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## Leningrad team's time consists of teaching, talking, learning

By Cliff Worthing

LENINGRAD—Darlene Reddaway, Debbie Armstrong, my wife, Simone, and I arrived safely in the Soviet Union Jan. 27 to participate in an Ambassador Foundation project here.

Our Soviet friends met us at the airport and helped us through customs. Our luggage and computer equipment also arrived safely.

During the first week we moved into the apartments supplied by Radio and Television Leningrad and set up the computers at the station.

### Settling in

They encouraged us to fully settle into our apartments, which took several weeks (everything takes a long time here), before beginning work.

Darlene and Debbie had a problem with pests and an inadequate bed in their apartment, so our Russian friends insisted they move to another apartment. Their apartment is across the city from ours.

### Radio interviews

In February Simone, Darlene and Debbie were interviewed on Radio Leningrad for two programs.

The journalist asked Darlene several questions about the Church (we are often asked about our beliefs, more out of curiosity than anything else) and why we are in the Soviet Union. Debbie was also asked to sing.

Simone was interviewed for a program that aired March 8 on "Women's Day" and was asked about the status of women in Australia (we are both from Australia) and how they differ from Soviet women.

### Teachers and students

The chairman of Radio and Television Leningrad, Boris Petrov, welcomed us to the station and we spent quite some time with him and other staff members discussing how we could best meet the station's needs.

In early March, after installing the computers and familiarizing ourselves with the software packages, we began teaching the staff, on a one-on-one basis, how to use the WordPerfect, Paradox, Harvard Graphics and Quattro Pro software.

Irina Prudnikova, the head of the department, limited the number of computer students to six.

During our eight-hour work day we teach from two to five classes between us. Class time depends upon when the students are available, so we have to be flexible. The students are eager to learn the computer software.

The station is also paying for our Russian-language lessons. I have a three-hour class each day and Simone and Debbie have a class on alternate days.

Darlene is also teaching advanced and beginning classes in English. The staff seems even more eager to learn English than

they do the computer software.

### After class

When we are not teaching or in class we spend time talking to the Russians (this happens often), shopping for food (this is considered work here) and visiting places of interest in Leningrad with a guide provided by the station.

The food situation is fine. Our U.S. dollars open doors for us that are not available to the average person. Also, the station has arranged to supply us with monthly rations so that we don't have to line up for the basics.

Each of us is paid 538 rubles a month by the station. Apparently, this amount is equivalent to the wage earned by the Radio and Television Leningrad chairman.

The Russians wanted to be sure we have enough and can live comfortably. They have been extremely generous.



LENINGRAD PROJECT—From left: Simone and Cliff Worthing, Debbie Armstrong and Darlene Reddaway, on an Ambassador Foundation project, teach the staff at Radio and Television Leningrad English and how to use several types of computer software.

## PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

God has led us to some vital changes over the past few years.

Let us not underestimate the importance of such growth, and let's realize that God has called us to serve him—to do his will and to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, which he reveals in his Word.

As you know, late last year I announced that *The Plain Truth* and *The World Tomorrow* would begin to take on a more directly Bible-oriented message.

I know that many expected to see the results of the change immediately, but I explained that our magazine production, as well as script preparation and taping, have to be done months in advance.

We are just now beginning to see the more biblically oriented approach reflected in the telecast and in *The Plain Truth*.

Even though the far-reaching changes I have initiated don't happen overnight (both *The Plain Truth* and the telecast have long lead times), I nonetheless clearly see great progress being made by the Editorial and Television departments as they implement my directives about *The Plain Truth* and the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

I am grateful for the responsive attitudes of the personnel in Media Operations and for the skill they display as they inject more scriptural meat into *The Plain Truth* and increase the biblical tone and theme of the telecast. I congratulate our employees on their progress to date.

However, I can see that we are still not where we need to be in this way. Both the telecast and *The Plain Truth* still need an even greater appeal to viewers and readers to *do something* about the message they are receiving.

### Challenge and motivate

*The World Tomorrow* will never be like programs that revolve around emotionalism. Nevertheless, many people today, especially in the wake of the Persian Gulf War, are searching for meaning in life, for answers to life's big questions.

It is time for the program to change from the calm, careful, reasoned approach (which seemed appropriate during the televangelist scandals of the mid-1980s) to more of a sermon or Bible study approach that will challenge and motivate viewers in a more direct and unfettered way.

We will still be calm, careful and reasoned, of course, as Christ would not have us be uncontrolled. But to best reach the people whom God seems to be calling now, the program needs to look like and sound more like a sensible, thoughtful and motivating sermon, as opposed to the more subdued, biblical documentary approach we used previously.

This is a change, but as I've said repeatedly, when God leads us to see that we need to change, whether in doctrine, in administration or in approach, then change we must.

As in all the changes God has led us to make, there was a rea-

son, based on our understanding of God's Word, for the previous understanding or way of doing something.

But as circumstances change, or as God increases our understanding of a matter, we have to be willing to follow his lead, always looking to the Bible as our guide.

### Most effective approach

In the mid-1980s, when distrust of television religion was at an all-time high, it seemed that for many of our programs, a similar approach as that which Paul took with the Athenian philosophers (Acts 17:19-32) would be the wisest and most effective approach to take.

By our easing into the gospel in this way, many otherwise skeptical people responded (verses 32-34). I believe God blessed this approach, because while other religious television programs were losing viewers, *The World Tomorrow* was gaining viewers. Every program was not so subdued, of course. Many were directly doctrinal, even then.

However, things have definitely changed since that time. The distrust of television religion has dissipated somewhat, and now, as I said, many people are looking specifically to religion for help to make sense out of life.

So, now seems to be the time for virtually all the programs to preach as Paul preached to the "Jews and the God-fearing Greeks" of Athens—"the good news about Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:17-18, New International Version).

Subjects such as drug abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, marriage and family relationships, crime and stress are part of the gospel. One only needs to read Colossians 3 and Ephesians 5 to realize that.

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## Church announces list of ministerial ordinations

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations:

Greg Williams, a local elder in the Denver, Colo., North church, was ordained a preaching elder March 16.

Rodney DeVries, a local elder in the Vancouver, B.C., West church, was ordained a preaching elder March 23.

Warren Wilson, a local elder in the Toledo and Findlay, Ohio, churches, was ordained a preach-

ing elder March 30.

Ordained local church elders March 16 were Palle Christophersen of the Aarhus, Denmark, church; and Neil Druce of the Temora, N.S.W., church.

Ordained local church elders March 23 were William Edwards, a deacon in the Pasadena West P.M., church; and Fred Watson, a deacon in the Buffalo, Wyo., church.

Ordained local church elders March 30 were Ian Bell, a deacon in the Brampton, Ont., church; Louis Carignan, Richard Kintz and Terry Vine, deacons in the Flint, Mich., church.

Daniel Cafourek, a deacon in the Plattsburgh, N.Y., church; John Cotter, a deacon in the Norwich, Conn., church; Albert Lynch and Wayne Rajaram, deacons in the Arima, Trinidad, church.

Edward Kopec of the Vineland, N.J., church; Donald Hornsby of the Marion, Ohio, church; and David O'Malley and Pieter Tenty, deacons in the Fresno, Calif., church.

Ordained local church elders April 5 were Shane McGee of the Westlock, Alta., church; David Pratt, a deacon in the Fort McMurray, Alta., church; and Kenneth Pearson, a deacon in the St. Petersburg, Fla., church.

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# The Gulf War's troubling aftereffects

PASADENA—It is apparent that the American government's decision Feb. 27 to unilaterally suspend military action in the Persian Gulf War left much unfinished business.

Each day newscasts begin with the latest accounts concerning the misery of Iraq's Kurdish population, about two million of whom have been driven into exile along Iraq's northern borders with Iran and Turkey, seeking refuge from the vengeful armies of Saddam Hussein.

The Kurds, along with the minority Shiites in southern Iraq, attempted to gain their own autonomy in the chaotic aftermath of the war. They thought they had U.S. President George Bush's blessing when he encouraged the people of Iraq to rise up and finish off the repressive Hussein regime. These rebellions were quickly and brutally crushed.

