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**WALKING TALL**—The untiring efforts of Ambassador volunteer Rebecca Foote create hope for a Jordanian child—for today and for his future. This is just one story among many spotlighting the fruits borne by the Ambassador Foundation. [Photo by Greg S. Smith]

## Building bridges, forging bonds among Foundation's many fruits

By Becky Sweat

In Nepal, Thailand and Malaysia it is illegal to preach Christianity to the native population, yet the gospel message is getting through.

Since 1983, Ambassador Foundation International has delivered the gospel message to these and other countries—not by distributing literature, but by example.

"We are using the Foundation and going into areas where the Church is not welcome," said Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International. "We were told in Nepal that we were not welcome there as a Church, but we are welcome there as the Foundation."

"In fact, in Nepal, Major General Rana [he died 1 1/2 years ago], who was the uncle to the Queen, told me one time that they didn't want our money. They want our people, because we've got a different way of life, and they want us to come over and show them our way of life. Of course it's not our way of life, but God's way of life."

The Foundation is involved with about 25 projects worldwide. The number varies from year to

year since some are temporary and others are long-term.

Some of the better known projects have been in Thailand, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Syria and Israel. A majority of the projects focus on teaching.

The Foundation has not had to solicit any of its projects. "People hear about the Foundation through word-of-mouth," said Mr. Locke. "There's not a week that goes by that I don't get some kind of request from somewhere around the world."

"We once got a request from a group to buy them a typewriter. They said if we did, they'd call it

the Herbert W. Armstrong Memorial Typewriter!"

With the exception of the project in Leningrad, the Foundation relies primarily on Ambassador College students to work at the various projects.

Students who go often say the experience has made them a better employee.

"Many times I've gotten letters from employers who can't believe their prospective employee has actually served with the royal family in Jordan, or has taught the body guards of the Queen in Thailand." (See FOUNDATION, page 9)

## Soviet coup attempt: a firsthand glimpse

By Cliff Worthing

LENINGRAD, Russia—Simone and I sat down for breakfast Monday, Aug. 19, and tuned our short-wave radio to the BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.) World Service.

"President Mikhail Gorbachev has been deposed and Communist hardliners have taken power in the Kremlin," announced the radio reporter.

*Cliff and Simone Worthing and Debbie Armstrong are on an Ambassador Foundation project at Radio-Television Leningrad.*

We were stunned and listened in disbelief to the details about

Mr. Gorbachev's "illness," the new ministry and the position of Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

On our way to work we noticed that the people in the Metro [subway] were quiet, somber and many looked fearful. There was a look of defiance on some of the younger people; everyone seemed uncertain. Life had changed quickly, dramatically.

"We have become a different people since the onset of *perestroika* [restructuring]," a journalist friend said. "We can never go back to what was."

Not everyone was so optimistic. At the television station the atmosphere was tense. No one knew what was happening, where Mr. (See COUP, page 7)

## Ministers at South African conference told:

# Value both people and change

By Peter D. Hawkins

DURBAN, South Africa—Getting to know one another better and creating new zeal for what God is doing worldwide were topics covered by Randal Dick, guest speaker at a three-day ministerial conference here Aug. 19 to 21.

*Peter Hawkins is operation manager for media, circulation and editorial in the Cape Town, South Africa, Regional Office.*

Mr. Dick, assistant director of Church Administration International in Pasadena, and his wife, Susan, were introduced by Andre van Belkum, regional director for Southern Africa.

After Mr. Dick described how negative economic and political climates affect Church income, the group heard from Alan Dutton, the Church's insurance broker in Southern Africa, who has assisted the Church for the last 28 years.

"At the present rate, the value of money in South Africa halves

in less than five years," Mr. Dutton said.

### Need for computer literacy

The Monday afternoon, Aug. 19, session began with Koos Vos (computer systems manager), Aldrin Mandimika (Harare, Bulawayo and Chegutu, Zimbabwe, pastor) and Frank Nelte (Cape Town, South Africa, pastor), who discussed "making technology work for the ministry."

Although the majority of church pastors have purchased their own personal computers, most would benefit from further training.

We hope to improve office communications in 1992 using cc:Mail, a computerized network, which will also increase administrative efficiency.

Mr. Vos encouraged the ministry to become more computer literate to fully understand the software programs, and gave details of the challenges facing his department.

These included additional training of office staff as well as a smooth transition to programs accessing the AS/400 computer in Pasadena in mid-1992.

Mr. Mandimika demonstrated a database system he has developed over the past two years to manage his church area. It includes a yearly planner, speaking assignments, monthly report figures, a visiting schedule and inventory report for Church-owned equipment.

Mr. Nelte covered the usefulness of the on-line Bible program both for research purposes and sermon preparation.

### Stability in unstable times

In his second address to the 41

ministers and wives, Mr. Dick discussed the growth of God's worldwide Work in different phases.

The fledgling years of the (See CONFERENCE, page 11)

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

This is the last *Worldwide News* before the Feast of Tabernacles. However, most of you will not receive it until you return home. I hope that each of you had a safe trip and a meaningful Feast.

The Feast is a time of spiritual refocusing for God's people. It helps us clarify our vision of the kingdom of God and the reasons for which we've been called.

As we keep the Feast, we are reminded of the goal of our Christian fight—the hope of the inheritance reserved in heaven for us (I Peter 1:4).

In light of that goal, we are encouraged and motivated to live faithfully according to our high calling in Christ.

Our faith is renewed and strengthened in the indescribable mercy and love of God and in the supreme power of his

Son, our Savior and King.

The Feast brings into sharp focus the true meaning of our calling. It reminds us of the universal extent of God's love and the truth of the brotherhood of all mankind as potential heirs of eternal life as children of God. This truth reminds us of our commission now—to proclaim the good news of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ in the kingdom of God to all nations (Luke 24:44-49, Romans 1:1-4).

As God's people, we pray daily for the return of Jesus Christ. We long for the coming of the wonderful time portrayed by these Holy Days. The Feast helps us remain in that godly frame of mind, earnestly anticipating what our Father in heaven has in store.

The Holy Days are a joyous annual rehearsal of the biblical truths that form the basis of the hope of our salvation. They excite us and stir us about the things of God, renewing our zeal

to remain faithful to the end.

### A twofold job

Jesus Christ has given us a job to do as we await the day of his coming. We are his witnesses of what the Bible teaches about him and his kingdom. We have a collective work, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God through the printed word and over the airwaves, combined with spiritual feeding those God calls.

But we also have a work to do as individuals—to live as true Christians, as children of God.

We must never forget that true Christianity is a way of life. It reaches into every aspect of everything we do. The Spirit of God in us transforms us into new creatures prepared and equipped to do the will of God. We are now motivated by love instead of by selfishness.

But God will not force us to do anything. We must willingly and voluntarily follow his lead. If we do not, we can frustrate or grieve the Spirit of God in us by neglecting the will of God (Ephesians 4:30).

If we cling to our old self-oriented ways, failing to see the need to change, we will simply (See PERSONAL, page 3)

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# Europe's new architecture fits papal plans

PASADENA—News pouring out of the rapidly changing Soviet Union continues to astound us.

In its first order of business the new State Council (a caretaker central authority that will rule until a new confederal system is in place) decreed the long-awaited independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

And in a separate announcement, the parliament of the Russian Federation authorized that the city of Leningrad revert to its original name of St. Petersburg.

History, it seems, is coming full circle. Earlier this century, political chaos at the center of Russia, in the wake of the collapse of czarist rule in 1917, sprang the Baltic states free, unfortunately only for about two decades.

Once again, chaos at the center, this time the demise of the Communist Party, has led to another surge of Baltic freedom.

St. Petersburg, Russia's former capital, founded by Czar Peter the Great in 1703, was known briefly as Petrograd from 1914 until 1924. With the death that year of Communist leader Vladimir Lenin, the city was renamed in his honor.

The final indignity to 74 years of Marxist-Leninism is expected soon—the removal of its greatest icon, the body of Lenin, from its hallowed resting place in Moscow's Red Square.

## Vatican sees gains

One underestimated power center in Europe, the Vatican, cannot help but be pleased at the turn of events in the Soviet Union. They confirm long-held



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

convictions at the highest level.

Even before he became John Paul II, Polish-born Karol Wojtyla predicted the downfall of communism, not only throughout Eastern Europe, but in its Soviet heartland.

To his thinking, communism represented but a 74-year aberration of history, when stacked against 2,000 years of European civilization, with the church at its religious and cultural core.

In an unusual sense of timing, the political upheaval in Moscow broke near the end of John Paul II's five-day pastoral visit to Hungary, the first to that country in the heart of *Mittleuropa* (Central Europe) by the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

I was in Budapest at the time covering the papal visit on assignment for *The Plain Truth*.

The Vatican, as expected, was cautious in its first reaction to events in Moscow. In an addition to his prepared message at his final mass in Budapest's Heroes' Square, Pope John Paul II expressed hope that "further tragedy" in the Soviet Union could be avoided.

He praised Mr. Gorbachev, saying, "I recall with gratitude the meeting I had with President Gor-

bachev on the two occasions he wished to visit me."

Hungarians, the pope added, should be grateful for the "freedom that you acquired in an irreversible manner." This was an unmistakable signal to Moscow that the Vatican expected no reversal of Soviet policy toward liberated Eastern Europe.

Only two days before the failed coup, the pope reflected on the remarkable changes in Eastern Europe in the last two years in a meeting with representatives of the diplomatic community accredited to Hungary.

"We are living in a historic hour for Europe," John Paul II told the assembled dignitaries. Little did he or anyone else know then how much more history was about to be made.

In his last sermon in Hungary, the pope drew a parallel between today and the crucial point in Hungary's history, the acceptance of Christianity by Stephen, the king of Hungary, in the year 1000.

Stephen, said the pope, "was the saint who laid the foundations for your house.... Saint Stephen integrated Hungary into the community of European nations by accepting the common

wilderness of the 1990s that we must find a better way of life based on something more permanent.

One prominent voice has been the one in line as the future King of England—Prince Charles. On subjects ranging from the environment to education, he has made stirring speeches encouraging Britain to aim for the greatness that comes from a search for excellence and faith in something more than just the material world.

But Prince Charles' message is limited. Only God's Church carries the message of ultimate hope for England, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, the United States, Canada, indeed the whole world.

Although that message must be put in terms that will be clearly understood in widely diverse regions, the basis of what we say is always the same. All people must turn from ways that ignore God and follow the way of life

them as Europe draws together.

Even though Mrs. Thatcher is no longer prime minister, the idea of being separate from the continent is far from over. Newspapers report that Prime Minister John Major is trying to gather support from the French for the protection of British sovereignty in Europe.

And on other issues that the 12 members of the EC vote on, it's not that unusual for the vote to be split 11 against 1—the one lone vote cast by the United Kingdom.

*The significance of being an island is not lost on the British either. But this island mentality could make things difficult for them as Europe draws together.*

Opposition to the British view in Europe is mounting as Europe attempts to unite politically, while the U.K. defends a solitary position.

### What next for Britain?

The immediate future looks uncertain. As with the gloomy weather forecasts, economists, politicians and others paint a worrying picture of the problems Britain faces—a deep recession, social and political problems and her need for a positive role in the future of the world. Her stake in a fully united Europe seems fragile.

Of course, what Britain really needs is to find her spiritual roots. There are voices crying in the

described in the pages of the Bible.

The gospel Christ brought is that, upon repentance, people of any nation can be saved. This ultimate penetration of national barriers is described by the apostle Paul in his revolutionary statement in Galatians 3:28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek [Englishman or American, Scotsman or Frenchman, African or South American], there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

People from all around the world will yet become citizens of the kingdom of heaven, of which we are all ambassadors!

forms and Christian traditions of the Continent....

"You live in the center of Europe.... Your house can be happy and secure only if you take part in the building of the 'European Common Home.'"

### A Holy European Empire?

This architectural theme of a "Common European Home," as it is usually worded, will build in future papal visits to other parts of postcommunist Europe. With heav-

ily Catholic Lithuania now independent, a visit can be expected there in the prudent near future.

Unlike most politicians today, John Paul II is animated by a vision, in his case the goal of a revived, re-Christianized Europe, extending, as he says, "from the Atlantic to the Urals."

A remarkable article in the Aug. 25 issue of Britain's *Sunday Telegraph* titled "Now, a Holy European Empire?" put it this way: "With the demise of Marxism, and the Christian revival in Eastern Europe and Russia, the Polish Pope is in a uniquely influential (See EUROPE page 11)

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## GB is not the UK

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Seen from the moon, earth is a sparkling jewel of blue and green life etched on the black background of lifeless space. To astronauts and cosmonauts our planet is highly desirable, lovingly cherished, and regarded as home.

From space, earth's political borders are not visible. The only division is that between the land and the blue waters.

Unlike the globe map in a schoolroom or study, specific countries are not identified in tones of pink, red, green, orange or yellow.

History books are full of maps that show constantly fluctuating political lines and boundaries. Witness redrawing the map of continental Europe in the past two years. News reports inform us that Croatia and Slovenia have seceded from Yugoslavia.

Europe has become a mapmaker's nightmare. By the time printers are finished with cartographers' painstaking efforts and copies are in hands of customers, the product is often out of date.

But some nations have had relatively stable political borders. (Is this because of the blessings to Abraham's posterity predicted in the book of Genesis?)

The British Isles are a case in point, although realistically, the troubles in Northern Ireland have been a running sore for centuries. Nonetheless, these isles have enjoyed relative stability when compared with most of the world.

The meanings of Britain, the British Isles, the United Kingdom and England are frequently misunderstood. To help you understand,

a geopolitical description of the British Isles is listed below.

**The British Isles** are England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Eire (the Republic of Ireland), and other smaller islands.

**The United Kingdom** is England, Wales and Scotland and Northern Ireland. (The official title is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.)

**Great Britain** is England, Wales and Scotland.

**Eire** has been a politically independent nation since 1921. ("Irish" these days is usually synonymous with Eire, but Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland may consider themselves Irish. And Northern Irish Protestants will say they are British.)

**London** is often used to symbolize the whole of Britain; just as Washington, D.C., is used to represent the entire United States.

It is important to realize that **England** does *not* include Scotland and Wales in its geographical territory. Great Britain, however, includes all three countries.

Since residing in Britain for the past 15 years, I have witnessed several independence movements emanating from Scotland, Wales and even Cornwall (a county in southwest England).

A devolution referendum for Scotland and Wales conducted in the 1970s failed, but these movements surface from time to time.

I hope this column has helped you to identify another part of your world. We so easily forget the view of the world from space. A precious resource to be shared among the nations in harmony. That is how God sees the world.

