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TV trip to Greece captures message of apostle Paul

By Becky Sweat

PASADENA—Following in the footsteps of the apostle Paul when he first preached the gospel in Europe, *World Tomorrow* presenter Ronald Kelly and a Television crew visited Greece July 17 to 31.

The crew taped the telecast, "The Unknown God," about the travels and teachings of Paul in Greece. The program is scheduled to air in the United States Nov. 3.

The group taped in the cities of Athens, Kavala (Neapolis in Roman times), Corinth, Delphi, Philippi and Thessalonica.

Feast speakers announced

PASADENA—The following guest speakers were announced for the 1991 Feast of Tabernacles.

U.S. sites

Anchorage, Alaska: Doug Horchak and Joseph Tkach Jr.

Big Sandy: Mike Swagerty and Jeff Barness.

Biloxi, Miss: Francis Bergin and Mark Kaplan.

Caribbean cruise: Tom Oakley, Bill Jacobs and Harold Smith.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: Clint Zimmerman.

Corpus Christi, Tex.: Gerald Waterhouse and Earl Williams.

Dayton, Ohio: Charles Bryce.

Daytona Beach, Fla.: Dean Wilson and Francis Bergin.

Eugene, Ore.: Burk McNair.

Hot Springs, Ark.: Earl Williams and Judd Kirk.

Jekyll Island, Ga.: Steve Botha and Don Lawson.

Keystone, Colo.: Larry Salyer and Ross Beath.

Kona, Hawaii: K.J. Stavrinides and Curtis May.

Lexington, Ky.: Stan Bass.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.: Ken Giese and Victor Kubik.

Norfolk, Va.: Don Lawson and Mark Cardona.

Palm Springs, Calif.: Joseph Tkach Jr. and Greg Albrecht.

Pasadena: Herman Hoeh and Robert Dick.

Pensacola, Fla.: Jeff Barness and Steve Botha.

Rapid City, S.D.: David Albert and Gerald Waterhouse.

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"It is important to note that the emphasis of the program will be on the message of Paul, not his travels," said Mr. Kelly. "We traveled to the places because we wanted to set the scene. But what we want to emphasize is the message that Paul brought."

The last part of the program contrasts two cities: Athens, home to the intellectual elite of the day, and Corinth, nicknamed "sin city."

"We drew on a lot of lessons from that," said Bardett Lucas, producer. "You would have thought that the Athenians would have been the ones to hearken to Paul's message, but they didn't, and in Corinth, the Church was raised up."

Visiting the various archaeological sites in Greece helped the Television crew get a feel for what it was like in Paul's day, one they wouldn't have had otherwise.

"To walk on the same roads as Paul did, to see the kind of countryside that he must have seen and to see the archaeological ruins, really brought the subject to life," Mr. Lucas said.

"Without on-location shooting it is really hard to get a feel for the subject. You have to do so much more explaining, you have to try to describe what it was like, and you have to try to come up with footage that probably doesn't exist."

Challenges in Athens

Although it was not planned this way, the Television crew arrived in Athens when President George Bush and his party did, which made taping more difficult.

"While we were trying to tape some of our segments the security helicopters were going around and

around over the city and it ruined our sound systems," explained Mr. Kelly. "We had to watch the helicopters and when they turned around and went a different direction we had to hurry and try to tape."

"If we didn't get it right, by that time they were coming back around again. It took us about three or four times as long to do our taping because we were constantly having to battle the noise of the helicopters."

Huge sections of roads were roped off for security reasons, backing traffic up considerably. "When we were out trying to do our work, we were in traffic jams that lasted an hour to an hour and a half, and moving along at a snail's pace," Mr. Kelly said.

The permit process

In Greece a permit is necessary to film each archaeological site, and permits can only be obtained in Greece after arrival in the country.

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ON LOCATION—Presenter Ronald Kelly and a Television film crew in Athens, Greece. From left, cameraman Mark Broadwater, audioman Don Conard, Mr. Kelly, Maria Murray from the Travel Office, producer Bardett Lucas and production assistant Wolfgang Thomsen.

Russia on the brink of change

Volunteers peer at Soviet life

By Cliff and Simone Worthing

LENINGRAD—We are about halfway through our stay here and have built some solid, lasting friendships with the people. We already feel sad at the thought of leaving.

The political and economic situation continues to deteriorate and many people are worried by these developments. They feel that there will be major changes soon.

A journalist said he believes the Communists could fall within months and that the republics may split from the union and then reunite apart from communism.

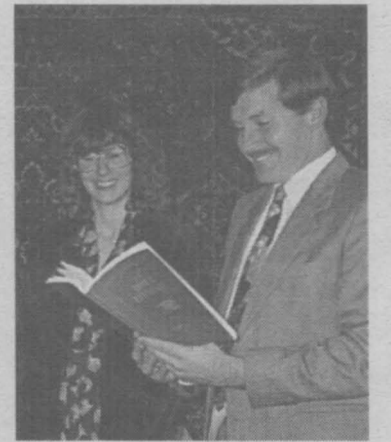
At Radio-Television Leningrad we have witnessed many changes in structure and heard many rumors of retrenchment.

Now, authorities in Leningrad and Moscow are fighting for control of the station and this has led

to a strained atmosphere here, as well as lowering employee morale.

We are unaffected directly by these changes but are careful not to cause problems for our hosts. They still enjoy having us here.

While we have no problem in getting food—cherries, peaches and plums are now available—for most people things are tough.



CLIFF AND SIMONE WORTHING
Prices continue to rise and several more items have been rationed.

Several weeks ago we attended a wedding of a friend here at the station. Presents are given personally at the reception after the presenter has offered a toast, read a poem or given a speech.

Cliff and Simone Worthing, along with Debbie Armstrong and Darlene Reddaway, are on an Ambassador Foundation project at Radio-Television Leningrad.

Interestingly, the bride and groom cannot choose the day of their wedding. They must apply to the state, which then assigns the time and the day for the wedding at the registry. The official cele-

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

When Saddam Hussein attacked Kuwait, the Church did not proclaim: "This is it! This is the beginning of the end!"

Likewise, when the Berlin Wall came down, when Germany reunited and when Berlin became the capital, the Church did not shout, "The end is here!"

Had the Church written exciting articles about how current events portend the immediate beginning of the Great Tribulation, the income of the Work could have increased. It seems that some really get serious about supporting the Work in tithes and offerings when they are scared or frightened about some new development on the world scene.

It would have been easy for

the Church to have done so. After all, hadn't we long expected some of these things to occur?

Yet, before these events took place, God helped us to see clearly that the job of the Church is to preach the gospel and not to use prophecy as a tool to determine the date Christ will return.

Rather, Jesus commanded his disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God—the amazing good news of God's glorious plan for the salvation of mankind through his Son, through whom the children of God will be enabled to enter his everlasting kingdom and be granted eternal life (Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 24:45-47, Acts 28:31).

God has led us to see that the purpose of prophecy is to guide us to him as the One who supervises the course of history, to remind us that he is Judge of all

and that his judgment is surely coming, to assure us of his love, mercy, faithfulness and justice, as well as to encourage us and to reassure us that our faith is not in vain. It should be a motivation to faithful living, not to empty speculation.

Therefore, instead of heralding recent world events as the sure sign of the end, the Church points to the dangerous direction this world is going, to the prophecies of coming judgment on all nations, and to the promise of the return of Jesus Christ.

The Church has encouraged the brethren to remain faithful to their calling in Christ for the rest of their lives, regardless of how many more wars, famines, epidemics, earthquakes, economic collapses or national disasters may occur before Jesus returns.

If we had "taken advantage" of recent events by proclaiming them to be the sure sign of the beginning of the end, which probably would have stirred up excitement and emotion in the Church, income might well have been higher than it is today.

