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Church granted permission to conduct services in Haiti

By Cyrille Richard

PASADENA—After almost 16 years the Church has obtained written governmental authorization to meet in Haiti, as well as tax-favored status with respect to import and export duties.

Cyrille Richard, associate pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South French-speaking churches, also serves brethren in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Last August brethren in Haiti purchased a building to serve as a meeting hall for the congregation, an office to process mail and donations and a facility to house the carpentry and metalworking projects that provide employment for Haitian members.

About eight of the Haitian members renovated portions of the structure, erected a wall around the perimeter of the building and added a room.

The meeting hall, completed in December, accommodates 140 people—more than twice its former capacity.

Canadians market vanilla

Material and labor costs for the construction were financed by a small group of members in Montreal, Que., who helped bottle and market Haitian vanilla.

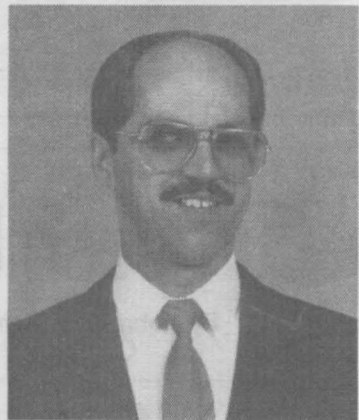
The vanilla is purchased in bulk from Haiti, packaged in small bottles for home use and sold to other Church members.

Support has come from brethren in the provinces of Quebec, New

Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Funds were then used to buy equipment and supplies in Miami, Fla., that were shipped to Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti.

The members in Quebec hope to sell vanilla in schools and shops. Profits will support existing projects to provide employment for members in Haiti and



CYRILLE RICHARD

also fund other projects, such as a small printing operation offering bookbinding, photocopying and used book sales.

Brethren are thankful for the financial assistance from Canadian brethren.

These projects not only benefit our brethren in Haiti, but, ultimately, actively and visually benefit an entire country. They are an important way to demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Deteriorating economy

Mr. Richard said Haiti's eco-

nomie situation has deteriorated after President Jean-Claude Duvalier was ousted in 1986.

The cost of living has doubled and the unemployment rate is almost 70 percent.

No official statistics support these estimates, however, because government services have been suspended or eliminated because of events in the past four years.

Despite such problems, the Haitian members are greatly encouraged by and grateful for God's blessings and the ongoing support of their fellow brethren.



PUSHBUTTON INFORMATION—Larry Johnson, a researcher for Editorial Services, uses one of seven on-line data retrieval services to which the department subscribes. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

On-line services give writers direct access

Research methods changing

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—Editorial Services' new computer software package called LAN+modem provides researchers, writers and editors direct computer access to several electronic databases.

An electronic database is like a library, except the information stored there is not in a printed format but in an electronic, or computerized, format.

Bill Palmer is editor of the "Biblical Workshop" section of The Plain Truth.

The LAN+modem software allows multiple users on a computer network to operate through a number of modems (equipment that makes it possible for computers to interact through phone lines). This service is called on-line data retrieval services because subscribers retrieve information through phone lines connected to their computers.

Editorial began subscribing to DataTimes, which includes information from U.S. newspapers as well as U.S. and international wire services, in December 1989. It also contains articles from major papers in Asia, Australia, Canada and Europe.

Editorial now subscribes to seven on-line data retrieval services, each with a different information base. Using these services, the staff has access to more information and can retrieve it more easily than ever before.

In addition to DataTimes, Editorial subscribes to CompuServe, NEXIS, DIALOG, NEWSNET, PARIS and WilsonLine.

Only the researchers have had direct access to these on-line services during the past year, according to Dan Taylor, supervisor of Editorial's Resource Center.

Now that the interlinking software has been installed, however, the writers and editors can access CompuServe and WilsonLine from their own computers.

Because some of the services are more difficult to use, though, the staff of the Resource Center will continue to do the bulk of electronic research for the writers in Editorial.

On-line services

CompuServe includes information from several electronic bulletin boards, or databases, at which any subscriber can leave messages for the public and vendors can advertise products.

One of these bulletin boards,

"Journalism Forum," is for journalists wishing to trade information.

WilsonLine is a bibliography service produced by H.G. Wilson, publisher of the *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*. Through this on-line service, writers can view the most current electronic version of that guide. They can also view electronic versions of other reference works the company publishes.

The other on-line services provide stories from 26 major wire services around the world, articles from international newspapers, magazines and journals, the text of more than 300 professional newsletters, Pasadena community information and the card catalog for the Pasadena-Glendale library system.

Research made easier

Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations, wrote in the Dec. 24 Pastor General's Report: "These services make research much easier. They allow our researchers to search for information by simply entering a few key words into a computer."

"Our personnel no longer need to work with bulky, hardbound indexes. They no longer need to search through file cabinets for newspaper and magazine clippings."

Mr. Schnippert then pointed out that Editorial has been able to "reduce and streamline" its hard-copy files.

"As a result, we opened up needed office space and cut out much of the intensive labor needed to maintain and draw from these files," he continued.

"Switching to on-line services helped us prepare for the loss of student labor when Ambassador College consolidated in Big Sandy."

One of the more important benefits of these on-line services, according to Mr. Taylor, is that the research staff can now be "response-oriented" when researching.

Rather than trying to anticipate the type of information writers will request and maintain files on those subjects, researchers now need to only respond to the requests.

Zambia: Six baptized during ministerial visit

By Aldrin Mandimika

HARARE, Zimbabwe—During my seven-day trip to Zambia I conducted a sermonette seminar with the leading men, directed two Spokesman Clubs, and out of 29 visits conducted six baptisms—the only ones for this year—and returned here Nov. 29.

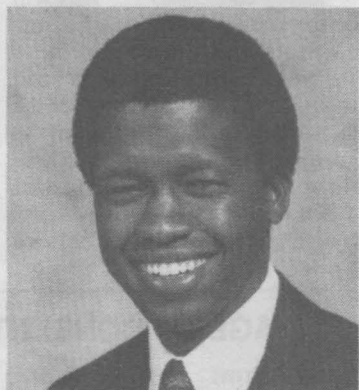
Aldrin Mandimika is the pastor of the Chegutu and Harare, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, churches.

Membership in Lusaka, Zambia, now stands at 81.

Andre van Belkum, Southern

Africa regional director, accompanied me on the first half of the trip. It was his first visit to Zambia since becoming regional director.

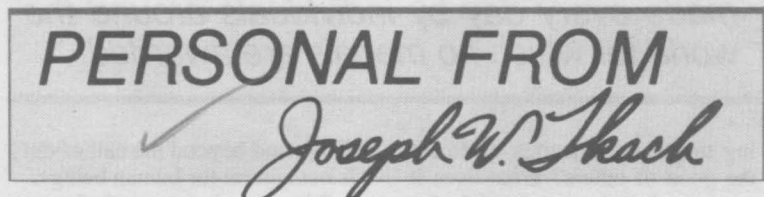
Mr. van Belkum directed a Spokesman Club meeting and spoke to 68 members and their families on the Sabbath, Nov. 24.



ALDRIN MANDIMIKA

Mr. van Belkum showed slides of the Cape Town Regional Office and staff members. Many commented on how the presentation helped them feel closer to the people and the work being carried out at the office.

He also showed slides of growth patterns of the Lusaka (See ZAMBIA, page 8)



Dear Brethren,

How many of us really understand the need to "mortify the deeds of the flesh"?

God has called us into a new way of life in which we are to grow in harmony with his holy nature.

But how many of us really take "true religion" seriously?

As society around us grows more and more corrupt in its values and morals, I grow more and more concerned about our

own attitudes in the Church of God toward sin.

Paul wrote, "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Romans 8:13-14, New International Version throughout).

If anyone thinks he can simply take for granted his relationship with God, while ignoring prayer, ignoring study of the

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Persian Gulf crisis: twilight of U.S. power?

PASADENA—Barring an unforeseen, last-minute development, a military showdown between Iraq and the 28-nation, American-led coalition could come shortly after the middle of January.

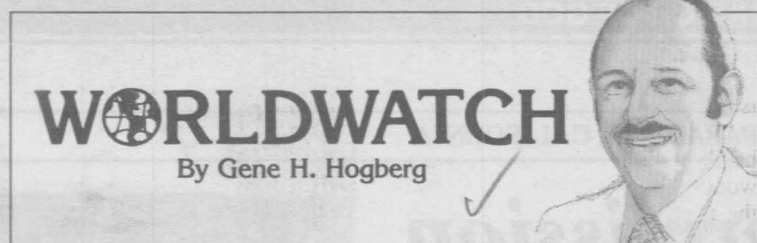
Before that time comes, there could still be many surprises. For example, Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein's announcement, Dec. 24, that he would strike Tel Aviv, Israel, in the event his forces were attacked, was calculated to draw Israel into any war, thereby confusing the plans of Arab nations in his enemy camp.

