tattersall related.

Two members in Accra have been transferred to Tamale, a city in the extreme north of Ghana, where attending services regularly is nearly impossible.

"If the employee refuses to transfer, he is dismissed with very little chance of finding another job."

Farmers in Ghana are not having an easy time either as drought is killing crops in the Kumasi area.

Although overall rainfall is about normal, rain has not fallen in due season.

"Perhaps this disturbance of

normal climatic patterns could also be attributed to the much publicized greenhouse effect," said Mr. Tattersall.

Uganda drought

Brethren in Tororo, Uganda, have also been enduring drought and poor harvests.

A brief shower fell during Sabbath services in August, but it rapidly evaporated.

Pastor Owen Willis reported that a number of brethren and their families are suffering from various health problems.

Quake relief

After brethren in Australia contributed \$17,500 to the Philippine Earthquake Relief Fund, Paul Kieffer, Philippine regional director, responded:

"I wanted to thank you again for the generous donation we received from your office for the earthquake victims here.

"It will basically just about pay for all of the costs we had and will have in the next four weeks—thanks so much to the brethren there!

"We have received many expressions of appreciation and thanks from our brethren who were affected by the July 16 earthquake, especially from the members in Baguio City.

"I would like to share some of their cards and letters with you."

From the Juliet Gonzales family: "It is especially moving to me

TELEVISION STATION

UPDATES

New stations

Station/Location	Air Time	Contract Period
KTHV Little Rock, Ark.	Sunday, 10 a.m.	Dec. 9, 1990 to Dec. 1, 1991
KMOV St. Louis, Mo.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	Nov. 11, 1990 to Nov. 3, 1991
WTOL Toledo, Ohio	Sunday, 6:30 a.m.	Dec. 16, 1990 to Dec. 8, 1991

Renewals

WXIA Atlanta, Ga.	Sunday, 10 a.m.	Jan. 27, 1991 to Jan. 19, 1992
KOB Albuquerque, N.M.	Sunday, 8 a.m.	Dec. 23, 1990 to Dec. 15, 1991
WTEN Albany, N.Y.	Sunday, 9 a.m. (time change)	Nov. 4, 1990 to Oct. 27, 1991
WECT Wilmington, N.C.	Sunday, 9 a.m.	Nov. 11, 1990 to Nov. 3, 1991
KOLR Springfield, Mo.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Nov. 4, 1990 to Oct. 27, 1991
WXII Winston-Salem, N.C.	Sunday, 10 a.m.	Dec. 2, 1990 to Nov. 24, 1991
WRIC Richmond, Va.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (time change Jan. 6)	Dec. 2, 1990 to Dec. 24, 1991

Last telecast

KATV Little Rock, Ark.	Dec. 2
KSTW Tacoma, Wash.	Nov. 4
WNWO Toledo, Ohio	Dec. 9

Other activities were a buffet, a dance, the presentation of 20- and 15-year certificates to charter members, a slide show and entertainment for children.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—Twelve youths from six Australian states and one territory performed at the seventh annual Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national talent showcase Aug. 25.

personally of hearing about ministers and brethren who have risked their lives and limbs in order to reach us and share those much-needed articles in those times of confusion in the city.

"And how could we thank enough all our brethren who have raised prayers in our behalf? All these thoughts and acts have brought inspiration and encouragement to all of us."

From Bud and Sarita Yabut: "Words cannot effectively describe our feelings of thankfulness each time brethren came bearing gifts of love."

From Solomon Moltio and family: "The food and clothes assisted us very much when many of us were out of work and many could not buy food."

Mr. Kieffer said no further donations are necessary.

Transfer in Italy

John Adams and his wife, Ann, transferred to Italy after the Feast to manage the Church's suboffice in Bergamo.

Mr. Adams will also assist evangelist Carn Catherwood,



JOHN AND ANN ADAMS

Italian regional director, as ministerial supervisor in Italy.

He is also pastor of the congregation in Malta, which is now administered by the Italian Office. It was formerly administered by the British Office.

Regional director **Rod Matthews** presented YOU gold achievement awards to pianist **Heather Wheatley**, 18, of Hobart, Tas.; guitarist **Andrew Duganzich**, 17, of Melbourne, Vic.; and saxophonist **Robert Tyler**, 16, of Canberra, A.C.T.

Moya Robertson said that she and the other judges would have liked to have given gold awards to all 12 participants. "The standard was very good," she said. "We've noticed a continual improvement in talent and presentation over the years."

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PASADENA—Deanna Ivcevic, 26, of the Pasadena West A.M. church, and **Kimberley Sue Joe**, 28, of the Tacoma, Wash., church, were grand-prize winners in *Glamour* magazine's "Best, Best Friend" contest, which asked readers to describe their closest friendships. More than 3,000 entries were submitted.

Parts of Mrs. Ivcevic's entry, which describes her 20-year friendship with Mrs. Joe, and a photograph of the two women appeared in the November issue of *Glamour*.

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