Responding to increasing domestic and international pressure, the U.S. administration reassigned thousands of American troops, left over from Operation Desert Storm, to the task of assisting in a massive relief effort.

American officials are begin-



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

ning to acknowledge they misjudged Saddam Hussein's intentions in the postwar period.

Brent Scowcroft, national security adviser, said April 14 that "we did anticipate that there would be a lot of chaos and that the winning of the war would not solve the problems of the region by any stretch of the imagination."

But he added, "One of the things perhaps we did not anticipate was the severity of Saddam Hussein's attack against the Kurds."

Late last month, Desert Storm commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf got into temporary hot water with the White House when he told British television interviewer David Frost: "Frankly, my recommendation [to President Bush] had been [to] continue the

march. I mean, we had them in a rout and we could have continued to reap great destruction on them.

"We could have completely closed the door and made it a battle of annihilation. And the President made the decision that we should stop at a given time, at a given place. That did leave some escape routes open for them to get back out, and I think it was a very humane decision and a very courageous decision."

Subsequent events indicate that the unilateral halt to Desert Storm may have gone into effect about a day and a half to two days too early. Some Kurdish leaders have said that with only two more days of fighting, Saddam would have been finished.

The United States seems to have a peculiar penchant for leav-

ing otherwise successful military campaigns with an unfinished ending.

One recalls the drive toward Berlin near the end of World War II in Europe, which was halted for political reasons (to let the Soviets capture the city). A divided Berlin remained a threat to world peace for more than four decades.

In Korea, a dangerous cease-fire has remained in effect since the inconclusive end to the Korean War in 1953.

I once spoke with Paik Too-chin, prime minister of South Korea during the war. Mr. Paik told me he vociferously disagreed with Washington about the proposed armistice. He felt there was sufficient momentum on the side of the United Nations forces to ensure victory, if pursued.

North Korea has remained a menacing military threat to South Korea ever since and has been a promoter of world terrorism as well.

Where do we stand now? The confusing postwar situation to date can be summed up as follows:

First, the Americans, British and French may be committed to the region of northern Iraq, perhaps in guarding a Kurdish enclave, for the indefinite future. This is not the way Washington, London and Paris planned it.

Second, Saddam Hussein is, incredibly, still in power, defying all odds. "Simply by surviving, he is taking the edge off the American victory," said Michael Hudson of Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies.

Regarding Hussein's endurance, the outspoken British jour-

(See GULF WAR, page 7)



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### From Russia with love...

"Was there ever a more exciting time to holiday in the USSR?" asked an advertisement in the *London Observer*.

After 17 years I returned to see what Soviet life is like after so many major changes have taken place. It was my wife, Shirley's, first visit to Russia.

For years the Soviet Union has aroused mixed feelings. It has been feared as the stronghold of communism, the superpower that appeared to seriously threaten Western security.

The Soviet Union has been applauded as the mother of artistic brilliance with dancers, writers and composers who stunned the world when they defected to the West. But the Soviet Union itself has largely been an unknown country.

How people live in the Soviet Union has been an enigma to us in the West. Reports have trickled out, but a mysterious aura exists over that enigmatic country.

The coming of Mikhail Gorbachev and words such as *glasnost* and *perestroika* brought hope for a new way of living for Soviet citizens and the world. The old fears of a Soviet attack on the West have virtually disappeared.

Today, however, the Soviet Union is crumbling. The news is the same: her people are hungry, living in cramped, run-down apartments (by Western standards) and lining up for hours for ever-more expensive goods. The sense of frustration is enormous.

The Soviet Union is a land of contradictions. It is also a land of increasing spiritual hunger.

As February's *National Geographic* observed: "There is a new quest for the much trampled Russian culture, for the 'soul' that writers lauded for its breadth and warmth."

Sunday mornings, people are lining up again, but this time at the doors of Trinity Church in Mos-

cow. They are searching for something spiritually sustaining. There were 50 baptisms one weekend in that church. As their minister observed, "They don't know why, but they know it's important."

Religion, referred to by Karl Marx as "the opium of the people," is once again in demand. The sheep are in need of a shepherd. Left with little physical bread in the shops, the Russians are in need of the "bread from heaven."

#### Passover in Leningrad

In the midst of this we kept the Passover this year with Cliff and Simone Worthing, Darlene Redaway and Debbie Armstrong.

The Ambassador Foundation sent them to the Soviet Union to work at Radio and Television Leningrad—a small seed of God's Work in one of the world's great cities.

Leningrad—a beautiful city that has also been known as St. Petersburg and Petrograd (after Peter the Great)—is a remarkable place to observe the ceremony commemorating the death of our Savior, not only for our sins, but those of the

whole world (John 3:15-16).

Keeping a Passover with six people will forever be etched in my fondest memories. It was special.

As representatives of God's Church, Cliff, Simone, Darlene and Debbie are in the Soviet Union at a crucial time. Everything is in a state of change.

Eastern Europe is moving further away from Soviet influence, and several Soviet republics are seeking independence.

How Mr. Gorbachev will cope with this is uncertain. He and his party are unpopular with the masses, who must continually line up for food—if and when it is available.

People in the Soviet Union are uncertain of the future. Few are optimistic. And yet as members of God's Church, we are privileged to understand that the millennial future God has reserved for them is one of unparalleled blessing.

God is not blind to their suffering, which they have endured at their own hand—and at the hand of other tyrannical governments.

God has a plan to redeem the Soviet Union's troubled land and peoples. It is this wonderful plan, which, as a small segment of God's people, we were in Leningrad to represent. Such a responsibility made the need for forgiveness and cleansing pictured in the Passover service ever more clear.

#### From our diaries

*Overwhelming* might be the best word to describe being in the Soviet Union. From our diaries come these observations.

(See RUSSIA, page 7)



**HOLY DAY IN LENINGRAD**—Dexter Faulkner (right) conducts services for members serving on the Ambassador Foundation project in Leningrad.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



### Trouble in the Balkans makes Europeans uneasy

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Adverse activity in the Balkans disturbs the tranquility of Europeans.

The collective memory instinctively hearkens back to the shot heard around the world. Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated at Sarajevo in 1914, and World War I began.

At that time Europe was filled with tension. Of course, trouble in the Balkans was not the cause of the Great War, but it was the spark that began a conflict that was perhaps inevitable given European political and military circumstances.

#### New troubles

Once again the Balkans are riven with strife, and there are uneasy stirrings in minds well attuned to history. Yugoslavia is apparently coming apart.

Ancient arguments, long suppressed by Marshal Tito (sometimes called the only true Yugoslav), who led Yugoslavia from 1943 to 1980, have revived and fanned out to undermine multinational Yugoslavia's federation of six republics.

Some single out Serbia as the center of these troubles. Serbian nationalism has rebounded under the leadership of strongman Slobodan Milosevic. Croatia and Slovenia are also restless republics.

Yugoslavia has even been described as six enemies in one.

The Balkans have a long history of ethnic and even religious unrest. Muslims, Serbians, Croats, Montenegrins, Albanians, Macedonians, Slovenes, Hungarians—these peoples do not sport a legacy of cooperative effort. They have lived together in six republics under the overall umbrella of Yugoslavia for 73 years.

Just how much blood will flow no one knows. One hopes for a peaceful revolution—if it has to come—but all pointers are in the other direction. Just what the configuration of these republics (two of which have declared their independence from Yugoslavia) will be is uncertain.

#### Multinational concern

But all this is not happening in

isolation. Yugoslavia shares borders with seven other countries.

As *The Times* pointed out, "A bitter separation ... would be a recipe for chronic minority discontent and massacres, the kind of thing that gave the Balkans a bad name."

And as *Newsweek* put it, "Yugoslavia's disintegration would still send shock waves across the region.... A further unraveling could tempt its neighbors to revive old territorial claims."

Strife and division are not good omens for a Europe desperately trying to unite. Despite talk of one world order (never enthusiastic in Europe), the Persian Gulf crisis brought a certain amount of disarray to the nations making up the European Community.

Reaction to the gulf conflict was by no means uniform. The British cooperated with their ancient ally the United States. So did France, but to a lesser degree.

Germany came in at the end with considerable financial resources, but this did not come forth without a lot of soul-searching first. The European Community did not have a uniform foreign policy.