However this crisis is resolved, the consequences—especially for the United States and Europe—could be profound and far-reaching.

The probability of armed conflict moved closer after President George Bush read confirmed reports of Iraqi brutality in Kuwait in the aftermath of Baghdad's Aug. 2 invasion of its neighbor. An 82-page document delivered to the United Nations cited hundreds of horrendous human rights violations.

The report listed widespread torture of Kuwaitis who resisted the Iraqi takeover, continued to carry Kuwaiti currency, refused to pledge allegiance to Saddam Hussein or who bravely hid Americans, Britons and other Western nationals from arrest.

The forms of torture included beatings with metal rods, whips,



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

hoses and canes, breaking of limbs, extracting fingernails and toenails, cutting off ears and tongues, gouging eyes, castration of young men and rape of women.

In one of the grimmest stories, some 300 premature babies were left to die when Iraqi troops stole incubators from hospitals in Kuwait to ship them back to Iraq.

These accounts do not dissuade those who prefer to negotiate with the present authorities in Baghdad. Some of them claim that the dispute is only over oil, or the price of it.

Iraqi objectives

Editorial commentary in much of the media has, in many cases, served more to muddle the true nature of the crisis, rather than clarify it. However, some frank analysis has appeared in the British press.

"Fundamentally, this confrontation," opined the Dec. 2 *Sunday Times*, "is about denying a brutal dictator the power to control more than a third of the world's oil supplies, not just

because of the economic pain that would cause the rest of the world, particularly the poorest parts, but because of this dictator's clear intention to use a huge increase in oil revenues to enhance his nuclear and chemical weapons....

"The temptation, for perfectly honourable reasons, is to forbear from hostilities now in the hope that the more dreadful tomorrow will never come. But that is the policy followed by the leaders of the democracies of the 1930s. The result [of appeasing Mussolini and Hitler] was the slaughter of millions in a conflagration that engulfed the world."

Another editorial in the *Sunday Times* warned of the consequences of giving Saddam Hussein some sort of a face-saving formula of backing out of Kuwait with his military arsenal intact.

"Anything less than defeat and humiliation for President Saddam would soon have the Arab world beating a path to Baghdad," wrote its editors Dec. 9. "Its leaders would kneel before him, kiss his hand and make their peace. They

required to literally lay down our physical lives as Steven did (Acts 7).

For most of us the process of laying down our lives day by day goes largely unrecognized by other human beings. But it is just as real.

One thing we can be sure of, God is taking note: "God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to [served] the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10).

We can also be confident that God understands fully what he is asking of us. His own love toward us was expressed in the same way. "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8).

Christ set a perfect example. We must follow. This service

focuses on one man's attitude of service, of real love for others, for whom he was prepared to die.

This quality of sacrificing one's life for others is one of the most important lessons in the life of Christ. At the end of his life, Christ said: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13, New King James through-out).

There are many examples of sacrifice made every day by individuals around the world for which no medals are awarded. Who are these unsung heroes, will-

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ing to put their desires aside for the good of others? What does it mean to lay down your life for others?

The answer to that question is vitally important to all Christians.

New way of life

We were all bought for a price, and our role now is to live a life of service. The old man is crucified, along with the old desires, the old self. Now we must live selflessly, putting the good of others first. This is a hallmark of our new way of life.

We should lay down our lives in love and service to our families. We should lay down our lives in dedication to God's way and the preaching of the gospel. There may come a time when we are

above and beyond the call of duty is not natural for human beings.

But others have gone before us. Think of people in God's Church who have shown remarkable dedication to service. Be encouraged by the bravery in God's people, which may not make the newspapers now, but which will one day change the world.

The apostle Paul wrote in the book of Hebrews, "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus ... [who] endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

would do this even if he had lost Kuwait, for as long as his war machine survived intact he would remain the biggest bully on the block."

Even more critical, continued the *Sunday Times*, "nobody in their right mind in the region would look to America for help any more, for the United States would have already marshalled a massive concentration of firepower against him and he would have seen it off."

If war does come, President Bush has promised that there will be no Vietnam—meaning no indecisive, drawn out, morale-destroying conflict. But in the age of television, with its graphic pictures of the dead and injured, even a short war is difficult to carry out.

America remains a divided country, unsure of how to project its still formidable power. Some influential elements in the population, especially in leadership circles, have not only lost confidence in that power, but are

ashamed and contemptuous of it. Others are simply confused as to what the U.S. role should be in the post-Cold War age.

Simply put, a victory for Saddam Hussein, however it is perceived, could spell the end of the United States as a superpower.

According to columnist William F. Buckley, "Hussein has told us something about his negotiating skills up against the entire world."

Moreover, wrote Mr. Buckley, a Hussein victory means "the United States is no longer the superpower. Not because we don't have the necessary strength, but because our institutions quickly irradiate the will of the people, and that is insufficient to carry the burdens of an imperial power."

Next time, Europe

The Bible foretells there will be a future confrontation in the Middle East, this time in the area of Jerusalem, not the Persian Gulf. Daniel 11, furthermore, indicates that it will be a European force that moves in, not an American-led coalition.

Europeans are already deliberating how to develop an all-European force (See GULF CRISIS, page 3)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Age of consent varies; when is the right age?

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Each part of life has its own appropriate season. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us about a right time for everything: for birth, death, building or dancing.

But is there a right time for love? This is a question discussed by young people and their parents, and many governments in the European Community.

Complications have arisen because few in positions of authority seem to understand, or would ever attempt to define, what love actually is. Many legislators see love as almost a nonissue, certainly not essential to sexuality.

A new question

So in our 20th century, the question has altered slightly. Now people ask: When is the right time (or minimum age) for sexual relations to become legal? Eighteen? Sixteen? Fifteen?

Each country has its own ruling, but even the most permissive people have been surprised by the Dutch decision to change the age of sexual consent to 12. This will be the youngest age for legal sexual relations in Europe.

The bill becomes law as soon as it passes the upper house of the Dutch Parliament. The tally in the lower chamber was 146-6. These six objected on religious grounds.

Not everyone, or even a majority, in the Netherlands believe

that 12-year-olds should be having sex. Common sense tells you that a 12-year-old is not ready for dealing with sexual relations, never mind an unwanted pregnancy. Many people also realize that a certain amount of mental and emotional maturity is required. But such objections have been pushed aside.

Turning from absolutes

Holland, historically, was rooted in Protestantism and many laws found in the Bible, but more and more people are turning away from the absolutes of religion and morality. Divorce, nontraditional families, sex outside marriage—all are common and accepted.

What this new law attempts to recognize is a situation that already exists. Children and teenagers from 12-years-old and upwards are already sexually active.

The law is being changed to get in line with the present reality because those in authority do not feel they have the right to prohibit or change this behavior. After all, they say, who can say which is the right or wrong age for sex?

In some cultures and at other times children were betrothed at an early age and married far younger than is common today. But the debate in the Netherlands is not about early marriage—marriage (See CONSENT, page 8)

AGE OF CONSENT IN EC COUNTRIES

Belgium: 16—can live together with parental permission. 18—without parental permission.
Denmark: 15
France: 15—girls with parental permission; 18—boys
Germany: 14
Greece: 15
Ireland: 17

Italy: 14—for two people under 18.
Luxembourg: 16
Netherlands: 12—expected to become law soon.
Portugal: 18
Spain: varies with circumstances.
United Kingdom: 16

Source: *The European* Nov. 23.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Laying down your life

The British medal called the George Cross is the highest award for peacetime bravery.

The most recent recipient was Barry Johnson, a 38-year-old soldier, who defused bombs in Northern Ireland. This job requires courage in stressful situations, but Mr. Johnson demonstrated something far beyond even the usual demands.

He was called to defuse several bombs found in a van next to a hospital in Londonderry in October. To defuse these bombs by the normal method would have endangered people in the hospital and those living nearby. So Mr. Johnson defused the bombs by hand.

Before beginning this extremely delicate and dangerous task, Mr. Johnson sent away his assistant. In the dark, and in icy-cold rain, handling the metal around the explosives was even more difficult. While he was working on the final bomb, it exploded.

Mr. Johnson was thrown across the road by the force of the explosion. He was seriously injured in his face, eyes—suffering temporary blindness—and legs. In spite of his injuries he refused to leave until he had explained to his assistant what must be done.

Those awarding the George Cross spoke of "his outstanding and exemplary courage in the face of a risk of near-certain death."

Self sacrifice

Barry Johnson demonstrated a wonderful quality that trial and danger occasionally bring to light: He was willing to lay down his life in the service of others. At times like this, a whole country

New finance director brings legal expertise, experience

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—In his new post as the Church's director of finance and planning, Steven D. Andrews looks forward to fortifying all financial areas of the Work, including Accounting, Purchasing, Personnel, Travel and Safety & Security.