## To be or not to be ... the reluctant Europeans?



When the *European* asked United Kingdom citizens about their attachment to Europe, 46 percent of those questioned said they did not feel European at all (higher than any other EC country); 31 percent said they felt more European than five years ago; and only 18 percent said they felt strongly attached to Europe.

Twenty-five percent were in favor of electing a European president and 39 percent favored a single European currency.

On EC issues the British Parliament is against: a European defense policy that alienates NATO and Washington; a European body that would dictate foreign and security policy for the 12 EC members; help for poorer EC members; a strong European parliament that could undermine national sovereignty; the Community's Social Charter; and majority voting that would allow EC members to outvote other Community members who hold up EC plans.

# Work program paves the way for youths to attend College

By Donald L. Ward

**BIG SANDY**—Many questions have been asked about the Ambassador College work program, which was developed by the Church and College to provide a means for young people to obtain a college education.

*Donald L. Ward is president of Ambassador College.*

The program is designed to pay room, board and tuition charges. It is not intended to provide students with spending money beyond room, board and tuition.

Before the program began, students had to have an initial down payment of \$3,500. This financial burden has now been eased. The cost of college is not less, but the cash demand has been distributed over four years.

Those who do not have the financial need for this program are encouraged to pay for their Ambassador education in cash. This column will answer many of the more relevant questions we receive.

**Q. Do students need to bring only \$750 to Ambassador College?**

A. The required \$750 is a down payment for room, board and tuition charges only. While \$750 is the only requirement, students still need additional funds for textbooks, fees and expenses for personal items.

Textbook purchases often run \$200 each semester. Fee expenses run about \$250 a year. Personal expenses during the academic year are about \$350.

**Q. Do students ever receive cash from this program?**

A. No. The program is designed

only to reduce the room, board and tuition charges that accumulate during the course of a year. Each working student receives \$4.25 credit for each hour of work to offset room, board and tuition charges.

**Q. Do students need to work? If so, how many hours are required during the course of a year?**

A. Students generally have two options in fulfilling their financial obligations to Ambassador College. They may work off their obligations (at a rate of \$4.25 an hour) or they may pay cash to cover their obligations.

The program is designed so that students may pay off their room, board and tuition obligations (only) with a \$750 down payment and working 1,100 hours during a 12-month year from August to August.

If the student works 1,100 hours, he or she will have met room, board and tuition obligations for the entire year and maintained the \$750 down payment for the following year. This takes into account summer room and board as well as FICA deductions on summer earnings.

However, students are not required to work. If they have \$4,250 (generally paid in semiannual installments at registration), they have no work obligation whatsoever. If students wish to pay more than the required \$750 down payment, they won't need to work the 1,100 hours required of those who bring only \$750.

**Q. Does Ambassador encourage all students to work full work programs—1,100 hours a year?**

A. No. The work program costs the College a tremendous amount of money. Students are encouraged to pay as much of their room, board and tuition obligations as they possibly can. Doing so will substantially free their schedules. It will also reduce the size of the student employment budget.

**Q. Are students expected to tithe on proceeds from the work program?**

A. No. The program has been initiated to meet the needs of our students. It is a form of assistance and falls under the financial aid umbrella at the College. As such, students are not required to pay

tithes on the proceeds of the work program.

**Q. Is the income taxable?**

A. Yes. The Internal Revenue Service considers the benefits of the work program as taxable income. From their perspective, the resources allocated to the student may be for the purpose of covering room, board and tuition charges only, but they are taxable



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income anyway. Most students will not "earn" the minimum amount required for withholding if their only source of "income" is the work program.

**Q. What happens to the \$750 down payment?**

A. Students are able to work a full work program for only the first three of their years at Ambassador. During their senior year, they may work only until graduation, after which they are no longer employed. The result is that they can work only 750 hours during their senior year.

Students who fulfill their work program obligations the entire four years will need an additional \$312.50 at registration their senior year to bring their balance to zero by graduation. In sum, the \$750 down payment is absorbed to cover room, board and tuition

obligations during the student's final year.

**Q. What if students don't work all the hours they are supposed to work?**

A. If students don't work all the hours they are obligated to work, they will be expected to make up the difference in cash during fall registration.

For example, if a student who signed up to work 750 hours during the year only worked 650 hours, he or she would have a deficit of 100 work hours. Those 100 hours, multiplied by the hourly rate of \$4.25, will be subtracted from the \$750 down payment, leaving the student with a \$325 down payment.

The student will not be allowed to register for fall classes unless the down payment is restored to \$750. This means the student must bring the \$425 he or she has fallen behind plus the funds necessary to pay for textbooks, fees and personal expenses. Students without the appropriate funds will not be allowed to register.

**Q. How will students know if they are on schedule in fulfilling the number of work hours required?**

A. Students will receive statements about once a month telling them how many hours they have worked during the period, how many hours they should have worked during the period, how many hours they have worked since the beginning of the program and how many they should have accumulated year-to-date.

**Q. If students are diligent, may they amass a credit for which they will be paid at the end of their college career?**

A. The College prefers that students do not amass credit balances. Those students who have large credit balances will be asked to reduce the number of hours they work so they graduate with a zero balance. The objective of the work program is to enable students to graduate with a zero balance, no more.

**Q. How flexible is the work program?**

tine of work or school.

Let's not give the so-called "post-Feast letdown" a foothold. Instead, let's renew our enthusiasm for putting the love of God into practice in all that we do. Let's make it a goal to become a better husband, a better wife, a better employee, a better boss, a better parent, a better friend, a better citizen—by becoming a more thoroughly dedicated Christian.

Through daily prayer and study of the Bible, through changing anger and intolerance into mercy and patience, through overcoming bitterness and envy

A. A student signs up to work a certain number of hours during the course of the year. If the student wants to take some time off one week and make up the hours another week and that is acceptable to the student's employer, that is acceptable to the work program. However, if the student fails to fulfill all the total hours required by the program, the student must pay cash for the dollar equivalency of the hours missed.

**Q. Are there any constraints within the program for international students?**

A. International students must, by law, work no more than 20 hours a week when school is in session. They may work up to 40 hours a week during breaks when classes are not scheduled.

**Q. May students accrue a credit balance at time and a half by working overtime (more than 40 hours in a given week)?**

A. No. Student employment policy does not allow students to work more than 40 hours a week.

**Q. Does this work program apply to married students?**

A. No. Married students are paid cash wages on a graduated scale. Married students should maintain previous insurance coverage where possible because of the difficulty of complying with requirements of health insurance at Ambassador.

**Q. How are incoming students selected for jobs?**

A. All incoming students are asked to fill out a form summarizing their work experience. Freshmen will be assigned to a job on the basis of the summary submitted.

The majority of freshmen work in the maintenance areas of Landscape and Custodial or in the Food Services Department.

The work program was designed to benefit all parties: the College, the parents and family and the students. If you have further questions about the work program, please send your questions to:

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## PERSONAL

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not grow spiritually.

### Practice the love of God

After the excitement of the Feast itself is over, some have experienced what they call "post-Feast letdown." This is a feeling of disappointment about having to go back into the rou-

## Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy As to Students

Ambassador College admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletics and other school administered programs.

## Letters to the Editor

### Reacting to change

I just wanted to thank you for your article in *The Worldwide News* of July 22. I sincerely believe that it has been one of the most important articles you have written.

I am especially thankful for your observations on the divinity of Christ and on the children of God. Perhaps we do indeed suffer from too many old Gnostic ideas that somehow become comfortable, but are erroneous and are difficult to be rid of. Our understanding of our relationship to God, consequently, is not often as clear as it should be. This

is why change is important, and why we need to have our understanding refined.

K.R.  
San Antonio, Tex.

I thought about your last article on reacting to change in *The Worldwide News*. One of your statements was that you had been accused of dismantling everything God gave the Church through Mr. Armstrong. I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciate what you have done.

J.S.  
Mabelvale, Ark.

## "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.

### Spiritual education

I have taken *The Plain Truth* for many years and really receive much spiritual education from all the articles. I especially enjoyed the last two editions. When I am through with them, I pass them along to a dear friend. Please keep up the good work. You really do help many people.

R.C.  
Whitestown, Ind.

It was a wonderful experience to be able to partake in the correspondence course. I have learned much needed enlightenment and under-

standing through you in regards to the Holy Bible, the Old and New Testament.

I have discussed this course with other individuals, and I hope that at least one person will notify you that I informed them of Ambassador College.

D.N.  
Warrens Heights, Ohio

I never wrote you to thank you for my *Plain Truth* subscription in 1989. Then, my subscription expired, but I was too lazy to renew it. Today, however, I was watching *The World Tomorrow* and I decided it was time to act. I now take this opportunity to thank you very much. Your magazine is an excellent educator about many subjects. I would also like to renew my subscription to *The Plain Truth*.

S.M.  
Mount Rainier, Md.

Special Section on

# Personal Finances

## Profitable principles for fostering financial success

By Ross Flynn  
and Dan B. King

There's no denying it, many nations are in extreme financial trouble.

Once sound and profitable businesses are failing at record rates. National, state and local taxes keep escalating while services founder. National debt including the governmental, business and private sectors, is out of control.

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The question we should ask ourselves as members of God's Church is, "How am I doing?"

As members of God's Church, paying tithes does not exempt us from the financial consequences of a recession. Don't misunderstand, being faithful in God's tithes is critical to true success (Malachi 3:8-10).

Nevertheless, one can faithfully tithe and still be financially irresponsible and not receive the blessings promised.

In addition to tithing, God provides sound principles to help us manage our finances. Employing these principles will help keep us from financial disaster. Let's explore seven barricades against disaster to help keep us safe from financial ruin.

**1) Impulse buying.** Don't purchase anything in a lustful moment.

James says, "Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed" (James 1:14, New International Version). You could substitute "impulses" or "lusts" for "desire."

Marketing and packaging practices encourage impulse buying.

Retailers frequently announce store specials and put out manufacturers' displays, all to stimulate buying. Supermarkets are laid out so that we have to walk past nonessential items to arrive at necessities such as bread, milk or eggs.

We are subjected to peer pressure, the "everyone has one, just look at the Joneses" syndrome, and this can lead to financial catastrophe.

To combat unfair marketing practices we need wisdom in handling financial resources, especially when considering major purchases. Solomon tells us, "Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches" (Proverbs

24:3-4, New King James, unless noted).

When you shop make a list of items you need and don't deviate from it. Avoid shopping for food



on an empty stomach. Make menus for your meals and shop accordingly. Markets and advertisers depend on the adage that "a fool and his money are soon parted" for additional impulse sales.

Become a bargain hunter and avoid ready-mixed products that are generally higher priced.

Before you buy any major item give yourself 24 hours to consider the purchase. Gather information about the item and seek counsel from those who have one or know about it.

Now ask yourself, "Is it really useful?" "Does the purchase 'justify' itself?" Above all, ask, "Can I really afford it?" and "Do I really need it?" If the answers are "yes," then ask, "Do I have to have it right now?"

Finally, when buying an expensive item, make sure it can pass two final examinations. First, every purchase should be considered in light of the family budget (more about a budget later).

Second, delay making the purchase for several weeks to see if you can find a lower price for the same item. You may be surprised how much money you can save using this method.

**2) Buying on credit:** Many people spend \$1.20 or more for every \$1 they earn. This kind of purchasing power is made possible by the use of credit, especially credit cards. But easy access to credit has put many people in debt.

Excessive debt is a fundamental cause of almost 90 percent of all business failures, and accounts for millions of dollars of personal and family financial tragedies.

We need to understand God's perspective on debt and credit.

"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the

lender" (Proverbs 22:7). The debtor is enslaved to the lender. The decision to borrow money, or to purchase something on credit, should not be taken lightly. The borrower has a commitment to repay, therefore consider the consequences of borrowing.

Many end up in serious financial trouble because of the wrong use of credit and not understanding the moral obligation they place themselves under.

Borrowing is permitted: "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts. And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the Lord's release" (Deuteronomy 15:1-2).

Without borrowing money it is difficult to purchase a home or automobile. However, credit purchases should be kept to a minimum. Being in debt should not be considered normal.

While this society is no longer willing to follow God's direction in the area of finances, God's people should not follow society's example in excessive use of credit purchasing.

Borrowing money or buying things with money that we don't have is risky business.

Make every effort to avoid surety, the borrowing of money or the charging of goods on credit without a means to quickly repay the debt if circumstances demand that we do.

Credit card purchases constitute the most widespread form of surety. That doesn't mean we should

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## Reader Suggestions on Financial Tips

### Coupons

We purchase the Sunday newspaper, which has the coupon section, and cut out the coupons we will use, even if it's not a brand we normally would buy.

We save them until needed or many times buy the item when it is on sale. Some stores double and even triple coupon values, therefore allowing us to purchase items for free or next to nothing.

Some of the products have rebates, so we save labels and cash register receipts from most of the items we buy, sometimes making money for purchasing a product.

Both of these ideas, taking only 15 minutes a week for clipping the coupons and about 30 minutes or so extra in shopping time by comparing prices at the grocery store has saved us from \$500 to \$700 a year for two people.

Don and Linda Sylvester  
Detroit, Mich.

### IRA Accounts

Establish an IRA [individual retirement account]. For most of us, the contributions will be tax deductible, interest is not taxed, and social security alone is not enough to depend on at retirement.

Betty D. Bost  
Kannapolis, N.C.

### Case Lots

Food bought in case lots can often save you from five to 25

percent. Most people do not know that practically every grocery store will sell case lots at a discount if you ask. And case lots need not be huge. Twelve to 24 items is the norm for a case.

Jon Pearkins  
Ardrossau, Alta.

### Clothing

Clean out any clothing you have not worn in a year's time. Take it to a consignment store. You may be surprised what you can get for it.

Reinvest what you make into buying quality used clothing at either thrift or consignment stores or yard sales. Over the years I have established a cycle of clothes-buying using this method, which has become virtually self-supporting.

Do resist the urge to think that all used clothing is a bargain. Be selective about styles, fabrics, colors and prints. Be sure it suits you, that it's well-made, and that you actually need it.

Low price does not necessarily a bargain make. If you follow these guidelines, you will eliminate wasteful spending by buying only what you will wear and what will last.

Cathy Chase  
Melbourne, Fla.

### Interest Rates

Watch long-term interest rates. If you have a home mortgage and

the long-term rate drops two percentage points lower than your current mortgage rate, and you plan to live in your present home for another two to five years, seriously consider refinancing your mortgage. You can save a lot of money in the early years of a mortgage, when most of it is interest. (Check those institutions offering the lowest refinancing fees.)