The dangers of a bloody Balkan civil war are evident. Would such civil strife spread to neighboring nations? Would the Soviet Union use it as a pretext to reenter Eastern Europe? Obviously the Community hopes to have a common approach to this problem. But what will it do, if anything? Will the European Community just be a bystander?

The question of how soon Europe really comes together on a political level is at stake here. The Balkans are always worth keeping an eye on.

Just as the Mideast is known as a bundle of fireworks liable to go off at any moment in the face of the great powers, the Balkans are a dangerous plaything for Western Europe.

The area itself has given birth to a term called *Balkanization*. It signifies the kind of division that sparks off troubles and wars. As Europe struggles to find a purpose for political and even military clout, *Balkanization* is something it will have to come to terms with.

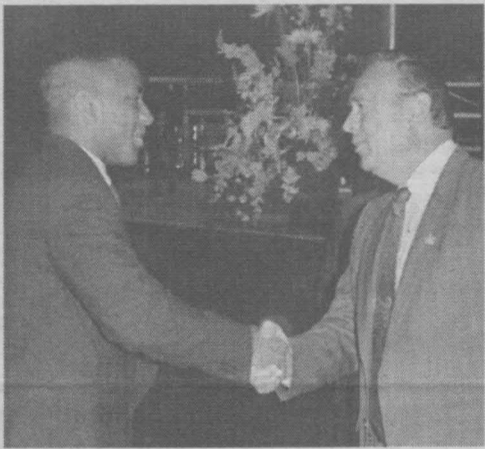
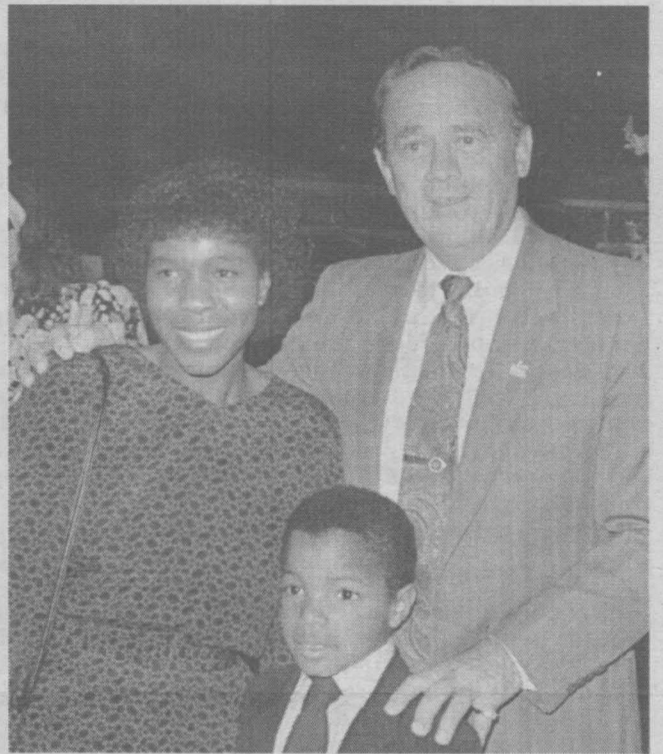
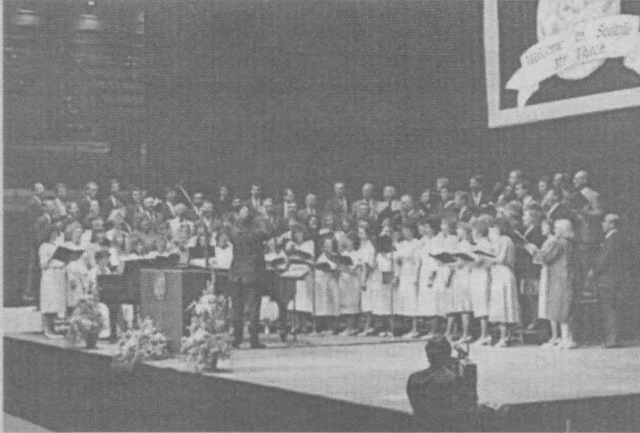
# Pastor general visits Seattle, Wash.



**TRIP OVERVIEW**  
 Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 2,100 brethren April 20 from Auburn, Bellevue, Everett, Olympia, Seattle, Sedro Woolley and Tacoma, Wash. Host ministers and wives were Richard and Michelle Baumgartner, Bellevue; Robert and Dyanne Dick, Bremerton and Seattle; Guy and Penny Englebart, Olympia and Tacoma; Ralph and Denice Orr, Auburn; Stuart and Jan Segall, Everett and Sedro Woolley; Walter and Joanne Dickinson, Seattle; Gil and Leta Ray Goethals, Bremerton and Seattle; Donald and Joyce Wendt, Olympia and Tacoma; and Harry and Lila Sleder, Bremerton and Seattle.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Encouragement and understanding**

It is a wonderful opportunity to have a part in God's Work. Thank you for the encouragement we receive from [the member] letters and also the understanding you give to us in the "Personal" column of *The Worldwide News*.

I especially want to offer thanks to those who made available [the] map of the Work in the Philippines. I have tried to find many of those places in my atlas, but they are not there.

It would be great to have maps of other areas where the Work is growing and I know you do give us maps from time to time. We thank you for them, it helps greatly.

M.S.  
 St. Catharines, Ont.

**A privilege to grow up in the Church**

I am ... pleased at becoming a new member and being called at this time even though there are difficult times ahead. I have been privileged to grow up in the Church and receive God's blessings because of both my parents.

Thank you for the support Youth Opportunities United (YOU) has given to me. I have also had the opportunity and financial assistance to attend the Summer Education Program (SEP) at Orr in 1988.

K.G.  
 Saskatoon, Sask.

**Recycled paper**

Thank you very much for using 100 percent recycled paper to publish *The Worldwide News*. I did not know you were using recycled paper until I read it in the Feb. 11 issue. I did not notice any problems with clarity, brightness or poor details in photos or print, nor did I see any lesser quality overall.

A.G.  
 Colonia, N.J.

It was gratifying to see that God's

Church is ... printing *The Worldwide News* on 100 percent recycled paper. The statistics on how much wood, water, energy ... that will be saved by the Work's new policy was truly amazing.

W.W.  
 Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

I am very pleased *The Worldwide News* is now printed on recycled paper. It's a small thing, but we are now doing more than we were, and it all helps. Clarity seems just fine to me. The

## "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.

**Finally 'finds' Plain Truth**

By chance I came in contact with *The Plain Truth*. I ... read all the articles at once and thought to myself: At last!

At last I have found what I have been looking for for so long. A magazine without a political opinion, spiritually uplifting and especially at the right moment in my life. I will be pleased if you could give me a subscription to your magazine.

Kalmthout, Belgium

**Magazine is indispensable**

I am almost 68 years old and a widower for 35 years. I have a small pension and your magazine is the only one I read. It gives me much pleasure to read the articles; for me *The Plain Truth* has become indispensable. I wish you all the best and thank you very much for the

quality job you've always done is unaffected by the paper you are using. This is a good move and it sets a proper example for us all to be more involved in

treating our earth and resources carefully.

J.M.  
 Vancouver, Wash.

## Special Section on Personal Finances

PASADENA—*The Worldwide News* will publish a special section with tips on how to cope with difficult financial times. We welcome your input. Please send us any ideas you have for cutting costs and making your money stretch further. The deadline for submission is May 31.

give to me, and also for the eye-opening Bible course.

H.D.  
 Antwerp, Belgium

**Finds meaning to life**

I have been searching for a number of years for the true meaning of life. I used to be an active churchgoer in another denomination but found that it did not answer my questions. I then started to read the Bible and, although interesting, I was unable to understand a great deal of what was written.

About this time, while ... at Adelaide [S.A.] Airport, there happened to be a copy of *The Plain Truth* left on a seat near where I was sitting. I picked it up and read it.

I have since subscribed and must tell you how much I enjoy each publication. I have also requested and received numerous books and booklets, which have helped to answer many questions. At last I think I am beginning to understand God's great purpose for us.

I am ... studying your Bible correspondence course, which has also been great. I think it's about time I talked to a minister of the Church to answer some of my questions, and also to learn more about the 'true' Christian way of life.