"We want to be as technically competent as we can and enhance our service to the entire organization," he told *The Worldwide News*.

"I would like to say thank you to Mr. [Leroy] Neff. He emphasized a high level of integrity and oversaw the financial area through some difficult times. I plan to continue this emphasis on integrity and improve it wherever possible."

Mr. Andrews will also oversee the development of the Church's five-year plan and supervise the auditing activities of the Church, working closely with Arthur Andersen & Co. (the Church's public accounting firm). The annual audit is now in progress.

Attorney and accountant

Though born in Denver, Colo., Mr. Andrews grew up in Southern California. He graduated from Ambassador College in 1976, after serving three years part-time in the Accounting Department.

He worked there full-time for the next 3 1/2 years, during which he took the necessary courses to qualify for his CPA (Certified Public Accountant) credentials. He then worked for a CPA firm in West Los Angeles.

Mr. Andrews also began study-

ing law, graduated from Loyola Law School in 1981 and is now licensed to practice law in California.

The next 4 1/2 years he was a tax specialist in the Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles and Newport Beach, Calif., offices of Ernst & Whinney (now Ernest & Young), an international auditing, tax and consulting firm.

Mr. Andrews lectured on the undergraduate and graduate level in business law, taxation and accounting at the University of Southern California and Golden Gate University. He also taught at Ambassador College.

He was vice president of finance and director of marketing for a manufacturing firm in Rialto, Calif., from 1985 to 1986.

After being ordained a local church elder June 15, 1986, Mr. Andrews was hired full-time by the Work two months later. He served as assistant pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif., church, then was associate pastor in Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. Andrews moved to Pasadena in 1988, after being hired by evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International.

'Best job I've ever had'

Mr. Andrews spoke about his past two years in Church Admin-

istration International.

"It was the best job I've ever had," he said. "Mr. Salyer is just a wonderful man to work for. And the reason I say it is the best job I've ever had is because it's such a benefit to see how God works uniquely with each nation and the members."

He continued: "There is something about going into a country with no *Plain Truth*, no telecast, and meeting with 250 brethren who have the same spirit, the same mind and same orientation as you do. It sends chills up your back!

"You can't have that experience without understanding God's knowledge."

Before the Feast, Mr. Andrews visited brethren in Haiti, Cameroon and Togo.

"Members living in these areas appreciate such contact with headquarters and I feel privileged to have been able to make these trips," he said.

Marriage and family

Mr. Andrews, 36, married Elizabeth Kloster from Pasadena, Aug. 21, 1977. She is a certified dental assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and their three children (Ryan, 8, Sean, 6, and Stephanie, 2) enjoy snow skiing, cycling, jogging and swimming.

Gulf crisis

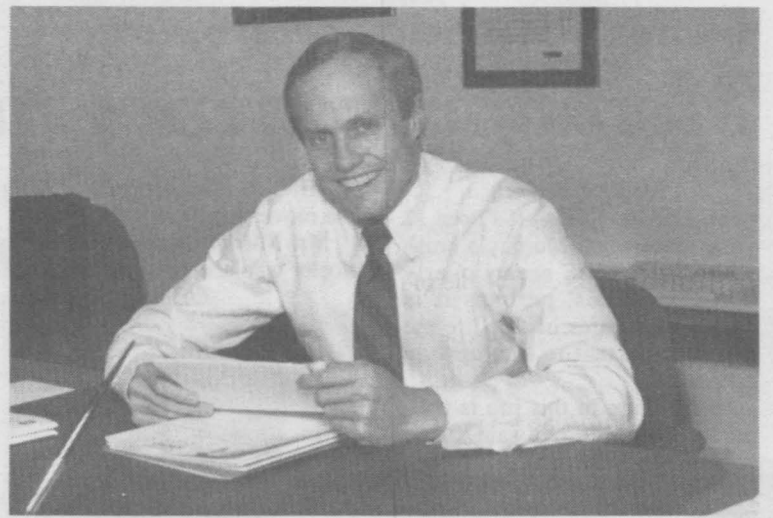
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pean security system. NATO is on the way out. The Europeans realize that U.S. military personnel and materiel being withdrawn from bases in Europe are unlikely to return.

The real point of contention in the Middle East centers on Israel, the occupied territories and, specifically, Jerusalem. This conflict is heating up even as the crisis in the gulf awaits resolution.

Extremists on both sides are increasingly setting the agenda. Arab fundamentalists are taking over control of the Palestinian cause from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

On the Israeli side, extremists are gaining strength as well, helped by the inpouring of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union.

Something is going to happen as a result of the crisis in the Persian Gulf to make Europe, rather than the United States, the principal player in the real Mideast showdown of the future.



DIRECTOR INTERVIEWED—The Church's director of finance and planning talks about fortifying financial areas. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

U.S. Men Must Register for Draft

PASADENA—The threat of war with Iraq has kindled discussion about reinstating the draft. Even though reinstatement of the draft is not imminent, 18-year-old Americans should be aware of their legal responsibilities.

Selective Service law requires that all U.S. male citizens and permanent resident aliens register for the draft within 30 days on either side of their 18th birthdays.

Registration is accomplished in one of two ways. The first is by appearing in person at a U.S. Post Office and completing SSS Form 1. The second is returning a mail-in form sent to some men around age 18 (SSS Form 1M). The law is applicable to any male born after 1960.

Failure to register is illegal. If convicted of failing to register, the penalty is up to six years in jail or up to a \$250,000 fine. Registration is not a commitment to enter military service. Therefore, there is no biblical basis for a Christian to refuse to register.

If the date for a person to register is already past, he should immediately consider the legal advisability of registering. Although not every innocent failure to register is prosecuted, a failure to register could prevent the person from successfully challenging a classification that could subject him to the induction process.

If the draft is reinstated, it is important that a person follow the correct Selective Service procedure in the event he receives a 1-A classification, but is of the opinion that he is entitled to a lower classification (student, hardship, conscientious objector). In such a case, it is important that he request a postponement of induction (an appeal) within 10 days from the date of his classification notice.

For further information please contact the Church's Office of Legal Services at:

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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.

Learning the truth

I am 13 years old. I was never really interested in God until my grandmother started getting *The Plain Truth* and she entered the Correspondence Course. She explained to me what you do to get into the Correspondence Course. I am expecting my first lesson in a couple of days, and I receive *The Plain Truth* every month. Now I am interested in God more than ever. I thank her for it. *The Plain Truth* is great.

E.S.

Carrollton, Ga.

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Literature changes life

Thank you for *The Plain Truth*. It is a pity there aren't more magazines around based on God. I am pleased... that you are going to make *The Plain Truth* more biblical. I have been a Christian for only 12 months and with the world the way it is today *The Plain Truth* with its extracts from the Bible put into our everyday life has helped me a great deal.

D.S.

Dunedin, New Zealand

I would like to thank you for the wonderful work you are doing around the world. I know that I'm one out of a thou-

sand that have been able to benefit from your Correspondence Course, books and magazines.

If I had to pay for all of them, I couldn't afford it. I have found them to be enjoyable. My whole life has changed, thanks to all of you. I cannot find enough words to express my feelings.

E.M.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

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First-time writer

I've never written to your organization before, but lately I have been feeling grateful for all the magazines and booklets you have sent to us for over 27 years. What a work you are doing! We are privileged to be co-workers in this wonderful work.

Frankston, Australia

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Continue sending magazine

I would be quite upset if you discontinued sending *The Plain Truth*. A more detailed biblical magazine is a real plus. The editorials are inspirational and so rewarding in strengthening and renewing oneself. Your articles are excellent as well. I am blessed to receive this magazine free in my mailbox.

Manatowaning, Ont.

I have read your letter to *Plain Truth* readers and thank you for it. Although not a Christian I have often listened to *The World Tomorrow* and found the analysis and particular perspective of the Worldwide Church of God of much interest. I

would appreciate receiving your new magazine for a year. Your group most certainly promotes qualities and characteristics which I confidently support.

Alymer, Que.

include me in the list of your regular recipients of your *Plain Truth* magazine?

R.M.

Quezon City, Philippines

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Appreciates Auditorium and staff

Nowhere have I found another facility so uncompromisingly dedicated to the patron. The building itself, the acoustics, the ambience (inside and out) and your staff are, in my estimation, the best.

Money can buy a building and grounds, but it is the staff with which I am most impressed. They are the kindest, most helpful people I have ever encountered.

The people who man the telephones and the counter in the ticket office, the door people and the ushers, those who work in the refreshment areas, and the parking attendants, all seem to have one singular purpose, to make my evening at Ambassador the most enjoyable occasion possible.

I have received only the kindest of words and the most honest smiles from your staff. Even when I have observed them under duress, they have responded to the situations with dignity and caring.

E.S.

