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SEEING THE POINT—Evangelist Larry Salyer (right) takes YOU coordinator Bill Jacobs's point at a workshop during the YOU regional coordinators conference in May. Mr. Jacobs said relationships, not activities, are the end goal. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Members are vital part in reaching out to people

By Joseph W. Tkach Jr.

My father often reminds the ministers that we can always improve: "There is a better way. Find it!" Finding a better way requires testing new ideas, some of which prove to be quite fruitful.

In the last "Pastor General's Report," he mentioned three programs that Church Administration and Media Operations are now testing: 1) the Member Visiting Program, 2) "Friends in Deed" and 3) a new segment at the end of the telecast.

Visiting program

The Member Visiting Program gives members a chance to contact people who have become interested in the Church. To start the process, the Mail Processing Center (MPC) will send letters and response cards to co-workers and subscribers who have renewed *The Plain Truth*.

This letter offers the recipient an opportunity to meet with a member couple living in the same community.

We have always narrowly defined proselytizing as recruiting by inducement. Since we believe God must call, our approach has been not to solicit people for membership or money.

Our approach has been to preach the gospel through radio and television programs, as well as the Church's literature. Such programs advertise the Church.

It's important to make a distinction about this program. The letter does not proselytize, in the limited sense that we have always defined it.

It clearly states that the Church "does not actively try to convince uninterested people to join the

Church, accept its teachings or support its programs."

Instead, the letter invites "interested people to meet with a member couple who lives in their community." We see a difference between interested people and uninterested people.

We believe it is important to invite people to respond, but we do not believe we should pressure people who are not interested.

The idea for using members who are not full-time ministers in this program grew, in part, out of the realization that some people are hesitant to request ministerial visits because they view those visits in the same light as psychological counseling.

To some people, only those in trouble and unable to cope with life need such visits. Other people are simply intimidated by ministers.

More than that, however, is the (See PROGRAMS, page 4)

YOU program aims at helping youths understand God's way

By Paul Monteith

A minister felt joy as he watched his daughter pass by with a towel after the footwashing portion at the Passover service.

His joy sprang from the knowledge that she had become a member of the Church, something which he hopes all parents will experience when their children become adults.

Sadly, too many youths leave the Church.

To reverse that trend and help young people make a commitment to God's way of life, evangelist Larry Salyer asked ministers at headquarters and in the field for their ideas and experience to help develop a new YOU program.

Their efforts began more than two years ago with the formation of a task force of field ministers, most of whom had served as district or regional YOU coordinators.

Directed by Pasadena, the task

force (Dave Havir, Randal Dick, Ken Giese, Doug Horchak, Bill Jacobs and David Treybig) developed a mission and objectives encapsulated by the motto "God's way works."

The task force enjoined that Deuteronomy 6 be the vehicle for the Church and parents to educate youths—formal instruction together with opportunities to apply the instruction and experience results.

Bill Jacobs, newly named national YOU coordinator, and Dr. Nelson, director of the Summer Educational Program (SEP), will continue to organize the program into six basic areas (see page 5) to benefit teens and parents.

The program—its mission statement and goals, personal development categories, evaluation and quality control procedures and coordinators' responsibilities—was discussed at a YOU regional coordinators conference

here, May 28 and 29.

"This will be a transitional year, a foundation, and we will continue to refine the program," said Mr. Jacobs.

God's way works

"Youths in the Church suffer the same malaise as youths in the world," Mr. Salyer, director of Church Administration International, told the regional coordinators in the opening address.

We have a mission before us, he said, to help young people make a commitment to God's way of life. To show them that God's way works and to demonstrate how it works.

They get a taste of this way of life every year at the SEP camps, where for a few weeks youths see God's way in action and experience positive peer pressure. But that experience may be soon lost once they return to their neighborhood. (See YOU, page 5)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

I was inspired to see so many enthusiastic parents and graduates at the commencement exercises on May 15.

It was enjoyable and encouraging to talk to families who recognize and value the Church's commitment to high-quality education.

Ambassador College is an essential element of the lifeblood of the Church of God. It is one of the great blessings God has given the Church in this age.

Ambassador provides the Church with a formal means of preparing young men and women for service in the full-time operations of the Church, as well as for Christian service in the Church and to the public.

The College is a vital source of future leadership for the Church and our communities. It serves as a wellspring for the abiding vitality of the publications, the telecast, the ministry and the Church in general.

Ambassador College is one major way—along with the personal lives of members, *The Plain Truth* and other literature, public Bible lectures and *The World Tomorrow*—in which the Church is able to proclaim the gospel.

Most students are baptized while in College. All receive concentrated instruction in the principles and values of the (See PERSONAL, page 10)

TV crew retraces Christ's last steps

By Keith W. Stump

JERUSALEM—"What a privilege it is to share with viewers the meaning of the dramatic events of Jesus' last day leading up to his crucifixion, events that reveal our Savior's love and sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity."

Evangelist Richard Ames, a telecast presenter, was reflecting on a trip to Israel, April 28 to May 10, to tape a two-part *World Tomorrow* series titled "The Day Christ Died."

Keith W. Stump is a senior writer for the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

The series is scheduled to air in the spring of 1993. It is designed to bring to life the day when Jesus Christ was sacrificed for the sins of all humankind.

We taped the program at the very sites where those events occurred nearly 2,000 years ago.

All told, our crew (Mr. Ames, producer Joe Costantino, cameraman Gary Werings, audio engineer Don Conard and myself as scriptwriter) taped at more than 20 locations in and around Jerusalem.

Although many reputed sites of biblical events are based on unreliable and unsupported traditions, some locations have been validated by modern archaeology.

Excavations have revealed new facts about the Jerusalem of Jesus' time, making it possible to locate with reasonable certainty the events of Jesus' last day.

Before our trip, we extensively researched such material to ensure the highest accuracy in our choice of taping locations.

Unique city

Being in Jerusalem is an exciting experience. As one plunges into the sights, sounds and colors of the city, one quickly realizes that Jerusalem is no ordinary city!

As a focus of three major religions and a hotbed of political rivalries, no other city engenders such deep reverence, and at the same time such strife and controversy.

To walk its streets and byways is to stroll through time—and to be reminded of the turbulent history to which its ancient stones give witness.

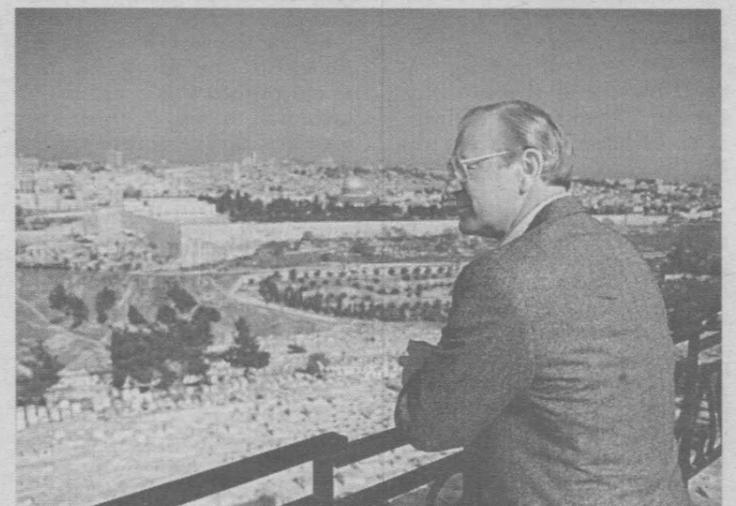
Its fascinating mix of Old Tes-

tament fortifications, Hasmonaean towers, Herodian walls, Roman arches, Byzantine columns, Arab shrines, Crusader churches and Turkish bulwarks testifies to the city's unusually rich history and culture.

Wednesday, April 29, we taped

numerous standups on the Mount of Olives, scene of Jesus' Olivet prophecy (Matthew 24).

May 2, Mr. Ames, Mr. Costantino and I visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The huge church embraces within its walls the tradi- (See TRIP, page 9)



REFLECTIVE VIEW—High atop the Mount of Olives, presenter Richard Ames surveys the cityscape of Jerusalem. [Photo by Don Conard]

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Danish vote jolts unity movement

"Europe Gets a Dose of Realism," blared the headline in the June 5 *International Herald Tribune*.

"Perhaps the idea of a united Western Europe was buried in Denmark," wondered columnist Leslie H. Gelb. "Southeastern Europe is going up in flames."

Indeed, escalating tensions, east and west, are causing many Europeans to take stock of where they are headed for the balance of this century.

One illustration is the June 2 wake-up notice Denmark sent its partners in the 12-nation European Community. A narrow majority of Danish voters rejected the Maastricht treaty outlining the next steps to European unity.

The Danes' 50.7 percent no-vote does not affect the Dec. 31, 1992, deadline to achieve a single border-free market.

But plans to develop greater coordination of foreign and security policies, together with establishing a common currency, have been put on hold.

Many believe the plucky Danes are not alone in their apprehensions over the Maastricht formula.

Other EC countries are said to be equally wary over ceding additional national sovereign powers to an EC bureaucracy in Brussels that is perceived as being insufficiently accountable to the citizens of each nation.

For example, two thirds of Germans polled say they oppose jettisoning their revered deutsche



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

mark in favor of a European currency, over which they would have insufficient control.

A widespread feeling throughout the Community is the Maastricht reforms were enacted too swiftly, without sufficient public debate.

Moreover, the fear of being dictated to by a far-off, unelected bureaucracy, one dominated by the EC's big powers, is especially disconcerting to smaller members.

"We Danes are less than 2 percent of the Community, and we'll lose everything," complained a Danish glassblower in the Copenhagen area. "Denmark will be just a patch of Europe attached to Germany."

Indeed a joke the Danes have told for years on themselves is that DK on Danish auto bumper stickers does not designate their country, but instead stands for *Deutsche Kolonie* (German colony).

Signals of the future

Disillusionment about the four-decade-long unity drive in Western Europe could not have come at a worse time. Everywhere one

looks are depressing signals about the Continent's future.

Ethnic hatreds are threatening to rip asunder parts of Eastern Europe. The world was shocked to see the carnage unleashed in the former Yugoslav federation, first in parts of Croatia and now in the central republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Serbian irregular forces encircling Sarajevo, the ancient and beautiful Bosnian capital, have pummeled the city day and night for weeks.

With international relief supplies not reaching the city, mass starvation is feared unless the siege ends.

That this should happen in the Europe of today comes as quite a shock.

"I can't believe this is all real," said one Sarajevo resident. "Here we are on the eve of the 21st century, in Europe, in a beautiful city and country that offered people every possibility of a good life. How can such a thing happen? And how can a so-called civilized world allow it to continue?"

The developments in the Community and Eastern Europe

(Czechoslovakia is also heading, inevitably, toward a split) is certain to alter the pace and direction of events.

Europeans are reluctantly realizing they must be in charge of security in their own neighborhood. With the Cold War over, America's days as a military power in Europe are numbered.

France and Germany have therefore decided to launch a 35,000-man Euro-Corps, designed to eventually serve as the military arm of the European Community. Other EC states will be invited to join.

French officials, reported the May 23 *New York Times*, "point to the civil war in Yugoslavia as an example of a situation where NATO is constrained by its charter from acting 'out of area,' but where a future European army could help make or keep the peace."

As far as European unity is concerned, the Danish rejection of

Maastricht may prove only a mid-course correction.

Journalist Leslie Gelb, quoted earlier, believes that "West Europeans will find a way to continue greater unity. But it will be slower and with more attention to gaining popular support."

Dominant future powers

In his new book, *Head to Head: The Coming Economic Battle Among Japan, Europe, and America*, economist Lester Thurow assesses today's dominant powers, and projects who will be the dominant force of the future.

"The nineteenth century is remembered as the century of Great Britain," writes Thurow. "It was the dominant economic power. The twentieth century will be remembered as the century of the United States."

Of the three candidates for global leadership of the coming century—Japan, America and Europe—Thurow contends that Europe has the best chance.

Japan, he explains, is still so burdened by its militaristic past (See MOVEMENT, page 6)



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Danes delay EC union?

BOREHAMWOOD, England—There is a story about a boy in Holland who saved a town by putting his finger in the wall of a dike and prevented a flood. His small but essential act is a demonstration of what one seemingly insignificant person can do.

This column is by Ruth Arnold of our British editorial staff.

This lesson of one person preventing a flood is again on the minds of Europeans. The reason: the women of Denmark have made their voice heard in the European Community by refusing to ratify the Maastricht treaty on European union.

Their vote was crucial. Danish men voted to accept the prospect of greater political union in Europe (57 percent for), but women, unswayed by the fear of going it alone, voted 56 percent against.

What concerns Danes

American writer Garrison Keillor (himself married to a Dane) says Western tourists visiting Copenhagen often go in search of the Little Mermaid statue, but walk past the sculpture of a mythical heroine of Denmark who is guiding a plow.

She, says Mr. Keillor, is a far more typical example of bold Danish women today than the mermaid sitting on the rock.

This courage and fearlessness is perhaps one reason for the June 2 vote on European Union.