St. Agnes, S. A.

reading pleasure you have given me.

Breda, Netherlands

**Youth magazine answers questions**

I [attempted] suicide once and ... was about to do it again when I received your magazine. I began to read it page by page, over and over. It has given me answers to questions no one ever took the time to answer. It has given me strength, courage, peace within myself and faith in God.

Thank you again, God bless you and your staff for producing an educational magazine for distribution, free of cost and of no obligation to teenagers like myself all over the world.

Trinidad

**Belgian reader enjoys literature**

Thank you for the new *Plain Truth* magazine. It is fantastic and I read it with great interest. Thank you also for the ... co-worker letter and *News of the Work*. I am always looking forward to receiving them both. Thank you for all the opportunities and the courage they



## IRON SHARPENS IRON

### Fellowship: small talk or a relationship of shared values?

By Rick L. Shallenberger

There are times when we feel down. We don't know why, but we don't feel up to par. It's not that we feel sorry for ourselves, we just feel discouraged or despondent.

Rick L. Shallenberger is an associate editor of Youth 91.

I went through a period like that a while back. It's hard to explain what brought it on—there was no specific event that pushed me into depression. I couldn't explain what I was feeling, except I didn't feel anything.

I'm not normally like this, and I don't like feeling down. Besides, it was affecting my work and my relationships with friends and family. So I decided to tackle it and get rid of it.

The answer to my problem was to spend time with friends from the Church—practicing what we call fellowship.

#### What is fellowship?

What do you think when you hear the word *fellowship*? Do you think of fellowship as a "churchy," syrupy term used to describe the affiliation we have with other people in God's Church?

Maybe you think of fellowship as an obligation we have toward fellow Christians. Or perhaps you think of fellowship as the small talk you have with people before and after services—on your way to and from the car.

However, fellowship means

much more than that.

Fellowship involves having a personal relationship with people who believe the same things you believe—people who become friends. More than friends, they become family.

These are people that God has called, who understand what you understand, who are going through the same things you go through and who need your help and support just as much as you need theirs.

Fellowship is having right relationships with the people of God.

One of the greatest blessings of being called by God is having the chance to fellowship with his people. When I feel down or spiritually weak, a good dose of fellowship with the right people pulls me out of the doldrums.

So when I felt down several weeks ago, I visited some friends from Church. It didn't take long to get over the feeling. I don't even know if they realized I was down. But, by the time I left them, I wasn't. That is part of what fellowship is all about.

But fellowship isn't only to help us get over the doldrums we all face. Fellowship is also for the good times. It includes sharing our thoughts, talking about God's plan and how God has worked in our lives, what we have learned and how we are growing.

Fellowship involves talking with people who understand what we understand, who are as enthusiastic about learning about

God and his way as we are.

#### Why fellowship?

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together ... but let us encourage one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25, New International Version throughout).

There are good reasons for fellowship. It stirs up love and good works. If we don't spend time together, how can we exhort and encourage one another?

Fellowship is a vital key to spiritual survival.

When a trial seems to be getting us down, instead of trying to make it on our own and making ourselves vulnerable to Satan's influence, go to God and fellow Church members for strength.

In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Solomon said we get more done when we work with others. We can't make it physically or spiritually if we always try to do everything ourselves.

### Quality service begins with the individual

## Endeavor to be part of the team

By John Halford

Several of us from the Editorial staff visited Rockwell International's space shuttle assembly plant in Palmdale, Calif. There we saw finishing touches being put on the new space shuttle *Endeavour*.

John Halford is a senior writer for The Plain Truth.

These space shuttles are some of the most complicated machines ever built. Hundreds of thousands of individual components must fit together precisely.

We were shown how the heat-resistant tiles that cover the underside of the shuttle are made. Every one is different, and each must be made exactly according to specifications, within tolerances of a few millionths of an inch.

They must then be custom-fitted in their correct position—there is only one place on the whole surface where each one fits.

Once in place, they cannot be handled again. The smallest scratch, or even a small amount of body oil from the casual touch from a finger, is enough to render the tile useless. Without those tiles, the shuttle would burn up on reentry into the earth's atmosphere.

It was the same story for most of the components on this incredibly intricate machine.

But what made an even bigger impression on us was the people who were assembling the shuttle. They were a highly skilled and motivated team.

Some of the tasks were surprisingly mundane—some women were actually hand-stitching the insulating blankets that protect some of the delicate equipment.

The task of these dedicated people was nearly over, and since no more shuttles are on the drawing boards, many would soon be look-

ing for work. But they all seemed to have a strong desire to see the job through to the end.

"How do you ensure quality control?" we asked a supervisor. He explained that the shuttle was thoroughly inspected at all stages.

"But," he added, "we know that quality control begins with the individual."

One day astronauts would ride the *Endeavour* into space. Their lives depend on the quality of work done by these people. Everyone remembers that awful moment in January 1986 when *Challenger* exploded.

"Each one of us makes him or herself personally responsible to see that our work is done right. We know it will be checked. But what if the checker misses something? So we work as if our workmanship is not going to be inspected."

It is easy to have the attitude, "Someone else will check this," or "They'll do it if I don't." But sup-

pose they don't?

Each of us has been called to play some part in God's Work. It doesn't all depend on you. But some of it does. If you don't do your part maybe someone else will do it instead.

Someone else might send the encouraging card, offer the words of compassion or comfort. Someone else might answer that request for help with a service project, or remember the prayer request you forgot to write down during announcements. But don't count on it. Quality control begins with the individual.

Seeing the space shuttle being built reminded me of Ephesians 4:16: "From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (New King James).

### The ripple effect: One example touches many

By Debbie Armstrong

Morning rush hour. The daily commute to work. I stand in a crowd of people wearing fur hats in the underground Metro that connects all of Leningrad.

Debbie Armstrong works on the Ambassador Foundation project at Radio and Television Leningrad.

The opulence of the Metro stations—chandeliers hanging from vaulted ceilings, intricate bas-reliefs adorning the walls—is in direct contrast to the crowds of people waiting for a train.

They are normal people. Old *babushkas* (grandmothers) shuffle along with little children bundled in fur coats. Here and there a soldier with his girlfriend, a factory worker, an intellectual, a family man. They are the soul of this land, the Soviet masses.

The people form a line. A train arrives. The doors open. A recorded voice announces the station. The people push themselves onto the train. "*Ostorozhno, dveryi zakryvayutsya!*" ("Danger, the doors are closing!") the recorded voice says.

All the seats on the train are

taken. Many people stand, swaying in time with the train as it speeds along to the next station. The passengers—somber, expressionless—sit still. Some read newspapers, others read books.

Even though I am wearing a Russian workers' coat, a fur hat and ordinary black boots, my American mannerisms, movements and features betray me. I am different, and the passengers watch me as we ride the train to work.

Next to me is a *babushka*, her wrinkled face firmly wrapped in an old scarf, her old body clothed in old garments that vary only in the shade of tarnished brown.

She is eating a *sushka*—a round cracker that looks like a miniature bagel. The *sushka* broke and fell to the grimy floor. Using her cane she drew the cracker fragment toward her. Then, bending forward, she picked it up and ate it.

At that moment I wanted to give her my money, my coat, my boots, anything. No one else appeared to notice.

Give her something! My heart screamed. But what can I do? The somber quiet of the metro is sti-

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QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP—A worker applies some finishing touches to the space shuttle *Endeavour*. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

# AC invests in top education and community involvement

By David Bensinger

**BIG SANDY**—"We view Ambassador College as an investment in the Church and the youths of the Church," said evangelist Donald Ward, president of the College.

"Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach and others also believe that the College is a wise investment in the future," Dr. Ward said.

"The handwriting is clearly on the wall for the decades ahead," he said. "Survival in the socio-economic sense will depend on a person's level of education in several areas. These areas include the liberal arts, computer literacy, leadership and communication skills that are guided by sound moral and ethical behavior.

"Ambassador College is on the cutting edge of providing the education of the future."

Ambassador College, with about 1,140 students, 84 faculty members and 165 staff members, offers four majors: theology, business, home economics and management information systems.

The College is seeking accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Accreditation will allow Ambassador College students to more easily move on to advanced studies.