California

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Completes course

I have just completed all 32 lessons of the wonderful Correspondence Course, which has changed my life completely. It's been late in my life, as I'm 77 years old. However, after searching all my life for something traditional Christianity failed to offer, I finally found it! Thank God I was willing to unlearn the fallacies and had an open and alert mind to the truth. I hope to soon be baptized into the local Worldwide Church of God.

V.H.

Atlanta, Ga.

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Philippine reader

I remember when I was in the Catholic seminary in 1965. Your *Plain Truth* magazine was being shown and distributed in our library. It was during the time of Mr. Herbert Armstrong.

It took quite a while before I finally decided to write to you to show my sincere and continuing appreciation to your ministry. I earnestly hope and pray that you will continue with your ministry. If it is not asking too much, will you please

Appreciates Plain Truth

I am a reader of your magazine [*The Plain Truth*] and wanted to let you know how much I appreciate it. I have never seen a magazine so direct and to the point and I have become much more aware of the way I live. This is a magazine that clearly explains the relationship between God and men.

A.B.

Sweden

Lumps 'disappear' before surgery Member survives rare cancer

By John Bowers

MADERA, Calif.—It's been 12 years since Mike Murphy's brush with death. If he seems overly casual at times, perhaps it is because the cares of this life are not as important to him as they once were.

"Everything in this life is temporary," Mr. Murphy said. "And believe me, after what I've been through, I understand what that means."

John Bowers is a member who attends the Fresno, Calif., church.

Mr. Murphy was 25 years old in 1977 when he noticed discomfort in the lower abdomen. A senior at Cal Poly (California Polytechnic Institute), he saw the campus doctor.

The diagnosis was not upsetting—too much weight lifting. Take it easy for a few days and the strain would go away.

He graduated from college in June 1977 and moved to Fresno,

Calif. The pain returned during the move.

Mr. Murphy went to a Fresno doctor who sent him to a urologist.



MICHAEL & LISA MURPHY

Heavy antibiotics did not relieve the problem, and exploratory surgery was scheduled for July 15.

He was born with embryonic

cell carcinoma, a rare form of cancer, which was dormant until after puberty. Further tests and CAT scans showed he had cancer from his groin to his lungs, but not in the lungs themselves.

Mike's prognosis was poor—without treatment he would die. With chemotherapy his chances of survival were barely 30 percent.

Since moving to Fresno he had been too sick to attend Sabbath services, but he called the pastor, Don Billingsley, and was anointed.

Normal treatment procedure called for radical surgery to remove the cancer, followed by chemotherapy. In his case, the cancer was so advanced that doctors decided to do the chemotherapy first, then the surgery.

They started treatment in mid-August. By the end of November the doctors told him it wasn't working. Now they wanted to do the surgery and restart the chemotherapy afterward. His chances of survival, they said, were zero. Yet they scheduled the

surgery for Dec. 6, 1977.

He was anointed twice, and then a third time. His body was down from 190 pounds to 130, he had five dollars to call his own and his medical bills were approaching \$200,000. The State of California would have to bury him if he died. And yet he did not believe this was the end.

"It didn't make sense," Mike says. "I had come too far. I didn't feel God was finished with me yet."

Between Nov. 30 and Dec. 6, doctors at Fresno's St. Agnes Medical Center reran all the tests they had previously run on him. His condition was worse than ever. He had lumps of cancer in his chest the size of golf balls, and just as hard. Mike could feel them with his hands. They had X-rays and tissue slices from biopsies. The cancer was real.

Dec. 6, 1977, at 8 a.m., his parents, his girlfriend and four doctors stood at his bed, wishing him well. At 8:45 they prepped him for surgery, disinfected him and marked with a purple pen the cancerous lumps that were to be removed by a surgeon.

At 9:15 they opened him up—a two-foot incision from his

armpit to his groin.

The surgeon could not find the cancer. Quickly they checked Mr. Murphy's identity to make sure they had the right patient. They did, but there was no cancer.

Between 8:45 and 9:15, God healed him.

The surgical team closed him up and sent him back to recovery. Six hours later he awoke and his mother told him they had not been able to find the cancer.

Mr. Murphy was out of the hospital a week later. The doctor tried to explain away the cancer with theories of X-ray shadowing. But there were the golf-ball-sized lumps and the tissue samples from two biopsies.

The cancer had been there, but it was gone.

"Come on, doctor," Mike said insistently. "You know as well as I do what happened."

The doctor finally gave in. "It was a miracle," he said.

In January 1978, Mr. Murphy married Meredith Batkin. A year and a half later, his wife, 23, discovered she too had cancer. She died Jan. 12, 1981, leaving Mr. Murphy shaken, but still faithful.

He married Lisa Stine a year later, and they live in Clovis, Calif.



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)



FOREIGN FLAIR—Four church youths add international flavor to a Ada and Lawton costume dance. [Photo by Johnny Bailey]

members in the two churches suffered serious flood damage.

In 1979 tornadoes hit the Wichita Falls, Tex., and Lawton areas during the Passover service. The homes of three members were destroyed. Although they had heard the storm warnings, these members came to the service. "They probably would have been killed if they had stayed at home," Mr. Hooser said.

Origins and pastimes

The Lawton church began as the Wichita Falls church in February 1972. In June 1973 services moved to Lawton, but one third of those who attend the congregation live in Texas. Services are occasionally conducted in Wichita Falls. The Ada church started in August 1969.

Because the Ada church is just 225 miles from Big Sandy, the church has been host to the Young Ambassadors and the Ambassador College Band in the last three years.

The churches conduct at least one family dance or fun show each year. Other activities have included visits to Six Flags Over Texas, an amusement park near Dallas, and Frontier City, an amusement park in Oklahoma City, Okla.; a canoe trip; and an outing to Arbuckle Wilderness, where brethren rode through game preserves, fed animals and went on a hayride.

Ada and Lawton, Okla.

By Kerri Dowd

Cowboys and Indians still live and work in Oklahoma, which was part of the 1803 Louisiana purchase. The state is a showcase for America's frontier heritage.

Oklahoma is also home to the Ada and Lawton congregations.

After the American Civil War (1861-1865) when the cattle industry began to thrive in Texas, cowboys drove herds of longhorn cattle across what is now Oklahoma to the railways in Kansas to be shipped. In the process Oklahomans began to develop their own cattle ranches.

When the demand for beef increased, ranchers switched to other breeds of cattle, and the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge near Lawton features one of the last herds of longhorn cattle. Oklahoma is still noted as a center for livestock.

Land of Red People

Oklahoma's name comes from two Choctaw Indian words: *okla*, meaning people and *humma*, meaning red. This land of Red People is home to more than 175,000 Indians—descendants of the 67 tribes who have made their home in the state through the centuries. Thirty-five tribes maintain tribal councils in Oklahoma.

Hailing from Oklahoma are famous cowboys such as humorist Will Rogers and actor Gene Autry, "the Singing Cowboy," and Indians such as athlete Jim Thorpe and Sequoyah, the Cherokee who devised an 84-letter alphabet for his people. Museums and festivals celebrating the Indian and cowboy heritage dot the state.

Indian influence is reflected by the state flag and seal. Although there are several Church members who have some Indian blood, there are no full-blooded Indians in the Ada and Lawton churches, which serve most of southern

Oklahoma and part of north Texas.

Donald Hooser, pastor of the two churches, feels this is because the Indians don't pay much attention to "white man's religion."

Cattle and horse ranching, historically major contributors to Oklahoma's economy, are in decline.

Oil and gas brought a flood of white settlers in the early 1900s. A slump in this industry "has hit Oklahoma very hard," Mr. Hooser said. "The two churches are not growing because people are moving away to



HUMAN DUMMY—Michael Daniel does a ventriloquist skit with the help of Hanan Dickerson. [Photo by Johnny Bailey]

get better jobs. Many worked directly in the oil industry."

In the Lawton church area, which reaches into Texas, military bases are also a factor in the attendance figures. Over the years

many visit requests have come from men and women stationed on these bases. Some of them begin to attend services and are transferred to another base. Some are baptized and withdraw from military service, but return to their home areas.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait and U.S. soldiers were shipped to the Persian Gulf, activity slowed considerably at Fort Sill, near Lawton, but the fort is "once again a beehive of activity," Mr. Hooser said.

He explained that reservists and National Guardsmen who are being called up for service are being trained at Fort Sill before being sent to Saudi Arabia.

Hotels and motels in the area were overbooked at Christmas-time as family members came to spend the holiday with soldiers stationed at Fort Sill.

This is not the first time Fort Sill has figured in history. It is also the site where Geronimo, the Apache warrior, was imprisoned. He died there in 1909. Lois Leonard, one of the elderly members in Lawton, remembers seeing Geronimo and has many stories to tell about the area.

Weather woes

For some, mention of Oklahoma evokes memories of the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, but conditions have changed. Known as the Frontier Lake State, Oklahoma is noted for its manmade lakes and water sports.