Britain's *Daily Telegraph* reported several Danish women's reasons for saying no to European union: "I don't want my grandchildren to be soldiers in an EC army, and I don't like the bureaucracy. Everything in Brussels is so far away and so complex."

"The European Community is a club for the rich who can compete to keep everyone else out. They don't care about the poor in East Europe and the third world."

"We know too little about what the union is about... Why do we all have to be so much alike?"

Their reluctance to be swept

along by Euro-hype has been greeted in other European countries with a sigh of relief. Politicians in the United Kingdom welcomed the action as a "blessing," and hope Denmark's courage to voice widely held concerns will slow the pace of union and allow time for greater thought.

The king's new clothes

Perhaps Denmark's most famous son is Hans Christian Andersen, teller of fables and fairy stories. One of his tales is the moral of the King's New Clothes.

A king is deceived by tailors into wearing an invisible suit of clothes. Everyone admires the suit, and flatters the king. Only a small boy shouts out that "the King is in the altogether." The suit doesn't exist. The whole thing is a collective fantasy.

Denmark, like the small boy, has dared to question the king. To ask if this suit of new clothes—the dream of a Europe united politically, economically, socially and militarily—might be a nightmare.

Seeing through the hype

God's people have insight into the futility of man's idea of government without God. Whether in the U.S. presidential elections, in an African or South American nation troubled by despotic government, or in so-called "enlightened" countries, man never gets it right.

We shouldn't be fooled, any form of man's government without inner change (or repentance) will not answer man's deep spiritual problems.

This is true in Europe. This super bloc is helpless when it comes to addressing the crisis in families, in morality, in belief which also troubles the Continent.

As Zechariah put it, such things will be achieved "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty" (4:6).

Danes may not alter the course of history, but they have asked a valuable question: Is mankind's idea of power really the answer?

It is a question we are blessed in being able to answer.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Bound to encourage

Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev was stranded in space while his nation fragmented. Launched from the Soviet Union he returned to a Commonwealth in turmoil.

The cosmonaut's return was postponed for financial reasons (his country simply did not have the money to bring him home).

Although Mr. Krikalev didn't know when he would see his family and friends again, he was not totally alone.

In a remote part of Ireland an amateur radio enthusiast tracked the cosmonaut. He knew just when Mr. Krikalev passed some 250 miles overhead, within radio reach.

As the cosmonaut passed overhead he was greeted by a warm Irish voice over the radio. The two of them became acquainted and Mr. Krikalev confessed his disappointment at not being able to return home.

This unusual friendship was based on something common to both men. Both knew loneliness, as the Irishman lived quite a way from other people.

Although each contact lasted only a few minutes, little by little, the communication grew in importance. The Irishman wished his friend a safe return and encouraged him.

He was a source of strength and proposed that when Mr. Krikalev got back to earth, they meet and have a drink of Guinness.

This story demonstrates a need for contact. It also demonstrates the effect of encouragement and love. It reminds us of our own Christian duty to express concern,

show support and encouragement.

Network of support

How much do we seek one another's well-being? What do we do if we know someone is lonely? Do we reach into their isolation? Do we use fellowship to express the love we committed ourselves to at baptism?

God intended his family as a magnificent network of support. For some of us, our weekly fellowship is as important as the few minutes radio contact was to the

"One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement."

Soviet cosmonaut. For the rest of the week we can feel spiritually isolated. Sabbath services are our time of contact.

Sincere love and encouragement among God's people are vital. Just as mountaineers rope together to make it to the top, we need to tie ourselves into a network of support that has a clear aim of getting everyone to the summit.

Within God's Church we can use our great variety of backgrounds, experiences and talents to provide encouragement only we can offer. To be the friend only we can be.

A bond beyond boundaries

Given the encouragement we have, we must share it to help, support and nurture others—to those both in the Church and outside.

Barnabas, called the son of encouragement (Acts 4:36), was

sent by the church at Jerusalem to Antioch "and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith,"—notice, not only was the Church reassured, but—"a great number of people were brought to the Lord" (Acts 11:23-24).

The Expositor's Bible says of Barnabas' approach toward others: "His speech and his advice were of a consoling, healing, comforting kind."

To encourage others well, we have to be encouraged ourselves. How? Paul says, "God who gives... encouragement" (Romans 15:5). When Barnabas gave encouragement, it was because he was "full of the Holy Spirit."

Consider the time when David was under severe pressure: "God gave him courage" (I Samuel 30:6, Good News Bible).

God gives us many such examples, for a reason: "For everything that was written in the past was

written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

William Barclay wrote: "We have a Christian duty to encourage one another. Many a time a word of praise or thanks or appreciation or cheer has kept a man on his feet.... One of the highest of human duties is the duty of encouragement."

The Russian, on one of man's highest adventures, the Irishman on the earth. Two men each living in their own isolated worlds, and yet reaching out in communication and encouragement. A bond developed beyond nationality and even the boundaries of earth.

The call is going out to us too, encouraging us to reach out, in preparation for our boundless destiny.

Pastor general visits Denver, Colo.



TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 1,569 brethren May 30 from Denver North and South, Alamosa, Colorado Springs, Craig, Fort Collins, Grand Junction, Lafayette and Pueblo, Colo., and Wheatland, Wyo.

Host ministers and wives were Doug and Tanya Horchak, Denver North and Lafayette; Paul and Jenny Butler, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Alamosa; Ted and Donna Johnston, Grand Junction and Craig; Tom and Jody Turk, Denver South; Hugh and Linda Wilson, Fort Collins and Wheatland; and Bill and Linda Rogers, Lafayette.

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New International Version approved for Church's publications

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approved the New International Version of the Bible as the standard for the Church's English-language publications.

"We began to examine the versions to find one that is readable and one that is accepted by scholars as well as the general public," said Bernard Schnippert, Media Operations director.

Although the King James Version has been the most popular English-language Bible since its introduction in 1611, it is becoming increasingly difficult to understand as the English language changes.

"For this reason, for the past few years many of our publications have used the New King James Version as a standard translation," said Mr. Schnippert.

The NIV, a highly readable, nonsectarian and authoritative translation, is produced by teams of scholars and

researchers from around the world.

Published in 1978, it has become one of the most popular versions on the market today and now accounts for one third of Bible sales in the United States.

Many writers and ministers have come to prefer it, and most other English-speaking nations are also quite familiar with it.

"Most of our reading audi-

ence would find the NIV familiar and respectable," said Ronald Kelly, manager of Editorial Services.

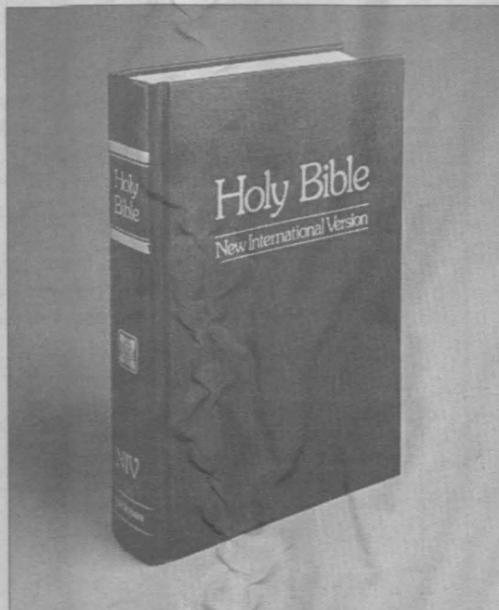
Editorial staff members, international translation editors and regional directors were surveyed in the decision.

"Of course, writers are free to quote from other translations when necessary or desirable, but having one standard translation will promote more unity and readability in the publications," Mr. Kelly added.

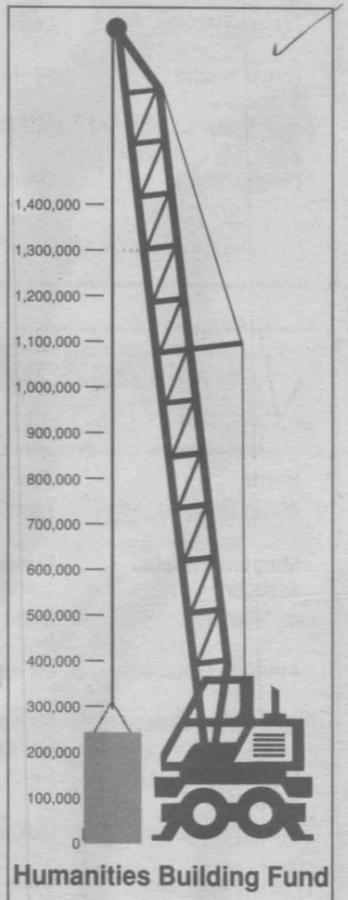
"We feel the NIV will be of great use for at least the next several years."

Norman Shoaf, editor of nonserical Church publications, said the NIV provides a good balance between readability, accurate scholarship and popularity.

Mr. Schnippert added, "I believe that adopting the NIV as a standard for our publications will benefit our readers, making biblical truths easier to grasp."



NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION



RIISING—As of June 10 individuals and church areas donated \$237,119.80 to the Church's Building Fund. As we reported last issue, all donations to the Building Fund in 1992 are being applied to the Jackson Hall project on the Ambassador College campus. This building will house the English, Foreign Language & Literature, History, Speech and Philosophy departments. [Artwork by Ken Tunell]

Program

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vital role of members in reaching people through personal contact. That's why this program is important.

The Church has long recognized that half our members first learned about the Church through personal contact. That may come as a surprise to some, but it is a key factor to understanding how the Church of God proclaims the gospel.

Once a co-worker or subscriber visits with a member couple, that couple can invite the individual to attend services. In those cases, the member couple will host the guest, introducing them to the minister as well as to other members. The host couples, though, will not pressure anyone to attend.

We are testing this program in the Garden Grove, Calif., congregation, pastored by Dennis Luker. Shortly after Passover, 50 couples there were trained.

By the end of May, we received

87 visit requests. Naturally, we are excited about the prospects for this program, though it is important to proceed cautiously.

Friends in deed

The second idea we are testing, Friends in Deed, similar to the Outreach program at Ambassador College, will give members opportunities to serve the community.

Through Friends in Deed, the Church will help fulfill the scriptural command to "do good to all" (Galatians 6:10).

This program will differ according to local needs. If the pilot program proves successful, the pastor of each congregation will follow a three-step procedure:

1) determine assets and talents of the local congregation, 2) determine needs of the community and 3) adapt Church assets and talents to fill community needs.

A hypothetical situation illustrates the way this procedure might work: A pastor notes that his congregation includes a large number of teachers. He then notes

that his community has a large number of adults who cannot read, but who wish to learn.

In the next step, he might start a program to teach adults or ask interested members to volunteer for a program already operating.

In some cases, several of our congregations are already participating in certain community-service activities that fulfill the purpose of the Friends in Deed program.

For example, some congregations have participated in the Adopt-a-Highway program, in which groups are responsible for keeping a mile of a given highway free of litter.

In a few cases, congregations might have distributed goods and products donated by stores.

We plan to launch the pilot program in Reseda, Calif., pastored by James Friddle.

We have received several requests from pastors to implement similar programs or to volunteer as a test market. As we continue with our plans, requests will be kept on record, and we hope to give others the opportunity to implement these programs.

Telecast segment

The third idea being tested in July and August is a new segment at the end of the telecast, indicating that *The World Tomorrow* is sponsored by the Worldwide Church of God.

The announcer will note that many viewers have asked about churches in their areas. Then he will explain that interested viewers can request their addresses along with the literature being advertised.

This idea is designed to take advantage of the popularity of *The World Tomorrow*. About 1.4 million people (our largest audience

ever) now tune in to the telecast.

Like the letter we'll be sending to co-workers and renewing subscribers, this telecast segment will not be high pressure, merely a clear invitation to those who are interested.

It will simply let interested viewers know that they can write for information about the Church.

We plan to test this in seven markets. For respondents from some of those markets, MPC will send the address and time for services, as well as basic facts about the Church.

For respondents in other markets, MPC will send the phone number of the local minister instead of the address and time for services.

I've already spoken with each pastor in the market areas affected

by the test. These men will prepare members in their congregations for visits from viewers. After the test ends, we'll evaluate the results and decide whether to continue.

Following are the television markets and the pastors selected for this test:

WHAS Louisville, Ky. Lambert Greer
WIXT Syracuse, N.Y. Randy Bloom
WJBF Augusta, Ga. George Elkins
WLBT Jackson, Miss. Ron Wallen
WRIC Richmond, Va. Ron Smith
WTOC Savannah, Ga. Robert Persky
WVEC Norfolk, Va. Robert Jones

These developments are exciting, but I'd like to stress that each one is in the development stage. None is guaranteed to be successful. We will update you when we have completed these tests.

AC: First Zaire student

By David Bacon

BIG SANDY—Lwanga Semikenke, who arrived here just 90 minutes before the 1991 Feast of Tabernacles, is the first student from Zaire to attend Ambassador College.

David Bacon is a junior at Ambassador College.

"When I arrived, it was around midterms. I had to make up a lot of work," said Mr. Semikenke, 33, who is known to students as "Semi."

But catching up on homework was not as difficult as the obstacles the chemistry teacher faced before coming to the United States.