If your mortgage balance is small, and you have a lot of equity in your home, you may consider refinancing and pulling cash out with the new loan, which of course, will have a higher balance than the old loan.

But if you can pay off credit card debt and other consumer debt, you will trade non-tax deductible interest for tax deductible interest. Consult with your tax adviser.

Generally speaking, the interest on the first \$100,000 of cash pulled out through a refinance is tax-deductible.

Fred Potthoff, CPA  
Chanhassen, Minn.

### Car Parts

Do you need car parts, tires or other accessories? Consider going to the auto wreckers. They have inventories of late model, foreign and domestic cars and trucks, and purchased at half the price of new ones. You can negotiate prices on most items.

Take your vehicle to a reliable service station for minor servicing, adjustments and repairs, instead of costly dealerships.

The savings can be substantial.

Albert Paul  
Vernon, B.C.

### Store Sales

You can shop in most of the more expensive or exclusive stores if you understand how their sales work and organize your purchasing accordingly. This enables you to buy higher quality for far less than discount store prices.

Clothing is seasonal, and it is marketed seasonally. A new wardrobe is introduced before the season begins but at the highest price the fashion-conscious patron will tolerate. After saturating that group they begin their sales. Usually they start at 25 percent off, then 33 percent, then 50 percent (and they still make a profit!).

At each reduction more buyers come in and the selection diminishes. After the 50 percent sales, some shops put merchandise on the clearance racks for up to 90 percent off.

Form a small network with other families and make sure you are aware of their needs in terms of sizes, colors, styles. One member of the group must have the time and talent to shop a lot to learn what is available, where and when.

Budget money ahead of time for these purchases. Also look ahead even a year or more for your needs. Anticipating sizes for your children may be a little difficult, but they usually do grow into it. Planning ahead

keeps you from having to pay a higher price if the item becomes absolutely necessary right now and you just cannot wait.

Douglas and Betty Johannsen  
Omaha, Neb.

### Gardens

Plant a garden if at all possible. If you live in the city and don't have a back yard, check out community gardens on institutional grounds. Even apartment dwellers can grow some lettuce, herbs or a tomato plant or two on the patio.

Edna Manning  
Saskatoon, Sask.

### Mutual Funds

Start investing in a no-load mutual fund and add to it in amounts of \$50 or \$100 on a regular basis. This is called 'Dollar Cost Averaging.'

It's mind boggling how much financial capital you can build in 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 years! Start early in life and keep up contributing to it. You'll find it a very rewarding experience. It's like owning the goose that lays the golden eggs. Try it!

Hans Susstrunk  
Rochester, N.Y.

### Utility Costs

Gas and electric utility companies usually offer free home energy surveys to those who request it. (This is a federally funded program offered in many cities.)

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# Finances

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tear up our credit cards. They do have a legitimate use, which includes emergencies, convenience and safety.

Credit card purchases should only be made if you have the money available to pay the bill in full when due at the end of the month, so that no interest charges are incurred.

The apostle Paul said, "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8). This applies to paying your debts when they are due.

Paying off all credit cards will mean a savings of around 20 percent on annual interest charges.

Work toward breaking the seemingly never ending cycle of credit buying and credit spending.

3) **Purchase the best you can afford.** If you have a choice, the few extra dollars spent for an item of real quality will carry a definite payback because the product will generally function better, look better and be more serviceable.

In most cases a cheap buy is not a bargain. Such products are usually made of inferior materials, are put together shabbily and wear out long before a quality item would.

Purchase the best that is within your budget. For example, it is better to have one good quality suit rather than two or three bargain suits. The good suit not only lasts longer but looks better while being worn and is easier to take care of.

There are two questions that might come up when discussing quality: "What is it?" and "How can I obtain quality items on a limited income?"

Begin with education and learn what real quality involves. Read books or magazines such as *Consumer Reports*.

Comparison shopping. This allows you to become familiar with real quality items. For example, try on different levels of quality clothing to get a feel for the difference. Talking to those who have had experience with various products can be another good source.

Many times we can obtain real quality items even on a limited budget by buying fully depreciated items in goodwill or similar establishments, especially in the wealthier areas of town.

Shopping via newspapers, circulars and garage sales can sometimes yield a real quality bargain. Of course education and caution must be exercised in this area or you might end up with someone else's poor quality "junk."

Invest in quality and remember that, many times, to buy cheaply is costly.

4) **Maintain your possessions.** "Be diligent to know the state of

craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied" (Proverbs 13:4) and, "A sluggard does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing" (Proverbs 20:4).

God did not call us out of the world to continue living in squalor. Maintain your home and yard, properly wash, press and hang up clothing, clean the garage and automobile.

5) **Keep a contingency reserve in the form of investments or savings.** Make sure you have ready access to your funds—as financial times get difficult it is critical to do so.

To break this cycle, every paycheck—after paying tithes, taxes and bills—put a sum of money aside into savings. Then, when emergencies or major purchases come on the horizon there is money available.

Financial advisors suggest at least six to nine months income set back in readily available capital. Regardless of the amount, the most important key in conserving our purchasing power is to maintain adequate liquid assets to help us through an emergency or difficult times.

6) **Make finances a family affair.** No individual or family

fulfill their respective needs.

Then develop a plan to meet each member's needs and the means to reach the goals. There are many books available along these lines.

The important point is to understand that finances can and should be a uniting, and not a dividing, force in families within God's Church. Making financial matters a family affair can bring the family together.

7) **Budget your resources.** To achieve your financial goals and obtaining a measure of financial independence and security a budget must be developed. We all probably know that, but how many of us are actually doing it?

A budget is not taking your paycheck, paying all of your bills and then seeing how much money is left over for living expenses. A budget is not something that only the rich or poor should use.

A budget shouldn't be something that is binding and restrictive, but should be used as a tool that helps us reach our financial goals and plans while fulfilling our needs along with some of our wants and desires.

God's Work today is not run haphazardly. Goals are made, plans are set and budgets drawn up and adhered to. God's people should take this as an example to follow and begin to get control of the resources he has blessed us with.

Finally, one of the greatest overall principles of spiritual, physical and financial responsibility was given by Christ when he said:

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" (Luke 16:10-12).

God has given us individually and as families a small portion of this earth's resources to manage. He is watching to see what we do with the blessings he has given us.

## Suggested Reading List

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your flocks, and attend to your herds" (Proverbs 27:23). Make every effort to maintain, care for and preserve that which you have purchased.

One of the most productive methods of breaking the poverty syndrome is simply to take care of the blessings that God has granted. Many manufactures depend upon people to replace items long before their potential life is over.

Does it make sense to spend thousands of dollars for a car and not even bother with a ten-dollar oil change?

God is pleased when he sees us take care of the possessions he blesses us with. "The sluggard

Jobs and other sources of income can disappear overnight. Sickness or accident can bring about financial difficulty. Our means of transportation can prematurely wear out. All this could leave us facing a severe financial crisis.

The result, we may have to borrow money and then pay a financial institution hundreds or thousands of dollars in interest and other charges.

In many instances this begins a vicious cycle of borrowing and repaying only to borrow again. This cycle eats away at our hard-earned money, making it difficult to get ahead.

faced with financial difficulties can be truly free.

Interestingly, finances, or better stated the mishandling of finances, is listed as the leading cause of divorce by a factor of four to one over any and all other causes. The family, especially the father and mother but also including the children, should work together on a budget.

As a family, develop financial goals such as paying off all debts, buying a new or better car or house. These goals should then be agreed upon by all concerned. Next, each family member should realistically project the amount of resources it will take for them to

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When a technician came to inspect one local member's house to determine ways to conserve energy, he left over \$100 in caulking, weatherstripping and insulating materials, free. The energy survey demonstrated that the installment of the materials would save an estimated \$109 per year in reduced utility costs.

Another member took advantage of the free home energy survey and found he qualified for a discount on his electric bill because his home was all electric. This discount saves him about \$6 a month.

Between \$60 and \$100 per year can be saved by homeowners with electric water heaters. By installing a \$28 timer the water heater can be shut off at night when the water isn't being used. Also a \$10 heater jacket can reduce the annual bill by another \$10-\$20. Those who requested the home energy survey received a water heater jacket free of charge.

Michael Wayne Kiser  
San Antonio, Tex.

## Babysitters

Plan how often you eat out. Restaurants are fun and special times and it's necessary for husbands and wives to go out alone—but regulate the frequency and choose wisely the places you go to.

Instead of paying babysitters all

the time, make arrangements with other young families to occasionally babysit at no charge. For example, we'll babysit your kids this month so you can get out, and next month, you'll watch our kids.

Eric and Rebecca Lasch  
Amherst, N.Y.

## Insurance

Raise the deductible on your auto insurance. Choose the largest amount that you could afford to pay the body shop from your own pocket, and that your lender, if you have a car loan, will agree to. If you increase the deductible from \$200 to \$1,000, you will reduce your premium by 25 to 50 percent. There is no point in having a small deductible unless you are accident prone.

Try some of the less expensive insurance companies. Allstate is one of the most expensive. For any kind of insurance, from auto to dental to life to home insurance, get an estimate from at least three places before you buy any. You'll be surprised at what the difference in price can be.

Paul Kurts, pastor  
Gadsden, Ala.

## Auctions

Auctions (estate sales, sheriff's auctions, bankruptcy sales, etc.) are great places to find almost anything, from cheap tools to furniture, if you know how to go about it. You have to set yourself a limit

before you start bidding, otherwise it is easy to get carried away—especially when more people are interested in the same item—and pay more than the real value. Fire sales and liquidation sales are also excellent places to go to.

Ben Bruning  
Leeming, W.A.

## Consignment, Thrift Shops

Resale shops may not be for everyone, but if you don't mind wearing clothes that aren't brand new, why not consider this budget-stretching option?

Consignment shops usually offer the best quality garments. These shops accept near-new clothes from people who want to sell them rather than give them away. The shop sells the clothing and sends a percentage of the resale price to the previous owner. Consignment shops have no money tied up in inventory so can offer the goods at reasonable prices.

Thrift shops sell donated used clothing. Since these shops don't share profits with donors, prices are usually lower than at consignment shops. However, the quality of clothing may also be lower.

Besides clothing, most thrift shops sell other donated items such as used furniture, appliances, paintings and books, so you'll find a wide variety of bargains.

To find out if there are resale shops in your area, check the busi-

ness section of your local telephone book. They could be listed under Clothing—Used, Consignment-Service or Thrift Shops.

Valerie Brown  
Pasadena

## Buy in Bulk

Buy in bulk when practical. There are certain items our family consumes a lot of, such as grains, peanut butter, cheese, oil and sweeteners. When buying in bulk you almost always get a better price. This can be a bit difficult to begin with if you don't have many spare funds.

I suggest buying one bulk item each month to begin with. Ideally these items should last you for several months. Pretty soon the cycle begins and for every one item you purchase each month you have several others you don't have to purchase because they are already on hand. Bulk items can be purchased through many local grocers. Wholesale clubs, wholesalers, co-ops and local growers are also excellent sources.

Kadi MacLeansberry  
Poulsbo, Wash.

## Pay Bills From Reserves

We would like to propose an idea on the topic of reducing bills and establishing and maintaining an emergency fund at the same time.

First, save 10 percent of your

paychecks until you have at least \$1,000, which establishes your emergency fund. Next, pay off your smallest balance bill the next month from the emergency fund, while still contributing 10 percent of your paycheck to the emergency fund. Then the next month, only contribute to the emergency fund, to build it back up some before paying off the next bill.

During this process, continue paying off the unpaid bills at the minimum payment of each in order to have the funds to put into the emergency fund.

Some larger bills may require more than a month of rebuilding the emergency fund before paying them off. An alternative is to pay a percentage of that larger bill to reduce the amount of interest charged on that account. This way it will be paid off in maybe three or four payments instead of just one.

Martin and Kem Dorman  
Chicago, Ill.



# British Office

Borehamwood, England

## British staff, ministers serve diverse area of many cultures

**By Leslie L. McCullough**  
BOREHAMWOOD, England—As 1992 approaches and the long-awaited unification of Europe draws closer, Britain is preparing to become part of the Continent. Already it is joined to France by the Channel Tunnel (to be opened in 1993).

*Evangelist Leslie L. McCullough is regional director in the British Office.*

Continental Europeans have been taught several languages for some decades. There is a saying in Europe that a person who can speak just one language must be British.

However, the generally single-language British are preparing for unification by learning other European languages.

Recession is biting hard into many lives here and many members are facing unemployment. The search for employment is far from easy.

### Scandinavia to Africa

The Work in Britain is linked to Europe in its operations. Printing of *The Plain Truth* for Europe and parts of Africa is done in Britain. Also, media (television) needs are coordinated from the British Office.

Besides Britain, the British Office is responsible for Ireland, Scandinavia, East and West Africa, French Africa, the Mid-

dle East and Greece.

Twenty-eight full-time ministers serve 43 congregations in the United Kingdom and Ireland, in addition to eight outlying



LESLIE & MARION McCULLOUGH

Bible studies.

Churches meet in Scandinavia in Stockholm, Sweden; Oslo, Norway; and Copenhagen, Denmark. John Andrews, his wife, Ana Maria, and two children, transferred to Copenhagen, Denmark in April to pastor the churches in the area.

Mr. Andrews covers an area that stretches from Copenhagen to a member living 2,000 miles north.

Palle Christophersen from Denmark is a local church elder.

### British secularism

The British people are a secularly oriented (although not totally unspiritual) nation—it is a major challenge to preach the gospel in this area.

Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO) carried out a public focus group (a focus group is a technique used by advertising agencies where small groups of people informally discuss a product's attributes) in Britain and Brussels, Belgium.

BBDO asked people for their

impressions of the *World Tomorrow* program and the *Plain Truth* magazine.

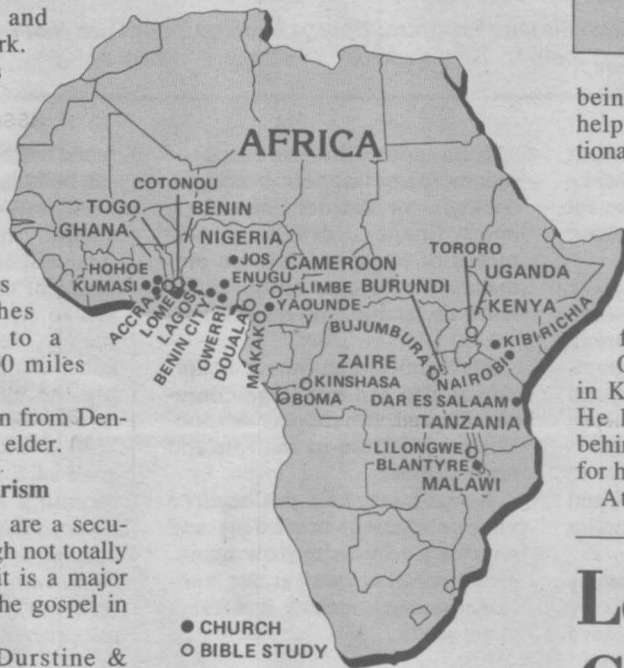
The general response from the British was negative. The fact that the magazine is American is a turnoff to many British people.