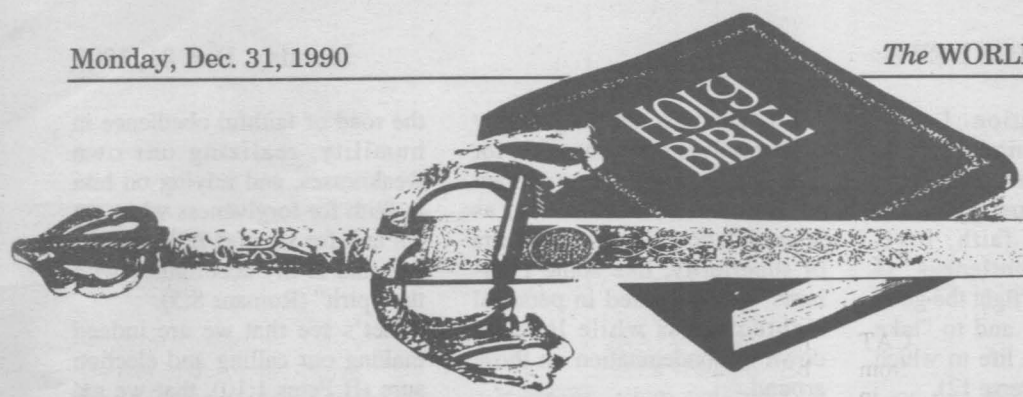
The clouds last spring brought not dust but rain, and the rain brought flooding. "Newscasters called it a deluge," Mr. Hooser remembered. "They joked about seeing rainbows." None of the

WE ARE ONE FAMILY

ADA & LAWTON

Attendance	299
Local church elders	5
Deacons	8
Deaconesses	5
Teens	46
Children under 12	58
Singles	71
Over 60s	87
Spokesman clubs	1
Graduate clubs	1

IRON SHARPENS IRON



If you find the truth boring, here's how to spiritually renew

By Victor Kubik

I asked someone who returned to the Church after leaving it, why he had left. His reply surprised me. He said he was bored.

Victor Kubik is associate director of U.S. Church Administration.

Bored? What could he be bored about? Bored about eternal life? Bored about God's Kingdom?

What about you? Are you tired of hearing the same information in sermons? Do you groan silently when asked by your minister to turn to familiar biblical passages such as Leviticus 23 or I Corinthians 13?

We might wish that exuberance and excitement for the truth would continue, but it doesn't. We eventually go through a phase where things seem tired, worn and dull.

Church becomes a ritual. The Feast becomes a ritual. One year blends into another and, though the Church is important, the fire is no longer there.

It's sad when longtime members become stagnant, because we are the ones who must show new people that this way of life works—that people do change, are different, happy and growing spiritually.

But, if the first love is gone, if enthusiasm for the truth is on the wane and our spiritual senses are dull, then instead of being a helpful example for others, we are in need of help—in need of spiritual renewal.

First love lost

During the days of the apostle Paul a congregation needed to be spiritually recharged: the headquarters church in Jerusalem (Hebrews 5:21). The church in Jerusalem should have radiated enthusiasm. It should have been an example to the other fledgling congregations.

But when Paul looked for an example of faith he looked to the Church of God in Rome. "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world" (Romans 1:8, New King James throughout).

Part of the problem with the Jerusalem congregation was that the truth became familiar, and familiarity can sometimes lead to a lack of respect and reverence. It happened to the nation of Israel.

God's presence in the camp of Israel was manifested by a pillar of cloud by day and a fiery pillar by night (Exodus 13:21). He also fed the nation with manna for 40 years (Exodus 16:35).

Such miracles would certainly be enough to hold your respect and reverence, but these miracles became familiar and the effect was lost upon the people.

The Israelites became accustomed to the miracles, and their hearts were hardened (Hebrews 3:8). As a result, they saw nothing special or of importance about their calling and fell

back into their old ways.

It is understandable that the newness of our calling will fade in time, but if we allow the importance of our calling to diminish we are in danger of losing our spiritual will to fight.

The nature we have and the Spirit of God are constantly fighting one another (Galatians 5:16-17). If we lay down our spiritual weapons we are in trouble. Without our defenses we slip back into old, familiar ways. We need the whole armor of God if we are to succeed spiritually (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Familiarity also robbed the brethren in Jerusalem of reverence and respect for the truth and their calling.

Striving to combat this casual attitude, Paul told the Jerusalem congregation to "give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him?" (Hebrews 2:1-3).

Paul admonished the Hebrews not to be like their ancestors, who hardened their hearts through

disbelief (Hebrews 3:8).

Spiritual renewal

If you feel jaded, the first thing to do is to admit that you need renewal. For any problem, admission is vital if it's to be overcome.

When David's sin with Bathsheba was revealed to him, he admitted the problem. David said, "I have sinned against the Lord" (II Samuel 12:13). "For I

acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, and You only, have I sinned" (Psalm 51:3-4).

Psychologists, counselors and ministers recognize that until a person admits to a problem there will be no progress in solving the problem. Only when the problem is acknowledged can we begin to work it out.

When Christ addressed the church in Ephesus about losing their first love he gave them a three-step program to spiritual renewal: 1) remember from where you have fallen; 2) repent; and 3) do the first works (Revelation 2:3).

Review and reminisce on the early questions you had: Who am

I? Is there more to life than just going to work and making money?

Put priority on spiritual things and put your heart into the Work of God. A servant who does only what he is required to do is not profitable (Luke 17:10). Put yourself back into the service of the Church (James 1:27). Begin again to attend Bible studies.

Set aside time for prayer, meditation, Bible study—we are to renew ourselves spiritually day by day (II Corinthians 4:16)—and occasional fasting. "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and . . . put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:23-24).

Centenarian relives colorful past

By Gretchen Slick

SLATINGTON, Pa.—Lura Blossom Thorne Watkins turned 100 June 24.

Mrs. Watkins was born in Taylorsville, Pa., when Idaho and Wyoming became the 43rd and 44th states and Benjamin Harrison was the 23rd president.

Gretchen Slick is a member who attends the Bethlehem, Pa., church.

Her mother died when she was 3, and an aunt and uncle reared her and her sister, Violet.

She was not quite 8 when the U.S. entered the Spanish-American War, and became a teenager when Orville and Wilbur Wright

made their first flight.

Among her memories are riding in a horse and buggy as a little girl, and taking her first automobile ride at age 16 with a doctor who had the first car in her town.

After graduating from high school in 1907, she attended a business college for shorthand and typing, and worked as a stenographer for \$7 a week.

Mrs. Watkins was about 20 years old when her family moved into a house with electricity.

In 1916 she married David Watkins. When he became ill in 1923, she took care of him for three years before he died.

She helped rear her nephew, Zane, during her sister's illness.

When Zane married, Mrs. Watkins helped him and his wife, Shirley, raise their sons, Gary and Zane Jr. She has two great-great nieces, Jessica and Jennifer Shaw.

Mrs. Watkins, who heard about God's Church from a neighbor, attended her first service July 4, 1970, and was baptized in September of that same year at age 80.

The Bethlehem church had a cookie and tea party for Mrs. Watkins in June, and presented her with a flower planter and a white chocolate swan.

When asked, "Do you feel 100?" Mrs. Watkins replied: "Only when I stand up. When I'm sitting here, I feel 16." She continues to enjoy good health and has a clear mind.



90 ENVOY

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COLLECTOR'S EDITION

PERSONAL

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Bible, ignoring habitual sins and wrong attitudes, he is in a spiritually dangerous condition!

Some of our homes, for example, are in a sad state of affairs. Some mates are selfish, demanding, unforgiving and wholly insensitive to the needs and feeling of their mates and children.

A "respectable" front of a happy, God-fearing family may be evident at Church services, but within the walls of the home are constant strife, contention and anger.

We are not called to just "tough it out" to the end. We are

called to change, to grow, to live a new life in Jesus Christ. Paul wrote, "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:4).

God has called us out of our former sins and attitudes that were contrary to him. As we are led by the Spirit, we must follow the Spirit.

Total commitment

Brethren, let's put our whole hearts into obeying and serving God! Let's realize that Christianity is our true profession, our

full-time occupation. Let us never become complacent, as some have in times past, about the need to "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness" (I Timothy 6:11), to "fight the good fight of the faith" and to "take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (verse 12).

True leaders in the Church of God set the right example in obedience to the word of God. As peacemakers, through faithfulness, kindness, joy, self-control and forbearance, we inspire devotion and obedience in others.

But we do it in humility, not to be seen of others, because we follow the lead of God's Spirit.

Leaders must not think highly of themselves (Galatians 6:3) for their faithfulness. A true servant of God walks in humility, as Jesus did, not with pompous airs of superiority, like some Pharisees who delighted in personal righteousness while looking down in condemnation on those around.

A true servant does not brag about his obedience, nor does he try to impose his personal standards on others.