In 1983 Semi was studying for a master's degree in chemistry at

the National Pedagogic Institute in Kinshasa, Zaire's capital.

At the college library he found a copy of *The Plain Truth and The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. The literature did not belong to the library—both pieces had been mysteriously placed on a magazine rack. They disappeared days later, after he had finished reading them.

He noticed *The Plain Truth* was published by the Worldwide Church of God, which he assumed was Protestant.

Search for true church

Semi briefly attended an evangelistic church, but concluded it wasn't the true church. He knew that somewhere the true church must exist, since he had read that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

In a short prayer, Semi asked God to reveal to him the true church, then set out to prove it.

He contacted an acquaintance, Kalombo Muela Mukaya, whom he had seen with a *Plain Truth* magazine, to get information about the history of the Church.

Semi found out that Mr. Kalombo was not only a subscriber but also a baptized member.

Mr. Kalombo gave Semi some of the Church's publications, and Semi became convinced about the Worldwide Church of God.

In October 1984 he began attending Sabbath services in Kinshasa and was baptized a year later.

Invitation to College

In August 1990 Semi traveled 1,300 miles from Burundi, a country on Zaire's eastern border, where he was teaching chemistry, to speak with visiting ministers Bernard Andrist, Steve Andrews and Olivier Carion.

They asked Semi if he would be interested in attending Ambassador College. He said yes, and then applied. The letter of acceptance arrived Aug. 2, 1991, just two weeks before classes.

He again trekked 1,300 miles to Kinshasa to apply for a passport. "It took less than a week, which is unusual," he said. "You can wait six months or even a year."

Semi was unable to tell his parents, farmers near Goma in north-eastern Zaire, that he was leaving because they have no telephone.

En route to Kinshasa, however, the plane stopped at the Goma airport. There he left a letter with a relative to pass on to his parents.

Since arriving in America he has sent letters home, but they were returned undelivered.

Semi, whose first language is French, has three sisters and four brothers, one of whom is a prospective member.

Ministerial Transfers in the United States

Name	Transferred to
Todd Carey, assistant	Lansing and Ann Arbor, Mich.
Leroy Cole	Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif.
Mel Dahlgren	San Jose and Aptos, Calif.
Fred Davis	Boise, Idaho, and Ontario and Baker, Ore.
Bill Jacobs	YOU Office, Pasadena
Glenn LaMountain, assistant	Buffalo South and Olean, N.Y.
Mark Mounts	Detroit, Mich., West
Cliff Parks, associate	San Antonio West and Uvalde, Tex.
Melvin Rhodes	Lansing and Ann Arbor, Mich.
Steve Shafer, associate	Flint and Lansing, Mich.
Jim Tuck	Phoenix, Ariz., East
Dwight Viehe	Grand Island and North Platte, Neb.

All positions are pastor unless otherwise noted.

International Ministerial Transfers

Name	Transferred to
David Bedford	Birmingham, England
Matthew Fenchel, assistant	Darmstadt and Nuremberg, Germany
Winfried Fritz	Bonn, Duesseldorf, Darmstadt, Nuremberg and Zwickau, Germany
Anthony Goudie	Ipswich and Norwich, England
James Henderson	Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Mohan Jayasekera, associate	Perth South and Bunbury, W.A.
Bharat Naker	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Hans Pedersen, ministerial trainee	Perth, W.A., North
Colin Riseborough, assistant	Auckland, New Zealand
Peter Shenton	Ross-on-Wye, England, and Llanelli, Wales
Andrew Silcox	Borehamwood and Watford, England
Edward Smith	Dublin, Cork and Galway, Irish Republic
Alan Tattersall	Nottingham, Northampton and Sheffield, England
Cliff Worthing, ministerial trainee	Launceston, Devonport, Hobart, Tas.

All positions are pastor unless otherwise noted.

Canadian Ministerial Transfers

Name	Transferred to
Robert Berendt	Lethbridge, Alta., and Maple Creek, Sask.
Dave Cheperdak	Prince Albert and Tisdale, Sask.
Neil Earle	Vancouver Regional Office
Tom Ecker, assistant	Kitchener, Ont.
Lyle Greaves	Courtenay, B.C.
Don Hildebrand, associate	Kelowna and Penticton, B.C., and Tonasket, Wash.
George Lee	Toronto, Ont., West
Paul Linehan	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Gaylord, Mich.
Wilhelm Mandel	Germany
Graemme Marshall	Brisbane, Qld., East
Murray McClung, assistant	Winnipeg, Man.
Don Mears	Kelowna and Penticton, B.C., and Tonasket, Wash.
Owen Murphy, associate	Vancouver, B.C., East
David Sheridan	Calgary, Alta., South
Lyle Simons	Saskatoon, Sask.
John Stryker	Windsor and Sarnia, Ont.
Terry Swagerty	Castlegar, B.C., and Colville, Wash.
Colin Wallace, associate	Edmonton, Alta., South
Eric Warren, associate	Calgary, Alta., North
Tony Wasilkoff	Calgary, Alta., North
Ken Webster	London, Ont.
Owen Willis	Moncton and Saint John, N.B., and Charlottetown, P.E.I.

All positions are pastor unless otherwise noted.

U.S. donation puts bread on Haitian tables

By Paul Monteith

A woman, crying and begging for food, approached minister Cyrille Richard's parked car in the city center of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. "She said she didn't want to die," said Mr. Richard.

Others—old people, young people, mothers holding children, even 3-year-olds—also came to ask his help.

"I have a daughter about the same age as some of the children I saw begging, and the situation moved me," Mr. Richard related.

"There's a lot of misery in Haiti, and the poor don't know if they will have anything to eat tomorrow.

"They are not occupied with living like we are—where to live, where to work, what to eat—they are occupied with surviving and living from day to day."

Mr. Richard, pastor of the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, and Port-au-Prince

churches, ventured into Haiti, May 2.

Members receive help

Haiti's poor are suffering extreme hardship under the nine-month-old embargo imposed by the Organization of American States (OAS) after the Sept. 30 coup against Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

While members also suffer—work is hard to find and some have difficulty paying rent (though none have been evicted because landlords cannot find anyone to pay for rental property)—their condition is not as desperate.

A \$3,000 donation by U.S. brethren provides food, which Haitian members receive each week.

"They are especially grateful for the financial help received from the West Palm Beach and Boca Raton congregations in Florida and the Hollywood [Fla.] Spokesman Club. Their situation



WHEN I WAS HUNGRY—Money given by Florida members buys food for Haitian brethren, who pick it up Sunday mornings at the Church hall. They are grateful for the assistance, said Cyrille Richard, pastor of the Port-au-Prince, Haiti, church. [Photo by Ulrick Colas]

could have been worse if not for the assistance," Mr. Richard said.

The donation replaced financial assistance given by the Caribbean Office and should give relief for some time because of a favorable exchange rate.

The food is distributed to members every Sunday from the Church hall.

"Members are positive and have good morale," said Mr. Richard. "They know they are blessed."

Embargo circumvented

The effects of the embargo are not as visible as when Mr. Richard was there in December. A six-month supply of petrol (gasoline) eased the shortage, and motorists no longer line up at gas stations for fuel.

"But the unrefined petrol, which was not supposed to be used, is a source of obnoxious fumes," he said.

"People in Port-au-Prince cover their noses with tissue and the smell makes women, especially pregnant women, and children, sick."

Electrical power blackouts were not as severe on this visit. "There were a few blackouts in the hotel, but the Church hall,

which is on the same electrical circuit as the palace, has power 24 hours a day."

The OAS, frustrated by Haiti's circumvention of its restrictions, voted to tighten the embargo May 18.

"They want to stop all ships traveling to Port-au-Prince," said Mr. Richard. "If no fuel enters Haiti then the country will be paralyzed. The government will not be able to truck food in from the countryside either."

The OAS asked European countries to cooperate with its embargo.

Members resourceful

Of the 45 members, only five are fully employed and another five are employed part-time.

Finding work is difficult because many others are looking for jobs, and employers choose nonmembers because they will work Saturdays.

Yet "members are not desperate," said Mr. Richard. "They are trying to find ways to earn money."

Member Karl Billy is teaching computer programming classes and hopes to expand once the political situation is resolved.

Another member, Mary-Noel



Azi, is seeking a permit to teach typing.

Even so, life is difficult. A single member told Mr. Richard: "You know, we are young men, we have ambitions, we would like to have a job, get married, have children. But that's unreal. We cannot even take care of ourselves."

"It would be unwise for us to marry and have children when we have a problem surviving ourselves."

The single member added that it would be nice to get a break, "so we could enjoy life a bit."

Mr. Richard understood what he meant. For most Haitians life has been hard in the crisis-ridden country since the fall of President Jean Claude Duvalier in 1986.

"I tell them not to be discouraged, to prepare themselves and to hope and pray that one day it will be better in Haiti even before Christ returns," Mr. Richard said.

He was pleased to see members exhibit such positive morale.

The brethren see misery and live with it every day. But they also know God is taking care of them, that they are blessed and that they have hope.



DAILY BREAD—Local church elder Blaise Franklin (left) converted his bakery ovens from propane, which is no longer available, to charcoal, reducing baking time and costs. Business increased because snack bars that did not convert closed. His wife, Georgette (right), packs some of the 4,000 patties baked daily. [Photo by Ulrick Colas]

YOU should nurture relationships

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hoods and their schools.

"It's going to be your job," Mr. Salyer continued, "to bring the SEP experience to the Church."

Headquarters will provide the tools and the backup, he assured them.

Relationships are the goal

"Why are our young people disinterested?" asked Mr. Jacobs.

It may be that our youths don't feel secure in the Church. Perhaps someone has turned them off, he suggested to the coordinators.

"Security is knowing you're loved in spite of failings. Security comes from relationships with people, feeling that you belong, that you are valued, that you can make a contribution."

When these drives are fulfilled within relationships people feel good; if not, people feel discouraged.

One of the principal objectives of YOU, therefore, will be to nurture positive relationships through the activities—relationships between teens, between teens and parents, between teens and ministers.

Relationships, not activities, are the end goal of the program.

Six areas to develop

The regional coordinators were

encouraged to help ministers empower parents to develop their children in six areas.

1 Spiritual development. As a first step in supporting parents, in their responsibilities, to teach their children God's way, an in-home study program is being developed.

The curriculum is built around age-sensitive subjects and features personal study guides. The monthly Bible studies will continue.

2 Academic. Help parents reinforce academic development in their children at school and in the community. A reading program also will be included to expose young people to literature.

3 Church and community service. To help parents reinforce the teaching of service to others and to show young people how to participate in the Church and community.

4 Cultural development. Adults with a knowledge in music, art or writing will help young people improve their skills and express their talents in various programs. Attend cultural activities.

5 Vocational. Assist parents to help their children assess and develop interests and skills, foster vocational awareness and research career preparation, consider a realistic standard of living, and gain work experience.

6 Sports. Teach godly values of commitment, teamwork, self-discipline, emotional control, skill development, encouraging others and respect for authority.

Church is where I belong

Through the program ministers and parents will be encouraged to take an interest in the development of young people, said Randal Dick, assistant director of Church Administration International.

"YOU should not burden ministers. We want to see them involved with the program in relationships that energize and in which the teens receive validation, support and love."

The underlying message this program must carry to teens is: "Church is for me, it's where I belong, it's where I'm loved."

Parents can convey that caring message by showing unconditional love—teens must know someone cares in a noncondemning way—by giving teens atten-

tion, and by listening to them.

Transfer the vision

Mr. Salyer told the coordinators they had been selected because they had shown themselves willing and capable of transferring the vision—to build relationships, to save lives and to prepare future leaders for the Church—to ministers and parents.

They were encouraged to help

ministers, who in turn must help parents develop their children.

In his final comments at the conference, Mr. Jacobs said: "Our children are a precious resource, a blessing. We should not let the world pull them away from us."

"We have to show our young people that God's way works. This is a battle we can win. We have the resources. Let's make it happen."

Ministerial Ordinations

Flavius Adkins	a deacon in the Wentzville, Mo., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Peter Eddington	a deacon in the Pasadena East P.M. church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Michael Harkins	a deacon in the Vineland, N.J., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Mark Mickelson	pastor of the Lubbock, Tex., and Roswell, N.M., churches, was ordained a preaching elder May 2.
James Nicolau	a deacon in the Johannesburg Central, South Africa, church, was ordained a local church elder Feb. 22.
Vernon Rockey	a deacon in the Hartford, Conn., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Dominic Romeo	a deacon in the Philadelphia, Pa., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Britton Taylor	pastor of the Roanoke, Va., church, was ordained a pastor April 24.
Kenneth Thamm	a deacon in the Adelaide, S.A., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Mark Winner	a deacon in the Louisville, Ky., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.

Students in Thailand should be accepting of other cultures

By Karen Reyngoudt

BIG SANDY—Ambassador College students left for Thailand May 24 to spend one next year on the Ambassador Foundation project in Bangkok.

Karen Reyngoudt is a senior at Ambassador College.

The Foundation, after consulting with project leader Jonathan McNair and Queen Sirikit's personal secretary, determined that antigovernment riots in May would not be dangerous to students serving on the project. The riots were limited to a small area some distance from the student housing.