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INSIDE

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Switzerland's role in march to unity

LUCERNE, Switzerland—Here in the most beautiful Alpine federation the issue of Europe's future is being confronted fairly and squarely.

The Swiss, celebrating their 700th anniversary this year, love their country of picturesque mountains, valleys and cities. The young people, in particular, are deeply concerned about environmental issues.

But the Swiss are also practical people. As the political landscape of Europe changes rapidly, the Swiss are no longer caught in the middle between warring neighbors.

Swiss neutrality 'only a tool'

Yesterday (Aug. 8) my wife, Barbara, and I traveled to nearby Bern, the Swiss capital. In the Bundeshaus I talked with Yves Seydoux, a spokesman from the Integrationsbuero (integration office), the agency that coordinates Switzerland's relations with the European Community (EC).

Mr. Seydoux told me the Swiss have no choice but to seriously review some longstanding traditions. In particular, he said, "neutrality is not a goal in itself," but must be seen as "only a tool" which, perhaps, better fit past conditions.

The reality is that Europe is changing. With the end of communism, Europe is at peace except for some internal ethnic unrest. Economically, more than half of Switzerland's trade is with EC members, even though Switzerland is not a member.

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



Mr. Seydoux gave me some official (and illuminating) statements made by his superiors in the integration office. Swiss officials know what the country faces, even though the public has not quite gotten around to facing the issues.

European Economic Area

Briefly put, these officials are convinced that Switzerland must somehow link up with the EC, but realize the public is not yet ready for full membership. Instead, the Swiss government has been promoting the concept of a European Economic Area.

This scheme would link the EC with the much looser economic organization called the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), of which Switzerland is a member. Austria, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and Liechtenstein are also members.

EC-EFTA negotiations have been under way for some time, but have stalled. Meanwhile, two EFTA members, Austria and Sweden, have directly applied for EC membership, which casts doubt on the entire European Economic Area concept.

It is beginning to look like either direct membership in the EC or nothing. The head of the

Swiss integration office, Jacob Kellenberger, admits, "The architecture of Europe will be determined by an expanded and changed EC."

The central issue regarding future European integration for Switzerland and other European countries that are not EC states, continued Mr. Kellenberger, "is that of EC membership, a fact which is disputed less and less." The only doubts, he continued, are whether decisive moves for momentous change should be made now.

Another top Swiss official involved in EC relations is Secretary of State F. Blankart, perhaps the most visible person in this area.

He calls the EC a "juggernaut" on the way toward a greater union, the "center of gravity of the new order" in Europe. Mr. Blankart says Switzerland cannot afford to be left on the sidelines or become a satellite in Europe.

A European Economic Area arrangement may be desirable for the moment, but, he says, "a dispassionate assessment leads me to conclude that in the long term the European architecture will organize itself around the EC."

Can Europe survive without

Switzerland? No doubt, replies Mr. Blankart. The real question, he adds, is: "Can Switzerland survive without Europe? That is the crucial question we will all have to answer in the weeks, months and years to come."

Geographic unity too

The march toward economic, political and even military unity (there is considerable talk concerning EC military intervention in Yugoslavia) is being matched by impressive strides to unite

Europe geographically.

By this I mean several projects under way or in the planning stages to bridge over or tunnel under (or a combination of the two) the last remaining "water gaps" in Europe.

We're all generally familiar with the English Channel Tunnel scheduled for completion in 1993. All three underwater tubes (two rail tunnels and a smaller service tunnel) have now been linked by the work parties approaching from the English and French sides.

What remains now is to finish the tunnel interiors and lay track and all the cabling. But the hard-

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



History repeats itself?

BOREHAMWOOD, England—European history is filled with discernible patterns. Take the Balkans. Tribal squabbles have returned to Yugoslavia with a vengeance.

While Western Europe is uniting politically and economically, Southern Europe and portions of Eastern Europe are currently heading in the opposite direction. Political power is apparently devolving to smaller groups—tribes if you will. In that sense history is repeating itself in these areas.

European columnist Flora Lewis wrote: "While one part of Europe is making new history, another is hurtling itself into tragic old patterns. With Yugoslavs fighting one another, there has been a strange and sudden reversal in some quarters, an almost eager resignation to the idea that the past always wins."

But Flora Lewis is optimistic. She continues: "History is not inevitable. It is made by human decisions. [But] when people are determined to live for the past, that too is a decision."

Master of time

God himself is master of time. Not only is he eternal, the beginning, the end, the infinite, he also has the power to alter history.

Jesus Christ spoke of the cycles of history in the context of his second coming. He said, "What happened at the time of Noah will happen all over again at the time when the Son of man comes" (Luke 17:26, William Barclay translation throughout). Christ is saying here that circumstances will indeed repeat themselves in the future.

But how? "They were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being mar-

ried, right up to the day when Noah entered the ark, and the Flood came and wiped them all out" (verse 27).

Jesus was talking about the behavior of human nature just before a disaster. It sticks its head in the ground like an ostrich and blinds itself to threatening trends and events. That is what happened before the flood in Noah's time, and that same human proclivity will be prevalent leading up to the return of Jesus Christ.

Human behavior unchanged

To reinforce his urgent message Christ says, "In the same way, what happened in the time of Lot will happen all over again."

How? Christ, describing the human behavior in Sodom and Gomorrah before their destruction, said: "They were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building."

"And on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and brimstone rained down from heaven and wiped them all out. It will be exactly the same on the day when the Son of man appears on the stage of history" (verses 28-30).

The Bible clearly warns us that at the second coming of Jesus Christ, vast numbers of mankind will be going about their own day-to-day affairs.

The stubborn grasp of materialism lulls people into ignoring inevitable conclusions. And human attitudes don't change that much with the passing of time.

Jesus Christ will come again. Therefore, we can't afford just to get on with our lives as if that weren't true. We can't afford to be apathetic in a time demanding total commitment. We have to be spiritually aware. We have to have a great purpose in our lives.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

But, you promised!

"I promise, please, trust me." Haven't we all said that?

It is disappointing when someone makes a commitment and doesn't follow through on it, or doesn't do what they had promised they would.

Anger, hurt and resentment may rise to the surface, and understandably so. Others lose confidence in us when we break promises.

If we are honest with ourselves, most of us also know the situation from the other way around. We have determined to do something for someone (or even for God) and then let down on our part of the bargain.

Free offer

A friend of mine was at home one evening when a representative from a newspaper called. The pleasant feminine voice asked if he would take part in a survey. No money would be involved, she assured. In fact, the editor himself wanted to send my friend four weeks of the paper free.

Not one to turn down a free offer, he accepted. In return, he was expected to complete a questionnaire. Fair enough, he thought.

Two days passed with no sign of the paper.

On the third evening, the sweet voice called back. She was chagrined to learn that he had not received the paper, and she promised to resolve the matter.

In the middle of the sixth week, the questionnaire arrived. My friend quickly sent it back with his

impressions of the paper's circulation department.

Another week passed and he received a form letter exhorting him to continue subscribing to the paper, this time paying for it.

In the middle of the seventh week, the sweet voice called again. She thanked him for participating in the survey, and explained at length why he should continue taking the paper. My frustrated friend

We stretch ourselves further than we can possibly reach. We must take a much more careful look at what we are capable of doing—and then do what we say!

finally interrupted to explain the situation.

An embarrassed silence followed.

The postscript to the story is that he is now receiving his four free weeks (but in the evening instead of the morning as he requested.)

Would you subscribe to the paper? Perhaps you would, but his introduction was not exactly an exercise in building credibility.

Desire to please

We often desire to please others, and speak before we think. With the best of intentions, we stretch ourselves further than we can possibly reach. We must take a much more careful look at what we are capable of doing—and

then do what we say!