Rather, he strives to emulate the loving-kindness and humble obedience of Jesus Christ, who "committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly" (I Peter 2:22-23).

Two ditches to avoid

There are at least two ditches one can fall into with regard to obeying God. One ditch is to obey the commandments and proudly look down on others. Another ditch is to ignore the commandments altogether or to constantly put off real repentance and obedience.

God has called us to walk on

the road of faithful obedience in humility, realizing our own weaknesses, and relying on him in faith for forgiveness when we sin and for support in living the life that is in "accordance with the Spirit" (Romans 8:5).

Let's see that we are indeed making our calling and election sure (II Peter 1:10), that we are not growing "weary in doing good" (Galatians 6:9).

Christianity is a way of life, and as Jesus' disciples, it is his way that we are to be living. He will give us all the help we need, but we must understand our need for his help. We must want his help and go after it.

Let's not allow the cares of this life and the wickedness of this world to cause us to neglect the great salvation God has opened to us! We are called out of the ways of this world.

Let us not compromise with the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21) as some have done. Let us rather, with God's help, grow in the fruit of his Spirit (verses 22-26). As society grows more godless, we must grow more godly. As society grows darker, let our lights remain bright.

Let's never stop praying for one another. My prayers are with you daily.

Winning race against arthritis

By Norma Lee Boeckler

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.— "The most important race to win is the race to the kingdom!" said Roxie McNight, 69, who has attended the Asheville, N.C., church since 1969.

Mrs. McNight is quite familiar with races. Despite arthritis, she participates in races as long as 1,500 meters.

Norma Lee Boeckler is a member who attends the Asheville, N.C., church.

Mrs. McNight won six first-place ribbons May 14 in the 1990 Asheville-Buncombe Senior Games, which included running and walking events for ages 64 to 69. She won the 200-meter dash, 100-meter dash, five-kilometer walk, 800-meter run, one-mile walk and the home-run derby for the longest hit ball.

She also won a fifth place ribbon

for the softball throw, which was hard for her because of the arthritis in her hands and shoulder.

In the 1989 Asheville-Buncombe County Senior Games, she won all the events she entered. In 1991 she plans to go to Raleigh for the state competition, which will determine if she will be eligible for the national games in Syracuse, N.Y.

At her first state meet in Raleigh she won two gold medals and a silver medal. She won the 800 meters in 4:04 and the 200 meters in 43 seconds, setting records in both events.

Mrs. McNight was born in Lincolnton, Ga., and was the fifth of 13 children. Her parents were tenant farmers.

At 23 she was stricken with arthritis in her hand, shoulder, and later in her spine. A CAT scan revealed calcium deposits on the inside of the vertebrae, which

slowly choked her spinal cord.

Learning to live with the pain she did domestic work until she was 61, when she retired.

Mrs. McNight then began walking for therapy and exercise. In the past eight years she has developed her mind and body—she walks an average of 25 to 35 miles a week. Her accomplish-



ROXIE McNIGHT

ments serve as an example to Church members and youths.

Mrs. McNight swims regularly, takes a class once a week and likes sewing, crocheting, basket making, cross stitching, macrame, ceramics and knitting.

Mrs. McNight has been married to Timothy McNight for 50 years, and they have four children, 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She said: "I've never been happier than I am today.... I'm so grateful to God for helping me to lead a busy and productive life."

Unleavened Bread Recipes

The *Worldwide News* will publish unleavened bread recipes before the Spring Holy Days. If you have recipes you would like to contribute, please send them to *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

We hope to include sections for low-sodium, low-fat and low-calorie items. Please mark recipes that fit into these categories.

Recipes must be received by Feb. 1.

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PASADENA—The Mail Processing Center (MPC) processed more than 700,000 address changes in 1990. It is important that members notify their minister, the post office and MPC of their change of address.

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BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

YOUR WORD

How important is your word to God?

It was once said that a man's word was his greatest possession. Today society places much less value on a person's word. Just how important is a Christian's word?

God is truth

●In prayer the night before his crucifixion, Christ said God's word is truth (John 17:17).

●Christ is called faithful and true (Rev. 19:11). God cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

●After Abraham demonstrated his willingness to obey God, even if it meant sacrificing his son Isaac, God promised him that his descendants would become as great in number as the stars. When God did so, he swore by his own name (Gen. 22:16) because there is no one greater (Heb. 6:13-14).

As good as your word

●God feels strongly about lying. The cornerstone of his law, the Ten Commandments, prohibits lying, which frauds your neighbor (Ex. 20:16).

●God commands us not to make commitments we can't keep and to keep those we do make (Matt. 5:33-37, Jas. 5:12).

●Speaking of Christians who leave the faith, Christ said that no one, "having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, New King James). This scripture refers to individuals who turn away from their commitment to the Christian way of life. However, it can also be viewed as God's attitude toward breaking one's commitments.

●The righteous keep their commitments even when it's difficult. David said the righteous man will keep his word even when he suffers a loss by doing so (Ps. 15:4).

●It is better not to vow than to vow and not pay (Eccl. 5:4). Vows are solemn, formal commitments, such as marriage and baptism, but the principle can be applied in a more general sense. If a Christian cannot keep his word, he or she shouldn't give it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BROWN, Jeff and Tara (Mosley) of Winston-Salem, N.C., boy, Ethan Richard, Nov. 19, 2:07 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DYMENT, Roger and Lucy (Ladham) of Toronto, Ont., girl, Michelle Irene, Nov. 23, 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ELLIS, Rees and Fanny (Carion) of Nalinnes, Belgium, boy, Benjamin Etienne, Oct. 21, 9:34 a.m. 2.19 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HAMMONDS, Billy and Juli (Ferrell) of Houston, Tex., girl, Brandy Nichole, Oct. 18, 7:15 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

HENDERSON, John and Melanie (Musial) of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Graham Alexander, June 12, 2:16 p.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

JACKSON, Lowell and Dana (Resler) of Harper Woods, Mich., boy, Benjamin Scott, Nov. 28, 2:49 p.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

JONES, Carlos and Wandalyne (Taylor) of Charleston, S.C., girl, Melissa Renee, July 17, 5:18 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LEREBOURS, Reginald and Chantal (Richard) of Raleigh, N.C., girl, Laura Dominique, Sept. 4, 1:52 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

LORD, Scott and Monica (Harrigan) of Rochester, N.Y., boy, Alexander Cummings, Nov. 2, 7:50 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

SAWYER, Robert and Karen (Layher) of Washington D.C., girl, Keshia Nicole, Oct. 25, 1:47 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SOLUM, Wayne and Lela (Tucker) of Austin, Tex., boy, Matthew Joseph, Nov. 13, 7:16 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. George Yanochko are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Barbara Kolesar, who attends the Bethlehem, Pa., church to Stan LaBruna of Montvale, N.J. A May 26 wedding is planned in Montvale.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gillen of Harrisburg, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shawn Elizabeth to Mark Douglas Geiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Geiser, of Canton, Ohio. A June 2 wedding in Paducah, Ky., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel L. Foote of Coffeyville, Kan., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca Ann to Jeffery Baker Hutcheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne B. Hutcheson of Greenbrier, Tenn. A June 9 wedding in Kansas is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Wheeler of Corvallis, Ore., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca Louise to Hugh Judson Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Simmons of Menlo, Ga. A May 26 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith of Spring, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie Marie to Brian Ward Tyson of Rushville, Ill., son of Carole Wells and Jerry D. Tyson. A May 26 wedding is planned.

Margaret Tourond of Ottawa, Ont., and David Townson of Manchester, England, are pleased to announce their engagement. A December wedding in the Manchester area is planned. A reception will take place Jan. 13 in Ottawa, where the couple will live.

WEDDINGS



MR. & MRS. KENNETH GILLEN
Cynthia Diane Kale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kale of Lincolnton, N.C., and Kenneth Allen Gillen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gillen of Harrisburg, Ill., were united in marriage Sept. 30. Maria Murray was maid of honor, and Garrett Bremer was best man. The ceremony was performed by John Moskel, Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C., pastor. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Winston-Salem, N.C.



MR. & MRS. TIMOTHY LONG
Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Long are delighted to announce the marriage of their son, Timothy Richard Long of Milan, Tenn., to Carolyn Jamie Quelette, daughter of Mr.

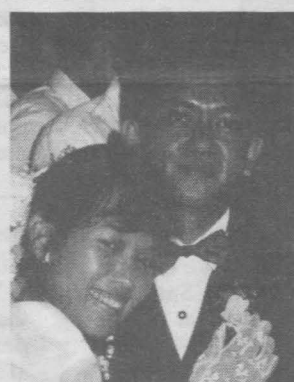
and Mrs. Charles Quelette of Omaha, Neb., Sept. 23. The ceremony was performed by Terry Johnson, Omaha pastor. The couple live in Omaha.