"Please pray for the leadership of the country to maintain peace and work together in overcoming the difficulties they face," said Foundation Chairman Joseph W. Tkach.

"The Church received a call from a palace official informing us of the situation and asking Church

members to please pray for their Majesties King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit," Mr. Tkach said.

Selection process

Selecting students to serve on the project began last fall, said Daniel Vander Poel, executive assistant to Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International.

Students took classes and in January submitted resumes and applications, which were sent for review by project directors.

Ambassador College administration and faculty members also made recommendations, then sent the applications to Mr. Locke.

Mr. Vander Poel said that, among other things, the reviewers considered whether students could live in a close environment with other students, be accepting of other cultures and be a strong example of God's way of life.

Ambassador Foundation pays the students' airfare, housing and food expenses, plus provides each

student a monthly allowance. After returning to college, the students receive a tuition scholarship.

Ambassador Foundation is chartered to function where the Church may not be able to, said Mr. Vander Poel.

Students are not to proselytize, he said. Rather, they are to go into another country, serve and be an example.

Volunteers

Those participating in the project are juniors John Boyll, Joel Gehman, Jon Reedy, Anne Bagnall, Kellie McDonald, Michele Wegh and Edna Wilkie. Senior Rod McNair will be the assistant to director Jonathan McNair, his brother.

In Thailand the Ambassador students teach English at four schools, where Thai students range in age from 6 to 25.

You may write to the Ambassador students at IMC Thailand Project, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.



Refreshing Program conducted in Big Sandy

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach gives the keynote address at the May 18 to 22 Ministerial Refreshing Program in Big Sandy. Primarily Ambassador College faculty members, administrators and their spouses attended this session of the program.

Letters to the Editor

The *Worldwide News* welcomes your comments. Letters for this section should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

More than anything on earth

I am so happy now that I am a member of God's Church. I am filled with love and peace and have never been happier in my entire life. God has turned my life around and now I'm enjoying it.

Never in my life have I been in a church that has made me so welcome and has shown so much love and caring.

Thank you for your help in all this. I realize now that I had to come to the decision that, above all else, I wanted this love and caring more than anything else on earth.

I received my first issue of *The Worldwide News* in May. I'm enjoying

it immensely. Thank you for it.

Florence Estarzian
Stockton, Calif.

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Inspired to overcome

What a truly uplifting, inspiring article I have just read. "Here's Why the Passover Should Be a Victory Celebration" (March 3 *Worldwide News*) was so encouraging and positive that I've been inspired to overcome and grow as never before!

Used to be that Passover, for me, was the time I could feel frustrated and upset with myself because I wasn't strong enough to overcome all my sins. But now, everything's different.

Now I know God is not condemning me for them but forgiving me through Jesus. What a relief and joy this truth is!

Donald White
Levittown, N.Y.



THAILAND BOUND—As part of Ambassador Foundation, students in Bangkok, Thailand, can function in areas where the Church cannot. From left, Joseph Locke, Foundation vice president for international projects; juniors John Boyll, Jon Reedy, Kellie McDonald, Joel Gehman, Michele Wegh, Leon Pedersen (not going to Thailand, now student body president) and Anne Bagnall; senior Rod McNair, assistant to director Jonathan McNair; junior Edna Wilkie; Mr. McNair, his wife, Christy, and son, Evan; and John Good, an Ambassador College instructor who helps prepare students for overseas service. [Photo by Dan Vander Poel]

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column prospective members, co-workers, subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

Brethren are wonderful folks

Thank you for my booklets. They are very enlightening. I also watch the TV program. I'm also attending the Lakeland church. I'm very happy about it. I've wanted to find this Church for many years. I was able to partake of the Passover Festival—my first. I enjoyed this also.

The people in this Church I'm attending are absolutely wonderful folks. They are kind, generous and loving. I've only gone to the Church about six weeks.

I'm 72 years old and a widow. I read my Bible daily and love it. I'm so glad this Church is a Bible-teaching Church and also I'm glad I can attend the Lord's festivals. Also, some lovely people, Mr. and Mrs. Turnipoud, drive me to services. I'm thankful to them.

Lakeland, Fla.

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Wants to say no

I am a 20-year-old male and presently

a marijuana user. One time I happened to pick up an issue of your *Youth* magazine. I was fascinated by the abundant educational information it contained.

I think your magazine will be helpful especially to the teenagers who want to say no to temptation but find it hard to do. Would you please help me? I am so eager to become a good boy again, despite being tempted by my peers.

Everybody wants to be successful, including me. If ever the time will come that I get married, I would like to be a responsible parent.

W.P.

Maribojoc, Philippines

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Asked God for too much?

I am 24 years old and have been a junkie for the last 10. Unlike most, I'm sure you and your readers can understand when I say that during this time I've tried to remain a Christian, and although I fail a lot, I still have certain standards and morals I maintain.

As I have not found the answer to my problem yet, I will continue to search. Up to now, I believe I have asked God for too much and thank him not half enough. You never know, I may find my answer in your literature.

A drug life is not fun or hip. For most, when you're abusing you are killing yourself and destroying your family; when you're not, you're in prison trying to figure out why you do it.

I hope you print my note as some young person may pay heed and be deterred.

Prisoner

Glasgow, Scotland

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Poland feels the effects

I want to thank you for sending me your publications. I have just received five more of them, as well as the *Youth* magazine.

I want you all to know they are a great help to me and allow me to understand many things. Be sure that your work brings effects even here.

M.P.

Cracow, Poland

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The forgotten fatherless

I wish to thank you very much for your article (April *Plain Truth*) because it touched home in many ways. I also will not be able to sign this letter, but I wanted you to know that my second greatest fear was that my daughter would not even be considered by God.

I kept thinking of how God did not save David's son by Bathsheba. I, too, did not know what God would do or where she would stand with God for my sin, which I did not at that time consider

sin, for many reasons and possibly the denial and deception to myself.

Thanks for your understanding way in expressing yourself in your article and for the new hope it gives me for my daughter.

How grateful to God I am for all the help he gave me when I had no one to turn to, for my whole family depended on me and thought I was the strong one,

so I had to be strong for them all and couldn't let them know of any of my problems but had to try to solve them by myself all my life.

You have with your article eased the heaviness I have carried for over 20 years. God bless you for thinking of possibly many, many who fell into such trouble.

Chicago, Ill.

Movement: Europe wins

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that it "is not likely to be able to create a Pacific Rim common market to rival the European Community."

The United States, on the other hand, "squandered much of its starting advantage by allowing its educational system to atrophy, by allowing itself to run a high-consumption, low-investment society, and by incurring huge international debts."

Therefore, the winner is, according to Thurow, the Europeans.

"The Europeans will do what is necessary to complete the inte-

gration of the countries now in the Common Market, add the rest of Western Europe to it, and pay the taxes necessary to allow much of Middle and Eastern Europe to join the House of Europe ... because they have no choice.

"To prevent the Poles and other Eastern Europeans from all moving to Paris, London, Rome, and Frankfurt, the Western Europeans will do what strategic considerations dictate that they should do....

"Future historians will record that the twenty-first century belonged to the House of Europe."



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Here's the right perspective to have on your money matters

While we learn how to earn money, we are not always taught how to use money wisely

By Dexter H. Faulkner

A bank in the United Kingdom sent a 21-year-old student a credit card he had not asked for. He charged 15,000 pounds worth of purchases to the card (about \$25,000) with no foreseeable means of repayment.

A clear case of irresponsibility all around—on the young person and on the bank.

Unfortunately, our society, through advertising, creates in people a desire for material possessions, which can be immediately obtained by using a credit card.

There are certain things we must buy on credit, however, such as a house or a car.

Yet, credit cards make "getting" all too easy. It's only later that we really feel the effects of our choices when we have to pay for the purchases.

But credit cards of themselves are not a problem. They are useful when used correctly. If you're traveling, they can be far safer

than carrying a lot of cash.

Provided you have the means to repay, some credit can work to your advantage. Many items can now be purchased on interest-free credit.

There are many whose desires for things exceed their ability to pay, however. There is the temptation to spend money we not only don't have now but will not have in the foreseeable future, making repayment difficult.

I'm not simply talking about frivolous desires but very real basic needs, perhaps for our children, which can be dangerous and unwise to purchase on credit.

The deceitfulness of riches

Those who have been or are in debt know how discomfoting it is. Debt can put a strain on our relationships, especially marriage.

To get out of debt we need to have a plan.

First, recognize that there are more important things than material possessions.

In our materialistic age too much emphasis is placed on possessions. A new stereo or kitchen appliance, a certain make of car—advertisers bombard us with images that, we are told, are essential for happiness and fulfillment.

We connect a certain brand of coffee with a certain life-style, or an after-shave with youth or sophistication. Millions in the Western world spend their existence striving to acquire things.

This desire for excessive material goods sooner or later boils down to the pursuit of money. Money is equated with power—the power to command, to purchase, to persuade and to influence the lives of others.

Even children find themselves caught up in the net of financial comparisons as friends at school discuss games, clothes and music.

While some people discover that money cannot buy happiness many press on in the belief that wealth and happiness go hand in hand.

On television and in newspapers the idea is that we can never be too rich.

The Christian perspective

The Christian's relationship to money is carefully laid down in Scripture. God associates our ability to handle physical things with spiritual maturity—for richer or poorer.

"Unless you are honest in small matters, you won't be in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" (Luke 16:10, Phillips translation).

Our stewardship may be over humble means, and God is enormously interested in how we use those means.

While we learn how to earn money, we are not always taught how to use money wisely.

Christians have a personal obligation to spend money wisely because we are stewards of the

finances God allows to pass through our hands.

Tips for financial security

Put your financial responsibilities in proper perspective. Unless money is seen in relation to the wider perspective of eternity it can soon master us—and we do not need millions for that to happen.

Money masters us when it becomes our No. 1 priority.

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15, New International Version). Also: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34).

Sometimes people say they can't afford to tithe, but in reality they can't afford not to tithe.

Having done your best, take your concerns to God. Don't forget his assistance in your finances.

God knows what we really need. And he promises: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).

As I consider my life I thank God for difficult times financially. I learned valuable lessons during those times. I might have gone ahead with unwise projects had it not been for the help of God.

Of course, God is not necessarily withholding finances from us every time we go through an economic rough patch.

We suffer from recession or other difficulties beyond our control just as other people. Whatever the reason, we need to handle money wisely.

A generous spirit

We should always be careful how we use our money, while never allowing ourselves to become miserly.

Generosity is a great Christian virtue. Sometimes the most generous people are not the ones with the greatest wealth.

A remarkable spiritual law in the Bible is this: "Give, and it will

be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).

Spending checklist

The following questions have helped many to make consistently wise purchases.

1 Do I need this item or do I merely want it? (Phillipians 4:19).

2 Do I have the money to pay for it or sufficient income to repay it over a reasonable period of time?

3 Can I buy it cheaper elsewhere or at another time?

4 How often will I use it and how much will it cost each time I use it?

5 Is there some responsible person I can confer with before purchasing, who will give me a neutral opinion?

6 How much will this item depreciate in the future months and years?

7 Am I paying for features I do not need?

8 Can I postpone this purchase until I am more certain?

9 Is there something else that I know is more important that I should buy instead?

10 Will this item make me more spiritually effective?

Throughout the whole of God's word there are solid laws and wise principles to govern the success of our lives. We ignore them at our peril. Obedience brings spiritual enrichment.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has read this poem during sermons in the Pasadena area.

The Cold Within

Six humans trapped by happenstance
In dark and bitter cold.
Each one possessed a stick of wood,
Or so the story's told.

Their dying fire in need of logs,
The first woman held hers back.
For on the faces around the fire,
She noticed one was black.

The next man looking cross the way,
Saw one not of his church,
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use,
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store.
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from sight,
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group
Did naught except for gain
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death's still hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold without,
They died from—THE COLD WITHIN.

Author unknown

In the wake of riots: Mayor honors selfless members

Members recognized for service, guarding store and cleanup after rioting in Los Angeles

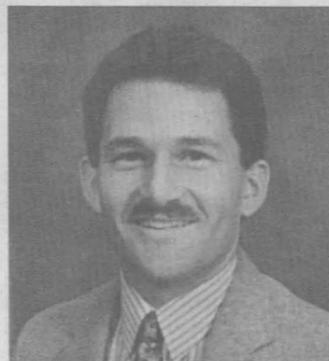
By Paul Monteith

For service to the community during the April riots, Long Beach Mayor Ernie Kell honored members William Brainard and Loren Warkentin, along with several of their neighbors at a commendation ceremony at Long Beach City Hall June 9.

Mr. Brainard and Mr. Warkentin, members who attend the Long Beach, Calif., congregation, and neighbors stopped looters entering a Lucky supermarket on Atlantic Avenue and 64th Street during the civil unrest in Los Angeles.

The mayor presented the group

with a certificate mounted on a plaque, which will be on display at the supermarket. The certificate was signed by district coun-



LOREN WARKENTIN

cilman Warren Harwood.