Here is one an important example that we should all think about. Almost every week at services we hear local and even international prayer requests. Do we really pray for these people?

Also, close friends ask for our prayers from time to time. And so they should. This is in the spirit of James' admonition to "confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another" (James 5:16).

As Christians we should be willing to spend time on our knees for them.

But, sometimes we promise our prayers and then forget all about it. Perhaps we feel overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of people requesting prayers, and so we just lose track.

But too often, we forget all about our promise to pray for the person. What we should do, of

course, is make a note of what we have said we would do, and then go through that person's situation with God in prayer.

Such prayer is not a spur of the moment choice. It is a decision that will bond you closer to others. It is the cement that binds together the spiritual temple of God.

When we tell someone we will pray for them we must follow through on that promise. The person we promised to pray for is depending on our prayers. Just because only we and God may know that we didn't pray, is not a good reason.

God sets the example for us to follow. We can absolutely trust God's promises. When he makes a promise, we can depend on it.

World war in next 10 years?

Greece 43 percent

Spain 48 percent

Luxembourg 56 percent

Germany 61 percent

Portugal 61 percent

Denmark 62 percent

Italy 62 percent

United Kingdom 65 percent

Belgium 68 percent

Ireland 72 percent

France 76 percent

Netherlands 76 percent



In 1990 Gallup International asked citizens in the 12 nations of the European Community about the likelihood of a world war in the next 10 years. The chart represents those who believe a world war will occur.

Pastor general visits Bismarck, N.D.



TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke in Bismarck, N.D., Aug. 3 to 390 brethren from the Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo and Minot, N.D., churches.
Host ministers and wives were Paul and Ronda Luecke, Bismarck, Dickinson and Minot; and Eugene and Sherry Kubik, Fargo.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Malachi's message

The June 24 ... *Worldwide News* was most inspiring. The "Personal" was introspective and quite enlightening. But most important ... was the article on "What the Church teaches about Malachi and his message." Not only was this article superbly written, it narrowed a would-be complex subject down to plain, clear and simple understanding.

As a result, I feel much enlightened now and have a much clearer understanding of the Church's teachings, polices and new doctrinal insights.

A.T.W. Jr.
Port Allen, La.

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Personal: wonderful and inspiring

Thank you for your wonderful, inspiring "Personals." They've been very important in my life in helping me to understand even more of God's great love for us through Jesus Christ and his Church. I'm so encouraged by the changes in the Church ... so that we can go full speed ahead with this great Work that God has entrusted to his people through his son, Jesus Christ, and then to you, Mr. Tkach.

D.K.

Corpus Christi, Tex.

Thank you so very much for your "Personal" in *The Worldwide News* and *The Plain Truth*. They help us get the vision of the length, the width, the depth and the height of God's love.

Truly God is using you [Mr. Tkach] in a most wonderful way. Our daily prayer is that he will continue to give you the wisdom, understanding and a lot of his Holy Spirit as you guide his Work and Church under Christ.

M.G.

Dawson, Tex.

Your "Personals" and letters are so vital to us. We need this ... necessary

and valuable guidance [and] God has appointed you to be our shepherd. I'm referring to your "Personal" of May 13 [*The Worldwide News*].

I know you don't like writing things like this as you said. [But] we ... depend on your guidance and need to know and be protected and warned of things like this by you, our shepherd, and God has given you the authority and ability.

Y.F.
Joliet, Ill.

Your "Personal" in the May 13 *Worldwide News* prompted me to let you know we are behind you all the way. You are in our prayers and we appreciate all you have done and are now doing. We are sure Mr. Armstrong would be pleased.

C.P.
Painted Post, N.Y.

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Inspiring and beneficial

Thank you for the inspiring and beneficial article ["Ancient Israel in Wilderness"] in the June 10 *Worldwide News*. It [spoke] of loyalty and support, not only to our Savior, but also to Mr. Tkach.

The Worldwide News continues to be a source of inspiration, strength and encouragement as well as a source for more effective, detailed prayer for the Work and family. May God continue to lead, inspire and help you in all of what you do in His service.

R.L.B.

San Bernardino, Calif.

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Commencement address

Thank you for sharing in *The Worldwide News* [June 10] the commencement address at Ambassador College. It is a great, rewarding experience for us elderly to read such an address. It is another example of your care for the people in God's Church. We thank you for your

care and for your examples. You are continually in our prayers.

S.S.
Devonport, Tas.

I've just finished your "Personal" in the [June 10] *Worldwide News*. It couldn't have been better written. Truly it was filled with warmth and under-

standing. I know the graduates were highly impressed.

I look at the pictures and feel so happy for them. I too hope they will apply what they have learned to the best of their abilities. They have been greatly blessed.

K.D.
Shreveport, La.

"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.

Is drinking sin?

Thank you so much for the article "Is Drinking a Sin?" [July *Plain Truth*]. So many Christians deliberately distort the truth concerning what the Scriptures say on this subject. I am a diabetic, so I naturally have to abstain from alcohol.

I feel alcohol is scripturally accepted, but only in the context of what you outlined, which is moderate, responsible and appropriate. Thank you for your "lone voice in the wilderness."

W.F.D.
Seattle, Wash.

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Compliments to staff

Thanks to all of you in Pasadena for your time and effort spent to keep God's Work within the funds that come in. God appreciates all you do. He will get the Work done but we must do our part.

A.T.
Barnhart, Tex.

My compliments to the entire staff regarding the quality of the *Plain Truth* magazine; your pursuit of excellence is evident on every page.

M.C.
Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Passing on subscription

I have enjoyed the *Youth* magazine for close to 10 years. I now have a son who I would like to transfer my subscription to. I know he will enjoy the stories and articles for many years to come.

L.J.
Coolidge, Ga.

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Plain Truth: crucial information

Thank you for my free subscription to *The Plain Truth*. It is a wonderful, down-to-earth application of Christian and biblical principles to everyday life.

In the difficult times the world is facing today, the information presented in your publication is a crucial basis for sound Christian decision-making and living. Thanks again for all your effort and dedication.

J.Z.
Ransomville, N.Y.

I very seldom write to express my beliefs, but I just want you to know the *Plain Truth* magazine woke me up. I have been a Christian for a long time but had not been living for God the way a Christian should live.

After reading a few copies of the magazine, I started going back to church and taking active part in my church, helping my fellowman in any way I could. I will say from the bottom of my heart your magazine is one of the best I have ever read.

W.S.
Kerrville, Tex.

Greece

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The Television crew had applied for all necessary permits before leaving on the trip, and Maria Murray, an employee from the Travel Office, went to Greece a few days before the crew to try to help things along.

Shortly after arriving in Athens Mr. Lucas found out their permits had still not been approved and that it would probably take another five days or so.

"They wanted to charge us an outrageous amount for the permits," said Mr. Lucas. "For the kind of work we do and for this particular project it was unheard of. I think they thought we were a motion picture company filming a movie or some other commercial venture where we were going to make a lot of money out of it.

"Everything we had read indicated to us the amount shouldn't

be anything like they were telling us. They were asking something like 10 to 15 times what the amount should have been."

The Television crew asked the committee to reconsider, and in the meantime started shooting everything they could that didn't need permits. When it was finally straightened out the group paid a fraction of what was originally asked.

Mr. Lucas said persistence was the key in obtaining the permits. "My experience in Greece was usually the first answer is no, the second answer is no, the third answer is no, and if you give up, the answer's no," he said. "But if you ask a fourth time, generally the answer is yes."

Sabbath in Athens

One of the highlights of the trip was spending the Sabbath July 20 in Athens with five of the eight members living in Greece. Five members are from the Athens area



SABBATH IN GREECE—A high point of the Television crew's trip was spending the Sabbath in Athens with some of the Church members living in Greece and two visitors from Canada. [Photo by Don Conard]

Speakers

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Redding, Calif.: Donald Ward and Herman Hoeh.

