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Spots of hope still sprinkled around drought-hit Africa

By Becky Sweat

Roy Demont, 52, a member in South Africa, can't remember a drought as serious as the one the region is now experiencing.

"Fires are occurring on a daily basis due to extreme dry conditions and exceptionally low humidity, burning the sugarcane crops, timber and what dry grass is left for grazing, leaving much of the soil bare," he said.

"Farmers have had to get rid of much of their breeding livestock as there is no grazing for them."

He continued: "Irrigation water in most dams and bore holes [exploratory wells] has dried up with no crops being planted, which will create food shortages in the near future. Assistance is being given by the army and private individuals to cart water to homes."

Mr. Demont and his wife, Jean, who own a 610-acre farm in South Africa's Natal province, grow sugarcane, tea and tomatoes.

"Crop losses are horrific," he

said. "In the summer-rain grain areas, almost total crop losses have occurred. Sugarcane crops [a primary crop here] are down to 10



KILLING FIELDS—Drought-caused fires have decimated southern Africa's crops. Roy and Jean Demont's sugarcane has suffered greatly. [Photo by Kim Chick]

to 50 percent of normal."

His province, like other regions of southern Africa, is in

the middle of the worst drought in more than 70 years. According to news reports, some crop yields are down as much as 70 percent of normal throughout southern Africa.

The region has had no substantial amount of rain since last December. Normally, southern Africa experiences heavy rainfall in the months between October and April (their summer growing season). This year normal rain fell only on Cape province's south coast between January and March. The rest of the region had virtually no rain.

Zululand

Salatiel Biyela, a member in the Zululand region of Natal province, said he will get about 100 tons of sugar this year instead of the 250 or more tons he would have had, if there had been rain.

The real problem will be next year, Mr. Biyela said. "When the cane is cut, if they get rain, it reshoots and grows again, and this (See DROUGHT, page 3)



Jazz festival international

International talent took front stage at Ambassador Foundation's second annual Pasadena Jazz Festival on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 8, and Sunday, Aug. 9.

Last year a donation was made from the festival to the American Cancer Society. This year, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach authorized a donation from the festival of \$10,000 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to aid victims of the Los Angeles riots and earthquakes in Yucca Valley and Big Bear, California.

American vibraharpist Milt Jackson, guitarist Lee Ritenour and pianist Gene Harris, Cuban trumpeter Arturo Sandoval and Brazilian pianist Eliane Elias gave presentations during the three-performance.

With the Auditorium as the showcase for these major names, a fairlike setting of booths selling food, beverages, memorabilia and records bedecked the adjacent fountain plaza and reflecting pools, where a big band played.

"Playing a part in the festival's success was not just the performers' talent but their ethnic diversity," said David Hulme, an Ambassador Foundation vice president and festival director.

Sunday afternoon, amidst the booths on the plaza, Mr. Hulme observed the rapport between performers and the audience.

"Look around at the remarkable mixture of peoples this event has brought onto our grounds," he said. "I would say it has done a good job of intercultural community relations."

Music critic Leonard Feather wrote in the Los Angeles Times: "Anyone looking for a primer in the art of running a jazz festival would have been wise to have studied what happened between 2 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday at Pasadena's Ambassador Auditorium."

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

Our new booklet, *God Is...*, is being printed and will be available around the time of the Feast. I want to encourage you to read this booklet carefully.

It is an inspiring, informative and thought-provoking explanation of what the Bible teaches about who God is and what he is doing, his infinite transcendence, his relationship with humanity and how he is revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

It also explains the history and development of the doctrine of the Trinity and our position on that doctrine.

As I have written before, we do not teach the doctrine of the Trinity. However, as Christians, neither should we use erroneous arguments or unfounded conclusions when we speak of anything, including

the doctrine of the Trinity.

There are specific, biblical reasons that we hold the nontraditional position that we do. And we can better understand those reasons when we rightly understand the facts about the doctrine of the Trinity.

Human beings in general tend to be careless in their facts when they attack a point of view that disagrees with their own. That is natural, it seems.

But when we find ourselves doing that, we should try, because we are Christians, to look honestly and objectively at the facts and be fair in our presentation of the other view.

It is not necessary, nor is it right, to simply brand something with wicked-sounding names just because we do not agree with it. We need to know why we disagree, and we need to be honest in our assessment.

There is, of course, a time to brand something for what it is. But the key is to brand it for what it is, not for what it is not, nor for what we think it to be without a careful investigation of the facts.

The doctrine of the Trinity did not originate in paganism, as we have traditionally taught. The new booklet, *God Is...*, explains the background that led to the doctrine and shows how we differ from it and why we teach what we do. I hope every member will take the time to read all of it.

Let's remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in dangerous and distressing circum-

stances around the world.

And as we pray earnestly, "thy kingdom come," let's live as faithful subjects of that kingdom by participating fully in the life of Jesus Christ in us through the Holy Spirit.

My prayers are with you every day, and I thank you for your prayers and kind words of encouragement for me.

Income for the Church is about 4 percent under last year. This is a good figure, considering the recession, and we are grateful for it.

I look forward to speaking to as many of you as possible on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles!

Feast film, music to sparkle

By Jeff Zhorne

"God likens his people to a special treasure or precious jewels. Few jewels are more precious than diamonds. Very few jewels are as beautiful.

"The light reflected from a diamond gives it beauty and brilliance. Just as the light from a priceless diamond reflects outward to others, God's Spirit in his people reflects his love in our words and deeds."

So opens the 1992 Festival film, titled "Reflecting the Light."

In it Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach describes "an important aspect of our commission that I believe we have unconsciously neglected in times past: the fulfillment of Matthew 5:13-16, being the salt of the earth and letting our light shine.

"A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid," he says. "It's visible for everyone to see it. And our actions need to be visible."

These words—together with video clips of a hilltop city and

members eating in a restaurant—accent the film.

This production, written by Terry Warren of Creative Services, produced by Mary Shaner of Television and narrated by announcer Art Gilmore, draws parallels between diamond making and how Christ, the Master gem-cutter, is shaping the many facets of his Work as well as individual Christians.

The film, which will be shown Friday, Oct. 16, also features some of the Work's departments and interviews with, among others, evangelists Greg Albrecht, Michael Fezell, Bernie Schnipert and Ron Kelly.

From Oct. 11 to 19 almost 150,000 Feastgoers at 109 sites in 54 countries will not only experience the Festival film, but also see Mr. Tkach's satellite transmission—either live or by tape delay.

Single service on first Holy Day

The transmission will be the only service on the first Holy Day,

Oct. 12. The offering will immediately follow.

"This year's schedule will be slightly different," said Joseph Tkach Jr., director of Church Administration. "Instead of holding a brief service on opening night [Oct. 11] and two services the next day, we will have a slightly longer service that first night and only one service during the daytime hours of the first Holy Day.

"This schedule change should relieve the stress on those who have found it difficult to attend three services in one 24-hour period, as we have scheduled in the past," he added.

"It will also give those who have to work on the transmission, the offerings and many other duties on the first Holy Day a little more time with their families."

Taped special music

Along with the satellite transmission, Feastgoers will enjoy (See FEAST, page 3)

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Bosnia: No justice in new world order

What are we to make of the horrifying situation in Bosnia and nearby parts of the former Yugoslavia?

In its Aug. 15 lead editorial, *The Economist* bemoaned "the herding of innocents into concentration camps, summary executions, gang rapes; and everywhere the practice of 'ethnic cleansing'—which means driving off your fellow man, and stealing his home and property, simply because he worships God differently, or a different god."

Like other news sources, *The Economist* drew parallels between what is now happening to the two million Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the fate of Europe's Jews during World War II.

Such ethnic-based hostility in today's Europe comes as a shock to many. But to those more familiar with Balkan history, the warfare under way for the past two years in the former Yugoslavia, with its mass expulsions and attempts to redraw boundaries by force, comes as less of a surprise.

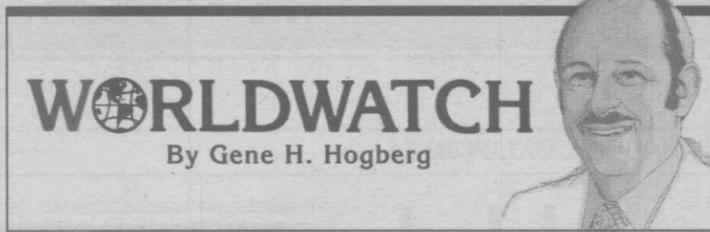
In Yugoslavia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe, unlike the more multiethnic Western democracies, nationality is tied almost exclusively to one's ethnic and religious background.

The Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina are caught precariously in the middle.

Until lately, Muslims comprised 44 percent of Bosnia's 4.5 million people. Bosnia's Croats, at 17 percent of the population, aligned with the Muslims in declaring Bosnian independence in February.

Ethnic Serbs, who account for another third, vigorously oppose independence, fearing a severing of links to Serbia proper.

Bosnia's Muslims have been caught in the middle, it seems, even



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

before they converted, en masse, to Islam when the Balkans fell to the Ottoman Turkish empire more than 500 years ago.

These people used to belong largely to a Christian sect known as the Bogomils—the "beloved of God." The Bogomil faith had spread westward from Bulgaria. Labeled as heretics, the Bogomils were persecuted by both Catholic Croats and Orthodox Serbs.

When the Turks swept in, many in this community looked for help from the new overlords. But help came with a price. Angela Tillyard writes in her book, *The Land and People of Yugoslavia*:

"The Bogomils, who made up the greater part of the lords of the land, were presented with a choice by the Turks: either they must become Moslem, in which case they could keep their lands and titles, or they could remain Christian and forfeit their lands, and possibly their heads, in the bargain.

"They took the first choice, and so there developed a class of Moslem Slavs... who ruled over, and later often ruthlessly oppressed, the Christian Slavs who worked for them on their lands and in their homes."