Individual commendations were given to the group by Mayor Kell at another ceremony June 13, at the north branch of Long Beach library.

The Lucky Corp. honored the group at a banquet May 12. Attending were the president of the company and district managers who honored the men with speeches, flowers and \$100 gift certificates.

"The manager of Lucky's is convinced that our presence in front of the store kept people from looting," said Mr. Warkentin.

Employees of the store put a card in the store window to thank them for saving the supermarket and their jobs.

Pelted with stones

Mr. Brainard alerted the manager of Lucky's to the approaching danger after encountering looters on his way home from work, April 30.

Looters used the intersection of Imperial Highway and Atlantic Avenue as a parking lot while they ransacked stores, he said.

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'You can tell when people are sincerely praying for you'

Leukemia victim's husband tells of outpouring of support

By Kerri Dowd

TEHACHAPI, Calif.—For Kim Rice the battle is over.

After fighting viral infections, pneumonia and the effects of chemotherapy for more than two years, after explaining to her 5-year-old daughter, Erin, the difference between the sleep from which you can wake on your own, and the sleep from which God has to wake you, Kim, 33, died of leukemia Feb. 18.

Kerri Dowd is managing editor for Youth 92 magazine. Matt and Erin Rice attend the Mojave, Calif., church.

But it was not a battle she fought alone. When doctors told Kim her last hope was to find a bone marrow donor, businesses, community service organizations, church groups and individuals stepped forward to do what they could.

Her story appeared in area television and newspaper reports.

"What was really comforting was that people were genuinely concerned everywhere we went," said Matt Rice, Kim's husband of 12½ years.

"People on the street stopped to tell us they were praying about it. They were not just saying they were going to pray about it and then not doing anything about it.

"You can tell when people are sincerely praying for you. It is clear. There have been constant tangible results," he added.

None of the more than 750,000 donors listed in three national and international registries was a conclusive match, so Matt and many others worked to coordinate donor testing in Tehachapi, Bakersfield, Ridgecrest and other parts of Southern California.

Outpouring of support

A Catholic church conducted a special mass for Kim, and another church group sponsored a carwash. There were community

Church members joined the fund-raising efforts, offered their phone numbers for potential donors in different communities, returned calls to confirm donors and volunteered at the drives.

Some also helped with the day-to-day functions of the Rice home such as housecleaning, meal preparation and caring for little Erin.

Money raised through these efforts, and donations to the Kim Rice Benefit Fund at Sierra National Bank, were used for blood sample testing and to help offset the Rices' personal expenses.

Area businesses, organizations,

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bake sales and bingo games. Teens sponsored car washes; the Veterans of Foreign Wars provided facilities for various events and conducted fund-raisers.

One area business not only donated money and blood samples but provided the use of an airplane and pilot to fly samples to Los Angeles.

"They went above and beyond," said Leon Sexton, Mojave associate pastor. "There's an important lesson in this for every one of us. We are not only supposed to teach by example, but we can also learn from example."

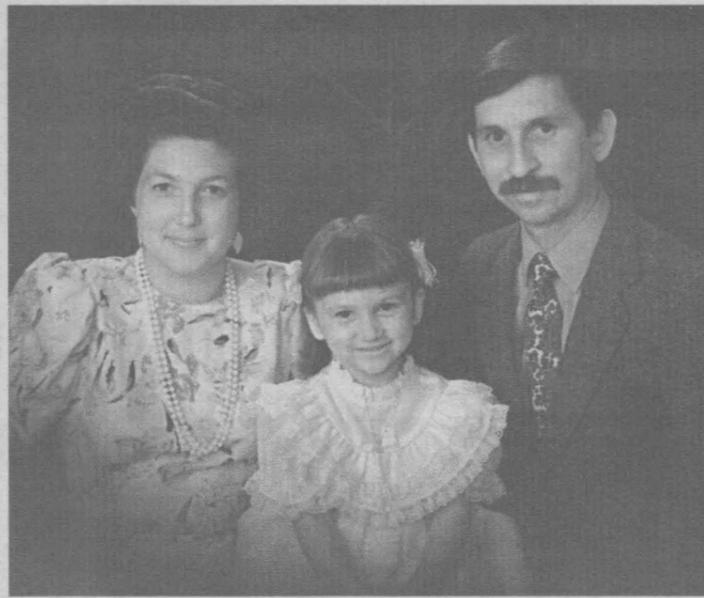
hospitals and individuals are still working to make up the difference.

Training makes a difference

Matt had several opportunities to put his Spokesman Club training into practice. He talked to city councils to set up drives, appeared on newscasts and addressed service organizations who wanted more details to determine whether and how much to contribute.

He has been asked to speak at the statewide conference of a civic group.

Mark Denny, also a member, helped to set up these functions and



THE RICE FAMILY

acted as a media representative.

Mr. Denny said he worked with the American Bone Marrow Registry to speed up the analysis of donated samples. He explained that these drives were not just to benefit Kim but anyone in need of a marrow donor.

Going forward

Although Matt has lost his wife, he hasn't lost his faith. He cited two of "the many lessons" he learned from Kim's illness:

1) The Church is a cross-section of society. We have the same problems that the world faces. We just have additional strength to overcome them.

2) God's hand has been in this all the way. He was laying the foundation long before Kim was diagnosed.

Matt explained how the family had no medical insurance until two weeks before Kim's diagno-

sis. They asked for maternity coverage, which cost the same as unlimited coverage, but Matt's employer, without his consent, put in for unlimited coverage.

When expenses reached the \$1 million mark, the Rices expected to be cut off, but the insurance continued to pay for another year. (It cost about \$1.25 million a year for Kim's treatment.)

Matt talked about his love for Kim and Erin, and the happiness they enjoyed as a family.

Still, he added: "I can say that I've never been so completely happy that God is in charge. I feel very strongly that his purpose is being fulfilled.

"We grow up learning to be independent, but we're incapable of handling everything because we don't have the strength. Somewhere along the line, we have to give in. The sooner we let go, the sooner God can step in and help."

Riots: Helping clean up

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"People were running, breaking windows and fighting each other. They grabbed stuff and ran back to their cars.

"I saw a woman with a baby in a stroller walk into a store and load items on top of the baby," he added.

Before he got through the intersection, Mr. Brainard, who cycles

manager about the looting occurring along Atlantic Avenue, people were already in the store filling up their pockets and shopping carts as they waited for someone to break the windows.

The manager closed the store but "lost a few thousand dollars worth of groceries and things as people left. I went out wondering what I could do," Mr. Brainard related.

Across the street looters drove a car through the security bars of a shop and about 400 others joined in the pillaging.

Mr. Brainard was joined outside the store by a neighborhood watch captain, who brought along several neighbors, including Mr. Warkentin.

They kept watch between 5 p.m. and the sunset curfew, on some days.

"I wouldn't recommend people indiscriminately guarding storefronts," Mr. Warkentin said, "but there was a call for help and a good portion of the neighborhood got out there."

Just the presence of the group was more of a deterrent than expected, he added.

"It was sobering seeing mob rule across the street from where I live. We saw one motorist drive by with a piano strapped to the roof of his car."

Member helps clean up

After the three days of looting and arson many residents in Los Angeles County helped store owners clean up the mess.

Among them was Elmore Dingle, a member in the Pasadena West P.M. church, who helped "clean up a mini-mall in Koreatown," according to the *Los Angeles Times* May 4.

For the record

Roxann Thompson is a member and not a prospective member as reported in the May 19 *Worldwide News*.

Ambassador student recalls life under communist rule

By Richard Crookes

BIG SANDY—East Texas is a far cry from Smolenice, Czechoslovakia, home of sophomore Marta Vajsablova, 25, a MIS (Management Information Systems) major here.

Richard Crookes is a senior at Ambassador College.

Marta arrived here in 1990, six months after the so-called "Velvet Revolution"—the bloodless revolution that toppled the communist government in November 1989.

Born in Smolenice, Marta attended high school in Bratislava. After graduation she worked for a travel agency, then as a secretary in a bank for four years.

Her parents remain in Smolenice, where her father works in a chemical factory and her mother is a secretary.

Her first contact with the Worldwide Church of God was when she was 14 years old. An aunt in Canada began attending Sabbath services and mentioned it on a visit to Czechoslovakia.

Not until age 18, however, was Marta's interest in the Church awakened.

With a mailing address provided by her aunt, she wrote to the German Regional Office for information, and in August 1986 began

attending Church services in former East Germany.

Though the Church had a congregation in Vienna, Austria, the Iron Curtain prevented her crossing the border to attend services.

Questioned by secret police

Marta says her parents' reaction to her attending services was "nothing serious," but admits they did not like it. "When you are in the Church it always takes time

tion political tension, rather than her involvement with the Church, prompted the interrogation.

Authorities' suspicions were aroused when two German ministers visited Marta on their way to inspect the Feast site in Brno, Czechoslovakia.

Marta told a police officer that the two ministers who visited her were nonproselyting.

"But he was always repeating questions to see if I would say something else," she said. "He was trying to catch me."

Because of tight travel controls, Marta thought her plans to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Germany would be jeopardized: "I was thinking I would never get out of the country after this."

Adapting to freedoms

Five months later the communist government fell, and freedoms were allowed. Yet Marta recognizes Czechoslovakia has difficulties adapting to a democratic system.

"We have a lot of freedom of speech, but still many people don't know what it is because they've never had it. They lived without it," she said.

Marta, fluent in English and German, with some knowledge of Russian, plans to return to Europe after college and use her language skills in translating. Her brother works part-time as a translator in Czechoslovakia.

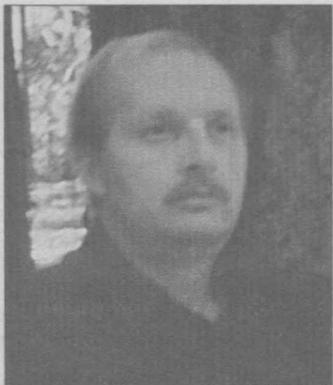


MARTA VAJSABLOVA

till they understand," she said.

Her affiliation with the Church prompted secret police to question her in July 1989.

But she realizes the pre-revolu-



WILLIAM BRAINARD

to and from work, was pelted with stones and bottles, a barrage that continued for three miles as he peddled along Atlantic.

He suffered bruises, torn clothes and damage to his bike. At one point a car pulled up beside him and a man pointing a gun shouted, "Death to the honkies!"

"The looting moved like a wave from the City of Compton to Long Beach," said Mr. Brainard.

A block from his house people were ransacking a shopping center and Lucky's was next in line.

Presence deters looters

Even as Mr. Brainard told the

Trip

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tional site of the Tomb of Christ and Golgotha (Calvary), the place of crucifixion.

While inside the church, we saw an incident later reported by news media worldwide. A deranged American tourist in his 30s began shouting "Little children, keep yourself from idols!" (1 John 5:21).

He then began trashing the altar on the second floor of the church. He shattered lamps, threw a stone at a glass-encased Madonna statue and tried to pry a wooden cross from a wall.

Authorities restrained the self-appointed preacher and turned him over to Israeli police, who took him to a hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Because of the publicity, the media—including us—were allowed to tape inside the church. On-location taping often poses special challenges.

"We often face the distractions of curious or disruptive crowds in public places," Mr. Ames observed, "as well as frequent noises like the roar of jets overhead and automobile horns."

"These challenging circumstances demand concentration, endurance, patience and often long hours of hard work, as well as God's intervention and overall guidance."

Way of sorrows

May 4 we taped extensively in the Armenian Quarter of the Old City, where many events of Jesus' last day took place.



FRONT LINE—A relaxing time during some dramatic days of taping for the telecast crew of Richard Ames, Keith Stump, Joe Costantino, Gary Wering, Shmuel Bernstein (guide for the trip) and Don Conard.

Jesus' trial and condemnation took place in the public square of the Upper City, just east of the praetorium, in the area immediately north of today's St. James' Cathedral of the Armenian Orthodox.

The biblical Gabbatha (John 19:13), overlooking the public square, was the location of Pilate's judicial bench, today the site of the cathedral. There, Jesus received his crossbeam and began his walk toward Calvary.

Our camera followed the route Jesus would have taken—along St. James Street (or Street of the Armenians) to Suq el-Hussor, then northward to the site of the New Testament Garden Gate (or

Gennath Gate), today called El-Bashurah Junction.

Through that gate the Roman soldiers led Jesus on his way to Calvary.

"When you retrace the hour-by-hour events of that last day, you feel a certain degree of participating with Christ in his agony," Mr. Ames said.

"To retrace the steps that Jesus took the last hours before his crucifixion was sobering and enlightening."

Bomb scare

Our taping in the Old City also provided a sobering reminder of a daily reality in Jerusalem. Mr.

Ames' briefcase was left behind after we taped on the Cardo, ancient Jerusalem's main street.

Though we quickly realized it was missing and returned for it, an Israeli bomb squad had already removed it.

Because of terrorist incidents, the authorities treat all unattended boxes, shopping bags and other parcels as potential bombs. We got the briefcase back somewhat the worse for wear, its locks having been broken to assess the potential danger.

On the morning of May 5 we taped inside a building known as the Coenaculum (Latin for "dining room").