MR. & MRS. DOUG REESE
Doug Reese and Denise Nieman were united in marriage Sept. 2. The ceremony was performed by Larry Shamus Sr., a minister in the San Jose, Calif., church. Deborah Moir, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Frank Reese, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in San Jose.



MR. & MRS. ERIC B. WYNN
Jaci Zimri Martin, daughter of Mary Martin of Queens, N.Y., and Eric Bernard Wynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Wynn Sr. of Atlanta, Ga., were united in marriage July 1. The ceremony was performed by Craig Bacheller, Queens pastor. Adrienne Spivey, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor; and Elliott Wynn Jr., brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Atlanta.



MR. & MRS. CRISPIN P. MERCADO
Naomi M. Pamor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ireneo Pamor of Naga, Philippines, and Crispin P. Mercado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mercado of Sariaya, Philippines, were united in marriage Sept. 30 in Manila. The ceremony was performed by Jose Raduban, Quezon City, Philippines, pastor. Lalaine Porteza was maid of honor, and Samson Balboa was best man. The couple live in Baguio City, Philippines.



MR. & MRS. GARY GLASFORD
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Collins of Simi Valley, Calif., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Joan to Gary Glasford, son of Glenn and Ethel Glasford of Syracuse, N.Y. John Kennedy, Pasadena West P.M. associate pastor, performed the ceremony May 6. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. & MRS. EDDIE JORDAN
Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Harris are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Carmella to Eddie Jordan. The cere-

mony was performed Sept. 2 by James Henderson, Borehamwood and Watford, England, pastor. Sarah Suckling, Cathy Wells and Gemma Elborn were bridesmaids, and Grant Langford was best man. The couple live in St. Albans, England.



MR. & MRS. JOHN O'DONOVAN
John O'Donovan and Ruth Culbert were united in marriage Sept. 23 in Emo, Irish Republic. The ceremony was performed by Anthony Goudie, pastor of the churches in the Irish Republic. The couple live in Northampton, England.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. RON WOODBRIDGE
The children of Ron and Loretta Woodbridge would like to announce their parents' 35th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbridge were married Dec. 19, 1955. They have six children and 10 grandchildren. A family celebration took place Nov. 18.



MR. & MRS. RANKIN EWERS
Rankin and Betty Ewers of Fairchild, Wis., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Nov. 25. They have four children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



MR. & MRS. GARY HAIGHT
The children of Gary and Bertha Haight are pleased to announce their parents' 30th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Haight, who attend the Orlando, Fla., church, were married Dec. 20, 1960. They have two children, Rene and Gary II; and two grandchildren, Landie and Eldan.



MR. & MRS. RICHARD GATES
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gates celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Nov. 25. They attend the Montpelier, Vt., church. The Gateses have seven children, Nancy, Heather, Bonnie, Beth, Rebekah, Ruth and Rose; and two grandchildren, Eric and Cassie.



MR. & MRS. CLAUDE COOK
Claude and Judy Cook celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Nov. 24. The

couple have five children, three sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law and eight grandchildren. The Cooks attend the Lenoir, N.C., church.



MR. & MRS. DON MATHIE
Don and Lou Mathie were honored at a party given by their children to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They were married Oct. 7, 1950. Mr. Mathie is a local church elder in Wausau, Wis. The couple have five children and seven grandchildren.

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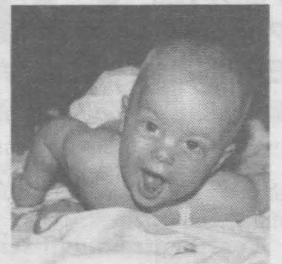
MR. & MRS. LEROY JACKSON
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jackson were honored by Victoria, Tex., brethren in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were married Sept. 4, 1940.



MR. & MRS. DARREL ROSEBERRY
Darrel and Dorothy Roseberry celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary July 24. The Roseberrys have one son, two daughters, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The Eugene, Ore., church honored them with a surprise reception after Sabbath services July 21 and presented them with a photograph book.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



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Our coupon baby this issue is Weston Tyler Fertig, son of Ronald and Lori Fertig of Cheyenne, Wyo.

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MR. & MRS. ELIAS HOCHSTETLER
Elias and Fannie Mae Hochstetler were honored at an open house Nov. 24, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Dec. 8, 1940. The Hochstetlers have three sons and daughters-in-law, Sherman and Janet, Bill and Paula and Allen and Candy; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ken and Jeanie Bernheisel and Paul and Dorothy Topash; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Velasco, who was born in the Philippines in 1914, is survived by his wife, Urbana, six children and 22 grandchildren.



MABEL SLIGER
SLIGER, Mabel, 85, of Center Line, Mich., died Oct. 9. Mrs. Sliger is survived by two sons, Robert and Harold; and two daughters, Geraldine Poling and Evelyn Herron.



JUNE G. WOOD
WOOD, June G., 70, of Vermilion, Ohio, died Oct. 8 of cancer. Mrs. Wood is survived by her husband of 46 years, Thamar; two sons, Larry and Terry; one daughter, Linda; three sisters; and three grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

VAUGHN, Josephine, 81, of Addison, Ala., died Nov. 19 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Chester, who attends the Jasper, Ala., church.

JACKSON, Pearl, 84, of Lorain, Ohio, died Oct. 26 of cancer. Mrs. Jackson is survived by a daughter, Alice, four grandsons and eight great-grandchildren.

FITCH, Merlyn R., 71, of Buckley, Wash., died Nov. 2. Mr. Fitch is survived by his wife, Betty, five sons, four daughters, 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

VELASCO, Manuel N., 76, of Delano, Calif., died Nov. 8 after a brief illness. Mr.

Announcement Reminders

- All announcements must have a minister's signature.
- All announcements should be typed. If you do not have access to a typewriter, please print clearly. If possible, type your announcements.
- Please be sure all name spellings are correct.
- In obituaries, please include the age at the time of death.
- In filling out the birth coupon, please count all children you now have, including the newborn. Also, under "Time of Day," put the time of birth and mark a.m. or p.m.
- If you would like your photos returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- Photos may be color or black & white. Please do not cut photographs.
- Because of space limitations, only anniversary announcements for 25 years or more can be included.

Why Does It Take So Long?

From time to time *The Worldwide News* receives letters from people wondering why it takes so long for announcements to appear in the paper.

When you see announcements of weddings that took place nine or 10 months ago or babies who were born four months ago, the primary reason is that some wait to send their announcements in. To avoid printing material that is too old, all announcements except weddings must be postmarked within five months of the event. This allows us to print them within six months.

Wedding announcements must be postmarked within 11 months so we can print them within one year.

Many area newspapers require such announcements to be submitted within three weeks. We have extended our deadlines to allow our family of readers around the world ample time to submit their news.

The announcement page is the first page we put together. It is the most complicated page to produce because of the number of pictures and amount of detailed copy.

Once we receive an announcement, it usually takes between 2 1/2 weeks and one month for the announcement to appear in print.

Some exceptions are:

- When space does not permit every announcement to be printed, we may hold a few of the most recent wedding announcements for one issue only. Any announcements that we hold over are given first priority in the next issue.
- Anniversary announcements are always printed after the anniversary date, so when we receive them weeks or months in advance, we hold them until the first issue after the anniversary date.
- If the announcement does not meet our guidelines (for example, it is not signed by the minister, the date of the event is missing or the photograph is unsuitable), it may take additional time while a staff member contacts the sender or the church pastor to solve the problem.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ministerial transfers.

Kent Fentress will serve as Spokane, Wash., associate pastor; **Noel Horner** now pastors the Portland East and West and Hood River, Ore., churches; and **Eugene Kubik** is now associate pastor of the Portland East and West and Hood River churches.

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BIG SANDY—Evangelist **Donald Ward**, Ambassador College president, announced the following changes in the Ambassador College administration.

William L. Johnson is dean of faculty. **William Stenger** is associate dean of academic affairs. **Nina Rogers** is registrar.

Dale Bailey is now director of facilities, an area formerly under business affairs. **Gil Norman**, chairman of the Physical Education Department, is now athletic director. Mr. Norman's duties include directing the College's intercollegiate sports program.

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PASADENA—**David Barnett**, a deacon in the Pasadena West P.M. church, was ordained a local elder Nov. 3 by **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, director of U.S. Church Administration, and **Selmer L. Hegvold**, manager of the Deaf Program in Church Administration.

Mr. Barnett's son, **Chad**, interpreted the ceremony for his father, who has been deaf since birth and communicates in American Sign Language.

Mr. Barnett received a bachelor of arts degree from Gallaudet University in 1964 and a master of arts degree from Ball State Uni-

and to prepare congregations for future deaf prospective members.

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PASADENA—Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** and several Church representatives traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the annual Kennedy Center Honors Dec. 2.

The trip, which included a reception at the White House, offered opportunities to meet performing arts professionals.