History dictates the present

The conflicts of the past ever lurk beneath the Balkan present, with historic scores to settle, generations later, as the Muslims

only now are discovering.

The proud Serbs, who had been the first to throw off the Turkish yoke, dominated the first Yugoslav federation, 1918 to 1941, in a heavy-handed manner.

"The chance for revenge came in World War II," writes historian Walter Russell Mead. "When the Nazis invaded Yugoslavia, in 1941, a handful of Croatian fascists [the Ustashi] set up a puppet government in 'Greater Croatia' intent on mass murders and forced conversions of Serbs."

Historians, Mr. Mead continues, estimate the murders in the range of 300,000, with Jews and Gypsies also suffering. Another couple of hundred thousand embraced Catholicism under pressure, perpetuating the Balkan tradition of forced religious conversion.

Yugoslavs of all ethnic groups fought to overthrow the Axis yoke in World War II. Wartime leader Josip Broz Tito, half Croat and half Slovene, then established a strong central government.

Throughout his rule, Tito, often called the only true Yugoslav, stifled all attempts at ethnic separatism. After he died in 1980, a weak revolving presidency and Yugoslavia's factious parts could not survive the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe in the '90s.

What of the future?

What can be done to stop the suffering and to restore order?

see that their family in Bethany was a second home for Christ. Here he felt comfortable, talked freely with them and heard their concerns.

Martha was known for her hospitality, but Mary in particular was a friend to Christ and took time to consider his concerns.

Today's single women of faith need us all to extend to them that same loving care and encouragement that Jesus Christ showed those of his day.

A woman with a message

Perhaps one of the most remarkable single woman in the New Testament is Mary Magdalene.

Mary came from Magdala, a place with an unsavory reputation. She had also been torment-



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Single women of faith

Have you looked around the Church and considered the different sorts of people who make up the Body of Christ?

If so, one group of women may have caught your attention. They find themselves facing a life of challenges because of one simple fact—they are single.

There are many different reasons why they are single.

Some women have not met a suitable marriage partner. This can be a trial for those in small church areas who are asked out by men at work or college, but who rarely have the opportunity for dating within the Church.

Others are widows or divorced, perhaps with young children. And of course, some women are single because they are pursuing an education or career, leaving marriage until they feel more ready for it.

Yet, despite the great variety of reasons for being single, these women in God's Church can sometimes feel on the edge of fellowship.

They don't want to appear overly eager to find a partner or complain about their troubles (a balance single men also struggle to find), but they do face problems and loneliness.

We who are married need to recognize their need for fellowship, practical help and encour-

agement and help fulfill the first part of Psalm 68:6: "God sets the lonely in families."

Single women of the Bible

There are many single women of faith in the Bible; many lessons can be learned from them.

Consider Anna, the aged widow who had lost her husband

Today's single women of faith need us—married couples—to extend to them that same loving care and encouragement that Jesus Christ showed.

in her youth. A devout worshiper of the living God, Anna dedicated herself to praying in the temple.

As a reward, she was blessed with witnessing the long-foretold Messiah and was able to tell others of the wonderful news of Christ's birth. She is recorded in the New Testament as a widow of faith.

Two other apparently unmarried women who played an important part in the life of Jesus Christ were Martha and Mary of Bethany, the sisters of Lazarus.

From the Bible account, we

ed by seven demons.

Yet from the moment Jesus Christ saw the wild-eyed Mary and had healed her of her terrible trouble, she became one of his most devoted followers.

It was Mary to whom the resurrected Jesus first showed himself and said, "Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (John 20:17).

It is interesting that Christ chose to appear first to Mary Magdalene. After all, Peter and John had already visited the tomb and gone home.

The answer must be seen in the short term and the long.

First, Western military experts warn that to guarantee safe passage for relief columns past enemy forces into besieged Muslim communities could tie down thousands of troops. To try to keep the peace would require far more.

Yet, to do nothing is also dangerous. Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher warned that failing to aid Bosnia's Muslims risks creating a generalized Europe-Islam confrontation.

The Islamic world is raising voices of alarm over the fate of their Balkan coreligionists.

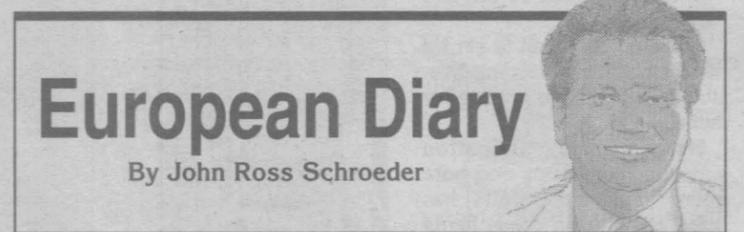
Second, who would intervene, even if on a limited scale? Will it be NATO—or the nine-nation Western European Union (WEU)? France claims it will contribute forces only to the WEU, in which the United States is not a participant.

But interventions will be unsatisfactory. Serbs and Croats will probably carve up Bosnia, no matter what happens. The Muslims "will be pushed into a tiny residue," reports *The Economist*. "There will be no fairness in it; no justice imposed by a 'new world order.'"

True justice must await a godly new order. Our booklet *What Is the True Gospel* explains on page 9: "The future reality of the kingdom of God is the good news that God will bring us world peace by establishing his divine kingdom over all nations."

Jesus, as king of kings, "will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes" (Micah 4:3). "With justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth" (Isaiah 11:4).

Religious division, the source of so much strife and agony, will come to an end as the nations learn God's truth. Nations, like Church members today, will "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

What are we risking?

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The assignment of a foreign correspondent has a mystical, adventurous, romantic side: Edward R. Morrow standing in front of the Savoy in London during World War II dressed in the obligatory trenchcoat; Ernest Hemingway braving all the dangers of the Spanish Civil War; William L. Shirer outwitting Nazi censors as he reported from Berlin in the '30s; Sam White phoning in his column to the *London Evening Standard* from a noisy Paris bar.

But being a foreign correspondent in the '90s is getting downright dangerous. In 16 years of covering Europe I have been mugged twice, both times with minimal damage to my person and little loss of money. The last occasion was in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, not long before the Balkans exploded.

In fact what was Yugoslavia has turned out to be a deadly assignment for foreign correspondents. More than 30 journalists have been killed in just a year's time—about the same number killed in 15 years in Vietnam.

Well-traveled BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.) correspondent, Martin Bell, in commenting on the Balkans, said: "This is the most dangerous place I have ever worked in my life."

One Polish-born Canadian was killed during a mortar attack in Croatia after only two weeks in the war zone. He had worked for a Canadian newspaper for just five weeks.

Friend or foe?

This is the reality of life in Yugoslavia. The sad populations of Sarajevo and Dubrovnik face starvation and brutality. Refugees pouring over the borders. Orphans shot dead as they are bused to safety through a place known as Sniper Alley.

In the ethnic hatreds of Yugoslavia, there are no clear lines of demarcation, no easy way of telling who is your friend and who is your enemy.

The lines are blurred; the faces are similar; the snipers are many. Now we hear of concentration

camp reminiscent of the Nazi ideology of World War II.

A world without peace

But Yugoslavia is not the only example of a world devastated by unrest. And it is not only journalists who are at risk.

The April-May riots in Los Angeles struck close to home for members who live and work at our Pasadena headquarters, yet what they experienced was only a small taste of what life is like in much of the developing world.

We have brethren living in the black townships of South Africa. In one town 10 people were killed in one day of strike action. Correspondents said this is not an unusual death toll for a weekend. One baby was shot in its mother's arms.

Here in London, thousands marched through Wimbledon Common to remember the terrible murder of a young mother, Rachel Nickel. Among the marchers was her 2-year-old son, Alexander, who was found covered in mud and blood, clinging to his mother's dead body.

Even though the British (like Americans) have grown used to reports of murder, the sight of the small boy carrying a silver heart-shaped balloon at his mother's funeral tugged at the nation's heartstrings.

Pray for a cure

This is a world where trust is difficult to find. The shadowy side of our society is not far from our minds. The deep sickness of the human heart tearing Yugoslavia apart exists in all countries.

Jeremiah 17:9 says that the human heart is "desperately wicked" (New King James). Perhaps a better translation is "incurably sick." Humanity is in dire need of a physician.

As God's people we cannot bury our heads in the sand. Our world is filled with injustices that spring from this profound sickness of the human heart. We must get busy—working and praying that God will grant a cure!

Drought: sparse hope

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 growth becomes next year's crop.
 "Because it is so hot and dry, when the cane is cut, there is no regrowth and the cane dies. And there is no ground moisture for replanting. So there will be no crop at all next year."

Most of the brethren who are farmers in Zululand have part-time work or pensions to live on, said Peter McLean, Durban, South Africa, and Manzini, Swaziland, pastor.

"Their farms are not sufficient to support them, even in good times. The drought means they will have to live through severe economic hardship for many, many months to come."

With no unemployment benefits, and no cash coming in from vegetables or other cash crops, many of the farmers in the area are simply abandoning their land and drifting to the cities to look for food. This compounds the squatter problem, because people are arriving with no food, no money and no jobs.

Even the farmers who do have crops in many cases are receiving low prices because of unemployment and lack of spending power.

Orange Free State

Stanley and Kathy James, members in South Africa's Orange Free State, have not been as seriously affected as those in Natal. The area is still very dry, however, and they desperately need rain.

Mr. and Mrs. James reported the drought has impoverished farmers in Orange Free State immensely. In most cases the wives of farmers have had to get jobs outside the home in order for them to live.

Mr. James markets a small machine that farmers admit they need because it would save them time in the milking process. The machine costs 1,000 rand (about \$363) but they cannot afford to buy it. Mrs. James said the farming community only buys what is absolutely necessary to live.