To cater to the British and international palates we are producing an "anglicised" version of *The Plain Truth*.

As well as anglicizing the spelling of words, parallel British or European quotes and statistics sometimes replace American ones. Letters from the local area are used to give it a more international flavor (or flavour).

The Africans are completely opposite to the British regarding religion. It is difficult to prevent them from becoming converted—not that we'd want to.

We have only five full-time min-



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isters in Africa to cover a large area. There are about 700 Church members in Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania.

### Projects in Africa

The farm in Ghana is doing well. Several similar projects are



being established in Nigeria to help the brethren provide additional food for themselves.

African members continue to be affected by civil unrest and problems of their nations. Our Liberian members have fled their country and are living on the farm in Ghana at present.

One Ugandan member living in Kenya is a political refugee. He left his wife and children behind in Uganda until it is safe for him to return.

At present we are doing no

active media work in Africa. The Church grows simply by word of mouth. Africans are interested in religion generally and are eager to learn.

### Rewarding work

The area covered by the British office is diverse in all aspects of culture.

It is a challenge and a rewarding work to see the fruits of God's Spirit being displayed from the Shetland Isles of Scotland to the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean.



## Orkney Islands, Wales, England, Ireland

# Meet some British members

**By Irene Wilson**  
BOREHAMWOOD, England—Nationalism in Britain is rising as some Scottish, Irish and Welsh people strive for independence and home rule. They are disillusioned with government from England.

However, there is no such division in God's Church. We are a small spiritual nation diverse in culture and background. Let me introduce some of our British brethren.

### Orkney Islands

Ralph Groat is a sprightly 77-year-old retired farmer. He lives in the Orkney Islands, north of Scotland. He receives taped sermons from the Glasgow congregation.

Mr. Groat attends Sabbath services in Aberdeen, Scotland, once a year. To get there he travels overnight by boat on Friday and returns overnight on Saturday. He

also tries to attend Holy Day services in Aberdeen.

Mr. Groat first heard *The World Tomorrow* on Radio Luxembourg in the 1960s.

### Wales

Idwal Howells farms in the verdant valleys of south Wales. A friend introduced him to *The Plain Truth* and he remembers feeling sobered by the literature he received.

Mr. Howells said he had no problem understanding the Sabbath because he had been told about it as a child and it was firmly impressed on his memory.

His wife accompanies him to the Feast of Tabernacles. They have two married daughters with children of their own. Their youngest daughter attends university in Reading.

Mr. Howells enjoys songleading—the Welsh are known for their musical talent—and appreci-

ates the fresh air and unspoiled scenery of Wales.

### Devonshire

Francis and Valerie Cann live in a village set in the Devonshire countryside.

Mr. and Mrs. Cann first read *The Plain Truth* in the mid-1950s. When they discovered the Sabbath, they put a sign outside their garage saying, "Shut all day Saturday, the Sabbath."

Mr. Cann said, "We couldn't understand the sarcasm from would-be Saturday customers!"

During the early '60s they traveled to services in Bristol, England, sometimes not arriving until after the service was over because of long traffic delays. Now they are only 23 miles from the nearest congregation.

They both work and have three grown-up children. Mr. Cann said: "We enjoy life and are thankful for

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## Lectures: PT readers see God's Word in operation

**By Alan King**  
BOREHAMWOOD, England—A series of Bible lectures running in the British Isles provides an opportunity for readers to listen to a minister and to watch a *World Tomorrow* telecast.

*Alan King is circulation manager in the British Office.*

For audiences in the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic, the availability of the *World Tomorrow* program remains limited. Less than 6.5 percent of the population can receive the telecast.

Bible lectures, or *Plain Truth* presentations as they are referred to here, are nothing new to this part of the world. Herbert W. Armstrong conducted campaign lectures in London, Manchester, Glasgow and Belfast in the early 1950s.

In 1956 Mr. Armstrong returned to Britain and, after a four-week series of nightly meetings, the London church began with eight members.

More churches were added as a result of several campaigns in 1960.

Meetings at more than 100 locations were attended by subscribers between 1974 and 1981. Since 1988 we have invited subscribers from different parts of Britain and the Irish Republic to attend our public presentations—four locations in 1988, two in 1989, five in 1990 and nine this year.

The *Plain Truth* presentation

program lets our readership see and hear the word of God in operation. These meetings are usually conducted in a hotel on two consecutive Sundays.

Two telecasts are shown on each of the two weekends. The programs "Why Does God Allow Suffering?" by Richard Ames and "End of the World?" by David Hulme have been particularly effective.

Nine locations have been selected for presentations this year, and four of these have already taken place at Cardiff, Wales; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Plymouth, England; and Cork, Irish Republic.

During the first half of this year invitations were sent to 5,800 *Plain Truth* subscribers. Attendance at each of the first meetings averaged 130, a response of 8.9 percent. So far there have been 38 visit requests and seven people have been invited to attend services.

Between December 1989 and December 1990, more than 17,000 readers were invited to one of six campaigns. Attendance on the first night averaged 170 (a 6 percent response rate), there were 65 visit requests, 18 attended services and four were baptized.

Five more presentations are tentatively scheduled for later this year, which will involve mailing invitations to about 8,000 subscribers. The locations are Jersey, Channel Islands, and Nottingham, Southampton, Borehamwood and Basildon, England.

# Coup

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Gorbachev was, whether tanks were coming, how the world would respond.

"Blood will be spilled and again we will be repressed," said Lydia Sergeevna, an elderly woman who works on the telex machines. Tears rolled down her face.

"The Russian people will suffer again as they have always suffered," she said. "But we will live through it, we will endure again as we always have. Our poor children, though, our poor, poor children."

How do you comfort a people who were again facing a dictatorship? There were no words that wouldn't sound hollow coming from Westerners who could leave for freedom and safety.

I sent a telex to Australia, the United States and England to let people know we were safe. Minutes later we were told that telexes could only be sent with the permission of Boris Petrov, president of Radio-Television Leningrad. Then the telex machines were shut down completely. Even telephone lines were inoperative.

At the entrance of the television station, park benches and building materials were used to make barricades.

"This is to protect our station from the tanks!" shouted a protester. "They're not going to beat us this time!"

We made our way through the barricades and went to the radio station downtown.

"I can't go back to being told how to write, what to read, what to believe, where I can travel and how to live," said Irina Ivanovna, editor at the radio station. "I can never live that way again. We must fight and we must win."

We listened to radio reports of blockades being erected around the parliament building in Moscow where Mr. Yeltsin was staying. We heard that tanks were coming. We heard of army units and people siding with Mr. Yeltsin

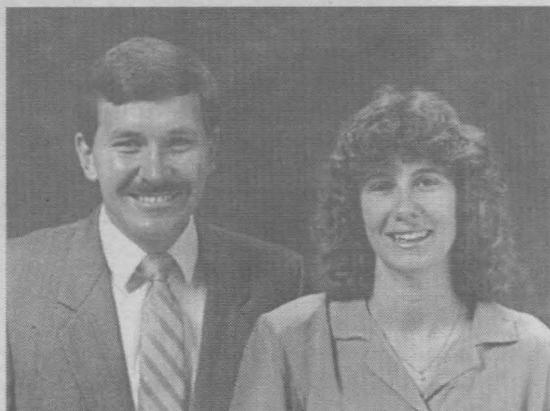
and vowing to protect him.

Back in our flat (apartment) we listened to the BBC radio reports and watched the coup unfold on Russian television.

Later that night we received a telephone call from Aub Warren in the Australian Office and we found that we also could make telephone calls. This was good news in a day of otherwise bad news.

## Tuesday, Aug. 20

Irina Ivanovna telephoned and told us to stay home because there were reports of tanks advancing on Leningrad and massive demonstrations in the city. The situation seemed to be deteriorating.



CLIFF & SIMONE WORTHING

Radio-Television Leningrad had been taken off the air Monday but now was broadcasting speeches and interviews condemning the coup and its leaders.

In case we had to leave the Soviet Union, Simone and our Russian driver went to the military authorities to collect Debbie Armstrong's visa. (Debbie had applied for a new apartment and they needed her visa for registration).

Simone is the only one in the group who knew enough Russian to retrieve the visa. This is her report: "The streets were quiet, but in downtown Leningrad there were cheerful, confident and defiant people everywhere."

"A crowd of about 50,000 had gathered in the Palace Square to hear Anatoly Sobchak, the mayor, who encouraged them to stand against the coup and convinced the army to stay out of the city."

"Later that night Cliff and I

went to a city council meeting. Outside the building a crowd of people waved the Russian flag and cheered a small contingent of soldiers who supported the mayor and Mr. Yeltsin.

"Then came news that tanks had converged on the parliament building in Moscow and that fighting was in progress. There was a sense of doom and incredible sadness."

"Back in our flat we received a telephone call from Germany and we were informed that Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and evangelist Larry Salyer wanted us to leave. (The American State Department had urged all American citizens to leave the Soviet Union.) We spent the night packing."

"We had mixed emotions about leaving. To leave would be the safe thing to do, but we didn't want to leave behind our friends in the midst of this crisis."

## Wednesday, Aug. 21

"As news of the events in Moscow became clearer we went to the television station to say good-bye. Our friends and colleagues were sad but understanding. 'You must come back soon,' they said."

"At the Finnair office we booked a flight to Germany but were unable to leave that day. Irina Ivanovna and Kirrill, our driver, drove us back to the flat. On the way Kirrill stopped to buy roofing for his *dacha* (summer country house). Such a Russian thing to do."

"Back in the flat we turned on the radio and listened to the BBC. The tanks and armored vehicles were leaving Moscow. The coup leaders had fled, Mr. Gorbachev is returning to Moscow, the coup had collapsed."

"Instantly the atmosphere changed. We got back in the car and went to Irina's place, the antenna of our radio extending out the window and the broadcast blaring. 'Military vehicles are withdrawing, the coup has collapsed and the leaders will be arrested.'

"Everywhere on the streets people rejoiced. The Russian flag was flying and people flashed the victory sign. What was to be a farewell dinner with Irina and her husband, Dimitri, became a celebration."

"We sent a telex to the Pasadena Church headquarters and asked them to reconsider their request that we leave. A few hours later we received a reply. We could stay!"


## After the coup

Mr. Kraftchenko, appointed by

Mr. Gorbachev, has taken control of Television Leningrad, which is now part of the All Union Television company. This means the station is no longer independent.

We were not able to teach during the crisis, but Simone and I are now back in the classroom. Debbie's students were on holiday, so she resumed her classes later.

I contacted Leo Kargjarv, our member in Estonia, and he said that neither he nor any of those interested in the Church were in any danger during the coup.




### Diary of a coup: excerpts from Debbie Armstrong's journal

**Monday evening, Aug. 19:**  
Gorbachev has been deposed. Yeltsin is calling for strikes and demonstrations.... The government in turn is warning against demonstrations.  
Television stations, including (Radio-Television Leningrad), have been shut down. Moscow TV is showing old black and white films today and no news, a definite sign that something is wrong.  
Soviet radio reports that Gorbachev is alive and well in the Crimea ... only tired. It doesn't give any more information. The BBC reports that tanks are surrounding the Kremlin and the army is on the streets in the Baltic and southern republics.  
The mayor of Leningrad is resisting Moscow's orders and there are massive demonstrations at the Leningrad Soviet. The guards at the TV station were armed with anti-assault weaponry, and we weren't allowed to send telexes without permission. Such precautions had been mostly abandoned with the onset of *glasnost* [openness], but now it's as if the Cold War is back and all channels of communication have been frozen. The situation is serious.

**Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 20:**  
Things change ... fast. First it's better, then it's worse. Rumor and reality mingle dangerously. I have heard that tanks are on their way here, that tanks are here already, that tanks are surrounding Leningrad TV (the latter I know isn't true).  
At the TV station they built a tank barricade from scaffolding. It would never have stopped a real tank, but the symbolism was powerful. The atmosphere among the people today is proud indignation. The Russians have tasted freedom. They will not give it up easily.

**Tuesday night:**  
We must leave Leningrad. All night I have been packing my belongings. It has been an emotionally exhausting experience. The Russians have taken us in as family, have opened their hearts to us. To leave them suddenly tears me apart. I feel as if I am abandoning them during their trial.  
If we fly out in the morning I won't be able to say good-bye to my friends, Kolya, Masha, Kirill, Sonya, Dima, Yuri, Sasha. Most of them are on vacation. I've written letters to them and I have gifts to leave behind, but it's [difficult] to leave without seeing them one last time.  
I realize now that this country has come to be my home.

**Wednesday evening, Aug. 21:**  
We have airplane tickets for tomorrow afternoon at 2. We will fly to Finland and from there to Frankfurt, Germany.  
My Russian friends are here now. I am throwing a going away party. My refrigerator is open to them. I won't need the food now. I will miss them. Kolya, who learned English by listening to American pop music.... Kirill, who I worked with to produce the first Russian television advertisement for a product actually affordable to the common man. Yuri, the presenter of the Dating Game program I wrote scripts for. They all have taught me so much, and now I must leave them. This is one of the saddest days of my life.

**Wednesday night, 9:25 p.m.:**  
We're staying! Sasha just called from TV to relay the telex from Pasadena. We have permission to stay in Leningrad. The coup is over. The tanks are withdrawing from Moscow.  
 Our going away party has just turned into a welcome back party. We've been watching a Soviet news program, and the situation is improving. Gorbachev is returning. The communist dictators are trying to escape.  
Only one problem remains.  
Now I have to unpack!

# Members

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the opportunity to be a part of God's Church and for the many wonderful friends we have made over the years. We look forward to making many more in the future."

## Sussex

David Holdstock is an active 15-year-old member of Youth Opportunities United. He attends the Brighton church on the south coast of England with his parents, Don and Linda. He has been disabled from birth with spina bifida, but leads a full life.