"We are really trying to emphasize the mission of the College in recapturing true values and keeping the Word of God as the foundation of knowledge," Dr. Ward said.

"However, I think an area many people don't understand is that Ambassador College is providing top quality technical education in business administration, management information systems and mass communications that are equal to the kind of training you get at some of the best institutions in the nation.

"So when a young person comes here, he or she is not receiving one dimension only—the Bible side of things—he or she is receiving a well-rounded education."

Dr. Ward administers the College's five departments: Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Business Affairs, Development & College Relations and Facilities Services.

## Student Affairs

Richard Thompson, dean of Student Affairs, is responsible to Dr. Ward for the administration of Student Affairs including the development of plans and policies, student welfare and student conduct.

"Student Affairs works to coordinate all student activities with the other departments on campus," said Mr. Thompson. "We want the four years a student attends Ambassador to be an enjoyable, uplifting and learning experience. We want students to learn how to work within the college environment."

Several areas are administered by Student Affairs: Security & Safety, Student Center, Student Employment, Health Center, Financial Aid, Career Services & Placement, Dean of Students, Student Housing, the college bookstore, Food Services, the barber shop and hair salon and Laundry Services.

Mr. Thompson is involved in student government, along with Gary Antion, dean of students.

"I meet with student leaders weekly to get a feel for the campus and the student body," Mr. Thompson said. "Mr. Antion and I want to know what student life is like, what the attitudes of the students are, what frustrations they have and what can we do to correct them.

"There is a great deal of education in how to make things work within God's government," he said.

## Academic Affairs

Michael Germano, dean of Aca-

ademic Affairs, is responsible for the direction and coordination of the academic program and related functions.

"We are all colleagues, and we are trying to assist Dr. Ward and the rest of the administration in developing the College," Dr. Germano said. "We work as a team."

Several areas are administered by Academic Affairs: Faculty, Admissions, Institutional Research, Athletics, Academic Publications, Registrar and the library.

Dr. Germano pointed out that communication is important in Academic Affairs. "I can't function for one hour without communication. Those who report to me are free to come in anytime. There is a give and take at every level."

Dr. Germano spends a lot of time with his staff and other administrators working on the accrediting process, although his emphasis isn't necessarily on it.

"If we simply build a college, accreditation will take care of itself," he said.

The basic curriculum of Ambassador College—theology for a foundation, general education courses for a liberal arts background and electives for students to develop depth—have remained pretty much the same, he said.

Keeping Ambassador College up to date, however, is a primary concern of the College administration and Academic Affairs.

"The College has to respond to the nature of the world around it, because what worked in 1951 is a little different than what will work in 1991. So changes have to be made."

## Business Affairs

Melton McNeely, director of Business Affairs, administers business and financial operations; recommends and implements fiscal policies; establishes procedures and staffs for conducting fiscal affairs; and manages several related functions.

Business Affairs is a service function that keeps the business activities of the College going as smoothly as possible.

Areas administered by Business Affairs are Accounting Services, Personnel Coordinator, Purchasing, Telecommunications and Transportation.

The Accounting Department uses the AS400 computing system installed this school year. With the AS400 the College can do its own accounting. Before, most of the accounting was done in Pasadena by the Church's Accounting Department.

"We don't work as closely with them as we did before," Mr. McNeely said. "They provide us a subsidy and we manage and operate the College on that. We have a lot of cooperation, however. We ask them for advice on technical items where they have the expertise and if we have the expertise, they will ask us for advice. We help each other out."

## Facilities Services

Dale Bailey, director of Facilities Services, is responsible for the maintenance, construction and remodeling of campus facilities.

Facilities Services, previously a section of Business Affairs, is now a separate campus operation with Mr. Bailey reporting to Dr. Ward.

Facilities Services is responsible for Custodial Services, Landscaping Services, Plant Maintenance and Drafting Services.

Facilities Services employs 60 full-time personnel and 78 students to manage the more than 2,200 acre campus, which includes a golf

course, airstrip, a 55-acre lake, riding stables, a farm, 13 student residences, two gyms, two lecture halls, a dining hall, a library, a Church language building, an administration building, a convention center and other buildings and structures.

According to Mr. Bailey, one of the biggest challenges last year was the construction of the women's residences. Many of the plans for the buildings were being completed as the buildings were being constructed. The residences have been occupied since October. Plans for landscaping, walkways and driveways are nearing completion.

New computer systems are being implemented to maintain campus maps and utility control systems. Other computer programs will allow Facilities Services to maintain an inventory of space allocations, their use and functions.

## Development & College Relations

Thomas Delamater, director of Development & College Relations, organizes institutional advancement and community relations activities of the College.

The office was established in September 1989, when Mr. Delamater was named director.

"In a nutshell," said Mr. Delamater, "we are responsible for prop-



**AMBASSADOR COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION**—Evangelist Donald Ward, president of the College, meets with (from left) Thomas Delamater, Development & College Relations; Dale Bailey, Facilities Services; Michael Germano, Academic Affairs; Dr. Ward; Richard Thompson, Student Affairs; and Melton McNeely, Business Affairs. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

erly representing the College to the outside community. We are responsible for interacting with the community on behalf of the College."

Mr. Delamater sees his office fulfilling this responsibility in four areas: fund raising, the alumni program, media relations and community relations and special events.

Some activities the College has been involved with this year were a concert by the Dallas (Tex.) Chamber Orchestra, a performance by the Jose Greco dance company, public performances by the Ambassador Chorale and Young Ambassadors, Outreach (a student organization of service for the community) and in athletics.

Mr. Delamater expects the College to continue to build a reputation among the East Texas community that the College built in Pasadena, but, he said, it will take time.

"Gradually people will see for themselves what we stand for, what we do here, the aspects about Ambassador College we feel are unique and special."

This reputation is already building, according to Mr. Delamater. "The response to the consolidation has been overwhelmingly positive in the East Texas area. We've received remarkably favorable coverage from the media ever since the consolidation decision was announced last December."

## 7.4 temblor hits Costa Rica

# Members not hurt in quake

**SAN JOSE, Costa Rica**—No members were hurt in the powerful earthquake that rumbled through Costa Rica, April 22, according to Mauricio Perez, San Jose pastor.

The quake, which registered 7.4 on the Richter scale, had an epicenter 70 miles southeast of here.

In Puerto Limon 11 people died when buildings there collapsed. "No members live in the area

directly affected," said Mr. Perez, "but one member does work in Limon, but he had business in San Jose on day of the quake, so he escaped."

Mr. Perez was at home here with his wife, Carolina, and children Felipe, 5, and Laura, 2, when the quake struck. "The whole house was shaking, but it did not do any damage. We have had stronger ones. Laura asked me who was moving the house.

"There have been more than a thousand aftershocks, but they were not very strong. Some of them have been in the 2.7, 3.4 and 4.5 range but nothing as strong as the initial quake."

Mr. Perez said that electrical power went out in San Jose but was restored about five minutes later.

"We live in a very quakey area and we've been having a lot of quakes since 1983," he said. "We've had strong ones, and this was one of them."

## Example

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fling. If I give to one person I should give to everyone. Everyone here is suffering. Everyone here has needs.

The train stopped. The old woman got off. I am left alone with the overwhelming feeling of inadequacy and helplessness. Nothing I have to offer would ever be enough to fill the gap here. All the needy people riding the Metro are beyond my reach. I feel powerless to help them.

In turn I exit through the sliding doors of the train and ascend the escalator 150 meters (about 490 feet) up to the surface. It's then I realize what I can do, in this corner of the world, to help some of these people.

The people I work with, the people I live with—I can touch their lives and give to them. They are but a few, but it is possible for me to make a difference through

## PERSONAL

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But rather than relying on *The Plain Truth* and booklets to give most of the answers to those problems, the telecast itself will also get right to the heart of the gospel, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 28:31).

We will see this new style beginning with the first program next season.

Thank you for your continued prayers and loving support in Jesus Christ!

my daily example.

And if enough of us give of ourselves by example to others—by being involved in their lives, by truly caring about them—then the ripple effect of our example may spread outward and touch other lives, perhaps even the life of that babushka on the train.