Early and reliable traditions consider it the site of the Upper Room, where Jesus and his disciples shared the Last Supper and where Jesus introduced the New Testament symbols of bread and wine, representing his broken flesh and shed blood.

That afternoon—with the permission of the Armenian patriarch of Jerusalem—we taped just outside today's Zion Gate in the courtyard of the House of Caia-phas, where Jesus' illegal night trial took place.

May 6 we taped at the remains of an ancient stone staircase on the eastern slopes of Mt. Zion. Jesus and his disciples would have walked down that very stairway—part of the road descending from the Upper to the Lower City—on their way to Gethsemane.

We then taped at a rock-hewn prison cell nearby, dating to the first century A.D. We will use it to dramatize Jesus' night imprisonment—those lonely hours before day-break, as he awaited Roman judgment before Pilate.

We then drove to Givat ha-Mivtar, where in 1968 numerous first century Jewish tombs were unearthed. One skeleton of a crucifixion victim had an eight-inch nail pinning its two heel bones together.

Later, at the Zion Gate, we hauled our equipment by ropes to the top of the gate to tape the site of Herod's western palace and Pilate's praetorium.

Recreating Jesus' arrest

May 7, Israel's Independence Day, we taped at the Citadel, a fortresslike structure dating back to the Crusader and Turkish periods.

The Roman praetorian guard very likely had its garrison there in Jesus' day. Jesus' scourging or flagellation and

crowning with thorns took place in the courtyard of the praetorian barracks.

That night we staged a torch procession up the Kidron Valley to recreate the scene as Judas and the mob approached Gethsemane to arrest Jesus.

We hired Arabs from the nearby village of Silwan to assist by playing the torch-bearing "arrest squad."

The sight of lights bobbing and flickering in the distance down the Kidron Valley, slowly working their way up toward the Garden, was dramatic.

After one final day of taping on Friday, we left Israel Sunday, May 10.

Summing up the trip, Mr. Ames said: "Our taping for the *World Tomorrow* program in Jerusalem reminded me once again of something we should not take for granted: that Christ has opened powerful media doors to his Church for the preaching of the gospel."

Speaking for the crew, he added: "We pray that this two-part series 'The Day Christ Died' will have a profound effect on the lives of millions of viewers as they see in a detailed way the good news of salvation through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior—the pivotal event of all history."



SITE OF LAST SUPPER—Presenter Richard Ames at the stairs of the Coenaculum, traditional site of the Last Supper. This water pitcher is similar to the one mentioned in Luke 22:10. [Photo by Don Conard]

1992 Feast Guest Speakers

The following guest speakers were announced for the 1992 Feast of Tabernacles.

International sites

Africa

- Ghana:** Stan Bass.
- Cameroon:** Bernard Andrist.
- Kenya:** Victor Kubik.
- Nigeria:** Stan Bass.
- Zaire:** Bernard Andrist.
- South Africa:** Burk McNair and Gerald Waterhouse.

Asia

- Philippines (Baguio, Cagayan de Oro and Malolos):** Colin Adair;
- Baguio, Malolos, Tacloban):** John Bald.
- Sri Lanka:** Richard Rice.
- Thailand:** Randal Dick and Leroy Neff.

Australia

- Cairns, Caloundra and Gold Coast:** Steven D. Andrews.
- Caloundra, Gold Coast and Merimbula:** Roy Page.
- Adelaide, Gosford, Hobart and Perth:** Dean Wilson.

Canada

- Halifax:** Darris McNeely.
- Penticton:** Jeff Barness.
- Regina:** Robert Dick.
- Sherbrooke:** Dennis Van Deventer.
- Victoria:** Jeff Barness.

Caribbean

- Bahamas:** Steve Elliott and Robert Millman.
- Barbados:** Peter Nathan.
- Dominica:** Guy Swenson.
- Grenada:** Paul Shumway and Ken Williams.
- Guadeloupe:** Eric Vautour.
- Guyana:** John Orchard and Doug Peitz.
- Haiti:** Yvon Brochu.

- Jamaica:** Dean Blackwell and Rand Millich.
- Martinique:** Bernard Hongerlout.
- St. Lucia:** Don Waterhouse.
- Trinidad:** Dean Blackwell and Dennis Robertson.

Europe

- Belgium:** Brian Hoyt and Colin Wilkins.
- Britain (Scarborough and Paignton):** John Halford;
- (Paignton):** Roger Lippross.
- France:** Brian Hoyt and Colin Wilkins.
- Germany (Bonndorf):** David Hulme and Tom Lapacka;
- (Goslar):** Gene Hogberg and Tom Lapacka.
- Italy:** Russell Duke and Jim Servidio.
- Netherlands:** David Hulme and Pieter Michielsen.
- Sweden:** Bill Winner.

Middle East

- Jordan:** Dick Thompson, Dibar Apartian and Aaron Dean.

New Zealand

- Christchurch and Napier:** Larry Salyer.

South Pacific

- Fiji:** Mike Booze.
- Tonga:** Mike Booze.
- Vanuatu:** Donat Picard.

Spanish sites

- Costa Rica:** Larry Hinkle.
- Spain:** Reginald Killingley.
- Uruguay:** Raul Ramos.

U.S. sites

- Anchorage, Alaska:** David Havir.
- Big Sandy:** Don Lawson and Jim Peoples.
- Chattanooga, Tenn.:** Ronald

- Kelly and Don Lawson.
- Corpus Christi, Tex.:** David Albert.
- Dayton, Ohio:** Raymond McNair and Abner Washington.
- Daytona Beach, Fla.:** Jim Peoples and Donald Ward.
- Eugene, Ore.:** Herman Hoeh.
- Hot Springs, Ark.:** Joseph Tkach Jr.
- Jekyll Island, Ga.:** Ray Wooten and Les Schmedes.
- Keystone, Colo.:** Ed Mauzey and Jim O'Brien.
- Kona, Hawaii:** Clint Zimmerman.
- Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.:** Richard Ames.
- Lexington, Ky.:** Donald Ward and David Wainwright.
- Lowell, Mass.:** Robin Webber and Dennis Luker.
- Niagara Falls, N.Y.:** Richard Pinelli.
- Norfolk, Va.:** Abner Washington and Brian Orchard.
- Palm Springs, Calif.:** Arnold Hampton and Raymond McNair.
- Pasadena:** Greg Sargent and Steven Botha.
- Pensacola, Fla.:** Bernard Schnippert.
- Rapid City, S.D.:** Fred Kellers and Clyde Kilough.
- Redding, Calif.:** Mark Cardona and Keith Stump.
- St. Petersburg, Fla.:** Gary Antion and Ronald Kelly.
- Saratoga Springs, N.Y.:** Dennis Luker and Jim Kisse.
- Spokane, Wash.:** Keith Stump and Mark Cardona.
- Tucson, Ariz.:** Greg Albrecht.
- Vail, Colo.:** Jim O'Brien and Ed Mauzey.
- Wisconsin Dells, Wis.:** Michael Feazell.

1992 Festival Updates

Humacao, Puerto Rico

The Feast will again be observed at the Palmas del Mar resort near Humacao.

Simultaneous translation of the services from Spanish into English will be provided. Housing at the oceanfront resort is available either in double rooms with two double beds or in fully furnished villas with kitchens.

Double rooms will cost \$70 a night, villas are \$125 a night for a one-bedroom villa, \$165 a night for a two-bedroom villa and \$210 a night for a three-bedroom villa.

If you are interested in transferring to Puerto Rico ask your pastor for an international Festival application.

Volunteers needed

If you are transferring to Victoria, B.C., and would like to volunteer your services during the Feast, please fill in the 1992 Festival volunteer form in the Festival Housing Guide and send it to Jack Kost 8850 Moresby Park Ter., Sidney, B.C., V8L 4A9, Canada.

Help is needed in all departments.

Volunteers are needed to serve in the parking area at the Daytona Beach, Fla., Feast site. Experienced crew leaders are especially needed. Those interested should contact Ken Smylie at 8335 Sylvan Dr., Melbourne, Fla., 32904, or call him at 1-407-724-5125 by Aug. 1.

PERSONAL

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Christian way of life.

After completing their College training, graduates are able to take the personal message of their new life in Jesus Christ to the home, the neighborhood and the workplace, and to begin to influence in a positive way the lives of those around them.

This is why the Church cannot afford not to invest in the continuing vitality of Ambassador College.

Hence the need for the Jackson Hall of Humanities, the first of five new buildings planned for construction over the next 12 to 15 years, that will make up the Herbert W. Armstrong Academic Center.

The College is as much a part of proclaiming the gospel as are our publications and telecast.

Yet, since Ambassador was founded nearly 45 years ago, there have been those who wonder why we have a commitment to education, why we need a college.

Few investments are as intangible as education. Education

dore Roosevelt once remarked, "To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

We all know that an education in values first needs a biblical foundation, with a knowledge of God and Jesus Christ central to morality.

And this is exactly what we have been given the opportunity to do as we continue to build and develop Ambassador College.

We have a chance to touch the future—to impact the lives, in a most meaningful and positive way, of future generations, of our children's children.

The work of the Church of God cannot be measured in purely physical terms. The Church has a commission to preach, teach, train and nurture.

It is for this reason that we continue to support Ambassador College even in years when income is low.

Diligent servants

During my graduation visit, I was also encouraged to see the men and women of our faculty, staff and administration who have worked so diligently to

"I sing the praise of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war.... It is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young" (Henry Van Dyke).

does not always provide an immediate or visible payback to the parents and adults who must bear the burden of providing the opportunities of knowledge, exploration and growth. But education is a vital investment in the future.

In some cases, fruit will appear within a few years or a decade or two. In other cases, the return on the investment of education may not occur for a generation or two.

Education has lost morality

Most education in the Western world has lost its footing. Rarely is it grounded in biblical principles. Rarely does it provide moral training.

Former U.S. President Theo-

make Ambassador College a success.

These past two years since our consolidation in Big Sandy have not been easy for these dedicated people.

Many are involved in advanced degree programs that demand a great deal of extra work and effort, all because they want to make a positive contribution to Ambassador College.

I don't know if we all realize how thankless their task can sometimes be.

I want to extend my personal thanks to all those who teach, who impact the young and set powerful examples for those who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

This includes the many

Church members who are teachers and professors, those who teach in our Imperial Schools, those who are on the faculty and staff of Ambassador College and, of course, ministers who teach and guide the membership.

American writer Henry Van Dyke once said:

"I sing the praise of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war."

"Famous educators plan new systems of pedagogy, but it is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young."

Borneo, El Salvador: sites for ministers' spring trips

Special baptism 'carried' out

BORNEO—I had a very profitable, 13-day trip to Sabah and Sarawak, two East Malaysian states, conducting Bible studies, contacting *Plain Truth* readers who requested visits and baptizing six persons—three women and three men.

These accounts of Holy Day trips were submitted by Yong Chin Gee, a minister in Malaysia, and Herbert Cisneros, San Salvador, El Salvador, pastor.

I flew from Kuala Lumpur to Kota Kinabalu and conducted a Bible study in a member's home. There were nine people present.

I counseled a single Chinese woman, Chock Li Yun, who



YONG CHIN GEE & YUET SIAM

works as an accounts clerk in a member's company in Kota Kinabalu, and baptized her at a nearby seashore with two members witnessing the baptism ceremony.

From Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, I flew to Tawau, where a *Plain Truth* reader met me at the airport and took me in his car for more than an hour to his remote village.

He is a schoolteacher and his wife is a baptized member. She has a sister, a member also. We had a Bible study together in their home.

My next destination was Sandakan, a town in Sabah, where I met the mother and fiancée of a single prospective member living in Kuala Lumpur and attending services there.

His mother, a Chinese graduate from Taiwan University and a Roman Catholic, inquired more about the Scriptures. I spoke Mandarin to both of them, although both understand English somewhat.

Then I flew from Sandakan to Pamol, a big oil-palm plantation with a small village. I counseled and baptized Eusebio Marcelo, Marcelino Grandez and Mr. Grandez' wife, Calio.

All three are of Filipino descent. Eusebio is 55 years old,

"He lives in obscurity and contends with hardship. For him no trumpets blare, no chariots wait, no golden decorations are decreed.

"He keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. He awakens sleeping spirits. He quickens the indolent, encourages the eager, and steadies the unstable.

"He communicates his own joy in learning. He lights many candles which, in later years, will shine back to cheer him. This is his reward.

"Knowledge may be gained from books, but the love of knowledge is transmitted only by personal contact."

working odd jobs for a Chinese company. About a year ago he fell off his bicycle on work duty and became crippled.

He must have injured his nerves from the fall, having no strength in his right hand and both legs. He was hospitalized for many months, but the doctors could do very little.

We had to carry him down to a muddy riverbank, where he was baptized.

He has a wife and eight children, whose ages range from six months to 18 years old. The eldest is a daughter who has just passed from secondary schooling.

Marcelino and Calio are in their 60s and have five grown children.

They helped Eusebio and his family after the accident, a very good example of Christian kindness and charity.

From Sabah state I flew to Sarawak state and met members in a town called Miri.