DAVID HOLDSTOCK

David's hobbies are handling birds of prey, music, chemistry and reading. He is also a patrol leader in his scout group, and enjoys a weeklong scout camp

during the summer.

## Yorkshire

Imogen King is a tall, elegant woman of senior years from Yorkshire in northeast England. She is a mother of eight children. She and her husband, Arthur, live



IMOGEN KING

on the Yorkshire moors. Their farmhouse is a haven of warmth amidst the isolation of the moors.

Since coming into the Church in 1969, Mrs. King says her life has had great purpose and fulfillment.

## Northern Ireland

Gerry and Roberta Ramsey live in the seaside town of Bangor, Northern Ireland, near Belfast, with their three teenage children.

Mr. Ramsey is a self-employed carpenter in Belfast. Despite the media image of Belfast, the Ramseys say it is still a relatively safe place to live.

They first heard *The World*

*Tomorrow* in 1967 on Radio Caroline, which broadcast from a ship off the coast of England. They were engaged at the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey were married in 1968, and both were baptized in 1970. Mr. Ramsey commented that "the only thing which continues to amaze me is the immediate bond there is between Church members, whether they have been in the congregation three weeks or 30 years."

## London

Denise Browne, a 1985 Ambassador College graduate, has attended services since she was 10. She lives in London and enjoys visiting the many parks, theaters and cinemas with the singles of the London church.

Miss Browne lives at home with her mother and two brothers, and works in the Borehamwood Office.



DENISE BROWNE

# Italian Office

BIG SANDY

## Decade of work: a few words blossom into national witness

By Carn Catherwood  
Regional director

**BIG SANDY**—The official beginning of the Italian Department was in January 1982.

Mr. Armstrong had started to see the need to do a work in Italy. However, the immediate obstacle he foresaw was a lack of ministers fluent in the Italian language.

An aide to Mr. Armstrong men-



**CARN AND JOYCE CATHERWOOD**

tioned that Carn Catherwood spoke Italian. In reality, I had at that point only taken a six-week course in Italian at California State University Los Angeles and was nowhere near fluent.

Upon being called in to see Mr. Armstrong, I explained that I had only a limited vocabulary in Italian: about 100 words. Mr. Armstrong replied, "That's a good beginning; you can learn the rest." And so the Italian phase of the Work was launched.

### Stage set

Throughout the 1970s the stage was being set for a fruitful work to be done in Italy. A movement away from state-endorsed religion was taking place, culminating in the 1980s with a complete separation of church and state.

In addition, heightened interest in religion had begun to ripple across the country. Many Italians, dissatisfied with the teachings of traditional religion, had begun to make contact with other religious bodies. Jehovah's Witnesses, Adventists and Mormons began to grow rapidly.

This new openness to nontradi-

tional religions helped set the stage for the work now being done in Italy by the Church.

The first issue of *La Pura Verita* (Italian Plain Truth) was the July-August issue in 1982. Circulation was only a few hundred. It grew sharply as the result of advertisements placed in the Italian edition of *Reader's Digest* and other major Italian magazines. Circulation peaked at 105,000 in early 1990.

### Telecast aired

In January 1984 another important door opened: The *World Tomorrow* telecast began to be aired every Sunday afternoon on Tele Monte Carlo, a major European television station. This Italian-subtitled telecast reached about half the country.

Then in 1985, airing time was negotiated on Retequattro, one of the major television networks in Italy. At present, the television program, now dubbed into Italian, can be seen in virtually every city and village in the nation. Italy has the most complete television coverage of any country outside the

English-speaking world.

In the early years of growth, it was unclear whether God was going to call a significant number of people into the Church. Mr. Armstrong at one point even wondered if there would be a spiritual harvest at all, perhaps only a witness. And for the first two years no one officially requested a visit or baptism.

### Steady growth

However, exactly two years (See ITALY, page 9)



**ITALIAN OFFICE**—Back row from left: Stefano Marsella, Aldo Antolli, David Panarelli, Carn Catherwood, Sammy Anastasi, Kevin Harty, Tony Polera, Dick Grizzard, Patrick Bloise; front row: Vera Derrigo, Carol Davis, Christian Allums, Joyce Catherwood, Antonella Marsella, Monika Wolverton, Elena Marsella, Lucy Bloise. Not pictured: Vincenzo Scannapieco, Salvatore Anastasi, Paul DeBuono, Tony DiSanto and Elsa Labounty.

## Tracing Anastasi family history

# Family spans four generations

By Ford Burden

**CATANIA, Italy**—The Anastasi home in Catania, with active volcano Mt. Etna smoking in the background, is a meeting point for relatives and brethren, especially on weekends.

Four generations of the Anas-

tasi family are members of the Church.

### To Algeria and back

Anastasi family history begins and continues in Italy, but has taken family members to several other countries.

Maria Salvo Anastasi was born Nov. 11, 1920, in Mazara del Vallo, a fishing village on the west coast of Sicily. Her family immigrated to Algeria when she was 8. She married Alberto Anastasi there on Sept. 2, 1937, and gave birth to two sons.

*Ford Burden works in the Church's suboffice in Bergamo, Italy.*

When World War II began, Algeria enacted a new law requiring immigrant Italians to relinquish their Italian citizenship if they wanted to remain in Algeria. Because of this, many Italians, including the Anastasis, returned to Italy.

Mr. Anastasi was drafted into the Italian Army and was separated from his family for four years. He was captured by the French and held prisoner in Tunisia.

At the end of the war Alberto and Maria moved their family to Niscemi, Sicily. Later they settled in Catania, where Mr. Anastasi became a plumber. Mrs. Anastasi gave birth to three girls: Brigida, Antonella and Anna Maria.

It was in Catania that Brigida and Antonella met their future husbands, Salvatore and Carmelo (See FAMILY, page 9)

Besides being brothers, these two men coincidentally had the same surname as the two sisters.

### Coming into Church

Shortly after marriage, Salvatore and Brigida Anastasi immigrated to Montreal, Que. They were followed by Carmelo who, after two years in Canada, came home to Catania to marry Antonella, and then returned with her to Canada.

In Montreal an event happened that would affect all of their lives. One Sunday afternoon while flipping through the channels on television Salvatore stumbled on *The World Tomorrow*.

He encouraged Carmelo, whose English was more proficient, to write for booklets. Carmelo was suspicious, and at first discouraged his brother from reading the booklets. However, soon both brothers were called into the Church and were baptized.

In the spring of 1972, Salvatore and Carmelo returned to Sicily with their families. Maria and Alberto Anastasi were overjoyed to have their extended family united once again. They were, however, perplexed by the new religion adopted by their sons-in-law.

Salvatore and Carmelo were the only members living in Italy at the time. Antonella, Carmelo's wife, was baptized in 1975 in the Mediterranean. Hers was the first recorded baptism by the Worldwide Church of God in Italy.

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## INTERNATIONAL DESK

FROM OUR ITALIAN OFFICE

## Constitution: invisible wall separating Italians

By Carmelo Anastasi

**BERGAMO, Italy**—Rome, the capital of Italy, has an invisible wall that separates Italians. This wall, which has stood for the past 43 years, is the constitution of the Italian Republic.

Since 1948 the constitution has regulated Italian civil, political and economic life. It has also

shown itself to be a dividing wall for Italians, and is the object of heated debate among various political factions.

### Historical factors

To properly understand the pressure for political reform, it is necessary to see, through Italian eyes, the historical factors that brought this constitution into being.

*Carmelo Anastasi, a 1990 Ambassador College graduate, works in the Church's suboffice in Bergamo.*

In 1944 Italy found itself on the losing side of World War II and had to surrender unconditionally. A committee of Italians who fought against Fascism was formed and charged by the Allies to draw up a constitutional charter that would restore to Italy the same democratic regime that had been suppressed by Fascist Premier Benito Mussolini.

Many Italian democrats hoped to establish a presidential republic rather than restoring the old democracy with monarchical representation. In any case, the Allies had imposed various limitations allowing only a parliamentary republic with limited sovereignty.

### Acceptable compromise

In 1948 this new constitutional charter was completed. By referendum the majority of Italians rejected the monarchical representation and accepted the new constitution as an inevitable compromise.

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**FOUR GENERATIONS**—Members and relatives often meet at the Anastasi home in Catania. From left: Francesca Burden, Natasha Burden, Maria Anastasi and Brigida Anastasi, four generations attending services.



## International Projects

### Jordan

The Foundation sends 13 Ambassador College students to Jordan each year to teach handicapped children at the Bunyat Center for the Mentally Handicapped, the Al Hussein Center for the Physically Handicapped, the Jordan Sports Federation for the Handicapped, the Sahaab Workshop for the Mentally Handicapped, and the Noor al Hussein Foundation. Starting next summer the Foundation will send students to an archaeological dig in Jordan.

### Thailand

Eight Ambassador students are sent to Thailand each year to teach English at four schools in Bangkok: Chitralada (a school on the Palace grounds), Sathit Chula (a university prep school), Prathamnak Suan Kulab (a primary and secondary school) and Wat Saket (a temple school for monks).

### Sri Lanka

Nine Ambassador students work at Waterfield Institute, a post-high school providing free secondary education to young adults. Courses are taught in English, computer skills, physical education, personal development and job preparation. As a pilot project, two men are assisting schools at Mawatagama.

### Syria

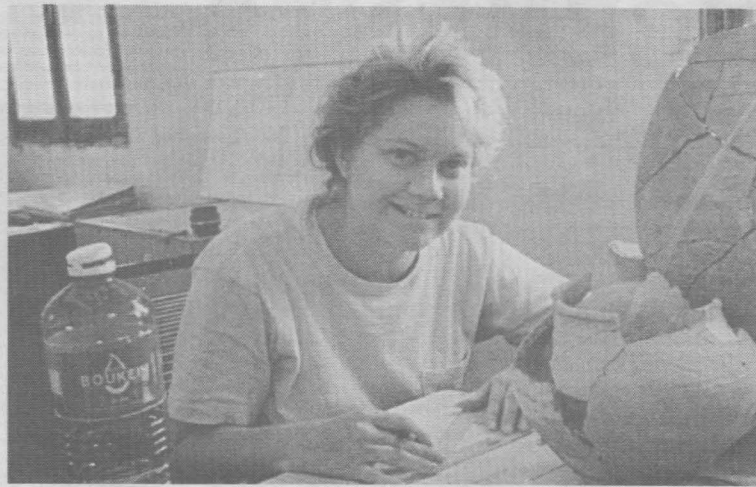
In conjunction with the International Institute for Mesopotamian Area Studies (IIMAS), the Foundation assists in excavating the ancient city of Terqa. Ambassador students are sent each summer to assist in the dig, except this summer because of the Gulf War.

### Israel

Under the coordination of Hebrew University, the Hazor dig was added to the Foundation's archaeological projects when Ambassador students were sent to Hazor for the first time. The dig has provided evidence of biblical historical authenticity. The project was put on hold this summer, but will resume again next summer.

### Soviet Union

Three people teach English, computer and business classes to the staff at Radio-Television Leningrad. Ambassador Foundation provided computers and other necessary equipment.



**PIECEMEAL PROJECT**—Darlene Siedschlag records data about pottery found at the archaeological dig in Syria. [Photo by Patricia Kent]

## Foundation

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land," said Mr. Locke.

"They ask me if this is really the truth, and I say it certainly is. And that really makes them a much more valuable employee."

Joanie Hoffahrt, a senior at Ambassador College, taught English to fourth, 10th and 11th grade students at Chitralada School in Thailand during the 1990-91 school year. She said that going on the project helped her a lot.

"I feel like I'm better able to

relate to the international students that are here at college," Joanie said. "For them, this is a foreign project in a way. I think I can understand a little bit better what they go through when they first come over."

Joanie said that going on the Thailand project has changed the course of her life. "No longer do I speak about current events from just an American perspective," she said. "I would like to go to graduate school and get my degree in Asian Studies."

Besides projects the Foundation directly supports, it also helps

fund other projects around the world through grants. The Foundation provided the funds to send four Colorado physicians to the Soviet Union to help people living near the Chernobyl nuclear plant.

It supports ongoing projects such as the International Cultural Center for Youth in Israel (a social center for Palestinian and Israeli teens), the centers in Jordan, and the Hazor and Syria digs.

Additionally the Foundation has helped international students come to Ambassador College by providing the funds for plane tickets and scholarships for tuition.

"A lot of countries will not let their citizens bring money out of their country and the only way these students could go to AC is if someone helped them out with finances," said Mr. Locke.

"We work with the regional directors and local pastors to bring kids to college and then we send them back after graduation to be pillars in their church areas."

Mr. Locke says he gets a lot of satisfaction from working with the Foundation.

"Sometimes we work with people in Third World countries who are in a real state of poverty," he said. "We help them get an education and then they can go back and help their people. To me, that's really encouraging."

## Italy

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after the magazine first appeared, just as we started into our third year of existence (August 1984), 10 visit requests were received in one month. Rarely have we received fewer than 10 requests a month since then.

From that point on, the number of baptisms has risen steadily. The first small congregations were established in Rome, Milan and Catania, Sicily, in January 1986.

In 1990 we started a fourth congregation in Vicenza, a city in the northeast near Venice. In addition, outlying Bible studies are conducted regularly in Florence and Naples.

Three ordained ministers travel over Italy serving the growing membership. They visit smaller numbers of people in the Italian-speaking parts of southern Switzerland and the coastal areas of Yugoslavia.

### Economic miracle

In the past 20 years, Italy has experienced its own economic miracle and has joined the ranks of the world's prosperous nations. Depending on whose statistics you look at, Italy is now either the fifth or sixth of the world's industrial powers.

The economy is resilient and

energetic in the private sector. In the public sector (government agencies, banks) the ponderous, inefficient government infrastructure slows progress, and extremely high taxes are a burden to the membership.

In Italy, the family unit is still strong—the nation's divorce rate remains one of the lowest in the Western world. As a consequence there is still much basic soundness and stability in Italian culture and society.

At the same time drug use is increasing, organized crime is a major concern in southern Italy and pollution is a huge problem in almost all major centers.

Thus Italians are prone to ask: "What's happening to our quality of life? We have more money than ever before, but we also have more problems." The Work of God is on-site to provide answers to their questions.

The main Italian Office in Big Sandy, Tex., is staffed by six full-time employees and 17 students (including all seven native Italians studying on campus).

The Church maintains a small suboffice in Bergamo, an attractive small city in the foothills of the Italian Alps.

### Maltese: 'unusual kindness'

The Italian Office also administers the island nation of Malta in the Mediterranean Sea, 60 miles

south of Sicily and about 180 miles from North Africa.