St. Petersburg, Fla.: Jim Peoples.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.: James Friddle.

Spokane, Wash.: David Wainwright and Mike Swagerty.

Tucson, Ariz.: Mike Feazell and Donald Ward.

Vail, Colo.: Ross Beath and Larry Salyer.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.: Victor Kubik and Ken Giese.

International sites

Africa

Ghana: John Bald.

Kenya: Richard Rice.

Nigeria: John Bald.

South Africa (Durban, George, Uvongo and Sonesta): Steven D. Andrews and Robert Fahey.

Asia

India: Abner Washington.

Philippines: Gary Antion and Guy Ames.

Malaysia: Earl Roemer.

Thailand: Dibar Apartian.

Australia

Caloundra: Dennis Luker and David Hulme; **Canberra:** David Hulme, Vernon Hargrove and Dennis Luker; **Hobart:** Dennis Luker; **Perth:** Dennis Luker; **Port Macquarie:** Vernon Hargrove and Olivier Carion; **Ulladulla:** Olivier Carion.

Canada

Penticton: Roger Lippross; **Regina:** Peter Nathan; **Sherbrooke:** Bernard Hongerlout;

Victoria: Randal Dick and Roger Lippross.

Caribbean

Bahamas: Randy Schreiber and Ralph Levy.

Barbados: Larry Greider.

Dominica: Karl Beyersdorfer.

Grenada: Dennis Robertson.

Guadeloupe: William Bentley and Dan Samson.

Guyana: David Johnson.

Haiti: Coty Myrtill.

Jamaica: Selmer Hegvold.

Martinique: William Bentley and Dan Samson.

St. Lucia: Bill Rabey.

Trinidad: Gene Hogberg.

Europe

Belgium: Richard Ames.

England (Bournemouth and Paignton): Russell Duke and Richard Frankel; (**Scarborough):** Richard Frankel.

France: Richard Ames.

Germany (Bonndorf): Rod Dean and Brian Hoyt; (**Goslar):** Brian Hoyt.

Italy: Ron Kelly and Al Ker-sha.

Ireland: Russell Duke.

Malta: Ron Kelly and Al Ker-sha.

Netherlands: Pieter Michielsen.

Middle East

Jordan: Dan Hooser, Ron Reedy and Leroy Neff.

New Zealand

Dunedin and Napier: Bernard Schnippert.

Spanish sites

Chile: Raul Ramos.

Costa Rica: Ken Smylie.

Puerto Rico: Craig Bacheller and Ralph Levy.

Venezuela: Larry Hinkle.

and three are from Thessalonica, about 7 1/2 hours north of Athens. Each knew at least enough English to carry on a conversation.

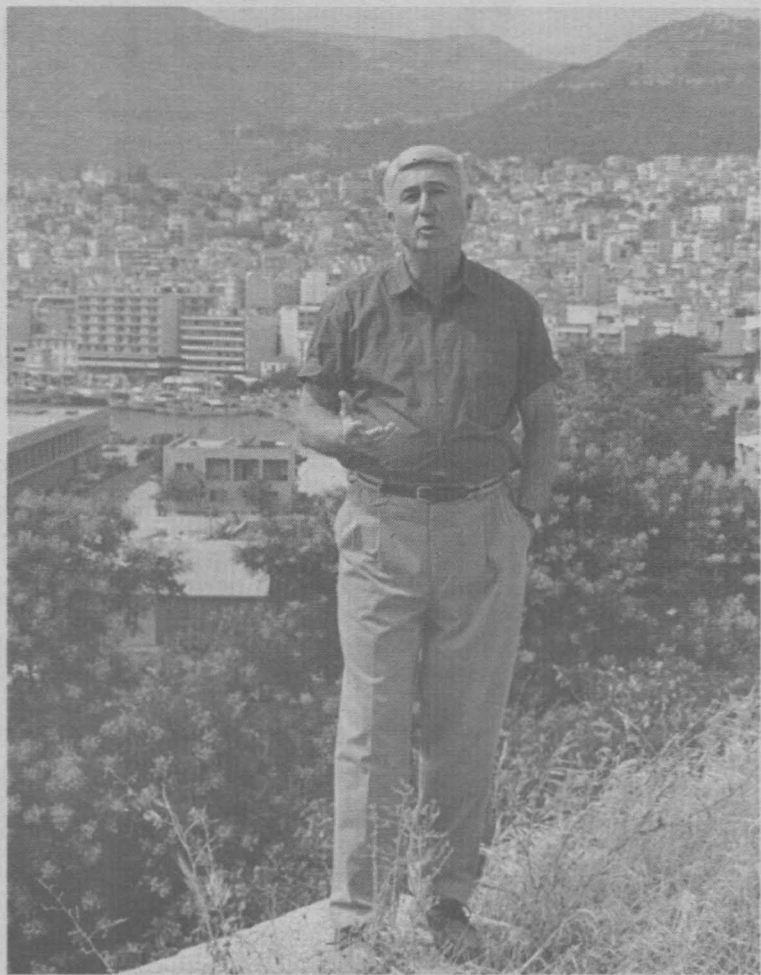
Mr. Kelly conducted Sabbath services for the Television crew and the Greek members in a room reserved downstairs at their hotel.

"It was special because they don't have a regular minister, and normally listen to tapes in their homes on the Sabbath," said Mr. Lucas. "It turned out to be a real blessing, not only because we were able to meet them and they inspired us, but also, hopefully, because we were inspiring to them too."

One of the Greek members, Pandyoita Piska from Thessalonica, who is fluent in both English and Greek, assisted the crew. She went with them on their trips to Thessalonica and Kavala, and helped with translation, negotiation for permits and even with selecting sites for shoots.

"Pandyoita was part of the crew," Mr. Lucas said. "Since she's from Thessalonica, she knows it like the back of her hand. We did not have a tour guide in Thessalonica, so she was helpful to have around."

Other members of the crew were Mark Broadwater, cameraman; Don Conard, audioman; and Wolfgang Thomsen, production assistant.



TAPING IN ATHENS—Presenter Ronald Kelly tapes in Athens, where the apostle Paul found the altar to the Unknown God. The telecast will be titled by the same name. [Photo by Don Conard]

Unity

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est part is essentially finished.

The English Channel Tunnel is by no means the only project of this nature. Traveling across Denmark at the end of July, Barbara and I saw another enormous undertaking. The territory of Denmark is divided between the Jutland peninsula (above Germany's Schleswig-Holstein state) on the west, the island of Fyn (Funen) in the middle and the island of Sjælland (Zealand) on the east.

It has always been a time-consuming ordeal to travel from Copenhagen on the east side of Sjaelland westward to the rest of Denmark.

A bridge over the "little belt" separating Jutland and Fyn has been in place since the 1930s, but the much larger water gap known as the "big belt" (*Store Baelt* in Danish), requiring a 55-minute ferry ride, has presented a difficult barrier—until now.

Now, the great belt link has begun, involving a combination rail-and-road thoroughfare. On the west side of the project, rail and road traffic will be carried on a

four-mile-long bridge consisting of 63 linked spans, each resting on a deep caisson. I was able to photograph from the ferry some of the first spans being put into place.

The real marvel of the project is the link on the eastern side of the great belt. From Sprogø to Sjaelland, the rail lines submerge in undersea tubes similar to the English Channel Tunnel. Road traffic, on the other hand, is to be carried on another bridge complex in the middle of which is to be a soaring suspension bridge containing the longest single span in the world. This span will allow ship traffic to sail unimpeded through this heavily used waterway.

The rail portion of the great belt link, speeding trains across in seven minutes, is scheduled to be completed in 1994, with the road portion, involving an 11-minute ride, to be completed in 1997.