It doesn't seem like much. But even one life can be profoundly changed when we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, when we honestly care and give of ourselves freely and lovingly. And one life, among the millions of lives that surround us, is still every bit as valuable in the eyes of God.

## HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

(WITHOUT GIVING ONE DIME MORE)

It's no gimmick. It's possible. You might be able to double your tithes and contributions and yet not give one more dime of your own money.

The answer is found in a tax benefit the Internal Revenue Service grants certain companies when they donate to a nonprofit educational or cultural organization. Because of this, many companies have set up what is generally called a "gift-matching program" for their employees. Under these programs employers match donations of their employees to nonprofit educational or cultural institutions.

The procedure is simple but highly beneficial to God's Work. You need only ask your employer if he has such a gift-matching program. If he does, obtain a gift-matching form and mail it to us.

This form would merely request verification of your contributions. After we return this verification, your company would contribute a matching amount. It's just as simple as that, and yet you have in effect doubled your tithes and contributions.

If your company does have such a program, please be certain to write and inform us immediately. To aid in the processing of your letter, please write to Ralph K. Helge, Legal Office, 440 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91105.



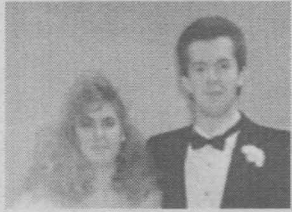
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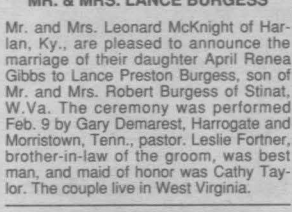
**MR. & MRS. SEAN FINNIGAN**

Julie Fricke, daughter of Orren and Marmie Fricke, and Sean Finnigan, son of Brian and Connie Finnigan, were united in marriage Sept. 30. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a minister in the Blackfoot, Idaho, church. The couple live in Big Sandy.



**MR. & MRS. RENE VARGAS JR.**

Rosella Gatta, daughter of Gavino and Autilia Gatta of Montreal, Que., and Rene A. Vargas Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Vargas Sr. of Toronto, Ont., were united in marriage Sept. 2 in Montreal. The ceremony was performed by Chris Starkey, associate pastor of the Montreal English church. Santina Gatta was maid of honor, and Francesco Pecora was best man. The couple live in Montreal.



**MR. & MRS. LANCE BURGESS**

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McKnight of Harlan, Ky., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter April Renea Gibbs to Lance Preston Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burgess of Stinat, W. Va. The ceremony was performed Feb. 9 by Gary Demarest, Harrogate and Morristown, Tenn., pastor. Leslie Fortner, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man, and maid of honor was Cathy Taylor. The couple live in West Virginia.



**MR. & MRS. PETER COSTI**

Camille James and Peter Costi of Brook-



**MR. & MRS. WILLIAM MacDONALD**

William "Bill" and Linza MacDonald celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 1 with a reception given by family and friends. The MacDonalds, who retired to Canada from Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1989, attend the Calgary, Alta., church. They have two daughters,

lyn, N.Y., were united in marriage Sept. 2 at the Seaport in New York. The ceremony was performed by Tom Oakley, Brooklyn South pastor. Joseph La Macchia was best man. The couple live in Thessaloniki, Greece.



**MR. & MRS. J. WOLARIDGE JR.**

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wolaridge Jr. of Merced, Calif., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 17. The Wolaridges have three children, Keith, Karna and Kelley.



**MR. & MRS. DELBERT EDEN**

Delbert and Linda Eden of Peabody, Kan., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 2. The Edens have three children, Jessica, Douglas and Allison.



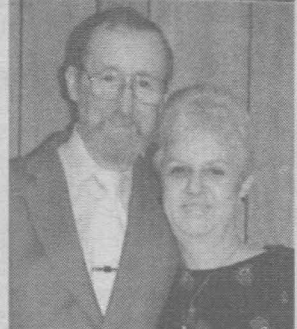
**MR. & MRS. ARTHUR CARLISLE**

The children of Arthur and Eula Carlisle of Montgomery, Ala., would like to announce their parents' 35th wedding anniversary April 8. The Carlises have eight children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Stone of Lubbock, Tex., are pleased to announce their parents' 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 18. The Stones have two sons and one daughter-in-law, Ron, Terry and Patti; two daughters and one son-in-law, Teresa, Stephanie Diane and Frank; and six grandchildren.

Herb and Elloeen Barnum celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary March 11. They were honored with a cake March 2 after Sabbath services. The Barnums, who attend the Detroit, Mich., West, church, have two sons, two daughters, one son-in-law, one grandson and one granddaughter.

Don and Helen Congdon celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 3. The Congdons have three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Neil Gaudet, Gail and Doug McCall and Laura and Ken Waddell; and three grandchildren, Paul and twins, Leah and Vanessa Gaudet. Mr. and Mrs. Congdon are a deacon and deaconess in the Port St. Lucie, Fla., church.



**MR. & MRS. WOODROW ABBOTT**

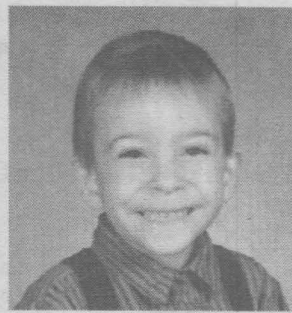
Woodrow and Vera Abbott of Halifax, N.S., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary April 18. They have two sons, Roy and Jim; two daughters-in-law, Lynn and Mary; and five grandchildren.

**OBITUARIES**

BURCAW, Gerald C., 72, of Ashland, Ohio, died Feb. 1. Mr. Burcaw is survived by his wife of 51 years, Margaret; two daughters, Suzanne Wolf and Lorraine Mack; one son, Robert; four grandchildren; and a brother.

BOLYARD, Marion H., 84, of Fairmont, W. Va., died Nov. 7. Mrs. Bolyard attended the Clarksburg, W. Va., church.

BERGERON, Lorraine Ganzel, 26, of Philadelphia, Pa., died Nov. 19 from complications stemming from an allergic reaction to an antibiotic. Mrs. Bergeron is survived by her husband, Jack II; one son, Jack III; two brothers, Jack and Gary Ganzel; and a grandmother.



**DANIEL JOHN BERGERON**

BERGERON, Daniel John, 6, of Philadelphia, Pa., died Nov. 27 of a terminal illness. Daniel is survived by his father, Jack II; his brother, Jack III, his grandparents, Jack and Yvette Sr.; aunts; uncles; cousins; and a great-grandmother.



**HAROLD VICTOR WANAMAKER**

WANAMAKER, Harold Victor, 74, of Saint John, N.B., died Oct. 20 of a lung disease. Mr. Wanamaker is survived by his wife of 53 years, Clara; one son, Leroy; four daughters, Beth Allaby, June Steeves, Ruth Reed and Lorraine Harris; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



**MILTON JOSEPH**

JOSEPH, Milton, 69, of London, England,

died Feb. 25 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Joseph was ordained a deacon in 1974. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Yvonne; three daughters, Claire, Terry and Heather; one son, Cary; and seven grandchildren.



**HAZEL LINDSAY**

LINDSAY, Hazel, 68, of Nassau, Bahamas, died Dec. 19 after a short illness. She is survived by four sons, six daughters, 32 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



**MARGARET GOODWYN**

GOODWYN, Margaret, 75, of Norfolk, Va., died Jan. 28 after a long illness. She is survived by her daughters, Dorothy Yates and Jean Goiner; one son, Courtney; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

JONES-OSTERLOH, Maude Mae, 87, of Sulphur Springs, Ark., died Sept. 12. She is survived by three sons and one daughter.

**Russia**

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The people of the Soviet Union are nearly all poor, but their approach to life is different than ours in the West.

They are a people of contrasts. There is a dependence on each other and a sense of community that Western nations have largely lost. For instance, after just arriving in Leningrad, the Worthingtons were at the Metro (train) station unsuccessfully trying to figure out where to buy a ticket.

A middle-aged woman, her head wrapped in a bright scarf, came up to them and without a word, handed them the two coins they needed to go on the train. She smiled briefly and disappeared.