Added Gordon Green, Bloemfontein and Qwa Qwa, South Africa, pastor: "Although not all areas in the Orange Free State are suffering, conditions are bad and are getting worse. The animals are not getting enough nourishment from the grass and so farmers are having to supplement their food with lucerne [alfalfa] and oats."

"Normally the farmers sell their lucerne and make a good profit—they are now unable to do that. Also, farm dams and rivers are either dry or are drying up."

Pietersburg

Two members in the Pietersburg area, Roger Allison, who farms melies (corn) and potatoes, and Quentin Morel, who farms tomatoes and other vegetables, both have adequate water on well-established farms.

Mr. Allison draws water from established bore holes and Mr. Morel from a river and bores.

Both are doing OK despite the drought.

Most brethren in the Pietersburg area are not directly affected by the drought since they have not had to rely solely on agriculture for a living. However all people in the area will be indirectly affected by the drought as food prices continue to escalate as the year progresses.

Zimbabwe and Zambia

"In Zimbabwe, the drought is quite serious and has reached crisis proportions," said Aldrin Mandimika, Harare, Bulawayo and Chegutu, Zimbabwe, pastor.

"The drought has ravaged crops and killed thousands of livestock. The government is spending \$25 million Zimbabwe dollars [about US\$7 million] a month to feed three million affected people."

The country is short of food-stuffs, such as rice, wheat and maize (corn). Maize is a staple diet for the people in Zimbabwe, and is being imported on a massive scale. Maize is being transported from Durban, South Africa, and Beira, Mozambique. Zimbabwe will also have to import huge amounts of wheat.

Many cities are under serious water rationing. The city of Mutare, on the eastern highlands of Zimbabwe and home to 13 Church members, has been affected adversely.



HOPING FOR RAIN—Crop yields are down as much as 70 percent, as the worst drought in more than 70 years spreads. [Map by Ron Grove]

Mutare is under strict water rationing. The residential, commercial and industrial areas receive water for just 14 hours a day, four days a week. Water is only available Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The city of Bulawayo, home to 120 brethren and the second largest city in Zimbabwe, limits each household's water usage to 400 liters a day. Plans are under way to pipe water from an aquifer 50 kilometers north of the city.

Kambani Banda, a deacon in the Lusaka, Zambia, church, reported no harvest for most of the brethren who are farmers in Zambia. Financial assistance from the Church has been necessary for these brethren to buy food.

Some scientists say southern Africa's drought may turn out to be far more damaging than the devastating drought in Ethiopia and Sudan in 1984 and 1985.

Brethren look to November, traditionally the start of the rainy season, praying there will be rain.

Feast schedule ready

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 taped special music from Pasadena.

The Television Department recorded a 140-voice choir performing numbers from Handel's oratorio the *Messiah—Worthy Is the Lamb* and the *Amen* chorus, which were selected by Mr. Tkach.

The choir, accompanied by Terri Finch on piano and Allen Andrews on organ, is directed by Dennis Pelley, a minister who directs the Pasadena church choir and the Imperial Choraliers. Mr. Pelley, who has a master's degree in music, coordinates special Sabbath music for the five Pasadena congregations.

About half the choir are members from the five Pasadena churches, and the other half are from the Long Beach, Garden Grove, Los Angeles, Glendora and Reseda, California, congregations.

The singers learned the music in advance by tape and rehearsed with their local choirs, Mr. Pelley said.

"The main reason we videotape the special music in advance is so

we can put together the best singers from this area, since they scatter to the four winds for the Feast," he added.

Three generations of the Delamater family will be singing in the choir: Dave Delamater from Pasadena; his daughter, Laura, a sophomore at Imperial High School; and Mr. Delamater's parents, Charles and Evelyn Delamater, from Canton, Ohio.

Worthy Is the Lamb, an inspiring selection, is "also quite challenging technically and demanding vocally," said Mr. Pelley. "I certainly appreciate the dedication and responsive attitudes of the choir members in being part of this production."

"It is an honor for us to be asked to help uplift and inspire God's people as they anticipate hearing Mr. Tkach's Holy Day message," said Mr. Pelley.

Press kits explain Festival

In early September, Communications & Public Affairs will send press kits to U.S. and Canadian sites and to regional directors, who adapt the kits as appropriate for international areas.

The kit consists of the brochure *Recapturing True Values*, a segment about the Church from *The Encyclopedia of American Religions* and fact sheets about the Feast, the Church as an organization, Mr. Tkach, *The World Tomorrow* and its presenters, the *Plain Truth* magazine, Ambassador College and Ambassador Foundation.

Mike Snyder, Public Affairs assistant director, said reporters and media officials continue to exhibit interest in the Church and its doctrines during the Feast.

Importance of personal contact

Mr. Tkach said the Church's media tools are to bring personal

contact with the Worldwide Church of God. "We should leave a good taste in the mouths of people we come in contact with daily."

"Their lives will be enriched because of their relationship with us on a daily basis. There should be a mutual benefit," said Mr. Tkach on the Festival film.

"It's something that involves our actions 365 days out of the year—in the community, in the work place, in the shopping place, whether it's the mall or the supermarket."

He added: "Every Church member has an opportunity to put these principles into practice. That goes beyond the Feast of Tabernacles."

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✓ College Homecoming 1992

BIG SANDY—Homecoming 1992, the annual alumni reunion at Ambassador College, will take place on the campus here Dec. 24 through 27, according to Thomas Delamater, director of Development & College Relations.

"Homecoming has become one of the highlights of the year at Ambassador College," said Mr. Delamater. "We're looking forward to having our alumni on campus once again."

This year's event will honor the graduates of 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982 and 1987. Alumni from all years are welcome to attend, however, even if they did not finish a degree program at Ambassador.

Activities will include class receptions, the homecoming banquet, an alumni seminar, the homecoming basketball game and the family country brunch. Babysitting will be available for the banquet and seminar.

Cost for the weekend is \$30 a person for members of the alumni association, and \$40 a person for those who are not alumni association members. Children are welcome at the brunch at a cost of \$4.50 a child.

For added convenience, Visa or MasterCard may be used for payment. The deadline for making reservations is Dec. 4.

The alumni association has arranged for special rates with two area hotels, and limited travel discounts are also available. For more information about Homecoming 1992, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 1-903-636-2023.

1992 Festival Updates

Sweden
 The site in Rättvik, Sweden, has reached capacity, and no further applications can be accepted.

Ushering
 Anyone interested in ushering at the Pensacola, Florida, site should contact Howard Shadoan at 190 Par-nell St., Munford, Alabama, 36268, or call him at 1-205-358-4531.

Shielings Motel
 U.S. members who have reservations at the Shielings Motel in Penticton, British Columbia, need to contact the motel to make sure that the motel has their name and address.
 The motel does not have addresses and in some cases not even the names of the people who reserved.

Change of location for Philippine Feast site
 Because of the large group expected at the Palawan Feast site, we have decided to change the location for services during the Feast of Tabernacles. The new loca-

tion will be the Asia World Hotel, a five-star hotel located in Puerto Princesa City.

Opening night service
 We will not be having an opening night service at the Feast sites in the Philippines Oct. 11. Services will start on the first day of the Feast, Oct. 12.

Boat cruise
 A three-hour boat cruise on Lake George is planned for singles attending the Feast in Saratoga Springs, New York, on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 13. The region's fall foliage will be at its most colorful.
 The cruise will feature a hearty buffet, live entertainment and dancing. After the cruise there will be additional fellowship dockside.
 The cost for the cruise is \$33. Send checks or money orders payable to Manhattan Church Activity Fund as soon as possible to Michael Grovak, 411 W. 261st St., Bronx, New York, 10471-1126. Payment should be in U.S. funds.
 Direct questions to Mr. Grovak at 1-718-543-0029.

Worldwide response to the single parent's cry

One way to avoid being a single parent

I was attending Church when I got married at 20 to a boy at school. He wasn't interested in the Church, until we met. My mother and minister had tried to discourage us, and soon after we married, he stopped attending. Drugs and alcohol became a major problem.

I had two children in three years, but I couldn't live with him that way, and I moved out. With a tiny infant and a toddler, I applied for state aid and food stamps, my only course of action.

I'm now baptized and remarried, to a wonderful man who cares deeply for us.

Waiting for someone who believes the way you do could save you a lot of heartache and from becoming a single parent as I did.

Illinois

Not attending activities hurts

I've been a member for 17½ years, for most of that time as a single parent. I have four grown children, two who attended Church and YOU. The youngest boy is serving time for murder, my other two boys are recovering drug addicts. My daughter is doing fairly well.

As an older single, I find the singles activities at the Feast lacking. Of course, the biggest fear at such events is that it's a "meat market." Why are we so paranoid? Fellowship and fun should be the reason for going—which we're told time and time again, but somehow it doesn't sink in.

Therefore a lot of singles won't attend them, which is a hurt to their growth as well as to others who could benefit from them.

New York

Preparing for better things

I am a father with four children, one with cerebral palsy, plus I was unemployed for a time. Some brethren let us live in small trailer until we could get on our feet—what a blessing! It has been a challenge fixing supper and helping my deaf son with his homework at the same time.

My kids were so patient with me. They ate anything I would fix! We started having brethren over for lunch after Sabbath services. I believe this challenge is preparing me for better things yet to come.

Missouri

Church is home

Now remarried, I was widowed at age 32 and a single parent of three for over seven years. My stepdaughter lost her mother at age 3.

A multitude of spiritual brothers and sisters came through for me, making relationships I will always treasure.

One of the most important things we can give our young ones, whether or not they have lost a parent, is the knowledge and assurance that the Church is their spiritual home.

I am eternally grateful to all who have done that for my children.

South Dakota

"Help! cries the single parent dealing with life's challenges." Scores of you from around the world responded to the article with this title we ran in the June 30 issue.

Most gave the same heartfelt cry in telling their stories. Many said they were in tears when reading it because what they had gone through (or are going through) compared so much with that of the woman who had written to us.