Malta is a tiny nation (population about 350,000), with its own distinct culture and its own Semitic language, though most also speak English and Italian.

A church with about 60 people meets in Valletta. Though the congregation may seem small by North American standards, it represents the highest proportion of members living in any European country.

In addition, *Plain Truth* penetration, about 1,500 (1 in 233), is one of the highest percentages of any country.

The apostle Paul, after being shipwrecked on Malta, said that the Maltese were people of "unusual kindness" (Acts 28:1-2, New King James), and he clearly had a special love for them. The Maltese people continue to be very responsive to the truth of God in our age.

A minister from Italy flies to Malta once a month to conduct services. At present, the pastor is John Adams, manager of the sub-office in Bergamo. On the other Sabbaths brethren gather to listen to a taped sermon.

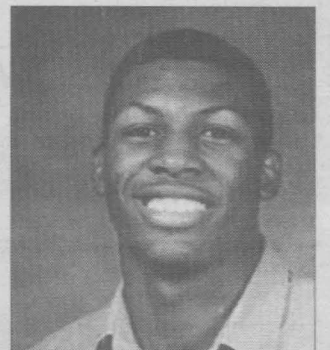
Because fellowship is important to the Maltese brethren (many are the only Church members in their extended family) it is common for them to spend hours together on the Sabbath, talking or walking in a park.

## Valedictorians

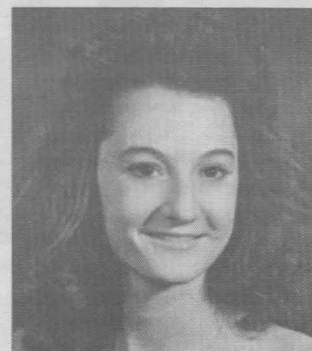
The Worldwide News congratulates the following youths who were valedictorians (or ranked first) in their graduating classes.



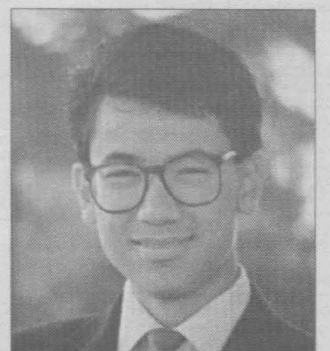
**Laura J. Barger**  
Valedictorian  
Amherst High School  
Grand Island, Neb., church



**Reuben B. Foy**  
Valedictorian  
Anderson-Shiro High School  
Houston, Tex., North P.M. church



**Stacey Linsley**  
Valedictorian  
McCarmey High School  
Midland, Tex., church



**V. Henry West**  
Valedictorian  
Western Brown High School  
Cincinnati, Ohio, East church

## Family

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Anna Maria soon became interested in the Church and was baptized. Her husband, Angelo De Vita, and sister, Brigida, were baptized a few years later.

Maria Anastasi noticed the examples set by her three daughters, and became interested in the Church. She started praying that God would call her husband, Alberto, so that she could start attending services without impediment.

One day, grandson Luca (son of Antonella and Carmelo) accidentally left a copy of the New Testament at his grandfather's house. Alberto found the Bible and began to read it, and soon he had read it from cover to cover.

His eyes were opened to the truth, and in spite of health problems and advancing years, he

began to keep the Sabbath.

Alberto was baptized in February 1986, and Maria was baptized the following May. They have five children, 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Fourteen of these, plus three sons-in-law attend Church.

Five family members have been students at Ambassador College. Grandsons Salvatore and Sammy are juniors in Big Sandy.

Two sons-in-law work for the Church, and daughter Antonella is a deaconess in the Milan congregation. Francesca (Anastasi) Burden, a 1985 AC graduate, is one of Maria and Alberto's granddaughters. She has a 1-year-old daughter named Natasha, who is the fourth generation of the family in the Church.

Maria and Alberto Anastasi look forward to the day when their surname, which means "resurrection," won't just be a name, but a reality.

## Wall

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However, to most Italian patriots this type of constitution came to be viewed as something like the Berlin Wall: on one side were center-right political forces, which accepted the erection of the wall to prevent new rightwing dictatorial regimes and stop the advance of eastern communism.

On the other side were the political forces of the center-left, who felt once again that their hands were being tied.

Italian patriots on both sides had fought against Hitler and Mussolini to restore democracy, but now the new constitution deprived them all of full sovereignty.

### Mixed feelings

Initially these were the unspoken mixed feelings of most Ital-

ians: the democratic form of government resulting from the new constitution clearly protected them from a new dictatorship, but it also allowed for the permanent assignment of foreign troops on Italian soil.

Furthermore, some complained that this parliamentary republic was too democratic, that it favored the formation of small political parties, which produced only weak and short-lived governments formed by coalition.

In fact, during the past 43 years, Italy has had about 50 different government coalitions and a parliament so politically fragmented as to seriously limit its own legislative powers.

No Italian politician has ever doubted that the constitution helped to bring Italy out of the ruins of the war. However, today the country is governed by a new generation that does not feel guilty for the past.

It is a generation that has changed Italy into one of the most industrialized and economically productive nations on earth, and which feels too restricted by the present constitution.

The most important supporters of constitutional reform are the president of the Republic, Francesco Cossiga, and the influential leader of the Socialist Party, Bettino Craxi.

Both are pushing for a presidential republic and the restoration of full national sovereignty. They believe that this would give Italy a more efficient administrative system, a stronger government and, therefore, greater economic and political stability.

These factors would also give Italy far greater influence in economic and political choices and allow the country to play a stronger role in the European Community and throughout the Western world.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**ALLEN**, Jerry and Barbara (Blagun) of McLean, Va., girl, Natalie Forrest, July 5, 2:05 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**ATKINSON**, Douglas and Olga (North) of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Graham Leslie, July 27, 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

**BOTHA**, Kobus and Lorika (Jacobs) of Boksburg, South Africa, girl, Zandi, July 17, 8 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**BRADLEY**, Henry and Celia (Gonzalez) of Seattle, Wash., boy, Derek Allyn, Aug. 16, 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**BROADNAX**, Jeffrey and Karen (Hunter) of Big Sandy, girl, Jasmine Feliz, July 23, 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

**COUSTON**, Roy and Sheila (Hildebrand) of Calgary, Alta., boy, Ryan William Benjamin, July 19, 12:34 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys.

**CRAWFORD**, James and Sheryl (Ras) of San Jose, Calif., boy, Michael James, July 29, 4:34 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**CUMMINS**, Robert and Joan (Prusinske) of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Amy Louise, July 29, 8:47 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 girls.

**CURTIS**, Jon and Barb (Lemmon) of Burlington, Vt., girl, Jennifer Suzanne, July 8, 9:04 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

**DE MOEI**, Erik and Jamie (Barron) of Doorn, Netherlands, boy, Derrik Raymond Simon, Aug. 7, 2:43 p.m., first child.

**DERAAS**, Clint and Linda (Daly) of Duluth, Minn., boy, Craig Allen, Aug. 15, 2:20 a.m., 5 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, first child.

**ELLIOTT**, Gary and Cindy (Lacina) of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, David Bradley, Aug. 7, 2:05 a.m., 8 pounds 3/4 ounce, now 2 boys.

**FARVES**, Sherman and Geri (Kirklen) of Washington, D.C., girl, Melanie Joyner, July 12, 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 4 girls.

**FENWICK**, David and Shelly (Griswold) of Elkhart, Ind., boy, Micah Charles, May 19, 2:40 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GARNER**, James and Dana (Book) of Huntsville, Ala., boy, Matthew James, Aug. 18, 1:17 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys.

**GIBSON**, Elgie and Leah (Luker) of Bellevue, Wash., girl, Kennedy Elise, April 12, 3:15 p.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GLOVER**, Stephen and Tracy (Downer) of Montgomery, Ala., girl, Hannah Elizabeth, July 18, 10:36 p.m., 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**GUENTHER**, Harold and Wanda (Fittkau) of Battleford, Sask., girl, Tammy Jolene, July 23, 4:46 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 girls.

**GUERRERO**, Zachary and Sally (Frosseth) of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Zachary Augustin II, March 29, 12:23 p.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

**HAMILTON**, Ron and Karen (Brown) of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Marcus John, July 10, 11 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**HARLAMERT**, Henry and Beth (Williams) of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Robert Henry, July 23, 7:18 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**HARRIS**, Vernon and Sandra (Williams) of Queens, N.Y., boy, Anthony Jerome, July 11, 5:10 p.m., 4 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**HARVEY**, Mark and Barbara (Wolfe) of Fort Wayne, Ind., girl, Abigail Leann, Aug. 15, 11:41 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**HENDRICKSON**, John and Pam (Johnson) of Austin, Tex., boy, Marc Robert, June 28, 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**HODO**, Paul and Lisa (Karr) of Buford, Ga., boy, Ian Alexander, May 7, 7:03 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**HOFER**, Hardy and Suzanne (Hildebrand) of Calgary, Alta., girl, Rebecca Anne, Aug. 4, 12:28 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

**HUDSON**, Kevin and Linda (Peyton) of Dallas, Tex., girl, Anna Elizabeth, May 28, 5:45 p.m., 9 pounds, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**IVY**, J. Bryan and Peggy (Reid) of Russellville, Ark., girl, Karen Elaine, Aug. 12, 11:36 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

**KASWAGA**, Tom and Rebecca (Sakallie) of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, girl, Hilda Atuganile, Aug. 1, 8 a.m., 3.7 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**KLASSEN**, Warren and Ethel (Wiggins) of Toronto, Ont., boy, Garrett Evan Nigel, July 5, 8:50 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**LAFFITTE**, C. Judd and Shawna (Fertig) of Wheatland, Wyo., girl, Megan Janell, June 27, 11:05 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**LOVE**, Timothy and Donna (Schuerch) of Missoula, Mont., boy, Aaron John, Aug. 5, 1:28 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**LUCAS**, Raymond and Suzanne of New Lisbon, N.J., boy, Ryan Benjamin, Aug. 16, 9:36 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 7 boys, 2 girls.

**MABRY**, Thom and Bonnie (Suggs) of Charlotte, N.C., boy, Tyler Andrew, July 28, 9:47 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**MADUKWE**, Thomas Chukwuma and Justina (Ugwuagu) of Enugu, Nigeria, boy, Kosisochukwu Benjamin, July 8, 8:40 p.m., 3 kilo-

grams, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

**MEANS**, Myron and Patricia (McGhee) of Fort Smith, Ark., boy, Payton Lee, June 20, 12:33 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**MONTELEONE**, Brett and Lorretta (Main) of Des Moines, Iowa, girl, Kylie Danae, Aug. 7, 9:41 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

**MORGAN**, Dave and Heidi (Schmidt) of Cedarburg, Wis., boy, Luke Andrew, Aug. 3, 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**NEAL**, Edward and Mary (Williams) of Baltimore, Md., girl, Erin Elizabeth, July 18, 10:55 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

**ODLE**, Daniel and Beverly (Honaker) of Monticall, W.Va., girl, Rebekah Katherine, July 23, 6:15 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

**PAPLONOT**, Pepe and Christine (Domoguen) of Mankayan, Philippines, girl, Lomalaine Domoguen, April 26, 5 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**PEREZ**, John and Tammy (O'Neal) of Marietta, Ga., girl, Ashley Nicole, July 8, 11:49 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

**REKASIS**, Gary and Cyndi (Ulreich) of Chicago, Ill., girl, Jo Lyn, Aug. 14, 12:57 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

**RICARDO**, Donald and Lauralani (Ter-shansy) of Port Washington, N.Y., girl, Alyssa Renee, April 10, 4:10 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Chuck E. and Sylvia A. Houseman of Coos Bay, Ore., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Alice Anne to Barry Paul Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Baker of Bremerton, Wash. A Nov. 29 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seltzer of Minneapolis, Minn., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Vania Jane to Aaron Raymond Root, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Root of St. Paul, Minn. A Nov. 24 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baker of Leucadia, Calif., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lynai to Brett McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCoy of Summerville, Ore. A January wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



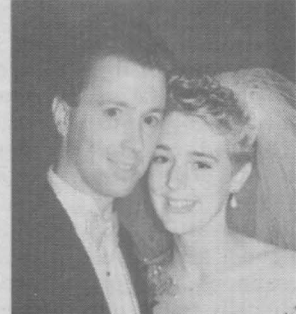
**MR. & MRS. ALOIS MAIR**

Silvia Bruning and Alois Mair were united in marriage June 9. The ceremony was performed by Winfried Fritz, Bonn-Duesseldorf, Darmstadt and Zwickau, Germany, pastor. Attendants to the bride were Annette Habicht and Marita Klus, and attendants to the groom were Norbert Klus and Reinhard Habicht. The couple live in Bonn.



**MR. & MRS. SOLOMON AYITEY**

Charlotte Asirifi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kofi Sakyi Asirifi, and Solomon Ayitey were united in marriage July 14. The ceremony was performed by Alan Tattersall, Accra, Kumasi and Hohoe, Ghana, pastor. The couple live in Accra. Mr. Ayitey is a local church elder in the Accra church.



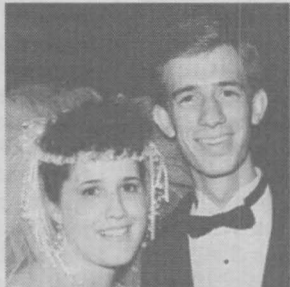
**MR. & MRS. TODD SNYDER**

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brown of Chelmsford, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Catherine Elizabeth to Todd Fredrick Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson of Rochester, Minn. The wedding was performed July 14 by the bride's father, a minister in the Basildon, England, church. Rachel Snyder, niece of the groom, was maid of honor, and Brad Snyder, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. & MRS. GEORGE KLOTZ**

Anna Castagna, daughter of Tony and Cristina Castagna of Perth, W.A., and George Alexander Klotz, son of Franz Klotz of Adelaide, S.A., and the late Adelheid Klotz, were united in marriage May 26. The ceremony was performed by Lloyd Longley, Perth South and Bunbury, W.A., associate pastor. Dora Greay, sister of the bride, was chief bridesmaid, and Gus Neubauer was best man. The couple live in Perth.



**MR. & MRS. HUGH SIMMONS**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler of Corvallis, Ore., are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Rebecca Louise to Hugh Judson Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Simmons of Menlo, Ga. The ceremony was performed May 26 in Big Sandy by Aaron Dean, director of the Ambassador College student center. Ruth Wheeler, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ben Simmons, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Amarillo, Tex.