"I was able to converse directly with several artists, which enables us to explore performance possibilities without going through the sometimes-cumbersome intermediary of an agent or booking service," said evangelist **David Hulme**, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

Mr. Tkach and his party met and spoke with several White House officials, which may open new opportunities for *The Plain Truth* and *The World Tomorrow*, according to Mr. Hulme.

Also attending the event were Mr. Hulme's wife, **Robin**; **Michael Snyder**, assistant director of Public Affairs, and his wife, **Cindy**; **Ellen Escat**, Mr. Tkach's executive assistant; **Julie Stocker**, Mr. Hulme's administrative assistant; evangelist **Ronald Kelly**, director of Editorial Services, and his wife, **Norva**; and evangelist **Greg Albrecht**, booklet editor, and his wife, **Karen**.

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BIG SANDY—The Dallas Chamber Orchestra performed before 1,100 people in the Ambassador College Auditorium Dec.

15, the first concert to take place at the College since the consolidation of the Texas and California campuses in August.

"The concert provided the College with the opportunity to continue the tradition of bringing cultural events to East Texas," said **Thomas Delamater**, director of Development & College Relations. "The response from members of the surrounding communities was excellent."

Members of the orchestra joined administrators, faculty members, civic leaders and other guests at a reception after the performance.

Mr. Delamater said that **Ronald Neal**, the orchestra's founder and music director, complimented the audience as "possibly the finest the orchestra had ever played

before" in its 13-year history.

"He and other members of the orchestra were most complimentary about the entire evening," said Mr. Delamater. "Clearly, these concerts provide the College with the opportunity to have a positive impact on members of the community as well as those involved in the performing arts field."

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PASADENA—Communications & Public Affairs continually receives requests from professionals for copies of *World Tomorrow* programs to use in their various educational activities, according to evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

These requests include one from a

librarian at a Catholic high school in Florida, asking permission to videotape *World Tomorrow* programs for use in religion classes; and one from a Los Angeles police administrator who asked for copies of the program presented by evangelist **Ronald Kelly** on pornography, Mr. Hulme said.

An October program on ethics also drew a number of requests. One came from a U.S. Navy captain working in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C. He said his division was responsible "for teaching and communicating ethics and values to the Navy men and women stationed around the world." He requested permission to use the *World Tomorrow* program in a Navy study group.

Consent

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riage itself is not generally possible until the age of 18, six years after the age of sexual consent. The two are clearly divided in the eyes of the law.

The Bible speaks of a time when nations that once had an understanding of right and wrong on certain questions would fail to distinguish between good and evil. When the line between the holy and the profane would be fudged and finally rubbed out altogether. This sad state of affairs is the inevitable result of turning away from the revealed truth of God's Word.

Sadly, the Netherlands like many other nations in Europe, is walking away from the traditional family, from the understanding that sex was something designed for husbands and wives, not for children.

The dilemma at the heart of this coming change in the law is not restricted to the Netherlands. It is

common to all of Europe. When we lose our sense of values, society is made vulnerable. Anything can happen. There is no higher authority to protect us from ourselves at our worst.

Nobody can predict the damage that legalization of sex for 12-year-olds will bring to the next generation of Dutch youths or how much abuse or incest it will hide.

Europe is on the brink of a single market that promises great material riches for its businessmen

and populations as a whole. But a closer look at the morality of its member nations reveals a society deeply troubled and increasingly unable to identify even the most obvious wrongs.

For those who care about the character of our nations, the words of Ecclesiastes once again apply. The soon-to-be law in the Netherlands is just another reminder that ours is "a time to mourn.... a time to speak out" (Ecclesiastes 3:4, 8, Revised Standard Version).

Zambia

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church and the entire Southern Africa region. He motivated members to continue their commitment to the Work and to their calling, making their election sure.

The trip gave Mr. van Belkum a chance to witness the economic hardships and the effects of rising inflation.

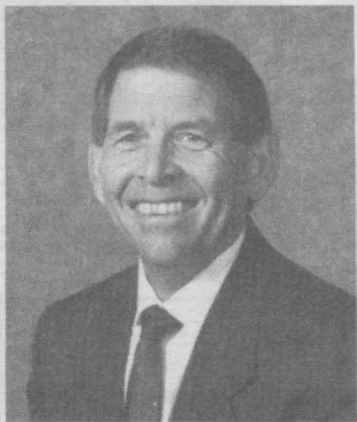
Despite these hardships, brethren continue to be loyal and faith-

ful in performing their Christian duties and support for the Work. Their high holy day offerings reflect unwavering dedication.

As of Dec. 12, more than 50 people have died of cholera in northern Zambia. Early this year, the epidemic claimed 200 lives.

Members took the Passover in their homes, and Sabbath services were canceled for a few weeks.

Though none of our members have been affected by the cholera epidemic, we would appreciate members' continued prayers.



DAVID BARNETT

versity in 1969. His wife, **Sally**, also has a master's degree.

The Barnetts taught at the Indiana State School for the Deaf for 12 years before being called into God's Church and moving to Pasadena to attend Ambassador College. They have two children, **Cara**, 19 and **Chad**, 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett taught American Sign Language courses at Ambassador College from 1987 until the College consolidated in Big Sandy.

As assistant manager of the Church's Deaf Program, Mr. Barnett plans and conducts weekend workshops in deaf awareness and sign language around the United States and Canada. He delivers sermonettes and Bible studies in sign language directly to deaf members, while hearing members receive the messages through a sign-to-voice interpreter.

The objective of the workshops, which were conducted in 13 church areas in 1990 and are planned for 12 churches in 1991, is to encourage greater growth and involvement of the deaf members in the Church, to foster greater unity between deaf and hearing members



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

PASADENA—The 50 percent hike in fuel prices is starting to make an impact in Ghana.

The cost of goods and services, including church hall rental, are increasing, "many of them by as much as 33 percent," said **Alan Tattersall**, pastor of the Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, churches.

(Since Mr. Tattersall's report, fuel costs have risen again, from 600 cedis to 1,000 cedis a gallon.)

Mr. Tattersall said some of the larger state hotels have been taken over by groups that often look unfavorably on Christian groups wishing to use hotel facilities.

"This also affects God's Church in Ghana as we have frequently used these hotels for Holy Days and other special meetings."

A number of brethren in Ghana had trouble getting time off to attend the Feast of Tabernacles because of job conflicts. Most members were treated favorably by their employers, however.

One member, who missed part of a six-week course, scored 93 percent on his final examination and received a commendation from his teachers.

Nigeria

Rivalry between Christianity and Islam continues in Nigeria, reported **Josef Forson**, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Enugu, Jos

and Owerri, Nigeria, churches.

Some are calling for the nation to revert to the six-day work week.

"We have brought these perceived trends to members' attention and have asked them to be praying about these trends. We also encourage them to prepare for the trials that reversion to a six-day working week may bring in its wake," said Mr. Forson.

From the Pastor General's Report, the statement of Church policy about racial nondiscrimination in God's Church was read in all churches in Nigeria.

The members listened intently and showed appreciation for the way God continues to lead the pastor general to clarify certain issues, Mr. Forson said.

He added that a spillover of the joy and rejoicing at the Feast "is still very much with members" in Owerri.

"We have started to see increased love and friendship as well as more fellowshiping among members.

"There is no doubt that all this has happened because of good motivation from the Feast."

In Lagos, the Feast experience seems to have stimulated brethren toward greater goals and accomplishments in both the spiritual and physical spheres,

Mr. Forson continued.

"Job improvement and self-improvement through Spokesman Club seem to be high on their agenda."

All applications for Spokesman Club could not be accepted, because of difficulties in operating two clubs.

Economic difficulties

Sixteen members live in the southwest Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea.

Members there experience many difficulties because of the deteriorating economic situation.

The government of this copper-rich country devalued the currency and implemented austerity measures earlier this year, after closing a copper mine on Bougainville Island.

When it shut down the mine, the government lost its single biggest source of revenue.

Rebels on Bougainville Island attacked workers and equipment, demanding independence for the island and compensation for environmental damages. The campaign has evolved into a secessionist war.

Papua New Guinea is using air and sea blockades around Bougainville to force secessionist rebels into negotiations.

The *Worldwide News* reported Sept. 24 that **Timothy Grauel**, pastor of the Townsville and Cairns, Qld., churches, was unable to visit a co-worker on Bougainville Island, because all services to the island had been cut off.

"The continuing crisis on Bougainville represents the most serious challenge to national unity and to its economic future which Papua New Guinea has faced since independence," reported the Pacific Security Research Insti-

tute of the Institute of Public Affairs.

"Other causes of concern for the future of PNG which are independent of the Bougainville affair," the article continued, "include political instability, deteriorating law and order... inadequate economic growth and rising unemployment."

Said one woman (not a member): "It looks like we'll have to go back to village life: eating sweet potatoes, taro, fish and possum, and cooking over fires."

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