Others sent in ideas for other topics on relationships, which we are evaluating.

Unfortunately, we couldn't run or reply to all your letters, so we've chosen to present an overall picture of the single parent's experience. That of unheeded requests and fine examples of care and concern.

Of heartfelt pleas for someone to talk to and to listen, and of those who were "there." And of going from desperate loneliness to being happily remarried.

To you who opened your hearts to us, we appreciate your courage and candor. So each letter can "speak" openly, they all appear anonymously.

Also, other than using only parts of each letter because of space limitations, we made only minor edits to the letters.

We recommend that everyone read the June 30 "Iron Sharpens Iron" article and its accompanying points about what a single parent would really appreciate—and not appreciate!

Let's all respond to our single sisters and brothers' needs in each of our congregations.

A man who cared

Divorced after 20 years of marriage, I became a single parent of four children—two boys and two girls. The youngest boy was three, and he's now 14.

Thank God for one of the deacons who took time to put up a basketball net in our yard, take him to a basketball game the last two years, and on a rafting trip with his family, which my boy loved.

This man cared enough to see a little boy who needed encouragement and someone to talk to—and more importantly, a positive male role to follow.

I pray that God will intervene for these children who I thought were forgotten by all except God and their parents. That was, until I read the article from that single mother, which was an answer to prayer.

New Jersey

I talk to the cats

As a single mother with two young children, the biggest need in my life is to be able to talk to other adults. The children limit my ability to attend singles events, and many members don't invite single parent families out.

If I ever left the Church, it would not be over doctrine, but because I could no longer take having no one to talk to or who would listen. I talk to the cats ... because at least they are there.

Queensland

Only God knows how much you need someone

I have two teenagers and two others, 7 and 9. I was married to a guy in the Church but drugs and alcohol destroyed it. No one knows but God how much you go through and how much you need someone there.

Sometimes you just don't talk about what's happening to you or your children because no one is really listening. Some who do talk say, if our kids are acting up, that we must be lacking spiritually. Thank that lady who finally cried out for us.

Wisconsin

Brethren rarely come by

My son and I have been in the Church since 1986. We go up to other brethren at services, but they rarely come up to us. PLEASE, don't be afraid to approach us, we won't bite!

How about calling us on the phone, offering to take us shopping? Once in a rare while, a brother invites us over, but that's mostly during the Feast. I pray none of our brethren will be offended by this letter.

California

Gathered under our Father's wings

Fourteen years ago, when the head of our home left us, our lives shattered as if we'd been bombed. I was alone, in a tiny boat on a great wide ocean, without paddle or sail, with six children looking to me for everything!

I cried out to God and encouraged the children to cry out with me. In family Bible studies every evening we discovered countless promises God has made to widows and the fatherless.

Now, when someone asks, How did you do it? I simply say, "We cried a lot, we prayed a lot, and we laughed a lot." Our Father gathered us under his wings as a hen does her chicks. He still does.

Indiana

Let us heal and learn

After almost 10 years of marriage, I found the courage to leave my husband for a "safe" house with my three young children. He, after attempted counseling, was asked not to attend Church any more, after 17 years as a member. I grew up in the Church.

I found out even those in the Church are not immune. With help from family, members and the ministry, we are turning the page. All we need is time to heal. Let us learn from our mistakes, but please do not condemn us.

Quebec

Afraid of others' trials?

Why is it that we, as God's people, find it so hard to really reach out and touch those who are crying inside? Are we afraid to be confronted with their trials and hurt?

All that is needed is just an arm to lean on and a shoulder to cry on in those desperate moments. At times, a phone call or letter or comforting touch would have made all the difference.

Western Australia

"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.

Comfort and kindness

With gratitude, I thank you for the three copies of *When a Loved One Dies*. I gave my original copy to a couple whose eldest son was murdered two years ago.

They found the book a great comfort, particularly as the case went to a second trial that only recently finished.

The kindly voice on the end of the line when I ordered the literature is another asset to the Worldwide Church of God.

S.M.

South Australia

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A great desire for salvation

Last November I happened to see your television program and requested *Klar & Wahr* [German *Plain Truth*] and the booklet, *The Ten Commandments*.

At first I was surprised at the fundamentalist, biblical approach. I thought it must be from a sect, since not everything agreed with the teachings I viewed as "Christian" for many years.

But a deep desire to learn more led me to order more and more booklets. God's Word had never been explained so clearly to me as it was in the booklets.

It took a long time to understand and digest all of your viewpoints—or to put it a better way, God's true will. Now I am deeply thankful to you and especially to the Lord God for showing me this unique way.

With a great desire for salvation and answers to the questions I still have, I would like to ask for a visit from a minister.

T.K.

Germany

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Maintaining the faith

Here's a check for \$20 just to say thanks again for *The Plain Truth* and all the booklets you've sent me, as well as the *News of the Work* newsletter.

I don't have a congregation of your church near me, but your magazines and booklets have reopened my eyes to the Bible, and, hopefully, are a means to mend my ways.

As a police officer it is a constant struggle to maintain faith when most of what I deal with every day is the sin and corruption of the world.

C.K.

Circleville, Ohio



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Meaning of being tent-dwellers unfolds at Feast of Tabernacles

By Paul Kroll

During my first Feast of Tabernacles in 1958 in sweltering Big Sandy a fellow Ambassador College student and I stayed in a tiny, fly-infested tent in what was called, appropriately, Tent City.

Paul Kroll is a Plain Truth senior editor.

The next year hundreds of Feastgoers stayed in Booth City—250 metal booths on a 142-acre tract adjoining Tent City.

Hundreds of others lived in Trailer City, where one could see every variety of recreational vehicle, from camper shell to Winnebago.

Back then, there was no mistake about it. We were living in rough and temporary living quarters at the Feast.

Many of us live in much more pleasant housing during Tabernacles. Some of us stay in resorts that people would give their eyeteeth to live in.

Others travel to far-flung and exotic corners of the earth. Some enjoy fancy hotels, condominiums or private residences that may be better than their normal living places.

Migrant living

But all these accommodations, plush though they may be, have one thing in common. They are temporary living quarters.

The very name of the Festival embodies this concept of the impermanent. It is called the Feast of Tabernacles because the nation of Israel dwelt in temporary dwellings (booths, in English) during this time.

The directive to live in short-term quarters during the Feast was stated matter-of-factly: "All native-born Israelites are to live in booths" (Leviticus 23:42). These were temporary shelters to be constructed from such materials as tree branches and leaves.

We see Leviticus 23:42 in action when the Jews returned to Jerusalem after Judah's captivity. In the Book of the Law the elders discovered that Israelites were, indeed, to live in temporary dwellings during Tabernacles (Nehemiah 8:14).

A proclamation to the people said: "Go out into the hill country and bring back branches from olive and wild olive trees, and from myrtles, palms and shade trees, to make booths" (verse 15).

The building of temporary shelters began in earnest. We read: "The people went out and brought back branches and built themselves booths on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God and in the square" (verse 16).

The wilderness experience

But why did the Israelites do this? Why live in impermanent housing during the Feast of Tabernacles?

The Scriptures give only one explicit reason: "So your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I

brought them out of Egypt" (Leviticus 23:43).

For the Israelites, then, dwelling in booths had something to do with reminding the people that God had rescued them from Egypt.

The wilderness experience stressed an important reality. Israel's very life depended on God's redemptive grace, not the nation's own ability to survive (Deuteronomy 8:1-18).

There was something more sober the Israelites were to understand. Being God's children did not preclude his rejection—and death in the wilderness—if they persisted in unfaithfulness to him (Numbers 14:20-35; Psalm 95:10-11; Hebrews 4:1-5).

But that happened to a physical nation more than 3,000 years ago. Is there any lesson we as God's spiritual nation can learn from the idea of living in temporary quarters?

The answer is, yes. The apostle Paul asks us to consider the experience of Israel as an example for us "on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

The metaphor's meaning

What, then, should the Festival of Tabernacles—of Israel living in temporary booths, tents or dwellings—tell us? Is there, perhaps, a hope it can inspire in us?

Israel's living in booths can remind us that our sojourning in human flesh is temporary. Our true purpose in God's scheme of things is to move on beyond this ephemeral existence, so full of pain and suffering (Revelation 21:3-5).

Our lives in the wilderness of this world are only a way station to an eternal destiny—to a spiritual Promised Land, which happens to be God's kingdom.

In this regard, it's interesting that the book of Ecclesiastes is read by the Jewish community during the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles. Why so? The Interpreter's Bible says its reading is apparently meant "to qualify the cheerfulness of that day with the thought that life and its joys are fleeting."

The greatest apprehension of the writer of Ecclesiastes was that no matter who you are—what you do—you cannot stave off the Grim Reaper.

This teacher, probably Solomon, was bitter because he knew his life—all human life—comes to an end. It is temporary. Thus, no matter how good life may be, of itself it is vain, empty and meaningless.

We as Christians should not lose sight of this sobering reality stemming from our human experience. Apart from God's purpose, we are only stranded pilgrims. We temporarily wander this earth and move inexorably toward death.

Hebrews 11 portrays people of faith who left their secure existence and embarked on a journey of a lifetime. They all died, but God has given them passports to enter his spiritual Promised Land. Let's note their

booth-dwelling experiences.

God's wandering heroes

Noah climbed into his floating zoo and journeyed through the Flood to a new world.

Moses fled the pleasures and powers of Egypt, the Land of Sin, to live in the desert as a nomad. Later, he wandered with Israel in the wilderness for 40 years (verses 24-28).

Then there was Abraham, the father of the faithful—a sojourner par excellence. We are told that Abraham obeyed God's call to leave his permanent home "even though he did not know where he was going" (Hebrews 11:8).

Then, "by faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country" (verse 9).

During his earthly stay Abraham "lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (verses 9-10).