**MR. & MRS. HAROLD COMPTON JR.**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lapp of Fenton, Mich., are pleased to announce the marriage of Mrs. Lapp's daughter Tonya Marie to Harold Donald Compton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Compton Sr., of Silverwood, Mich. The ceremony was performed May 5 by Steve Shafer, Flint and Lansing, Mich., associate pastor. Tabitha Daws was maid of honor, and Rob Vine was best man. The couple live in Grand Blanc, Mich.



**DR. & MRS. WILEY GREENE**

Debra G. Gilmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmer of Kingsport, Tenn., and Wiley A. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley G. Greene of Telford, Tenn., were united in marriage June 29 in Johnson City, Tenn. The ceremony was performed by Garvin Greene, brother of the groom and Knoxville, Tenn., pastor. Charlotte G. Cox, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Fred Nance was best man. The couple live in Kingsport.



**MR. & MRS. LAVERN OLSON**

Teresa Pauline McAllister and LaVern Allen Olson were united in marriage June 16. The ceremony was performed by Charles Holladay, Cincinnati, Ohio, West, pastor. The couple live in Cincinnati.



**MR. & MRS. DANIEL ERWIN**

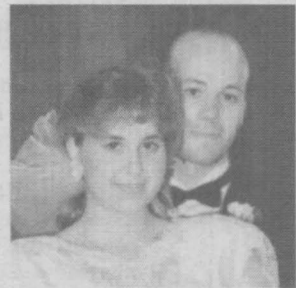
Sheila Marie Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bryant of Mobile, Ala., and Daniel Bruce Erwin of Lake Charles, La., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Erwin of Portsmouth, Va., were united in marriage

Feb. 23. The ceremony was performed by James O'Brien, Mobile, Ala., pastor. Allison Moore was maid of honor, and Steve Fontenot was best man. The couple live in Lake Charles.



**MR. & MRS. KURT E. GEHLHAUSEN**

Serena C. Wilkerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilkerson, and Kurt E. Gehlhausen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gehlhausen, were united in marriage June 23. The ceremony was performed by Robert Spence, Evansville, Ind., and Madisonville, Ky., pastor. Linda Osborne was maid of honor, and Tom Miller was best man. The couple live in Chandler, Ind.



**MR. & MRS. STANLEY COTTER**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Vinson of Cleveland, Mo., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Joby Joe to Stanley James Walter Cotter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Eugene Cotter of Kansas City, Mo. The ceremony was performed May 11 by John Pentlin, a minister in the Kansas City, Kan., South church. Gimy Rae Vinson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Steve Cotter, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Kansas City.



**MR. & MRS. RONALD HUBBARD**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Siney of Framingham, Mass., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Valerie to Ronald F. Hubbard of Avon, Mass. The ceremony was performed June 23 in Natick, Mass., by David Register, Boston and Worcester, Mass., pastor. Gina Gravalles was maid of honor, and David Roycroft was best man. The couple live in Norwood, Mass.



**MR. & MRS. DAVID LAWSON**

Mary Auringer of Dallas, Tex., and David L. Lawson of Knoxville, Tenn., were united in marriage May 26. The ceremony was performed in Knoxville by John Comino, Washington, D.C., South, pastor. The couple live in Maryville, Tenn.



**MR. & MRS. BRIAN HAMILTON**

Judy Black of Kirkland, Wash., is pleased



**MR. & MRS. CHRISTOPH SCHICK**

Susanne Eisermann and Christoph Schick were united in marriage June 23 at Drachenburg Castle near Bonn, Germany. The ceremony was performed by Winfried Fritz, Bonn-Duesseldorf, Darmstadt and Zwickau, Germany, pastor. Emma Hunniset and Irene Lie were bridesmaids.

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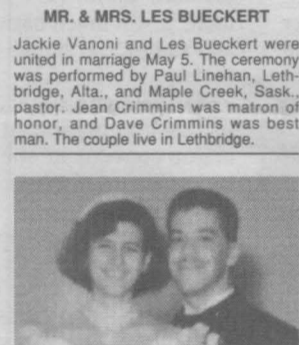
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to announce the marriage of her daughter Terri Lynn to Brian Dean Hamilton, son of Jean Ann Hamilton of Lubbock, Tex., and the late Dean Hamilton. The ceremony was performed June 1 by David Dobson, Mojave and Bakersfield, Calif., pastor. Michelle Black, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Paul Maeker was best man. The couple live in Lubbock.



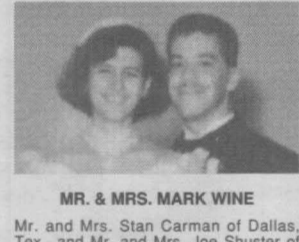
**MR. & MRS. JAMES BECKER**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raymakers of Melbourne, Vic., are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Madeline Isobel Mary to James K. Becker of Crystal Lake, Ill., son of Linda Becker and the late John Becker. The ceremony was performed June 23 by Kenneth Lewis, Morwell, Vic., pastor. Emily MacAlister, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Arthur Schatke was best man. The couple live in Crystal Lake.



**MR. & MRS. LES BUECKERT**

Jackie Vanoni and Les Bueckert were united in marriage May 5. The ceremony was performed by Paul Linehan, Lethbridge, Alta., and Maple Creek, Sask., pastor. Jean Crimmins was matron of honor, and Dave Crimmins was best man. The couple live in Lethbridge.



**MR. & MRS. MARK WINE**

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Carman of Dallas, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shuster of Winchester, Va., are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Heather Leah and Mark David Wine. The ceremony was performed May 26 by Gary Antion, dean of students at Ambassador College, Tomra Bazer was matron of honor, and Victor Wine was best man. The couple live in Dallas.



**MR. & MRS. GORDON McLAUGHLIN**

Mr. and Mrs. Jack G. Flack of Adelaide,

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Heykoop of Francine Bolduc, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bolduc of Farnham, Que., and Johannes Heykoop, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Heykoop of Fenwick, Ont., were united in marriage Feb. 10. The ceremony was performed by Ghislain Ringuette, Abitibi-Temiscamingue, Que., French, pastor. The couple live in St. Pie, Que.



**MR. & MRS. KARL HERRMANN**

Terisa K. Green, daughter of Linda Tobias, and Karl K. Herrmann, son of Kenneth and Elise Herrmann, were united in marriage June 9. The ceremony was performed by John Ogwyn, Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., pastor. Attendants to the bride were Dena Davis, Judy Friedrichs and Vickie Reoder. Grooms-men were Martin Mortensen, Kurt Krueckeberg and Mike Santamaria. The couple live in Dallas, Tex.



**MR. & MRS. GREGORY WHALEY**

William and Tamera Whiteaker of Coquille, Ore., and Gerald and Nancy Whaley of Chapel Hill, Tenn., are happy to announce the marriage of their children, Tara Colleen McLain and Gregory Lynn Whaley. The ceremony was performed May 4 by David Mills, Macon and

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Dublin, Ga., pastor, Teah-Tephi Shelleen Whiteaker, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Tim Haggard was best man. The couple live in Murfreesboro, Tenn.



MR. & MRS. DANIAL PARTIN

Sara Kristine Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tad Lamb, and Danial Partin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton, are delighted to announce their marriage. The ceremony was performed Nov. 25 by Ed Smith, a minister in the Cincinnati, Ohio, North church. Sarah Case was maid of honor, and David Partin, nephew of the groom, was best man. The couple live in New Richmond, Ohio.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. GARY GUINAN

The children of Gary and Donna Guinan of Orlando, Fla., would like to congratulate their parents on their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 9. The Guinans have three children, Tina Trombley, Tonya Wagner and Gary Guinan II; one son-in-law, Dave Wagner; and two grandchildren, Cassandra and Heather Trombley.



MR. & MRS. JOHN H. DIEHL

The family of John and Mary Lou Diehl would like to congratulate them on their 30th wedding anniversary July 22. The Diehls have one daughter, Ginger; three sons, John, Matt and Derek; one son-in-law, Ramon; one daughter-in-law, Marti; and three grandchildren, Justin, Megan and Kristin. The Diehls attend the Gaylord, Mich., church.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT SCHNELLE

The children of Robert and Evelyn Schnelle are pleased to announce their parents' 35th wedding anniversary Aug. 24. They have three sons, Steven, Mark and Herb; one daughter, Eileen; one daughter-in-law, Michele; and one granddaughter, Jaclyn Ashley. The Schnelles attend the Wentzville, Mo., church.



MR. & MRS. BOB CARTER

The children of Bob and Mary Lou Carter wish to announce their parents' 35th wedding anniversary June 14. The Carters have one son, Dale; two daughters, Amy Hargarten and Melinda Rademaker; one daughter-in-law, Ruth; two sons-in-law, Jim Hargarten and Bob Rademaker; and eight grandchildren, Jeffrey, Amy Sue, Joel, Alicia, Jason, Nathaniel, Breanne and Sylvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Watts of Hamilton, New Zealand, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 2. They have one son, Warren; two daughters, Lynley and Angela; two sons-in-law, Steven and Trevor; and four grandchildren, Kristy, Sarah, Caitlin and Rhys.

Maynard and Alcie Hill of Coeburn, Va., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary July 11. The Hills have eight daughters, three sons and 16 grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. WILBER WILLHOITE

Wilber and Dorothy Willhoite of Drexel, Mo., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 8. Kansas City, Kan., South brethren honored them with a dozen red roses. The Willhoites have one

son, two daughters, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. TOM MCGAHA

Tom and Evelyn McGaha of Baton Rouge, La., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 13. The McGahas have one daughter, Dorie.

NOTICES

The Concord, N.H., church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Nov. 16. There will be a special Sabbath service featuring speakers who were ministers in the area in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Following will be a meal and entertainment. If you are interested in attending write Denzil Thayer at R.R.1, Box 582, Farmington, N.H., 03835.

OBITUARIES



DAISY KIRKLAND

KIRKLAND, Daisy, 102, of Coventry, England, died May 15. She was the oldest member in the British Isles. Mrs. Kirkland is survived by one son, two daughters, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

ROANE, Josiah Jr., 95, of Richmond, Va., died June 26. He is survived by two sons, Theodore and David; and three grandsons.

GRANT, Harold W., 70, of Windsor, Ont., died March 24 of heart failure. He is survived by five children and five grandchildren.

LOFTON, Ellis "Tex," 78, of East Jordan, Mich., died July 20. He is survived by his wife, Dagmar; two sons, Paul and Gary; seven grandchildren; one brother, Jack; and one sister, Ruby Hunsucker.

WRIGHT, Late E. "Ed," 78, of Anna, Ill., died July 9 of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; two sons, Ronald and

### ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD

**MR. & MRS. WILLIAM MEINE, MR. & MRS. ARMOND REGNEART AND MR. & MRS. KENNETH BRUNNER**

Three Fort Myers, Fla., couples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries this summer. William and Betty Meine were married Aug. 7, 1941; Armond and Esther Regneart were married July 18, 1941; and Kenneth and Mildred Brunner were married Aug. 2, 1941. Fort Myers brethren honored them at a reception after Sabbath services Aug. 3.

Larry E.; one daughter-in-law, Nila; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



MAUDE JOHNSON

JOHNSON, Maude Marie, 90, of Denver, Colo., died June 23. She is survived by one daughter, Melanie; and three grandchildren. Her husband died in 1981.

LEIBBRANDT, Katherine, 94, of Denver, Colo., died June 19. She is survived by three sons, Robert, Raymond and Haddon. Her husband, John, died in 1975.

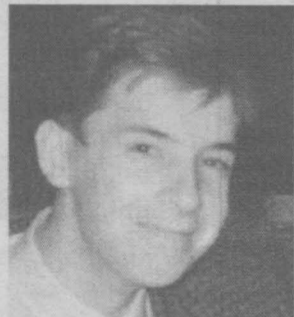
LEDFOUR, Rodney "Curley," 95, of Paradise, Calif., died July 11. His wife, Lillian, preceded him in death in 1988.

KRICHBAUM, Edythe, 53, of Bradford, Ont., died July 22 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Hans; one son, Paul; three daughters, Francis, Dana and Angela; and two grandchildren.

DOLL, Richard, 59, of Darmstadt, Germany, died July 9 of cancer. He was one of the first members in Germany and attended the first service conducted in

the region in Frankfurt in 1965. Mr. Doll is survived by one step-sister.

BEST, Gregory Seth, 32, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Aug. 4 in an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Vanessa; one son, Gregory Jr.; one daughter, Candance; an unborn baby due in November; his mother; one brother; and one sister.



MATTHEW LEE

LEE, Matthew James, 19, of Cambridge, England, died July 20 of septicemia contracted while his body was in a weakened state following chemotherapy for Hodgkin's disease. He is survived by his parents, Bill and Noreen; and one brother, Martin.

CHUMLEY, Bessie, 74, of Shreveport, La., died June 27 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Allen; and two sisters, Mildred Coleman and Jodie Pelfrey.

CLAY, Paul, 72, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died July 25 of heart failure. He is survived by his brothers and sisters.



KERNAL CLARKE

CLARKE, Kernal Alexander, 66, of Grenada, died in Barbados June 29. He is survived by his wife, Monica; 12 children; 25 grandchildren; and other relatives.

MILLER, Harley Leroy "Roy," 87, of Youngtown, Ariz., died Aug. 14. He is survived by one daughter, Barbara Tomlinson; two brothers; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

RICHARDSON, Duane R., 54, of Portage, Ohio, died July 4. He is survived by his wife, Rose; two sons, Shawn and Shane; and two daughters, Stacy and Stephanie.

BEREZA, Jeffrey, 38, of Winnipeg, Man., died unexpectedly Oct. 17. He is survived by his wife, June.

Conference

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the 1930s and '40s turned into a struggle to survive financially during the 1950s, then a focus on preparing for the end times during the '60s, to testing and trials in the 1970s, to consolidating and focusing on unity and the family in the 1980s, to refining goals and priorities in the early 1990s.

"Change is always part of growth," Mr. Dick said. "Brethren need encouragement and support because there can be a feeling of instability during transition periods." He urged: "Help members to

keep their eyes on Christ as the leader of the Church."

Regional developments

Aug. 20 Mr. van Belkum explained the latest developments on possible television broadcasting in South Africa. He also covered training ministerial personnel for Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Sydney Hull, pastor of the Johannesburg West and Klerksdorp congregations, who has served on the government board for religious objectors to military service since 1984, shared some positive news.

He said Church youths are now required to serve only 69 more

days of community service than their military counterparts. What was originally treated as a punitive measure is now a sensible option to Church youths.

Business manager Bryan Mathie reported on difficulties in obtaining suitable Festival sites for 1992. He stressed the bargaining power the Church has with hoteliers, based on up-to-date information on accommodations used by members in past years.