I had a Bible study with three members and their children: Paul Allen Daniel, his wife, Rose, their three children, and Linda Straub, who moved from Canada with her five children.

The next town in Sarawak was Sibu, where I met three *Plain Truth* readers. The last stop was in Kuching, capital of Sarawak, where I conducted a Bible study for three members.

I baptized the wife of member Jodon ak Jakot in the hotel bathtub, and another Chinese, Bong Siu Nam, 25, an accountant.

Meeting more than a dozen *Plain Truth* readers, having Bible studies and fellowshiping with members is a once-a-year event, and the trip added six more members into the Church.

There are now 11 baptized members in Sabah and eight in Sarawak, all in all 19 members in East Malaysia.

—Yong Chin Gee

Miracles that transcend barriers

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador—The Church in post-civil war El Salvador has grown by nearly 20 percent in just the last couple of months.

When God calls people today, he performs a miracle that transcends conventional barriers of geography, race or socioeconomic status.

The story begins nine years ago with Jose David Romero, a young gold miner from the village of San Sebastian, 110 miles (about 180 kilometers) east of San Salvador.

After reading a copy of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*), which a friend had given him, he became a subscriber. For

Teaching is often a behind-the-scenes activity, and consequently, teachers don't often receive the recognition they are due.

Teaching involves plenty of self-sacrifice, worry, anxiety and overtime, but, often, little thanks.

This is the task so many perform willingly and cheerfully. We all need to take our hats off to those who day after day dedicate themselves to serving the needs of others.

On behalf of the Church, let me say, Thank you!

five years he shared many of the truths he was learning from Church literature with family members and friends.

Eventually this small group began keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days and abstaining from unclean meats.

Mr. Romero requested a ministerial visit two years ago, but was unable to make contact with a Church representative until about six months ago.

While visiting San Sebastian in December 1991, my assistant, Jose Mauricio Pinto, expected to meet Mr. Romero and his wife. He was astonished to discover a group of several dozen interested people—52 were present on the Sabbath.

Amazingly, the only *Pura Verdad* subscriber was Mr. Romero, but they all took turns reading each magazine and booklet he received.

This just goes to show how much mileage can be derived from a single subscription. I have visited the group every third Sabbath since then. In March and April of this year I baptized 16 of them.

I was also surprised to discover that the group members had built their own meeting place, which cost about \$24,500, and had cleared a road leading up to it for



HERBERT & CONCEPCION CISNEROS around \$1,500.

Most of the inhabitants of San Sebastian have been involved in gold mining at one time or another, but by no means were they rich.

In fact, before the mines were destroyed in the civil war that just ended, workers earned about 12 cents an hour.

Some of the members now earn a small-scale livelihood by buying and selling gold. Others work in agriculture or in retailing in neighboring Santa Rosa, a town near the Honduras border.

Their calling was extra special because of their circumstances, but God did not allow any obstacles to stand in his way.

Please remember to pray for these new members of God's family.

—Herbert Cisneros

Statistics at a Glance

	U.S.	International	Total
Members	68,802	29,802	98,604
Congregations	464	368	832
Full-time ministers	480	276	756
Local church elders	736	256	992

Attention Church youths

Church youths who are 1992 valedictorians and salutatorians will be featured in a future issue of *The Worldwide News*. If you graduate first or second in your class, send us your name and include a photo, the name of your high school, your church area and indicate your class ranking.

Please have your church pastor sign it. If you want your photo returned, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Mail by July 15 to The Worldwide News, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AKPELU, Leonard and Shirley (Bowers) of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Jonathan Ngozichukwu, May 3, 2:23 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

AMES, Dean and Tracy (Maxson) of Big Sandy, girl, Crystal Renee, April 27, 5:25 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BENNETT, Eric and Amy (Kendrick) of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Allana Michelle, March 27, 6:30 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

BOWER, Scott and Lori (Phillips) of Coleman, Mich., boy, Shane Michael, May 5, 12:08 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

BROWN, Mark and Silvia (Simms) of West Palm Beach, Fla., boy, Curtis Alan, March 29, 5:26 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BRUCE, Jerry and Eulalie (Fitzgerald) of Digby, N.S., boy, Daniel Philip Carter, April 27, 11:45 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CHANDLER, Sterling and Beverly (Burton) of Little Rock, Ark., girl, Barika Iman, May 9, 1:35 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

COLEMAN, Jeff and Debbie (Richardson) of Bethesda, Ohio, girl, Katelyn Lynise, April 10, 4:58 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CORDEN, William and Kathy (Chapman) of Salt Lake City, Utah, boy, Xavier Alexander, May 2, 2:20 p.m., 5 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

CORREIA, Gary and Mimi (Gauvin) of San Diego, Calif., boy, Brett Anthony, May 11, 1:22 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

CRISP, Robert and Eileen (Fivecoat) of Houston, Tex., boy, Shawn Patrick, March 5, 12:30 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

DACEY, David and Darlene (Smith) of Portland, Ore., boy, Josiah Thomas, May 11, 5:55 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

DANIELS, Dwight and Connie (Brown) of Red Deer, Alta., girl, Lauren Rachelle, April 17, 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

DEANS, Graham and Michelle (Wilkins) of Ottawa, Ont., boy, Cameron Grant, March 1, 7:35 p.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

DIVENANZO, Daniel and Merrilyn (Mincy) of Tallahassee, Fla., boy, Andrew Christian Leupold, March 21, 8:39 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DROIT, Richard and Kathy (Dronski) of Mount Vernon, Ill., boy, Jesse Russell, April 13, 7:35 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

ENGLEBERT, Michael and Melanie (Miller) of Elkhart, Ind., girl, Kelsey Marie, May 6, 8:16 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

FELLING, Ronald and Roberta (Bulharowski) of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Aaron Michael, April 24, 7:57 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

FOTHERINGHAM, Ian and Valerie (Leatham) of Nottingham, England, girl, Amy Jayne, March 20, 10:58 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

FRANKLIN, Joey and Saletta (Iaquinta) of Calgary, Alta., girl, Julianna, May 7, 1:45 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

FRANTZEN, Kurt and Joan (Peterson) of Baltimore, Md., boy, Garth Conrad, May 6, 6:51 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

GERFEN, Brian and Meg (Drake) of Round Lake Park, Ill., girl, Amanda Elise Leslie, May 4, 7:46 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GILL, Steven and Elizabeth (Mayfield) of Toledo, Ohio, girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Nov. 22, 2:38 p.m., 5 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

GROVAK, Michael and Tamara (Stensma) of Bronx, N.Y., boy, Nathaniel John, March 30, 5:59 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HENSLEY, Larry and Mona (Atherton) of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Kelley Kaye, April 30, 5:20 a.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HUTCHESON, Jeff and Rebecca (Foote) of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Kathryn Ann, April 13, 11:06 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

KWASNICA, Martin and Susan (Lippert) of Reseda, Calif., boy, Matthew Ryan, April 19, 4:20 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LALLIER, Rene and Lora (Thrasher) of Attleboro, Mass., girl, Chelsea Nicole, April 30, 4:17 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LEE, Kevin and Gloria (Richards) of Lansing, Mich., girl, Kandice Anne, March 9, 12:38 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 girls.

LOGRONO, Johnny and Evelyn (Baguio) of Quezon City, Philippines, boy, Joel Nathan, March 17, 7:50 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LOUCKS, Kenneth and Rebecca (Chambers) of Vancouver, Wash., girl, Renee Allisa, April 30, 7:40 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

MANCINI, Mark and Martine (Lemire) of St. Paul, Minn., girl, Melanie Anne, May 4, 4 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

MARTINOVICH, Peter and Rachel (Toomer) of Perth, W.A., girl, Tracey Lee, Jan. 11, 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

MILLA, Alfonso and Ethel (Hernando) of Tarlac, Philippines, boy, Alfonso Francis Hernando, Nov. 14, 7:47 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SHORT, James and Susan (Donovan) of

Corpus Christi, Tex., boy, David Anthony, April 13, 12:22 p.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

TIERNAN, Timothy and Debra (Langlais) of Oakland, Calif., boy, Marial Beth, May 15, 8:44 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

TOMES, Douglas and Pamela (Violette) of Clarksville, Tenn., girl, Marial Beth, Feb. 27, 4:15 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

VANDERVICES, Chris and Tracey (Erb) of Sarnia, Ont., girl, Brooke Katelyn, May 9, 3:26 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

WOLBECK, Timothy and Paulette (Siedschlag) of Fargo, N.D., girl, Amber Rose, April 28, 3:29 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Guice of Pasadena are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie Eileen to Don Pedro Gibson of Chicago, Ill., son of Mrs. Harold Jackson of Pasadena. A Sept. 6 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schmedes of Cincinnati, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Audrey to Greg Reed of Memphis, Tenn. A Sept. 6 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Belmar of Annapolis, Ont., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle Eileen to Colin F. Spellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Spellman of Roblin, Ont. A Sept. 6 wedding is planned.

Darryl Spence and Karen Wood, together with their parents, are pleased to announce their engagement. An Aug. 23 wedding is planned.

Charlie Piscitello of Binghamton, N.Y., and Judi Santoro of Rochester, N.Y., are delighted to announce their engagement. A July 12 wedding in Binghamton is planned.

Marguerite Dubois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dubois, and David H. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Evans, are delighted to announce their engagement. A July 19 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Russell of West Helena, Ark., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Stephanie Renee to Richard Allen Russell, son of Wayne and Polly Russell of Horn Lake, Miss. The ceremony was performed Dec. 22 by Gary Pendergraft, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., associate pastor. Kimberly Jacoby was maid of honor, and Gary Fogelsohn was best man. The couple live in Horn Lake.

WEDDINGS



MR. & MRS. RICHARD RUSSELL

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MR. & MRS. CHARLES DEAN

Elizabeth A. Cook and Charles E. Dean were united in marriage April 4. The ceremony was performed by Melvin Scott, a minister in the Kingsport, Tenn., church. Barbara Herald was matron of honor, and Duane Cannon was best man. The couple live in Kingsport.



MR. & MRS. CAMPBELL CROUCHER

Denelle Murray of Gold Coast, Qld., and Campbell Croucher of Feilding, New Zealand, were united in marriage Feb. 2. The ceremony was performed by the father of the groom, Jack Croucher, Auckland, New Zealand, pastor. Jeanette Murray, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Graeme Robertson was best man. The couple live in Feilding.



MR. & MRS. ASSAD GEORGES

Jennifer Kay DeMaggio and Assad Georges were united in marriage March 7. The ceremony was performed by Vincent Szymkowiak, Detroit, Mich., East

pastor. Linda Pupillo, Vivian Georges, Liza Georges and Lillian Georges were bridesmaids, and Joe Sayah, Phillip Georges, Robert DeMaggio and Craig Peck were groomsmen. The couple live in Sterling Heights, Mich.



MR. & MRS. ULF KRAUSE

Jean Lock of Adelaide, S.A., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Zoe Summers to Ulf Krause, son of Ursel Krause of Hamburg, Germany. The ceremony was performed Feb. 16 by Bob Regazzoli, Sydney, N.S.W., South pastor. Vivienne Doepel was matron of honor, and Graeme Skeet was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



MR. & MRS. ELIAS OWUSU-ANSAH

Charity Anokye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dede Dwamena, and Elias Owusu-Ansah were united in marriage April 5. The ceremony was performed by Alan Tattersall, Accra, Kumasi and Hohoe, Ghana, pastor. Naomi Adinkra was maid of honor, and Charles Ocran was best man. The couple live in Accra.



MR. & MRS. BEN MADDOX

Alice Baker and Ben Maddox were united in marriage March 20. The ceremony was performed by Martin Davey, Muncie and Richmond, Ind., pastor. The couple live in St. Louis, Mo.



MR. & MRS. JOHNNY HOWELL

Betty Jean Davis and Johnny Allen Howell were united in marriage Feb. 22. The ceremony was performed by David Urban, Longview, Tex., pastor. The couple live in Minden, Tex.



MR. & MRS. R. DALE HYLTON

Susan Elizabeth Dains and Robert Dale Hylton were united in marriage April 12. The ceremony was performed by Richard Frankel, Chicago, Ill., Northwest pastor. Jennifer Sams, daughter of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Charles Russell was best man. The couple live in Vienna, Va.



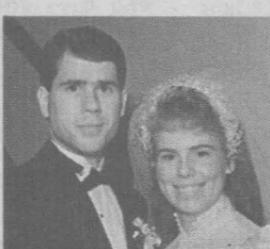
MR. & MRS. STEPHEN TOMS

Susan Joan Hughes and Stephen David Toms were united in marriage Jan. 19. The ceremony was performed by Mark Ellis, Brisbane, Qld., South and East pastor. Margaret Cooke, grandmother of the bride, and Fred Smith, grandfather of the groom, were witnesses. The couple live in Altona, Vic.



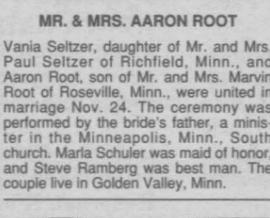
MR. & MRS. HOWARD CARELL

Mary Alice Tinsley and Howard Carell were united in marriage Dec. 22. The ceremony was performed by Roy Holladay, St. Petersburg, Fla., pastor. The couple live in Largo, Fla.