These individuals in the Sojourners Hall of Fame are our spiritual fathers and mothers. The writer of Hebrews said they were spiritual booth dwellers because they admitted being "aliens and strangers on earth" (verse 13).

Such people are "longing for a better country—a heavenly one" (verse 16). They are God's spiritual children, and he "is not ashamed to be called their God" (verse 16).

We now begin to understand the irony in the metaphor of living in temporary housing at the Feast of Tabernacles. It is we who are the tents—the sojourn-

ers—the Temporary Ones.

Our tenting experience

Our lives are, in the words of the apostle James, only "a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes" (James 4:14). Our lives are like tents, which soon grow old, and shred into dust.

The apostle Peter even used the tent metaphor to describe his own passing life. He spoke of living "in the tent of this body" and said, "I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me" (2 Peter 1:13-14).

The apostle Paul asks us to view our lives as tents, but ones that must soon be folded up. He wrote of "the earthly tent we live in" which is to be destroyed (2 Corinthians 5:1).

But Paul offers no melancholy sentiment. He goes on to speak of our hope in Christ because "we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands" (verse 1).

Let's be honest. Isn't there a lot of pain, suffering, confusion and unfairness in this life? Sure, there is. Thank God our temporary life is only the means to an eternal end, and not the end itself.

Paul who suffered so much for Christ wrote of our struggle through this life. "While we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened," said Paul (2 Corinthians 5:4). We yearn "to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life" (verse 4).

A permanent spiritual home

The tent of our human life may be folding up and will certainly be folded up in the future. But we look for a new tent—an immortal body.

We look forward to the day when Jesus Christ "will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21).

God's people wait, whether

dead or alive, for the return of Jesus Christ. Meanwhile "we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16).

But when the trumpet sounds announcing the kingdom and Jesus' return, "the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed," wrote Paul (1 Corinthians 15:52).

"When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory'" (verse 54).

Meanwhile, we are to live as spiritual pilgrims, exhibiting godly behavior. Living in temporary dwellings reminds us of this important reality.

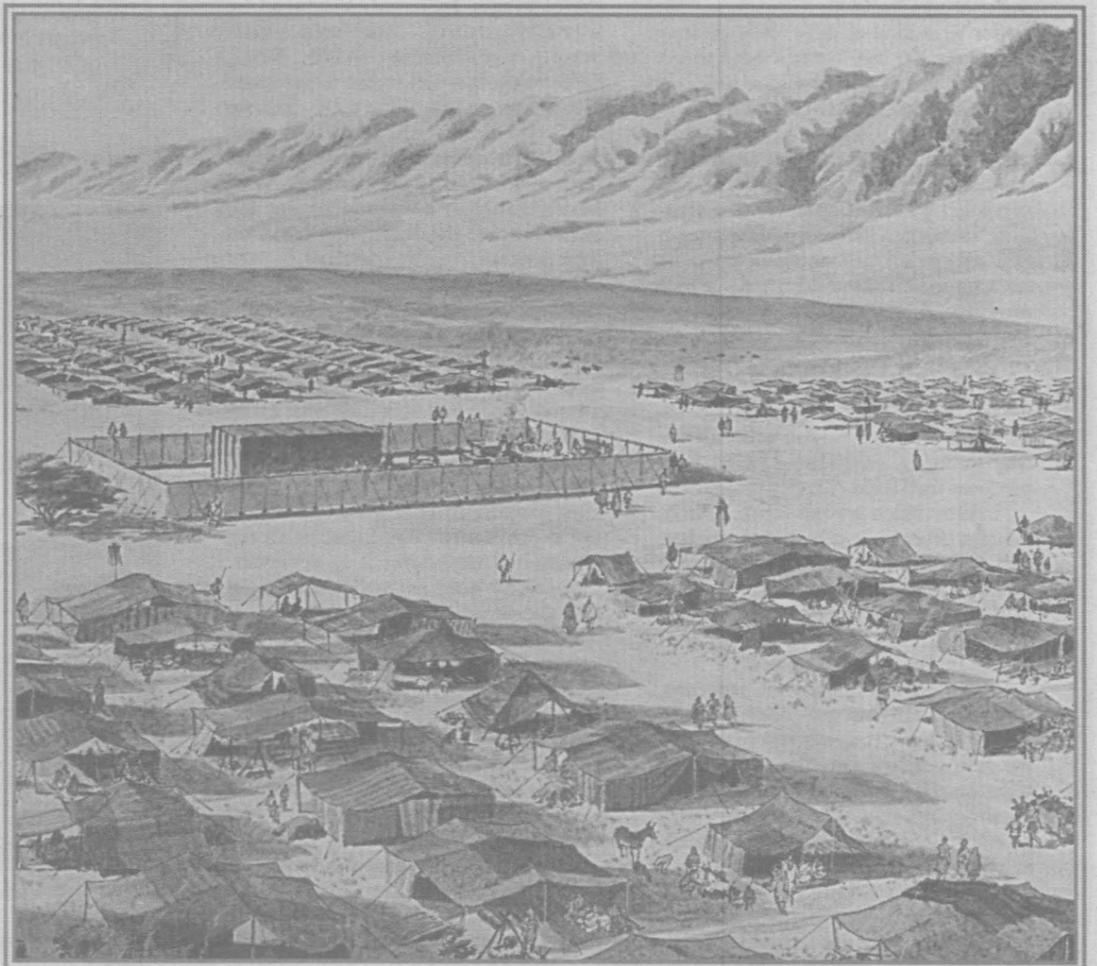
Even though we live in the world, we are not part of its sinful ways (John 17:11, 14). In the words of the apostle Peter's plea: "Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul" (1 Peter 2:11-12).

We are to live our "lives as strangers here in reverent fear," he admonishes us (1 Peter 1:17). That is, the ways of this world are foreign to the spiritual standards of the nation we represent.

Soon we will be leaving our homes for the Feast. This Festival of Tabernacles as we enter our tent, our camper, our motel room, our hotel suite, our condominium, let's remember what living in temporary dwellings means to us. We are sojourners on this earth—physically and spiritually.

We look forward to our real destiny: eternal life in God's kingdom. The Feast rest and bounty picture our entrance into eternal rest and glory as God's spiritual Israel (Hebrews 4:6-9).

Have a spiritually joyous Feast of Tabernacles 1992, wherever you may be!



SOJOURNING IN TENTS—From Israel's time, those keeping this Feast have been its true tabernacles, awaiting the time when the earthly tents we live in are transformed. [Artwork by Jay Vance]

Behind the scenes with

A look into the world of the program's producers: "the wagon masters" of the TV Department

By Becky Sweat

When Joe Costantino started working for the Television Department 12 years ago, he never dreamed that someday he'd have to shop for snakes as part of his job.

The need for snakes came up while in Egypt in May to film two programs about the Exodus. Snakes were needed to tell the story of Moses throwing down his rod and it turning into a snake, and Pharaoh's magicians doing the same with their rods.

"Our tour guide put us in touch with a man who farms snakes for a living," explained Mr. Costantino, a unit producer for *The World Tomorrow*. "Going out to this man's house was kind of like visiting an Addams Family movie set. There were stuffed snakes and lizards everywhere, in addition to live reptiles in cages. We described to him what we wanted and he had his assistant start bringing in bags of snakes for us to see.

"He opened the drawstrings of the first sack and dumped a pile of about 15 snakes on the coffee table in front of us. We told him, no, we want big snakes. So his assistant brought out some more bags of snakes with bigger and bigger snakes in them and we kept saying no, those aren't big enough.

"Finally he took us to the roof of his four-story house," he said, "and that's where the cobras were kept. In each bag was one cobra. We stepped way back when he dumped those bags out. But the snakes just sat there lifeless, like fake rubber snakes. They hadn't been fed, and cobras are inactive when hungry. Eventually we picked out three cobras that were just right for the shoot."

Not all unit producers of *The World Tomorrow* have had to go snake shopping, but all of them have to be resourceful on a regular basis. "No two programs are alike. Each has its own unique set of considerations, variables and concerns," said Mr. Costantino. "No matter what kind of difficulties we may face along the way we still have to get the job done. If our first idea fails, we have to find another way of doing it."

As there are four different presenters for the telecast, there is a producing team behind each presenter. Each team is headed by a unit producer. (In addition, there is a fifth producing team that makes all non-telecast projects such as the Festival film.) As senior producer, Larry Omasta oversees all five teams.

"Our job as unit producers is to see the program through to completion—we're kind of like the wagon masters—we stick with the wagon train all the way through," said Jerry DeGier, unit producer for David Albert's programs.

"I pretty much see the script go from thought process to research to production. Dr. Albert's office is right next to mine, and sometimes he'll come running in my office showing me a magazine and saying, 'hey, look at this article—wouldn't it make a great telecast?'"

Each team completes one new program a month, but that doesn't mean one program is finished before starting the next one. At any given time each team may be working on three different programs simultaneously: they may be editing one that's been taped, another script may be half written and they probably are working on ideas for a new program.

Depending on the subject matter,

each program can be a mix of studio shoots, on-location shoots, stand-ups (where the presenter is filmed on a location related to the subject of the program), interviews with experts and scene reenactments.

Scene reenactments are most often used for programs about social and family issues. To make the scene as realistic as possible, Mr. Omasta said producers work with a casting company in Hollywood to hire professional actors.

"We'll give the casting company a phone call and tell them what kind of person we need for the part," explains Duane Abler, unit producer for David Hulme's programs.

"They'll call about 20 or 30 actors to come in for auditions and we set up appointments every five minutes with a different actor so he can read the lines to us. Then we decide who we want to hire and set up a time to do our shoot."

Whenever possible, the producers try to use locations on the headquarters grounds for shoots, because it's convenient, no travel is required and it's free. Sometimes, when no local setting is appropriate for a shoot, a trip is taken to do an on-location shoot. A program emphasizing Bible history would come to life by a trip to an archaeological site.