This is not all in the way of Europeans' attempts to overcome their geography. Denmark and Sweden are expected to agree to construct a fixed link across "The Sound" between Copenhagen and southern Sweden, a distance nearly as wide as the great belt.

Environmental and cost concerns seem to be holding it up at

the moment, but most experts believe this last significant water gap will eventually be overcome. (Another contemplated project, the Fehmarn Belt Link, will tie southeastern Denmark to Germany, providing a speedy continental shortcut to Sweden. It will also move Denmark from the fringe of continental Europe almost to the center.)

When the fixed link across The Sound is finally built, reported the November 1990 issue of *Europe*, it will be possible "to drive from Lapland in northernmost Scandinavia to Calabria in southern Italy. It would end millennia of geographic isolation for the three Nordic nations north of the Baltic—Sweden, Norway and Finland. And it would be a powerful, tangible symbol that these nations are ending their political isolation from the rest of Europe and linking themselves to the Continent's future."

That last point is a most important one. These great engineering enterprises serve as a symbol of Europeans' attempts to overcome their more significant "gaps over the mind" in the areas of cultural and ethnic heritage, politics and social thinking. These gaps present much stiffer challenges.

Sports, academics, speaking, lifesaving

Media note members, teens

MERCER, Pa.—Paul Fedorchak, who attends the Youngstown, Ohio, church, was awarded a four-year basketball scholarship to Westminster College in Pennsylvania.

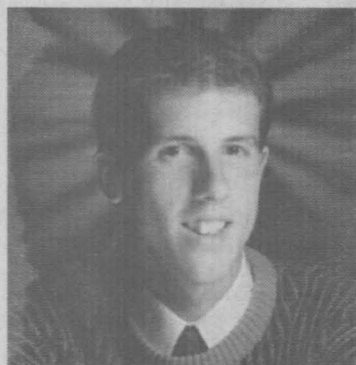
Ron Galbreath, Westminster coach, said: "He [Paul] is a good person. He takes a strong stand on his religion and his academics, which reflects on how he'll play on the court," according to an article by Irene Biers in the Greenville, Pa., *Record-Argus*.

Paul expects no conflicts between the Sabbath and playing basketball at Westminster.

It was different in high school though. Paul said that the past year was "the worst year" he ever had. His high school basketball coach had a hard time with the fact that he was not

there on Friday and Saturday.

"It has been like this since I was little," Paul said. "The other



PAUL FEDORCHAK

kids [on the team] don't care. It doesn't bother any of them. [Religion] is really important to me. I didn't ever think that it

would become a problem."

Paul is the son of Paul and Penny Fedorchak of the Youngstown church.

SUMMERLAND, B.C.—Erik Lundell, a student at Summerland Secondary School, received honorable mention in the Canada-wide Science Fair May 12-19 in Vancouver, B.C., according to the May 29 *Summerland Review*.

"It has almost become a tradition for Erik Lundell's name to be mentioned at the award ceremonies of the Canada-wide Science Fair," wrote Gary Hickling. "Lundell again captured the spotlight this year."

For his project, "Artificially Intelligent Solar Tracking," Erik received a \$1,000 award from the (See MEDIA, page 5)

Feast: Here are guidelines for spending second tithe

By Joseph W. Tkach Jr.

If you have been faithfully saving your second tithe, now you must consider how to spend it (Deuteronomy 14:22-26). Here are some points to remember.

Evangelist Joseph W. Tkach Jr. is director of Church Administration U.S.

It is the wage earner's responsibility to carefully plan the financial aspect of the Feast. In a family, a husband and wife should discuss their plans to be prepared for all expenses.

One of our initial responsibilities is to send in a tithe of our second tithe to the Festival Office. This allows the Church to have funds in advance to make arrangements for the choice of Feast sites and motels and obtain equipment for musical performances.

By now we should have found accommodations that will meet our family's needs, yet are reasonable for the amount of second tithe we have.

The next consideration typically

is travel arrangements. Many drive to the Feast, leading to the question, "How much is appropriate to spend to prepare my car for such a journey?"

A simple approach is to spend no more on preparing your vehicle than it would cost to rent a car of the appropriate size for your family.

It should be obvious that you should not purchase airline tickets and have insufficient funds remaining to feed and entertain your family. But it seems that each year a few ignore this obvious point.

What about gifts?

A frequently posed question is, "How much can I spend on a gift for my wife or children?" This question takes many forms. Some ask if it is appropriate to buy bicycles, jewelry, clothing or toys. Here are three guidelines to follow.

1) Will purchasing the item adversely affect the amount of money for travel, housing and meals?

2) Will purchasing the item assist in the physical and spiritual appreciation of the Feast?

3) Will the purchase of the item assist in focusing on the family at the Feast of Tabernacles?

Let's look at the notion of buying a bicycle for your child in the light of these three guidelines. The individual finds that 1) sufficient second tithe is available, and 2) feels it will help the child appreciate the Feast. The third guideline will answer the question for you. "Will the gift of the bicycle increase the focus on the family during the Feast?"

The answer depends on a few variables. Will the child be apt to ride the bicycle much of the time during the Feast, which would keep the child away from the fellowship of the family, or is this going to be an occasion when Dad spends extra time with the child teaching him or her how to ride for the first time? Will he or she enjoy the company of other children while riding?

It should be obvious that what is acceptable for one family may not be as wise for another family.

In any case, the Feast should not become a form of Christmas. While it is not wrong to buy gifts for family and friends, this can happen if we focus on buying gifts for everyone.

The Feast is not the time to replace your wardrobe, but if you are prudent with your second tithe, a new dress or sweater or even a new suit is a nice item to purchase. It serves as a physical reminder of the Feast each time you wear it during the next year.

Excess second tithe

Another question that arises is, "What should I do with my excess second tithe?" This is another one of those questions that takes many forms, such as: "May I save my excess second tithe to supplement

the amount I will have for next year? May I give some of my second tithe to others whom I know do not have much? Do I turn in all of my excess tithe? May I supplement my offering with second tithe?"

Again, there are guidelines we can use to assist in answering the questions for ourselves. Do you have significant excess second tithe? People who find themselves in this state could focus their attention on hosting an occasion or two and entertaining others who may not have the same abundance.

For those who wish to financially assist others, here is a guideline: Do you know the reasons why another individual does not have a sufficient amount of second tithe? That you desire to help another person or family is honorable; however, a person may be paying the penalty for mishandling finances, and your invitation to assist without knowing the facts may not help that person. Seek

ministerial counsel before giving large sums of money to others.

Supplementing your offering with second tithe is certainly permissible. The amount is strictly up to the individual. The giving of any offering is a personal form of worship in which you thank God for the blessing received during the year. You must consider that you have a sufficient amount of second tithe to return home and an additional amount in case of an emergency.

What about the possibility of keeping the Feast in an exotic setting the following year? Carrying over a reasonable amount of second tithe to make such an event possible can be discussed with your pastor.

By using these few principles you should be able to answer many of your own questions about what is the proper use of your second tithe. If you are uncertain of the use of second tithe, you should certainly seek the advice of the ministry.

Media

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Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics and a \$200 award from the Solar Energy Society of Canada, Inc.

Erik is one of 13 British Columbia national finalists chosen to participate in a Pacific Rim student travel program to Japan, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Erik and his parents, Fred and Barb Lundell, attend the Penticton, B.C., church.

FORT MYERS, Fla.—Ken Medford, a member here, saved two children from drowning in the Gulf of Mexico.

According to the May 29 *News Press*, when Mr. Medford saw a strong current sweep the children past a rock jetty and into turbulent Blind Pass, he dove in, endangering his own life.