Being good shepherds

Mr. Dick's final lecture helped the ministry appreciate the importance of a good relationship between the minister and his congregation, and having "a genuine love" for the members.

We must have the orientation that "people are not problems, people have problems," he said. "Help people to grow out of their problems.... As ministers we should also evaluate how members in our congregation perceive our behavior toward them."

Regional strategic planning

To begin the strategic planning process, Mr. van Belkum recalled how Mr. Tkach introduced five-year planning in April 1989.

Quoting author Peter Drucker, Mr. van Belkum said we need to "pray for miracles, but plan for results."

Operation managers in the Cape Town Office then presented key elements of the planning process for their sections, identifying strengths, weaknesses and goals.

Office manager Bob Klynsmith covered the external environment in South Africa, emphasizing the fluid economy and sociopolitical conditions.

The "new South Africa" is not

yet here, and we do not really know how it will turn out. He also gave a report on Church manpower planning and the Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Mr. Mathie referred to the economic pressure members face. Inflation and joblessness will affect how the Church is able to conduct its affairs. He reminded us that God is still in charge and can provide the necessary funds.

I covered plans for media promotion of *The Plain Truth* and possible local editorial content.

Quality control and training were two needs identified by Morgen Kriedemann of mail processing. He encouraged more dialogue with the field ministry to bring problems to the attention of his staff.

Wrap-up

In the final session, Mr. Dick covered the 15-minute *World Tomorrow* program for Europe, lip synchronization for non-English versions of the telecast and drafting a revised Church youth program.

Europe

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position. 'The Common European Home' is essentially another phrase for Christendom—to which the Eastern Europeans long to return."

This vision is proceeding parallel with the steady growth of the European Community, which will expand in the years ahead to include members in Eastern Europe. Some officials within the EC countries are already urging associate membership for the newly independent Baltic states.

The European Community today, continued the *Sunday Telegraph*, seemed to bear "a more than shadowy resemblance to a European imperial ideal that has never been entirely forgotten."

The article briefly summarized Europe's imperial ideal, from the time of the Roman Empire through its various revivals,

beginning with Charlemagne and extending into the Holy Roman Empire during the Middle Ages, a joint rule by pope and emperor.

"We may think that all this," continued the *Sunday Telegraph*, "is the sound of 'old, unhappy, far-off things. And battles long ago.' But the Vatican notoriously thinks in centuries. And in John Paul II we have the most political Pope of modern times.

"It is in the movement towards federalism of the Common Market, with the coming membership of Eastern European countries, as well as in the turmoil in the Soviet Union, that the Pope may see the greatest possibility for an increase in Catholic political power since the fall of Napoleon, or since the Counter-Reformation," the article said.

"If European federalism triumphs, the EC will indeed be an empire. It will lack an emperor; but it will have the Pope. It is difficult not to think that Wojtyla [John Paul II] realizes this."

### Churches to Celebrate Anniversaries

The Oakland and San Francisco, Calif., congregations are pleased to announce that celebrations for the 30th anniversary of the Oakland church and the 25th anniversary of the San Francisco church are planned for Nov. 9.

Services will be at 1 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Temple, 1547 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. This will be followed by a buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a dance at 7 p.m. at the same location. Past members of both congregations and ministers who have served in the area are welcome to join in all festivities.

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The St. Louis, Mo., church will celebrate its 40th anniversary Nov. 30. Activities will include Sabbath services at 1 p.m., followed by a luncheon and a program of remembrance. The cost for the luncheon is \$14 for those 12 years and older and \$9 for those two to 11 years old. Activities will take place at the Henry the Eighth Hotel and Convention Center at Lindbergh Blvd., one mile north of Lambert Airport.

If interested in attending send a check or money order made payable to "Anniversary Fund" to Anniversary Fund, Box 63223, St. Louis, Mo., 63163. Please designate the number of adults and children. Payment must be received by Oct. 31 to confirm attendance.

Reduced rates of \$59 a night are available at the Henry the Eighth Hotel. Call their reservations desk at 1-314-731-3040 and ask for the Worldwide Church of God room rate.

For further information call Virgil P. Petcu at 1-314-428-0438.

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

PASADENA—The first Pasadena Jazz Weekend took place Aug. 24 and 25 as part of the Ambassador Foundation performing arts season.

About 1,750 patrons came to the Auditorium for the Saturday evening performance of **Claude Bolling** and his big band and for the Sunday presentations by guitarist **John Stowell**, **The Harper Brothers** (who appeared on the NBC Tonight Show television program), percussionist **Poncho Sanchez** and trumpeter **Dizzy Gillespie**.

More than 100 complimentary tickets to the events were presented to Pasadena-area Church members.

"This event was unique from other Ambassador performances in that in addition to presenting musical acts in the Auditorium, the performing-arts staff arranged for the Sunday events to be taped for future rebroadcast on a local Los Angeles radio station," said evangelist **David Hulme**, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

"Since the Sunday event was several hours long, we invited gourmet restaurants from the Pasadena area to offer some of their special dishes to patrons," Mr. Hulme said.

"It was interesting to note that some of the owners of these restaurants—some who have advertised in our season brochure for years—had never actually visited the campus or the Auditorium.

"Their impressions were very positive and will help to improve Ambassador's local community relations," said Mr. Hulme.

Local media presented positive pre-event coverage, and local officials, including the mayor of Pasadena, were enthusiastic about the Foundation's role in presenting the event.

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MELBOURNE, Vic.—Twelve teens performed before 400 Church members and their families Aug. 25 at the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national talent showcase.

Gold award plaques were presented to pianist **Marion Wheatley** of Tasmania, flutist **Tania Romero** of Western Australia and saxophonist **Richard Vaughan** of Victoria.

Other finalists were **Chris Ferguson** and **Jonathon Regazzoli** of New South Wales; **Carol Coleman**, **Sharyn Lock**, **Tony McConnachie** and **Kerryn Klemm** of Queensland; **Craig**

**McQueen** of Tasmania; and **Melinda Mihalec** of Victoria.

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MELBOURNE, Vic.—Thirty basketball teams from all parts of Australia participated in a three-round tournament here Saturday night and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18, as part of the regional weekend activities.

The winning teams in each division were: YOU boys: Perth, W.A.; YOU girls: Melbourne East; Men's A: Melbourne West; and Men's B: Canberra, A.C.T.

Sportsmanship awards in Youth Educational Services (YES) and YOU divisions were presented to: YES girls: **Kelly Backman** of Geelong, Vic.; YES boys: **Mick De George** of Melbourne South; YOU girls: **Kate Sherwell** of Brisbane, Qld.; **Alison Huthnance**

of Melbourne North; and **Samara Steele** of Melbourne East.

YOU boys: **Peter Kent** of Perth and **Stewart Power** of Melbourne South.

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KELOWNA, B.C.—The Church here celebrated its 25th anniversary Aug. 10 and 11.

Guest speakers at Sabbath services were evangelist **Frank Brown**, Canadian regional director, and **Ron Miller**, pastor of the Kalispell and Missoula, Mont., churches.

Activities included a display of old photos, a dinner-dance, a pancake breakfast and a picnic at Sun-Oka Beach.

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PASADENA—**Neosha Lynette Holman**, an 18-year-old deaf girl, won an All Star trophy at a National Cheerleading Association (NCA) camp this summer.

Five All Star girls were picked from a group of more than 200 and one will win a trip to London.

Neosha began cheerleading five years ago, when she became

the first deaf girl at her school (an all hearing public school) to be a cheerleader.

Today she is a senior at Califor-



NEOSHA HOLMAN

nia School for the Deaf in Riverside, Calif., and is captain of her cheerleading squad.

She learned the cheers and dance routines by watching the other girls carefully, and counting to keep in sync with the group.

Neosha attends the Pasadena West PM church with her mother, **Vanessa Holman**.

## FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia—Although more than a dozen members, prospective members and their families live in danger zones because of civil war, none have been directly affected by the violence so far.

They live near the cities of Zagreb, Novo Mesto, Maribor, Split and Belgrade. One member lives 100 meters from the main train station in central Zagreb, where several attacks have taken place. Others live in cities with large army barracks nearby.

Yugoslavia is a nation composed of at least six large groups of people, each with different cultures, manners and religions. "Each group is striving to establish his territory and some who are now in power are trying to settle old feuds," said **Robert Berendt**, pastor of the Munich and Nuremberg, Germany, and Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, churches.

"The average person does not want war and no one wants to relive the horrors and vendettas of the second world war. Yet news media sadly emphasize the atrocities that affect their side. This gives rise to growing, mutual suspicion and adds fuel to the fire."

Mr. Berendt said Yugoslavs are

still trying to deal with the scars of World War II. "Several elderly members lost their family members to the terrors of the past," he said. "Long forgotten fears, feelings and emotions are suddenly surfacing again and the memories come rushing back."

### Floods in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria—During the last week in June, rain fell here almost continuously, causing severe flooding in many parts of the city. Poor drainage and the claylike nature of the soil worsened the severity of the floods.

While no members were hurt, some did experience property damage. Several members' homes were flooded or access roads to their homes became waterlogged and impassable.

### Diseases rampant in Nigeria

JOS, Nigeria—Although typhoid fever is on the increase in parts of Plateau State, the members here have not yet been affected. The British Office has made the following recommendations: avoid exposed and contaminated foods, boil water before drinking, and remember the slogan, "The ABC of good health is Always Be Clean."

A yellow fever epidemic which ravaged parts of the eastern states, taking the lives of two children of members, is attacking parts of Bendel State.

"Over 40 people have died because rather than accepting the World Health Organization reports and being inoculated, the local people are arguing that they need to appease their gods first," said **David Stirk**, business manager in the British Office for East and West Africa.

"No members live in the affected areas but the plague could spread to Benin City [capital of Bendel State]. We have advised our members."

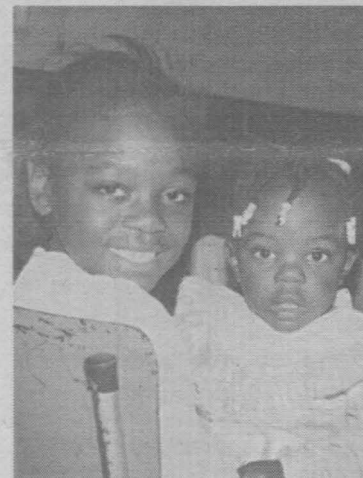
While yellow fever is ravaging Bendel State, there are reports of so-called "killer diseases" taking lives in other parts of the country. In the north, it is mainly cerebrospinal meningitis while in the

southern states there are cases of cholera, typhoid fever, cerebral malaria and gastroenteritis.

### Special Sabbath in Zambia

LUSAKA, Zambia—Seventy-eight members and their families met here for Sabbath services July 27 to hear guest speaker **Andre van Belkum**, regional director for Southern Africa.

"It is always most inspiring to speak to members who went to



**ALL IN THE FAMILY**—Children from the Lusaka, Zambia, congregation at a July 27 social after Sabbath services.

great trouble and expense to attend the Sabbath services," Mr. van Belkum said.

"For some it takes two or more days traveling, sometimes by foot, sometimes by bus, from their homes to reach Lusaka where services are conducted. One such member was **Shadrack Mpelembe**



**OLDEST MEMBER**—Regional director **Andre van Belkum** with **Muphana Ngula** from Zambia, the oldest member in the country.

who comes from a small town many miles from Lusaka called Isoka. It took him two days and two nights to reach Lusaka.

Members in Lusaka assist by allowing the many outlying members to stay in their homes, forging a special closeness and broth-

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—**Mauray Ganter**, a member here, won an award Aug. 8 in a city-wide Auckland Electric Power Board energy efficiency competition for innovation in the area of saving energy.

He invented an air-to-air heat exchanger for a central-air-conditioning system.

Mr. Ganter made the invention for his company, **Tech Rentals**, which needed an air-conditioning system that introduced fresh air and expelled the toxic fumes generated in one of their packing rooms.

The president of the National Party, **John Collinge**, presented Mr. Ganter with a certificate, \$2,000 and a plaque for his company.

Mr. Ganter's invention introduces more fresh air into the system without increasing the power bill by recovering heat energy from the building, thereby saving energy.

The Power Board and the Patent Attorney will help market Mr. Ganter's invention, which will help decrease indoor air pollution.

erhood among the brethren in Zambia.

During the service, Youth Education Services (YES) certificates were distributed to 26 YES members. Services were followed by a social, lasting about two hours.

Economic conditions in Zambia continue to deteriorate. Within nine months the value of the local currency, *kwacha*, has declined from 42 kwachas to the U.S. dollar to 70. The black market dealings in money exchange further aggravate the situation, pushing the dollar up even higher.

"While there, we were approached on more than one occasion, even though illegal, asking if we were willing to exchange U.S. dollars for a 'very special' local currency rate," Mr. van Belkum said.

### Corrections

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt—Mr. and Mrs. **Rigobert Rafiringason**, the only two members living in Egypt, were baptized in Belgium, not Madagascar, as was reported in the July 8 *Worldwide News*.

The name of the new member baptized in Oman is **Lourdes Reyes**, not **Keyes**, as was reported in the July 8 issue.

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## Ministerial Ordinations

<b>Mervyn Bell</b> ,	of the Newcastle, N.S.W., church, was ordained a <b>local church elder</b> March 29.
<b>Luis Chavez</b> ,	Bahia Blanca and Centenario, Argentina, church pastor, was ordained a <b>preaching elder</b> June 4.
<b>Carlos Espinosa</b> ,	Ezeiza, Argentina, church pastor, was ordained a <b>preaching elder</b> June 4.
<b>William Kessler Jr.</b>	of the Los Angeles church, was ordained a <b>local church elder</b> Aug. 24.
<b>Gardner Kunje</b> ,	of the Blantyre, Malawi, church, was ordained a <b>local church elder</b> June 7.
<b>Felix Johnson</b>	a deacon in the Los Angeles church, was ordained a <b>local church elder</b> Aug. 24.
<b>James Little</b>	Regina and Moosomin, Sask., assistant pastor, was ordained a <b>local elder</b> Aug. 3.
<b>Michael Medina</b> ,	Montevideo and Salto, Uruguay, and La Paz, Bolivia, pastor, was ordained a <b>preaching elder</b> June 4.
<b>James Servidio</b>	Baltimore, Md., East and West pastor, was ordained a <b>pastor</b> Aug. 17.
<b>Vincent Szymkowiak</b>	Detroit, Mich., East pastor, was ordained a <b>pastor</b> Aug. 24.