"To be on-location and see the actual spot where events in the Bible took place really brings the subject to life. When you're there, you appreciate what's happening so much more," said Bardet Lucas, unit producer for Mr. Kelly's team.

Often times what is required for a program is an interview with an authority on the subject. "Because the caliber of people we choose to interview are busy, schedule-filled people, we're fortunate if we can snag an hour of their time. Sometimes we have to get to their office, set up, do the lighting, conduct the interview, finish, and clear out, all in an hour," said Mr. Abler.

Sometimes there are unexpected turns of events. "We took a trip to Atlanta to interview some people at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for a program on AIDS," said Mr. DeGier.

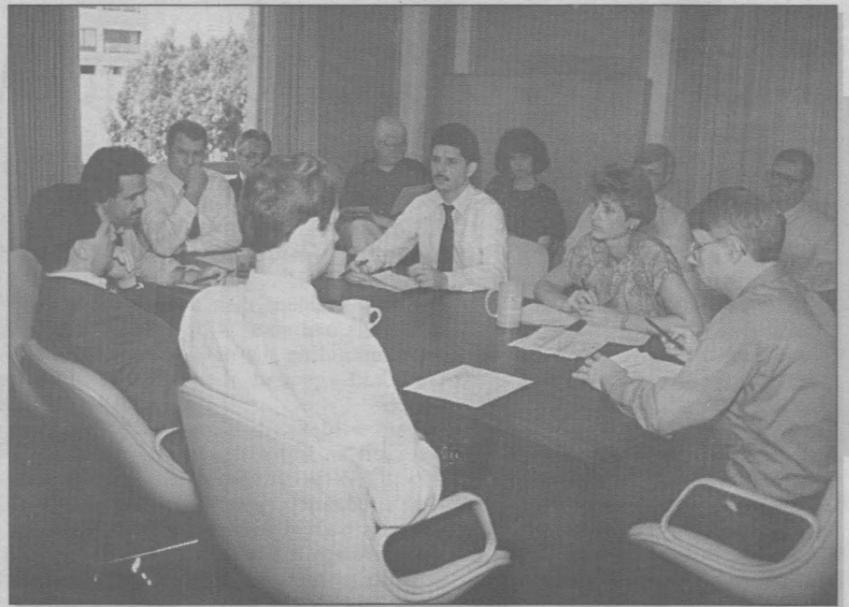
"We had all our interviews lined up ahead of time and the night we got there, Magic Johnson announced he was HIV positive. There were media people everywhere—ABC, NBC, CBS, *Nightline*—all trying to get interviews with people at the CDC. But the CDC had already obligated their time to us. We interviewed three people there and it worked out perfectly. With Magic Johnson's announcement the night before, the topic was fresh on their minds."

After the taping and rough editing is finished, the producers have meetings with audio and graphics people so they can explain what they want as far as the theme graphic, maps, charts, background music and sound effects. From the beginning the producer has to visualize the end product.

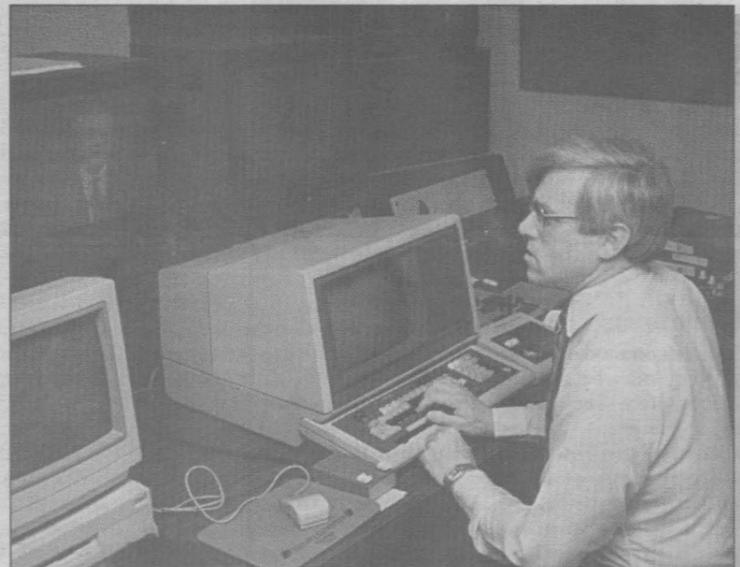
Mr. Abler said for him, one of the most exciting parts of his job is watching a program in his home with his family and observing it as a viewer. "When my wife says that was good and she enjoyed and appreciated it, when people laugh in the right places and cry in the right places, and when I feel inspired by it, then I know I've done my job right."

"When we produce a program that helps people learn things that will help them in their lives now, then I feel like we've done some good," said Mr. Costantino.

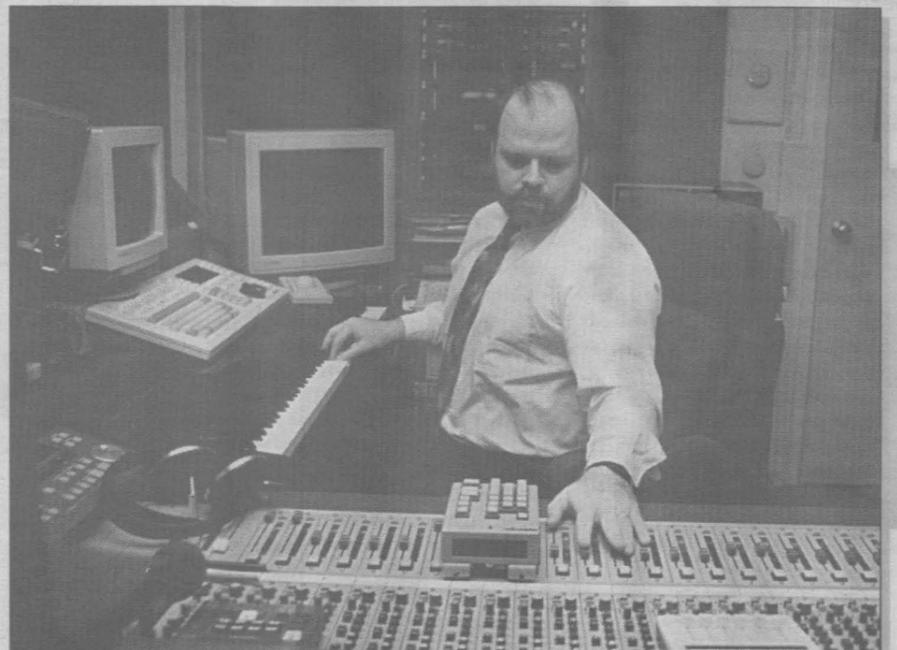
"For me the most rewarding part of my job is to be able to give people something useful without hope of return. And that's what it's all about."



EYE TO EYE—Larry Omasta, senior producer (right) and a brainstorming group initiate program ideas. Once Mr. Tkach approves ideas, Mr. Omasta assigns program topics to presenters and producing teams. Each team then decides the program's focus, or lesson, they want to get across.



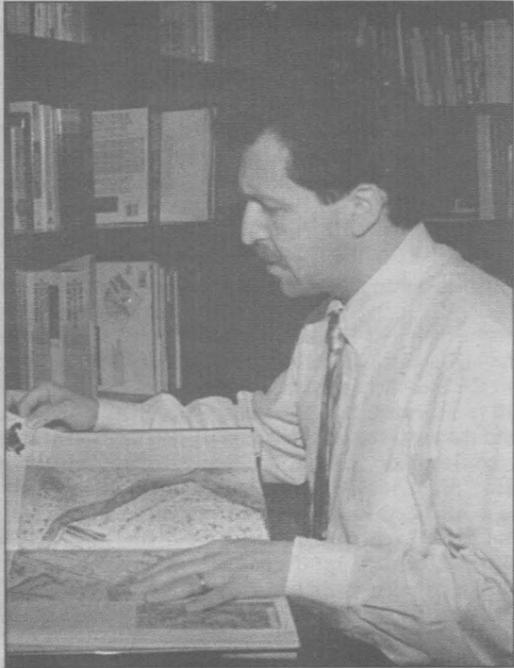
ROUGH JOB—Tony Murphy, associate producer for presenter Richard Ames' team, gets into some rough (or off-line) video editing. After a program is taped, the clips are combined and reviewed. Audio and graphic effects come later.



NOTABLE VOLUME—Al Killebrew, music director, composes about 70 percent of the music we hear on the telecast. He, the audio editor and sound effects people work to create effects requested by unit producers.

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OUTLOOK—With a program's focus in mind, the research starts. Joe Costantino is unit producer for Richard Ames' programs. The Television Department also has full-time researchers working for all the producing teams.

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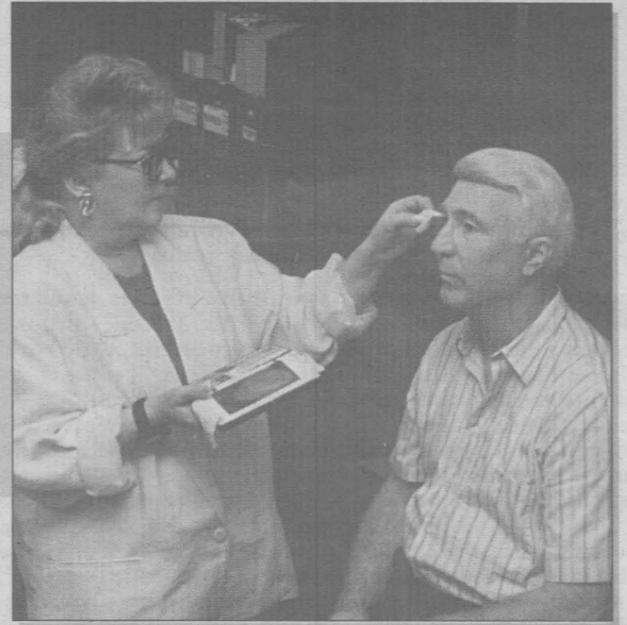
PICTURE THIS—Presenter David Albert comes in to get input from his unit producer, Jerry DeGier. Each team produces one new program a month and at any given time may be working on three programs simultaneously.