Just swimming out to where the children were was exhausting. The children were also tired, and Mr. Medford didn't have the energy to carry both back to shore.

His solution was to swim a few yards toward the shore, let the children follow, then swim a few more yards and let the children follow.

When they got about 10 feet from the jetty, another man jumped in and took the children out of the water.

Mr. Medford spent several

hours recovering at the Cape Coral Hospital emergency room. He is fine now, but doctors told him that "if he was a smoker, not in so good shape, or older, that he would have died."

CORNER BROOK, Nfld.—Jennifer Fudge, daughter of Violet Fudge and the late Cecil Fudge, won first place for her speech, "Recycling—the Right Thing to Do" at the Lions Club Annual Speak Off March 7.

According to the *Corner Brook Western Star* Jennifer said the three Rs are important—reduce, reuse and recycle.

She encouraged listeners to car



JENNIFER FUDGE

pool, turn off equipment when not in use, bring their own mugs to work instead of using Styrofoam cups and to use paper lunch sacks more than once.

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.

FEAST SITES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS

U.S. sites

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Harold Rhodes
Box 172
Hixson, Tenn., 37343
1-615-877-5266
Parking

Dayton, Ohio

Dale Schurter
Box 481
Tipp City, Ohio, 45371
1-513-667-3774
Ushering

Jekyll Island, Ga.

Jim Chapman
Box 24887
Jacksonville, Fla., 32241
1-904-262-2493
All departments

Kona, Hawaii

Mike Leaver
41 562 Humuniki St.
Waimanalo, Hawaii, 96795
1-808-259-5994
All departments

Lexington, Ky.

Jess Ernest
4318 Courtesy Lane
Batavia, Ohio, 45103
1-513-732-1395
All departments

Norfolk, Va.

Robert Jones
900 Copley Ct.

Chesapeake, Va., 23320

1-804-479-1177
Auditorium, first aid

Redding, Calif.

Ross Flynn
56 Plumwood Ct.
Chico, Calif., 95928
1-916-894-3844
Ushering, first aid, parking, security

St. Petersburg, Fla.

Roy Holladay
10796 Oakdale Ter.
Seminole, Fla., 34642
1-813-393-6881
All departments

Spokane, Wash.

Gil Goethals
Auditorium department head
Box 527
Seabeck, Wash., 98380
1-206-830-0127
Ushering

Tucson, Ariz.

Steve Buchanan
4651 N. Keet Seel Trail
Tucson, Ariz., 85749
1-602-749-0885
All departments

Vail, Colo.

Doug Horchak
10253 W. 77th Dr.
Arvada, Colo., 80005
1-303-423-8131
Ushering, security, parking

Canadian sites

Halifax, N.S.

Alan Redmond
Site 6, Box 30, RR No. 1
Sydney Forks, N.S.
Canada B0A 1W0
1-902-562-5159
Ushering

David Smith

Box 459
Foxtrap, Nfld.
Canada A0A 2J0
1-709-834-5343
Parking

Penticton, B.C.

Dean Neuls
RR 1, Site 8, Comp 36
Peachland, B.C.
Canada V0H 1X0
1-604-767-2721
All departments

Victoria, B.C.

Gordon Graham
9430 63rd Ave.
Grande Prairie, Alta.
Canada T8W 2E9
1-403-538-2438
Parking

Roy Page

2781 Violet St.
North Vancouver, B.C.
Canada V7H 2L7
1-604-929-8850
Ushering, first aid, security, setup, cleanup

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone no.: _____

Festival housing: _____

Please check the areas in which you have experience and wish to help:

Special Music/Instruments Ushering

First Aid Security P/A-Technical

Other: _____

Comments: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

PERSONAL

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But God has shown us, by more than 50 years of experience, that this is not the appropriate approach. Our zeal for the return of Christ (which is good) must not become misguided into making predictions about what Jesus has not given us to know (Acts 1:7).

A commitment to transform

Yes, the true gospel, which proclaims the necessity of a *lifetime commitment* to Jesus Christ, involves a commitment that totally transforms everything we think, do and live for in this life and that continues forever in the next.

To some people, this does not seem as exciting or as important as the momentary thrills of witnessing frightening things happening on the world scene. But it should not be frightening events that form the foundation of our commitment to God.

Before he left the Church, one man asked his parents, "Give me a call when the Church leaves for the place of safety." To him, the most important thing the Church of God had to offer was physical protection from future trouble.

He was not interested in a changed life. Commitment to God was of no real concern to him. Recognition of his own sinfulness and need for God's grace had no place in his life. The truly important thing to him was merely physical escape from the trouble to come.

I hope few are like that man. I know most of God's people are deeply excited by the glorious truth of God's love in reconciling the world to himself through Jesus Christ.

As the Spirit of God leads us, we yearn for the kingdom of God so much that we, like the saints of all the ages before us, are truly committed to loving him, to serving him, to overcoming our own vanity, selfishness, greed, lust, envy and prejudices.

The Holy Spirit leads us to be so filled with the things of God that we never cease working hard to improve our marriages, to break sinful habits, to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Events on the world scene serve to motivate us toward even greater commitment, but they are far from the major reason we worship and obey our Father in heaven, who gave his Son for our redemption and who has promised us everlasting life in his eternal kingdom!

What is true commitment? For one thing, true commitment is *for life*. As God's people know, true commitment is not just for the good times. It is not just for the times when it is convenient, when things are going our way.

True commitment is what gets us through the tough times, the worrisome times, the frightening times, as well as the easier times.

Lack of true commitment, though, is one reason so many *have trouble in their marriages*. Similarly, lack of true commitment is why some have trouble remaining faithful to Christ as a member of his affi-

anced bride—the Church.

A commitment to the Work

We know that during this recession the income of the Church is down somewhat. All this year, it has remained at about 3.5 percent less than last year. We have taken positive steps that have enabled us to live within that figure. Yet, at some point, inflation will demand more cutbacks unless at least a modest increase occurs from year to year.

Certainly, the major reason for this decrease is the economic recession in the United States. In spite of the recession, God's people have been wonderfully generous and faithful, and income has been steady and dependable.

It is clear to me that God's

Some brethren are without jobs or have been forced to take lower-paying jobs. Some have been hit with unexpected expenses. Many have had to face increased prices and expenses with no raise in pay for years.

All these take their toll on our brethren and on the income of the Work. Most of the brethren are doing all they reasonably can. But for those of you who are *able*, who can give a little more during this time, I do hope you will not put the needs of God's Work at the bottom of your priority list.

We cannot continue indefinitely at this level of income without taking further serious steps to reduce expenses, which will mean that the true gospel, the true message of hope in this

could see that we are living in dangerous times, and I wanted to have God's protection."

That is good, I say. But the questions we should all ask ourselves, regardless of why we came into the Church, are these: Why do we *stay* in the Church? Why do we *continue* in the Christian life? Has our understanding matured to the point that it is now our personal relationship with God through our Savior Jesus Christ that is the primary focus of our life? If it has not matured to that point, then we are not yet true Christians.

We should all understand this vital point. God did not call us to save our skins. He did not call us to deliver us from physical persecution or from the consequences of warfare or disease

Has our understanding matured to the point that it is now our personal relationship with God through our Savior Jesus Christ that is the primary focus of our life?

people definitely respond to the needs of the Church because their commitment to Jesus Christ is indeed for the rest of their lives! It does not take fear of the immediate beginning of the Tribulation to put our hearts into the Work. Our hearts are in the Work because we are led by the Holy Spirit to worship God and to do his will, and we are fully committed to that course *forever!*

This world is definitely a dangerous place. But, again, God has not shown us how many more calamities, how many more disasters, earthquakes, wars, invasions or depressions will take place before Christ returns.