On the train, people still give their seats to the elderly or women with small children. Rare on the London Underground or New York subway.

Simultaneously, there is also an incredible lack of courtesy and concern as people push and shove each other to meet their own needs, be it to get on the first bus home, or to buy the last loaf of bread.

These people seem to deeply care for their families and friends, but at times are too busy just surviving to care what consequences their actions have on others around them. We saw few smiles.

A joke I heard says that Adam and Eve were Russians. They had nothing to wear, nothing to eat but an apple—and yet they were told they were living in paradise!

Foreigners are easily recognizable either by their dress, their language or by the free and easy movements they display.

On an individual basis the Russians seem naturally concerned for the welfare of visitors. They will stop you on the street and put up the hood on your jacket when it is windy; they will tell you a button is missing; they will help with heavy bags and invite you to their

home after just a brief meeting.

Hospitality Russian-style seems to be a quality these people have developed into almost an art.

They give all they have to their guests. Not only do they give food to their guests, but they give their life experiences, their thoughts, feelings and dreams.

Russians definitely aren't good at small talk. Politics, religion, literature and life in general, are just some of the subjects usually discussed. After a meal with a family (which on a Sunday afternoon could typically start at 3 p.m. and end late into the night) you can come to know them and understand more of their world.

Shopping is an interesting experience. There are queues (lines) to select what you want, another queue to pay for them and yet another queue to pick up your purchases.

We saw about half the population of Leningrad at any one time standing in line or going somewhere else to stand in another line.

Modern merchandising hasn't quite made it to Russia. You can tell that by the sign in a department store: "If you don't see what you want—want what you see!"

If you put your possessions down they are likely to be stolen. Cliff left his gloves and hat on the counter while conducting purchases. He returned to the counter but they were gone.

However, an old man with a weather-beaten face shuffled up to him, paper bag in hand and said in barely audible Russian: "I thought you'd want these. I saw you put them down and knew they'd be stolen if I didn't save them for you. You must be more careful with your things. I don't want to see you lose these."

He could have taken them and sold them on the black market but instead returned them.

A few years ago, the people looked to Mr. Gorbachev as the pathfinder who would blaze new trails toward their eternal goal of building the perfect socialist state.

Now there is talk of civil war. The Soviet people have endured hardship and lies. Meat, petrol and other items can be purchased—on the black market—but for two to four times the normal price, and more often than not, through personal acquaintances.

If you know someone in the meat business, you have meat. Or if you happen to be at the right place at the right time, and with the right amount of money, you can basically buy what you want.

To put your mind at ease: Our members in Leningrad are not going without. The people at Radio and Television Leningrad provide for them. At times they have even sent their own employees to stand in line for our people.

**Good harvest**

After a relatively good harvest, people in the Soviet Union should not go hungry, but shop shelves are nonetheless bare. Large amounts of food disappear onto the black market while in transit or storage, and some say more is sold this way than through official outlets.

Russians have a mystical approach to their everyday life. Conversations are often reduced to boasting how they procured different items, through whom, how much it cost or how fate simply willed it that way.

**'God so loved the world...'**

The number of people who are aware of the Work of God at this time in the Soviet Union is still comparatively tiny (although certainly not insignificant). Yet, there is real hope for that troubled land.

Remember, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16) and "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). God looks down with concern on the plight of the Soviet people.

Christ's death was as much for them as for us. We simply have the privilege of being called now, and the responsibility to put our all into

the work we have been given to do.

This includes our fervent prayers for the coming kingdom to this earth, which will spread out to cover the face of the globe "as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

God is not a respecter of persons. He understands the potential that exists in the Russians' remarkable character.

As with any people, he looks upon the Russians with a gleaming finished product in mind. He knows that their potential is far above what even their greatest artists and writers have been able to imagine.

One of the most famous Russian writers was Fyodor Dostoyevski. He understood that a fair society would only be built when men's attitudes to one another were

**Gulf War**

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analyst, Peregrine Worsthorne, added: "There are no signs of his being chastened one little bit.... Has he not plucked a kind of victory out of the jaws of defeat? Must not the Arab masses be concluding that only Allah can account for his truly miraculous powers of survival?"

There is little doubt that in one critical area Saddam Hussein has proven to be correct. Shortly before his invasion of Kuwait last August he told the American ambassador to Iraq that "yours is a society which cannot accept 10,000 deaths in one battle."

The war was truly remarkable in the low number of American and allied casualties. Superior military technology with an extraordinary array of so-called smart weapons was in large part responsible. On the other hand, the Iraqi dictator sacrificed 100,000 or more of his own countrymen.

The decision to halt the fight-

changed: "Until you have become ... a brother to everyone, brotherhood will not come to pass. No sort of scientific teaching, no kind of common interest, will ever teach men to share ... with equal consideration for all."

Instead, he wrote, that men had to learn "to love the whole world with an all-embracing love" (*Brothers Karamazov*).

His words hold true for us as members of God's Church as we dedicate ourselves to the only way that will bring peace to all peoples. This is our link with the vast numbers of people who inhabit the Soviet Union. Even the most humble of beginnings can be important in the Work of God and we should never despise the day of small things (Zechariah 4:10).

ing was reached, in part, because, to quote Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney, "we would have had additional U.S. casualties." Thus the war ended, even though Gen. Schwarzkopf admitted the road to Baghdad was wide open to coalition forces.

The ultimate irony is that, with some frightened Kurdish leaders now negotiating with Saddam Hussein, the victorious allied powers may be forced to deal with him themselves, thus preserving his political power in order to prevent Iraq's dismemberment.

"A grim question has to be asked," wrote journalist Worsthorne, in the April 7 *Times* of London. "Will America's victory in the Gulf prove to be as self-defeating and counter-productive an operation as her defeat in Vietnam, and for the same basic reason—a reluctance to fight to the bitter end?"

"One wishes it were possible to answer with a resounding negative. Unfortunately one no longer can."

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA—After the automobile accident in England in which their two children, **Jeremy** and **Amelia**, died **Jeff** and **Wendy Zhorne** returned to a Pasadena hospital April 2. (Mr. Zhorne is news editor for *The Worldwide News*).

The Zhornes, accompanied by a nurse from England, moved back to their home later in the week.

Mrs. Zhorne, who suffered multiple fractures and internal injuries, is under the care of two physicians and a physical therapist. She may be able to walk on crutches by late May, but is not expected to regain full mobility for several months.

**Robin Webber**, pastor of the Pasadena East P.M. church, conducted funeral services for the children April 8 at Live Oak Memorial Park in Monrovia, Calif.

The Zhornes wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the thousands of cards, letters, flowers and prayers from brethren around the world.

"God cushioned our fall as much as possible under the circumstances," said Mr. Zhorne.

"Everyone from **Andrew Silcox**, the minister who came to our aid in the hospital, and his wife, **Dana**, to **Francis Bergin** and others in Britain, besides the compassionate nursing staff in Cheltenham, helped make our 'landing,' as it were, bearable.

"Many in Pasadena have gone above and beyond to help comfort and strengthen us," he added. "For that, **Wendy** and **I** are extremely grateful."

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PASADENA—After an extensive review of major auditing firms, the Church's board of directors selected **Coopers & Lybrand** as the new external auditing firm, according to **Steven D. Andrews**, director of Finance & Planning.

The Church, which has an annual income in excess of \$212 million, previously used the auditing services of **Arthur Anderson & Co.** for more than a decade.

The selection of **Coopers & Lybrand** concluded an extended process in which the Church reviewed proposals solicited from the Big Six auditing firms.

Mr. Andrews said that "Arthur Andersen has provided the Worldwide Church of God with valuable and consistent service since the late 1970s, not only with its annual audit and independent opinion of our financial statements, but also in helping us improve our financial policies and procedures."

Mr. Andrews said that **Coopers & Lybrand** was chosen over competitive bids from all of the Big Six firms in part for their expertise in auditing nonprofit institutions.

"As we near the next century, accounting procedures and financial concerns are becoming ever more complex," Mr. Andrews said. "We want to be in a position where our accounting operation is providing the best possible service to the Church and its related organizations, while at the same time fulfilling all government regulations in the countries and territories where we conduct activities."