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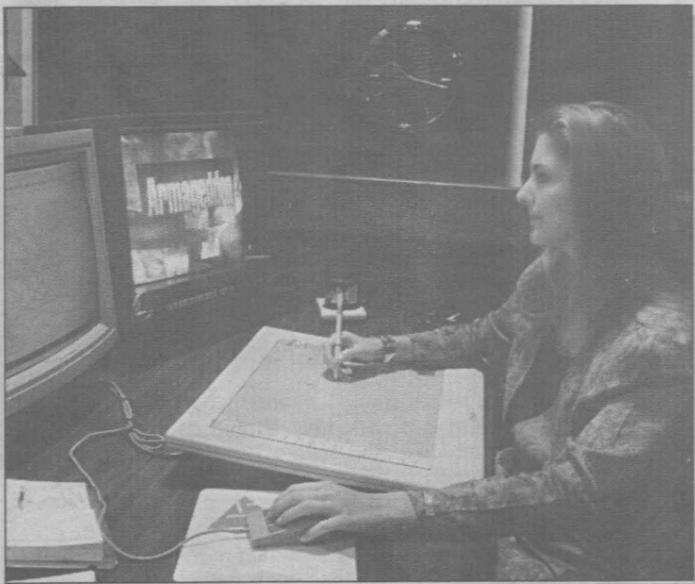
BACK INTO IT—Taping takes two to three hours in the studio. In addition there may be on-location shoots, scene reenactments and interviews with experts, not to mention rehearsals.

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SOMETHING TO FACE—Presenter Ronald Kelly having makeup applied to cut down glare from the studio lights during videotaping. The makeup artist, Judy Jorgensen, does this work regularly for the telecast presenters.

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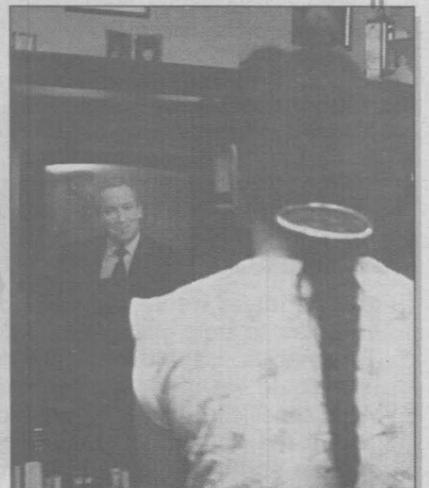
ARMFUL EFFECTS—Carla Thorpe, graphic artist, faces Armageddon during just another day at the computer, challenged to create maps, charts and the like. Afterward the sound is added at the final (on-line) editing stage.

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ON-HAND TRANSLATOR—With a program completed, transcripts are sent for translation into German, French and Dutch. Here Bernard Hongerlot of the French Department does the voice-over for the French language telecast.

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CLOSE FINISH—Presenter David Hulme and the other presenters and their teams bring a message of hope directly into the homes of a waiting world.

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It's life in the Feast lane

Your critical part in a Festival site getting the green light

By Peter Moore

"Mark, we've lost Cape Cod!" "Squaw Valley's Blythe Arena collapses. Film at 11."

The phone call about Cape Cod was the perfect start to a terrible day for Mark McCulley, U.S. Festival Administration manager.

And the evening television news report about Squaw Valley, California, was, however his day had been, definitely a terrible end to one.

Mr. McCulley was recounting some dramatic incidents from his 14 years of coordinating the Feast of Tabernacles in America.

the union. Probably 15 to 20 cities in every state with suitable facilities," he added.

Before such aspects as location or housing, Mr. McCulley emphasized that "we choose mainly based on members' needs, not by the number of fliers we get in the mail from a community. We think of the human cost, not just travel costs."

People have to take off work and might lose pay or face other problems if they had to travel a long way to a site. They might pay extra costs on the road or suffer the consequences of missing school.

Large sites can cause major problems such as heavy traffic. From 3,000 to 5,000 attendees are ideal numbers for a site.

Some ask, What about having

If so, then parking is usually the next priority. If a red flag is raised about these two matters, then "a city starts losing points."

He then considers types of housing. Although many members want condominiums because they usually have more room and amenities, and costs can be shared, condos are usually available only in resorts.

Monterey, California, would be an ideal site, he said, but we'd be there when their rates are at the highest, at their high season.

In Palm Springs, California, though, "We're off season, primarily. No other large group is in town."

The entertainment scene has to be varied as well, with the focus primarily on families, because they constitute the major portion of the Church.

But most sites have an excellent selection for brethren anyway, he pointed out, although "we probably wouldn't turn down a site if everything else was really good and the entertainment was lacking."

Homing in

While Mr. McCulley and his staff steer things from the office, all around the country on-site coordinators report throughout the year.

These full-time ministers, who work on the Festival all year in addition to their other responsibilities, "live in, know, pay taxes in the community, so are accepted there." This means closer ties with people.

Our knowledge of what goes on, what they think, "is much deeper, more intimate than it used to be with community leaders—just because we all sit down and talk once in a while."

After getting both a bird's-eye and a worm's-eye view of a potential site, and if the signs look good, Mr. McCulley and one or two staff give a presentation to the convention, hotel and civic leaders there.

An inspiring 12-minute video shows what the Church, College and Feast of Tabernacles are all about. Scenes worldwide feature sites with members having fun.

"After all this, officials say, 'What do we have to do to get your business?' They're all ears. Then we drive around, check out all the facilities and begin negotiating," Mr. McCulley explained.

It was quite a story, and he enjoyed telling it to me, but then he added that it sometimes is a painful process.

On occasion, some spokesmen want to shade the truth about amenities or prices, so we have to ask the difficult questions they don't want to answer.

"If we don't ask the questions early," he said, "we can have some problems later. We have to discern people's attitudes and spirit, and their willingness to cooperate."

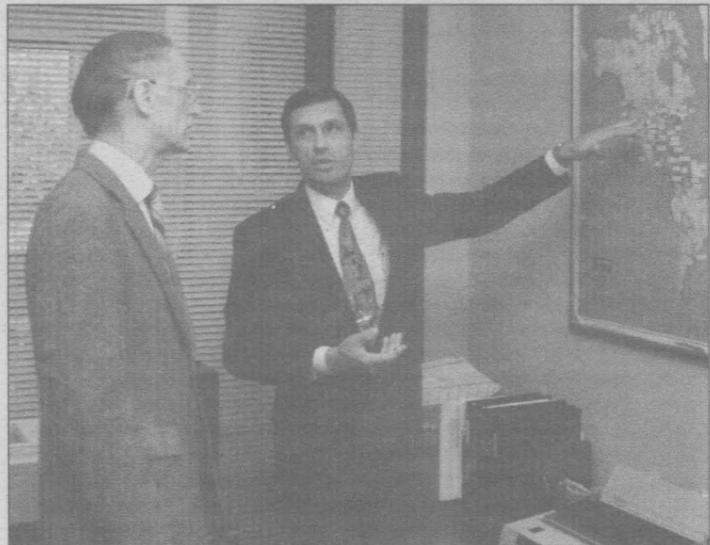
"Sometimes a number of factors will click into place, when we will feel that God has indeed moved certain things to happen and changed people's attitudes."

'It's not just the money'

Where do members come in? "The reputation of the individual member still makes the difference as far as my job goes," Mr. McCulley said.

"It's what everybody out there does—the 40,000 families who can have a great time, treat people nicely in restaurants, make the waitresses smile, who are honest in their dealings and law abiding."

Sure we spend a lot of money out there, he said, but "I've had officials tell me specifically, 'It's not just the money—we want your people back here. Your people are



SITING EXAMPLES—Mark McCulley (right), Festival Administration manager, talks with Peter Moore about Festival regions and on-site coordinators' invaluable help. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

Fortunately for him, and U.S. Feastgoers, such white-knuckle days aren't the norm.

Life in the Festival Office in Pasadena for him and his staff of four is a fairly stable fast track of checking new sites, keeping up with current ones and working with Festival coordinators nationwide.

In choosing a Feast site, you have to know how to change gears fast, as well as follow the right signs. Mr. McCulley here notes some of those signs, including how members make the Feast a success.

The human factor

In his office he pointed at two uneven piles on a side table. "See those two stacks? Those are from various cities. I need to look through their packets to see if we need a Feast site within their regions, soon or within three to five years."

"We get solicitations from probably a dozen cities a week. We've got literature from every state in

four or five big sites across the country? Mr. McCulley said that would mean around 20,000 Feastgoers at each site. That size of stadium exists, but "the cost!"

And many sites are used heavily during September and October, the busiest time for conventions. "They demand top dollar—for the building rental and hotels. We can run twice as many sites for half the money," he said.

We think of people's health too, he said. Some have heart problems or lung problems. Many members used to drive two or three days to the Feast. Since 80 to 85 percent of brethren drive to the Feast, it's nice to be able to attend a close site.

Housing needs are primary

Mr. McCulley said the main physical consideration in choosing a Feast site is the meeting hall.

"Do they even have a hall that will seat the number of people we have in mind? That's often my first question to a telephone solicitation."

Update from the Mail Processing Center

Members who need church information for the Holy Days or Sabbath services before the fall Festival season can call 1-800-423-4444. To assist the telephone operators, **please have your Personal Identification Number (PIN) available.** The PIN is located on your *Plain Truth* mailing label. The Telephone Response office will close Oct. 6, and all requests for information should be made before this date. The office will reopen Oct. 26. We look forward to serving the membership.

more valuable than the dollars they spend."