Regardless of what the future holds, God's people will endure to the end. We are called to Christ for eternity. God's faithfulness, his love toward us, has no bounds. Our response to his love must be unending and without reservation.

This recession has been hard for many. I have not pressured the brethren for additional offerings. Yet I hope none are withholding tithes and offerings because they don't hear the Church proclaiming that the Tribulation is just about to begin.

Brethren, I must respond to the word of God. So must you. One man suggested that some may be holding back God's tithes because they disagree with decisions the Church has made. I find that hard to believe.

If such is the case, I am sure that it is the tiny minority, because God's Spirit moves us to *unity*, not to disunity.

Withholding tithes is an affront to God. What God's children give to him is given out of a pure and undefiled heart. God's people do not give or withhold according to how they judge God to be leading his Church. They honor God with their substance and trust him in prayerful faith to lead his Church the way *he* sees fit.

As you know, we made preparations for this recession so that we *would not find ourselves in a crisis* during this period. Even if the recession is presently lifting, it will take some time before its effects begin to wear off.

dying world, will not be able to *reach out* as far as we had hoped. Now is an important time to help the Work if you are able.

As you know, I have taken steps to strengthen the vital spiritual message that *The Plain Truth* and *The World Tomorrow* contain—to stir people up about the seriousness of their need to repent before God.

And another new, and I believe exciting, development: When public Bible lectures are scheduled in a given locality, we will be seeing in that area an advertisement at the end of the telecast announcing the time and place the lectures will be held!

This will enable interested viewers who choose to attend the lectures to increase their understanding of the gospel, to meet members of the Church and to have personal contact with a minister!

Serious about serving God

God has called us to a *new way of life*, a way that is to endure for all eternity. It really should not take a disaster, a crisis or an emergency to get us excited about drawing close to God, about overcoming personal sins, about earnest prayer, about studying the Bible.

It should not only be times of fear, worry or concern that cause us to get serious about serving God.

Of course, sometimes our weak human minds do have trouble, it seems, getting truly stirred up about doing the things of Christ, about proving our love for God by the positive action of loving our neighbors (I John 4:20-21). But again, it should not take an earthquake, an outbreak of war or some other frightening thing to get us going.

Do we believe that God's word is not true unless we see some tangible "proof" of fulfilled prophecy on the world scene? Do we need scare tactics, like some modern, would-be prophets use, to keep us excited about the wonderful truth of God's message? The answer is, of course not! Not if we are truly the people of God.

"But Mr. Tkach," someone might say, "I came into the Church because of reading our booklets about prophecy. I

epidemics. He called us to deliver us from sin and to give us eternal life in his everlasting kingdom. And he told us very plainly that "if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together" (Romans 8:17, New King James).

God promises to *see us through* hard times, not to prevent them. He promises to give us hope, courage and confidence in the face of trials, problems and persecution. He did not promise to take all these away—not until that glorious day for which we long and pray when Jesus Christ will return, bringing our reward with him.

How much do we love God? God loves us so much that he gave his Son for our redemption, so that we may be washed clean from sin and grow spiritually to the point that we ultimately become like our Savior in glory and perfection. If we love God, John wrote, we will obey him, which means we will love our brother (I John 2:5-11).

Yet God never forces us to obey him. He simply gives us power to choose what we will. In his love, he wants us to obey him so that we will become like him and will stand in the light of his glory as partakers of his divine nature, his own glorified children.

But how seriously do we take such amazing promises? Does our conduct reflect our heartfelt

gratitude for what God has done and is doing in us and for us?

Are our lives truly wrapped up in Jesus Christ? Are we truly "into" doing his Work—that of sharing his wonderful good news, the gospel, with others?

God has given us two major ways of sharing his gospel, of proclaiming the good news of Christ's suffering and death, of his resurrection, of repentance and remission of sins and of Jesus' second coming to rule the nations (Luke 24:46-49).

One is through the Work of the Church, the organized effort to which we all collectively contribute, which includes *The Plain Truth*, the telecast, booklets, brochures, the correspondence course, articles, letters, public Bible lectures, training ministers for the local congregations, Ambassador College, programs for youths and other programs of the Church.

The second major way God has given us of sharing the gospel is by the fruit of our lives in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, our shining light as we live by every word of God, as we live the life of love for our neighbor.

These two ways are intertwined. Each one strengthens and edifies the other. The more we live as Jesus commanded, in humility, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, mercy and hope—all made pure by love—the more our hearts will be dedicated to the collective Work of reaching out to all the world with the gospel message.

Likewise, the more we dedicate ourselves to the joyous Work of the gospel, the more we will be personally motivated toward making the transforming truth of the gospel a reality in our own personal lives.

Brethren, let's take *seriously* the Work God has given us to do. It is the most important thing we could be doing. God has called us to a *lifetime* of service—service that will grow and grow until the time when it will blossom into a glorious eternity of perfection and righteousness in the presence of God.

Let's not wait for the next shocking development on the world scene to draw close to our God and Savior. We are his elect, his own special nation.

Together let's march forward as God's army, keeping the goal of our faith ever before our eyes, never slackening the pace as we draw closer and closer to that glorious day!

Volunteers

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brant does a wedding every 15 minutes and sometimes the wedding parties are lined up waiting for their turn.

Darlene Reddaway attended the funeral of a friend a few weeks ago. Most noticeable among those who grieved, she said, was the need for consolation concerning the fate of the deceased, a consolation atheistic communism is not able to offer.

Here, in a largely atheistic world, death severs relationships permanently. Memories and a void are left behind by the deceased, no comfort for those mourning the loss of a loved one, said Darlene.

Estonia

We traveled to Estonia in June

to meet with a Church member and several prospective members in Tartu. The member was glad to see us because he had had no real contact with the Church for about seven months. We took with us audio tapes of services, recorded in Pasadena, which were translated into Estonian.

Among the group some spoke English but others knew only Estonian or Russian. Nevertheless, we managed to communicate with them and hope to visit the group regularly.

The Estonians are economically better off than the Russians and before we left we got supplies of butter and cheese.

Politically, the situation here is a powder keg. The Estonians despise the Russians and are determined to have independence.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—The Pasadena Rotary Club named Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** an honorary Rotarian July 17 for the fifth year in a row.

Each year the Pasadena Rotary Club selects for this honor three or four prominent individuals in the Pasadena area who have been active in community service.

During the presentation Mr. Tkach spoke to the 400 Rotary members about his support of Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self" (the Rotary motto) and talked about his trips to visit churches and what world conditions he personally sees on those trips.

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PASADENA—*World Tomorrow* presenter **David Hulme** traveled to Atlanta, Ga., and Cleveland, Ohio, July 16 to 18 to conduct interviews for a telecast about adultery.

Interviews were conducted with **Frank Pittman**, author of *Private Lies: Love & Betrayal*, and **Shere-lynn Lehman** and **Daniel Dolesh**, authorities on marriage and the effects of adultery.

"In researching this topic, we learned that between 60 and 70 percent of all marriages in the United States will experience adultery," Mr. Hulme said. "Dr. Pittman confirmed that 90 percent of all divorces involve some form of infidelity."

"The interviews provided confirmation of the biblical teachings on monogamy," he continued. "These contacts will assist in making this telecast a strong testimony to the strength of Scripture in helping marriages work."

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PASADENA—A reunion for graduates of the class of 1971, Ambassador College at Brickwood, England, took place here July 31 to Aug. 5.

Fifty alumni and their families were in attendance, some having traveled from England, Australia, Canada, Kenya and Ghana.

Activities included an opening night reception and slide show, an outing to Laguna Beach and a farewell coffee and cake gathering.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to get together with old friends and renew acquaintances," said **Tom Lapacka**, coordinator of the reunion.

"It was interesting to note that friendships that were born 20 years ago are just as strong today."