The financial and auditing services for the Church will be coordinated through the Los Angeles, Calif., office of **Coopers & Lybrand**. The firm estimates that about 2,200 audit hours will be required to service the Church's account.

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PASADENA—The Festival

Office announced that the Feast site in Port Vila, Vanuatu, has reached capacity. No further transfer requests can be accepted.

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BONN, Germany—The third annual regional Youth Opportunities United (YOU) volleyball tournament in Germany took place March 31 and April 1 in Troisdorf near Bonn.

Ten teams from Germany, Switzerland, Austria and the Netherlands participated. The team from Zwolle, Netherlands, won this year's event with the team from Hannover, Germany, taking second place. The youths of Stuttgart, Germany, A team were awarded the sportsmanship trophies.

Members from the Bonn church planned the competition and were hosts to the 110 visitors, providing them meals, housing and transportation during the tournament. **Norbert** and **Sherri Schneider** organize the competition each year.

"Not many of our youths have the chance to participate on school teams or in local clubs," said Mr. Schneider. "We try to organize our tournament to be as official as possible with referees, scorekeepers, uniforms and spectators, in order to give more teens a realistic, yet positive experience in athletic competition."

Besides the YOU summer and winter camps, this event is the only

additional YOU activity in the German-speaking area each year.

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TORONTO, Ont.—The singles of the Toronto Central and West churches invite singles to their "Puttin' on the Ritz" weekend May 25 and 26.

Weekend activities include a dinner dance Saturday night at the Toronto Harbour Castle Hilton and a seminar Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with evangelist **David Hulme**, followed by an informal picnic.

The cost for the weekend is US\$45 (CDN\$52), excluding lodging, or for the dance only, US\$17 (CDN\$20).

For more information call **Al Kosteniuk** at 1-416-348-5522 in the daytime or 1-416-229-2688 in the evenings.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Memphis singles invite single members to a weekend of social and cultural activities May 25 and 26.

The weekend will include a Bible study, dinner dance and on Sunday, a guided tour of the Catherine the Great exhibition at the Memphis Cook Convention Center.

The Catherine the Great exhibition is a collection of imperial treasures created by Russian artists and craftsmen.

The cost for the weekend is \$15 for each person. For further information write to **James Jones**, 7040 South Branch Parkway, Olive Branch, Miss., 38654, or telephone him at 1-601-895-5731. Please contact Mr. Jones by May 22.

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APPLETON, Wis.—Appleton singles would like to invite other

## TELEVISION STATION

## UPDATES

### Additional Airing

Station/Location	Air Time	Contract Period
WOI Des Moines, Iowa	Saturday, 5:30 a.m.	March 30, 1991 to Aug. 3, 1991

### New Stations

KTHI Fargo, N.D.	Sunday 9 a.m.	May 12, 1991 to May 3, 1992
KPIX San Francisco, Calif.	Sunday-Monday 12:45 a.m.	April 14, 1991 to April 5, 1992
KTTU Tucson, Ariz.	Sunday, 10 p.m.	April 7, 1991 to March 29, 1992
WDAF Kansas City, Mo.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	April 14, 1991 to April 5, 1992

### Renewals

WFLA Tampa, Fla.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.	April 21, 1991 to April 12, 1992
WJBF Augusta, Ga.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	April 28, 1991 to April 19, 1992
WKBN Youngstown, Ohio	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	May 5, 1991 to April 26, 1992
WTOC Savannah, Ga.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	March 31, 1991 to March 22, 1992
KTXA Dallas, Tex.	Saturday, 8 a.m.	April 12, 1991 to April 4, 1992

singles to be part of their sixth annual Spring Break singles event May 24 to 27.

Like past Spring Break weekends, housing and activities will be in one location. This year, it will be conducted at the Gruenhagen Conference Center on the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh campus.

This year's theme is "Be a Profitable Servant—Prioritizing Your Life." Daily Bible studies will be conducted on this topic. Other activities will be a dinner and

speech banquet, volleyball, tennis, softball, a square dance and games.

The cost for the weekend is \$55, which includes dormitory housing, continental breakfasts and a semi-formal banquet. A limited amount of housing with brethren is available for those with financial hardship.

Registration forms, maps and additional information are available from **Mike Kinjerski**, 777 Vera Ave., Neenah, Wis., 54956, or telephone Mr. Kinjerski at 1-414-725-8637.

## FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—More than 1,000 people have died in a cholera epidemic in Peru. Only one member, **Maria Gamboa de Villegas**, who lives in Chiquitoy 70 kilometers (40 miles) north of Trujillo, contracted the disease, but has now recovered, said minister **Wilfredo Saenz**.

Mr. Saenz spoke by telephone with **Reg Killingley** of the Spanish Department in Big Sandy April 19.

The epidemic is most intense in the northern highlands.

The greatest incidence of cholera is among the poor, many of whom live in shantytowns with no running water and minimal sanitation. Moreover, they cannot afford the fuel or electricity needed to boil water before drinking it.

In the shantytowns of Lima, the capital, the sewage and potable waterlines are so deteriorated that they leak and their contents mix, according to a former health minister.

The Peruvian government lacks the necessary funds to provide for its people a safe source of water, an adequate sewage system and even the money to fight the epidemic.

It could take more than three months to contain the disease.

The situation there may become endemic because the conditions that encouraged the rapid spread of the disease—undernourishment, extreme poverty and lack of

sanitation—remain, and, therefore, an outbreak of cholera could be expected every four or five years, according to *Latin American Weekly Report* and *Latin American Regional Reports—Andean Group Report*.

Also, the conditions in Peru are commonplace throughout the region, and the disease has already spread to the neighboring countries of Ecuador and Colombia.

Peru is also still battling a horrendous inflation rate and a stagnant, if not moribund, economy, Mr. Killingley said. Terrorism is also a constant threat.

April 5 three embassies were the targets of rocket attacks, and bombs exploded near three other embassies. On the same day, 20 banks were attacked with dynamite, and guerrillas sabotaged electric pylons, blacking out Lima and much of the country's coast.

Mr. Saenz feels the brethren are being protected, but he would still appreciate prayers for brethren there.

### Conference in Kenya

Ministers and their wives from East and West Africa met in Nairobi, Kenya, for a ministerial conference March 20 and 21.

In attendance from the British Regional Office were evangelist **Leslie McCullough**, regional director, and his wife, **Marion**; **David Stirk**, business manager for East and West Africa; and **Cathryn**

Francis, secretary to Mr. Stirk.

Ministers and their wives attending the conference from East and West Africa were **Alan** and **Kae Tattersall**, Ghana; **Josef** and **Gloria Forson**, Nigeria; **Owen** and **Tina Willis**, Kenya; **Ken** and **Hilary Buck**, Malawi; and **Ben Kaswaga** from Tanzania.

**Bill Whittaker**, pastor of the Mbabane, Swaziland, congregation, and his wife, **Sheila**, also attended the conference.

On the first day Mr. Willis was ordained a pastor and Mr. Tattersall was ordained a preaching elder.

"Mr. McCullough opened the conference with a brief update of the Work in the United States and in the United Kingdom," said Mr. Stirk.

Church pastors addressed the Work being done, as well as what they hope to accomplish, in their areas.

An open discussion was conducted on the second day of the conference, which proved to be an effective forum for addressing the needs of the ministers in this part of the world, Mr. Stirk said.

"These conferences provide a very valuable opportunity for our ministers to share their difficulties and to encourage one another in these often very difficult areas. Much 'iron sharpening iron' occurs at these times," said Mr. Stirk.

The conference also allows the regional office to bring the African ministry up to date with the latest news from headquarters. This kind of communication is particularly important in such scattered areas, Mr. Stirk said.

While in Nairobi, everyone went on an afternoon safari in a game reserve.

### New Zealand

A long recession continues to hamper the economy in New Zealand. Companies are going out of business on a regular basis,

which means a continuing stream of job losses, according to evangelist **Raymond McNair**, regional director.

While this has affected the income of the Work, ministers have noticed an upswing in the number of people showing interest in attending services.

A second letter offering the new *Plain Truth* to New Zealand subscribers brought in more than 3,500 responses, a 19 percent response. This brings the subscription list to 22,000, about 31 percent less than the 32,000 subscription list one year ago.



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