MR. & MRS. JOHN EGBERT

John and Nancy Egbert of Washington, D.C., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary May 24. The Egberts have two daughters, Lynn Lawrence and Carolyn McNeil; one son, Jeb; two sons-in-law, Dennis Lawrence and Stan McNeil; and one daughter-in-law, Barb. Mr. Egbert is a local church elder in the Washington South church.



MR. & MRS. AARON ROOT

Vania Seltzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seltzer of Richfield, Minn., and Aaron Root, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Root of Roseville, Minn., were united in marriage Nov. 24. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, a minister in the Minneapolis, Minn., South church. Marla Schuler was maid of honor, and Steve Ramberg was best man. The couple live in Golden Valley, Minn.



MR. & MRS. KEVIN GRAHAM

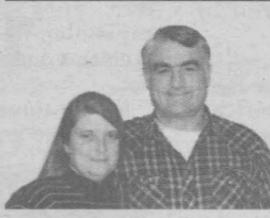
Mr. and Mrs. James Dittmar of Aurora, Colo., are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Tami Louise to Kevin Richard Graham, son of Nancy and Donald Spencer of Auburn, Wash. The ceremony was performed March 1 by Mel Spangler, a minister in the Denver, Colo., South church. Kimberly Dittmar, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Eric Frantz was best man. The couple live in Marlton, N.J.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE PAETZMANN

Norma Kay Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Groom of Nashville, Tenn., and George Edward Paetzmann III, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Paetzmann Jr. of Hammond, Ind., were united in marriage Aug. 24. The ceremony was performed by Randy Hall, Nashville associate pastor. The couple live in Hendersonville, Tenn.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. PHIL WILSON

Phil and Karen Wilson of Kelly, Wyo., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 8. The Wilsons have three children, Laura Lynn, Pamela Wynn and Paul Wendell.



MR. & MRS. MIKE HUNICKE

Mike and Helen Hunicke of Grants Pass,

Ore., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 4. They have seven children, Kathy, John, Gus, Grant, Quintin, Heather and Heidi; and three grandchildren, Brigitte, Michael and Christopher.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE SAMPSON

George and Margaret Sampson of Chicago, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 20. The Sampsons have six sons, George, Herman, Harold, Larry, Kenneth and Anthony; five daughters, Margaret, Marsilean, Gloria, Rosemary and Mary; five daughters-in-law, Myra, Dena, Rosalind, Tracy and Lou; four sons-in-law, William, Steven, Anthony and Tommie; 27 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES



MARK DAVIS

DAVIS, Mark Edward, 22, of Pasadena, was killed in a motorcycle accident April 26. He is survived by his parents, Don and Sandy; one sister, Lisa; his grandmothers, Bertha R. Davis and June I. Olsen; and his great-grandmother, Valerie Ferrell.



SUSIE TYLER

TYLER, Susie Elizabeth, 56, of Columbus, Ohio, died Feb. 29 of lung cancer. She is survived by her husband, David; three daughters, Janet, Delores and Robynn; one son, David; two stepsons, Gary and Kevin; seven grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers.



JOHN BRANTLEY

BRANTLEY, John, 55, of Pasadena, died April 13 from postoperative complications following surgery to remove his gall bladder. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; one son, David; two daughters, Camille and Elise; one daughter-in-law, Kathryn; one son-in-law, Steve; his parents; and five grandchildren. Mr. Brantley worked in the Ambassador College Science Department from 1968 to 1978.

ZIELKE, Myrtle Jean, 84, of Redcliffe, Qld., died March 17. She is survived by one daughter, Delma Thornloe-Smith; and one son, Peter.



KIM RICE

RICE, Kim, 33, of Tehachapi, Calif., died Feb. 18 of leukemia. She is survived by her husband, Matthew; one daughter, Erin; her parents, Jim and Rose Marie Lehr; two sisters; and one brother.



RUSSELL HADEN

HADEN, Russell, 18, of Kansas City, Mo., was shot and killed April 10 while playing basketball with friends. He is survived by his parents, Darrel and Lillian Haden; four brothers, Jay, Perry, Aaron and Andrew; three sisters, Sheila, Melinda Wieland and Rebecca Alvarado; two brothers-in-law, Kurt Wieland and Carlos Alvarado; two sisters-in-law, Cathy and Cindy; two nephews, Logan and Seth; two nieces, Shanna and Lacy; his paternal grandfather, Glenn Haden; and his maternal grandfather, Clarence Caldwell.

Attention Newlyweds!

Please send us your wedding announcement no later than 10 months after the wedding took place. Include the name of the bride and groom, the date of the wedding, the name of the minister who performed the ceremony and the city where you live. Your parents' names and where they live, and the names of the maid (or matron) of honor and best man may also be listed.

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

UPDATE

Worthings leave Russia to serve in ministry in Tasmania

BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—Cliff and Simone Worthing, who served in the Church's Russian project since January 1991, returned home to Australia May 13.

Both Cliff and Simone agreed it was an exciting time to have been in Russia. There was an attempted coup. Leningrad became St. Petersburg. The Soviet Union disintegrated. Boris Yeltsin was elected president of the Russian Republic, and a managed economy is giving way to free market enterprise.

The Worthings taught English and personal computer skills to employees at a television and radio station in St. Petersburg and assisted on a business program for television.

They also gathered information for John Karlson, regional director for German-speaking areas, who oversees the Russian project and the translation of Church literature into the Russian language.

The Worthings are extremely thankful for all the mail sent them while in Russia. Members "inundated us with cards and letters," said Simone.

"We received mail from over 60 countries, even from non-English speaking countries. Some people wrote us several times." Besides mail they even received knitted slippers for the winter.

Cliff said they had "hoped to reply to all who wrote but we received so many letters it was impossible. On our best day we got 34 pieces of mail."

"The television employees would ask who was sending all this mail," Simone said. "When

we told them it was from Church members, most of whom we did not know, they were amazed."

Cliff and Simone attended the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena, May 5 to 13. Cliff is now a ministerial trainee in Tasmania.

AC faculty member inducted into Delaware Sports Hall of Fame

BIG SANDY—Joe Campbell, a faculty member at Ambassador College, was inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame May 14.

Mr. Campbell was an all-American defensive tackle for the University of Maryland in 1977. As a collegian, he played in the Peach, Liberty, Gator and Cotton bowls and two all-star games, the Hula and Japan bowls.

While playing in the Japan Bowl, Mr. Campbell returned a fumble 80 yards for a touchdown. He received Maryland's Sylvester Watts Award in 1976 as the student typifying the best in intercollegiate athletics.

Mr. Campbell was the No. 1 draft choice of the New Orleans Saints in the National Football League (NFL) in 1977 and went on to play four years for the team.

He appeared in 66 games in seven NFL seasons and was a member of the Oakland Raiders 1981 Super Bowl championship team. He played a year with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and finished his professional career with the United States Football League in 1984.

Mr. Campbell, a physical education instructor at Ambassador, is the strength and conditioning coach for Ambassador intercollegiate athletics.

Flint church to mark 25th anniversary in late August

FLINT, Mich.—The Flint church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Aug. 29.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. at Davison High School, followed by a dinner banquet at the Northbank Center in downtown Flint. Reservations for the banquet are required.

Members and their families who have attended the Flint church are invited to attend.

For further information call Steve Shafer at 1-313-659-1122 or write him at 5170 Applewood Dr., Flushing, Mich., 48433.

Florida congregation celebrates 20th anniversary

BOCA RATON, Fla.—About 425 brethren attended the 20th anniversary celebration of the church here April 4.

Special guests for the event included Fred Kellers, Nashville, Tenn., pastor; Randall Kobernat, Kingsport, Tenn., and Pound, Va., pastor; and Raymond McNair, who will become pastor of the Boca Raton and West Palm Beach, Fla., churches in August.

Student Body Officers 1992-1993

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KMST Monterey, Calif.	Sunday 9 p.m.	6

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KDBC El Paso, Tex.	Sunday 11 p.m.	4
WJW Cleveland, Ohio	Sunday 8 a.m.	8
WKBN Youngstown, Ohio	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	27

Activities after Sabbath services were a dinner, a slide show of historical church activities, a cake cutting ceremony and a dance.

Buffalo singles event crowned 'Queen City Getaway'

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Singles here invite singles to their "Queen City Getaway" Aug. 8 and 9.

Guest speaker at Sabbath services will be Russell Duke, chairman of the Theology Depart-

ment at Ambassador College.

Activities include a dinner dance at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Buffalo Saturday night, and a Bible study and brunch Sunday.

The cost is \$36 a person for the dinner dance and \$11 a person for the brunch.

For further information write Rebekah McClellan at Box 241, Buffalo, N.Y., 14231-0241.

Singles, guests to dance at yacht club, share activities

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Singles here invite singles to a weekend of fun, fellowship and dancing Sept. 5 and 6.

Activities are Sabbath services, a semiformal dinner dance Saturday night at the Tellico Yacht Club and an outdoor activity Sunday.

The cost for the weekend is \$25, which includes the dinner dance and picnic lunch Sunday.

A \$15 deposit is required by Aug. 17. Space is limited to the first 300 deposits received.

For further information and to arrange housing call Lori Pritchard at 1-615-984-7225 or write her at 1240 Clendenen Rd., Maryville, Tenn., 37801.

FROM OUR

SCATTERED BRETHREN

"That He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

By Reginald V. Killingley

BIG SANDY—Wilfredo Saenz, pastor of the churches in Huaraz, Lima and Trujillo, Peru, reports that Church members in that South American country are thankful for God's protection through some difficult times.

Reginald Killingley is an employee of the Spanish Department and was pastor of the churches in Peru from 1982 to 1986.

"Not only has Peru recently had to face a cholera epidemic, but also continuing economic hardships and political upheavals," said Mr. Saenz.

Although several cases of cholera are still being reported throughout the country, Church members are taking all possible precautions, and have thus far been spared.

In the political arena, there is a struggle for power between President Alberto Fujimori, supported primarily by the military, and Vice President Maximo San Roman, who has the support of the legislative and judicial branches of government that Mr. Fujimori suspended in April.

(On June 1, under pressure from the Organization of American States, President Fujimori announced elections in October for an 80-member Constituent Assembly.)

In addition, the guerrilla group Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) has taken advantage of the current situation to further its aims in the capital. Hardly a day goes by without police, civil authorities or other opponents of the movement being killed in Lima.

Manuel Quijano, who assists Mr. Saenz with clerical duties, reports that cars, trucks and buses are blown up or used as vehicle bombs almost daily. "Terrorists even throw bombs under buses full of passengers," said Mr. Quijano.

Thankfully, no Church members have been injured or killed in the violence. Nevertheless, the police are understandably jittery.

Minister draws on brochure

After visiting a member family one evening, Mr. Saenz was surrounded by police with their weapons drawn.

"Apparently the terrorists had announced they would be active that night in the area I was in, so the police were not taking any

chances," Mr. Saenz explained.

"They took me to the station and questioned me for an hour and a half. They examined the contents of my briefcase in detail. I explained I was a minister and not a subversive.

"Thankfully, I had a copy of the Church's *Statement of Beliefs* which I started going through with them, using my Bible, and also explaining the cause of Peru's problems and the ultimate solution.

He continued: "By the time they let me go, they were very



WILFREDO AND ROSA SAENZ

apologetic for having detained me and they wished me a safe trip home. I told them I understood they were only doing their job."

Electricity and water have been severely rationed as a result of a prolonged drought in the Andes (a drought that is also affecting neighboring Colombia), greatly reducing office work and productivity since a normal schedule is impossible. Naturally, cleanliness has also been affected.

"Sometimes electricity will be available only one day of the week

or only at night or only for an hour or so. And despite the rationing, the cost of utilities has risen dramatically," said Mr. Quijano.

As a result of Peru's economic woes, several members are unemployed. This reflects the situation in the country at large. In many cases, even members who do have jobs do not earn a living wage.

"There is widespread concern that low wages, even for those who have jobs, will mean an inadequate and deficient diet, which in turn will result in the reappearance of various forms of tuberculosis in the general population," said Mr. Saenz.

Dependent on God

In spite of these hardships, the Church is growing in strength and unity, said Mr. Saenz. "All these problems, which do discourage us at times, have drawn our 197 members closer to God, since we realize how much we need God's care and protection.

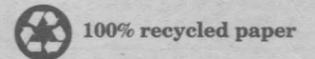
"We greatly appreciate the prayers of brethren worldwide for God's continued blessing and inspiration during these troubled times, which we trust and know will last but for a season."

In mid-March, two days of hearings dealing with Peru and the threat of Sendero Luminoso took place on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The consensus was that Sendero could seize power within five years.

This view was reinforced by an American priest working in Peru, who explained that since several priests and nuns have been killed within the last 12 months, Sendero must have entered the final or "dessert" phase of its plan.

They had left attacks on his church until last, so as not to unduly antagonize the population.

He also said that his church had made contingency plans in case Sendero in power expelled foreign priests and religions, and was training the laity in how to run an "underground" congregation.



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