PASADENA—**Barry Gridley**, director of Publishing Services, and **Skip Dunn**, Publication Services manager, toured R.R. Donnelley printing facilities in Mattoon, Ill., and Daytona, Fla., July 15 and 16.

R.R. Donnelley prints the United States, Caribbean and Spanish editions of *The Plain Truth*. Plans were made to move the printing of the Spanish edition from the Mattoon facility to the new facility in Daytona.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office made these announcements about the 1991 Festival of Tabernacles.

The site at Sherbrooke, Que., has reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted.

There has been a change in the location of Sabbath services before the Feast, Sept. 21, in Redding, Calif. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Foothill High School, 2200 Eureka Way.

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AKRON, Ohio—The Akron singles invite all singles to a formal dinner dance, "Classic Elegance," Nov. 2, beginning at 6 p.m.

Advance admission price for the dinner-dance is \$26 a person, and must be received by Oct. 26. Admission for the dance only is \$10 if paid in advance and \$12 at the door. Dinner reservations are limited to 300 people.

Other activities planned for the weekend include a singles Bible study Saturday morning, to be conducted by guest speaker **Gary Antion**, dean of students at Ambassador College; and a break-

fast buffet and seminar on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at a cost of \$7 a person.

For information call **Shari Dees** at 1-216-253-2033 weekdays after 6 p.m.

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SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose singles invite single members to their eighth annual singles weekend Feb. 15 and 16.

A special singles-only Sabbath service is planned with a guest speaker from headquarters, followed by a full course meal, talent show and semiformal dance that evening. Sunday's activities include a brunch, folk dancing, Bible study and a sing-along.

Costs for the weekend are \$22 if paid by Dec. 1, \$30 if paid between Dec. 1 and 31, and \$40 thereafter. Checks should be made payable to **Sharon Tolentino** and sent to her at 4025 Luneta Dr., San Jose, Calif., 95136. The limit is 325 people.

For further information or to sign up for the talent show, call **William Horn** at 1-408-265-2512, or write to **John Jester** at 6166 Cottle Rd., No. C-2, San Jose, Calif., 95123-5108.

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.—The theme of the Family Day this year at the Corpus Christi Feast site will be "Through the Eyes of Texas." Feastgoers are invited to dress up in Western clothing, participate in games for all ages, view a Western magic show, listen to Texas stories and enjoy Texas-style music.

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WACO, Tex.—The Waco congregation celebrated its 20th anniversary with a reception after Sabbath services July 27.

Mark Gully, Waco pastor, read a letter by **Herbert W. Armstrong** announcing the opening of the Waco church and greetings from ministers who had served in the area.



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

PASADENA—Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path), a Maoist revolutionary group attempting to destroy Peru's civilian government, is creating social turmoil by targeting elected officials, police and religious workers.

Up until now, Shining Path's

attacks have been in the countryside, where they have gained support from rural peasants, according to evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

Now the rebel group has widened its attacks to include Lima, the Peruvian capital, formerly a haven for war refugees.

In May the visiting boss of a member in Peru was killed right outside the building where he worked.

He was a Canadian, and he directed the efforts of a relief agency.

Reginald Killingley, who works in the Spanish Department and formerly pastor of the Lima church, said: "The member, who worked as a secretary there, has been very concerned that the terrorists would target other staff members.

"Foreign religious workers seem especially vulnerable. They are seen by Sendero as either agents or tools of imperialism, oppression and exploitation."

Mr. Killingley continued, "Even our minister in Peru, a native Peruvian, has to be very circumspect and cautious when traveling, not to trumpet his religious affili-

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WPTY Memphis, Tenn.	Sunday, 7 a.m.

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KTVU San Francisco, Calif.	Saturday, 6:30 a.m.
KCRG Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KTBS Shreveport, La.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
WSMH Flint, Mich.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
KOLN Lincoln, Neb.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
WHIO Dayton, Ohio	Sunday, 8 a.m.
KTUL Tulsa, Okla.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
WIS Columbia, S.C.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
WATE Knoxville, Tenn.	Sunday, 11 a.m.
WFAA Dallas, Tex.	Sunday, noon
KHTV Houston, Tex.	Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
KRIV Houston, Tex.	Sunday, 7 a.m.
WMTV Madison, Wis.	Sunday, 10:35 a.m.

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WATL Atlanta, Ga.	Sept. 1
WVIT Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 25
KSAS Wichita, Kan.	Aug. 11
WJTV Jackson, Miss.	Sept. 21
WHBQ Memphis, Tenn.	Aug. 25
KBMT Beaumont, Tex.	Sept. 8

Group photographs were taken of pioneer members.

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SASKATOON, Sask.—The church here celebrated its 25th anniversary March 2 and 3.

Guest speakers at Sabbath services were evangelist **Frank Brown**, Canadian regional director, and **James Wells**, one of the first ministers to serve in the area.

Activities included a dinner Saturday evening, and a pancake breakfast and presentation Sunday.

BIG SANDY—**Greg S. Smith**, assistant director of Academic Publications at Ambassador College, received a DESI award, sponsored by *Graphic Design: USA* magazine, for the cover design of the 1990-91 student pictorial.

The cover features a graphic depiction of the number 91, made of flags from countries represented in the student body. The cover was displayed at the New York Art Directors' Club July 24-31 and will be featured in the December issue of *Graphic Design: USA*.

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Philippine volcano update

While no members were injured during the Mt. Pinatubo volcanic eruptions, five members' homes were destroyed and five were damaged significantly.

Of the 160 brethren evacuated after the eruption, the majority are still living in temporary quarters with relatives or members.

Around 30 members are out of work as a result of the eruption. A further number will be affected by the closing of Clark Air Base by the American military and will need to find alternative employment, which will not be easy.

Many farmers will not be able to use their land for a long time, and conditions will continue to be difficult throughout the wet season as the frequent heavy rains turn the ash to mud, causing mudslides and blocking channels and drains.

The future of the Angeles City church is undecided. Angeles City was heavily affected by the volcanic mudflows, and the city's population of 190,000 has been cut in half.

Vanuatu work permit needed

Emori Toloi, a deacon in Fiji, had applied for a work permit so he could live in Vanuatu, but the job he was hoping for fell through, and so did his work permit.

Vanuatu is a group of islands in the southwest Pacific Ocean. The church there consists of 40 people, and Mr. Toloi would be a welcome addition to serving the brethren.

"He is planning to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Vanuatu and will spend some time there

before and after the Feast seeking to obtain another suitable job," said **Rex Morgan**, pastor of the Whangarei, New Zealand, church.

"If he can get a job, the work permit should follow without a problem, but jobs are hard to come by for Fijians in Vanuatu, so continued prayers would be gratefully appreciated."



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Ministerial Ordinations

Michael Booze ,	a preaching elder in the Buffalo South and Olean, N.Y., churches, was ordained a pastor July 20.
Gary Elliot ,	of the Phoenix, Ariz., North church, was ordained a local church elder July 20.
John Larkin ,	a preaching elder in the Buffalo, N.Y., North church, was ordained a pastor July 20.
Jerry Lee ,	a deacon in the Nassau, N.Y., church, was ordained a local church elder July 20.
Arthur Mavros ,	a deacon in the Sydney, N.S.W., South church, was ordained a local church elder July 6.
Bruce Meacham ,	a deacon in the Lewiston, Idaho, church, was ordained a local church elder July 13.
Mathew Morgan ,	of the Pasadena West P.M. church, was ordained a local elder July 27.
John Moskel ,	a preaching elder in the Buffalo, N.Y., North church, was ordained a pastor July 27.
Leslie Schmedes ,	a preaching elder in the Cincinnati, Ohio, Central church, was ordained a pastor Aug. 3.
Raul Reyes ,	of the Pasadena Norte church, was ordained a local elder July 27.

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