Some examples? He mentioned a time in Daytona Beach, Florida, where the bleachers needed moving 20 feet forward, but 200 chairs were in the way. The hall staff said they couldn't do it in time for opening night services, but our group moved them in 45 minutes.

That same evening a cleaning crew of 12 turned up after the evening service on opening night, and they didn't even find a gum wrapper.

"Yes," he repeated, "the Church has a terrific reputation through what the members do individually."

Closing Cape Cod, Squaw Valley

We'll back up now, to those two stories you only had the headlines of earlier.

I mentioned to Mr. McCulley I'd been to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in 1981—a wonderful site, but then to my disappointment, later it was closed. I asked him why.

"We get asked that all the time," he responded. "It would probably save me several hundred queries if you ran something on that." He settled back and told me the story.

"I was sitting at my desk one bright spring afternoon, shortly after the spring Holy Days in 1984, when the phone rang. It was Jim Franks.

"He said, 'Mark, we've lost Cape Cod!' And I said, 'Hello? Jim? Sounds like there's a problem with the line. It sounded like you said, 'We've lost Cape Cod.' And he said, 'Mark, we've lost Cape Cod.'"

"The building had been sold and turned into a warehouse for Christmas tree ornaments."

There was nothing else to do but

find another site—quickly. And that's how Saratoga Springs, New York, was born as a Feast site. They had a building under construction, "so Jim Franks and a couple of others took the hard-hat tour and we said yes."

The Church had met there for the Feast in 1978 and 1979 in a different, unenclosed meeting hall.

And Squaw Valley? "On the last day of Unleavened Bread in 1983, my family and I had just come back home in the evening. I turned on the news, and the presenter had this picture of a building with a big hole in the roof.

"'Blythe Arena collapses!' he announced. 'Film at 11!' And I groaned, 'Oh, n-o-o-o!' So we went to Sacramento that year."

Why did the arena collapse? "They'd had the heaviest snowfall in many, many years, and the building had a flat roof," Mr. McCulley said.

Road tested

The Feast experience in America has taken many turns since those days of the first Feasts in the 1940s. Then, the family packed into the Packard and roared down the highway for an average of three days to get to a site.

Now, the family cuddles into the car and whisks for an average of three hours to the site.

Many sites and cars are smaller. Some sites are older—some members too. But along the way, the Feast and its purpose stay constant, as does our purpose in it.

"I guess you could say every Church member has a part in the process," Mr. McCulley summarized. "Every Church member has a part in the choosing of and the success of the Feast."

Flight update from WCG Travel

We at WCG Travel would like to express our thanks to all of you we worked with planning Festival travel this year. Your patience and understanding have been helpful.

This has been a chaotic year for the national travel industry. Erratically fluctuating prices, strict ticketing deadlines and limited seat availability sometimes caused disappointed customers. We tried to serve you effectively in the midst of all this, but we know we may not have succeeded in every case—to those we apologize.

In spite of the obstacles of high-volume ticketing, we have managed to keep to our weekly mailing schedule. Therefore, if you have not received domestic Feast tickets, which were ordered earlier in the year, call WCG Travel (1-800-858-6999) and ask for the manager.

The deadline to place new orders from WCG Travel for Festival travel is Sept. 18. This deadline has been established to allow enough time for ticket delivery before the Feast. We will reopen for business after the Festival break on Monday, Nov. 2.

Here are a few helpful reminders about your airline travel. All members traveling internationally should call the airline to reconfirm international airline tickets 72 hours before time of travel. This includes each leg of your flight. International travelers should arrive for check-in at least two hours before the scheduled departure.

With the number of changes occurring in the airline industry we also recommend that all those holding domestic tickets call the airline a week or so in advance to verify their schedule.

Both domestic and international travelers should then call the airline the day of departure to make sure their flight is scheduled on time.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve your travel needs. We wish all of you a profitable Festival season.

Are we helping?

In this issue we've included our annual pre-Feast articles to help you prepare for the 1992 Feast of Tabernacles. Have the articles met your needs? If not, how could we improve next year's pre-Feast issue? What specific topics would you like to see addressed?

After the Feast we are planning to publish a special section spotlighting your Festival experiences from around the world. Space is limited, but we hope to print as many stories as possible. So tell us about your worthwhile experiences or lessons you'd like to share with readers. What made the Feast memorable for you or your family?

By the way, what do you think about our annual post-Feast issue—any suggestions? Please send us your comments by Nov. 1 to The Worldwide News, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, California, 91129. Thank you.

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Make the best use of your second tithe this Festival

Here are a few simple principles about the proper use of second tithe

By Joseph W. Tkach Jr.

Throughout the year you've been faithfully saving your second tithe.

Here are some principles to consider on how you will spend it.

Consider the essentials first

One of our initial responsibilities is to send in a tithe of our second tithe to headquarters or to the regional office.

It's nice to be able to transfer to a different Feast site occasionally, but use the Travel and Budget Worksheets in the 1992 Festival Planning Guide to help determine whether you really can afford it.

Many drive to the Feast. This leads to the question, "How much is appropriate to spend to prepare my car for the long drive to the Feast?"

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

What about gifts?

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

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

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

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

Let's look at the notion of buying a bicycle for your child in the light of these three guidelines.

The individual finds that (1) sufficient second tithe is available, and (2) feels it will help the child appreciate the Feast. The third guideline will answer the question for you. "Will the gift of a bicycle

increase the focus on the family during the Feast?"

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

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

Where you are attending the Feast may also be a consideration. If you are at a site where most families do not have enough second tithe to allow such purchases, buying expensive gifts may be a stumbling block for others.

What about side trips?

The same questions could be applied to the use of second tithe for side trips to and from the Festival site.

Many families use their vacation time to attend the Feast of Tabernacles and some have enough time for extra travel. This would certainly be permissible. Again, the main focus should be attending the Feast and making the most of the spiritual and physical experience at the site.

A side trip that overshadows the Feast by its length or expense could easily detract from the reason we saved the tithe in the first place.

Of course, other personal funds could be used to supplement one's second tithe for added enjoyment of the Festival, but wisdom is needed here too so one does not run short of funds at other times of the year.

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

Other Holy Days

It is perfectly fine to spend a portion of your second tithe for

the earlier Holy Days during the year. Again, budgeting is important so you'll have enough funds for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Excess second tithe

Another question that arises is, "What should I do if I have more second tithe than I need?"

This is another one of those questions that takes many forms such as: "May I save my excess second tithe to supplement the amount I will have for next year? May I give some of my second tithe to others whom I know do not have much? Do I turn in all of my excess tithe? May I supplement my offering with second tithe?"

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

For those who wish to financially assist others, here is a guideline: Do you know the reasons why another individual does not have a sufficient amount of second tithe? Your desire to help another person or family is honorable; however, seek ministerial counsel before giving large sums of money to others. Treating others to a fine meal or an afternoon outing is a fine way to share.

Supplementing your offering with excess second tithe is certainly permissible, although second tithe should not take the place of the offering you already planned to give.

The amount of second tithe you use as a supplement is strictly up to you. The giving of an offering is a personal form of worship in which you thank God for the blessings received during the year. You must consider that you have a sufficient amount of second tithe to return home and an additional amount in case of an emergency.

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



'I'm trying to be good'

By John Halford

For the smallest and youngest Feastgoers, the Feast can be especially exciting. Or very frustrating. Look at it from their point of view:

John Halford is a Plain Truth senior editor.

"I love the Feast. You get to do so many neat things. Like the trip to the Feast site. And seeing new places. We get to eat in restaurants. We get presents. Maybe some new clothes. We see our old friends and meet some new ones.

"Even the services are fun—apart from having to sit still during the sermon, that is. But once that's over, a convention center is a fun place.

"There's aisles to run along, steps to race up and down, a stage to jump off. There's places to explore—especially those marked by signs like 'No admittance' and 'Staff only.'

"When you get back to the hotel, there's so many more things to do. Elevators are fun. All those

buttons to push ... and push ... and push. You can go up and down for hours.

"Why do those adults get so upset? What's the big deal about stopping at the fourth floor, and the sixth, ninth, 14th and all the others up high where I couldn't reach the buttons?

"Downstairs there's an escalator. That's fun too. Especially if you try going down the up one, and trying to get past all those people with their suitcases.

"And the swimming pool ... Oh boy! You can run, jump, push your friends in and splash water. OK, so some of it gets on the people sitting around the pool. Why do they look so angry? Aren't you supposed to get wet at a swimming pool?

"What's that, Dad? Listen to the announcement? Some of the children are doing what? Disturbing the peace? Giving the Church a bad name? Spoiling the Feast for other people?

"I didn't mean to do that. Me and my friends were just having fun.

"You're going to have to do what? Supervise me more carefully. Uh, oh ... Is this going to be like being at school? Isn't the Feast supposed to be fun for us kids too?

"Is that for real? I can have a whole afternoon where I get to choose the activity! And I can pick out something from the menu! And I can ask my friends to come too? Can they sit with us in services? I promise we'll behave. And can I sit with them sometimes?

"Can we go swimming before services? Well, how about after? Promise? And you'll come too? You'll teach us a new game? Better be careful, Dad. Some of the people down there don't like getting splashed.

"OK, Mom, I'll stay close to you after services? But do I have to sit still while you talk and talk and talk? Can't I be with my friends sometimes?

"I'll keep off the stage, and I won't run up and down. But, I've been sitting still for two whole hours! Do you know how long that is?

"And, Dad, can I please push the elevator button? I promise I'll only do it for our floor. Thanks, Dad. I love this Feast. You get to do so many neat things."

Start early to arrange time off from school and work

By Ralph K. Helge

Every year during Feast time, there is a massive influx of requests for aid regarding schoolchildren and employees who are under threat of being disciplined in one fashion or another because they are observing God's Holy Days.

Ralph K. Helge is director of Legal Services for the Church.

Therefore, we remind you that the schoolchildren and employees' requests for time off should be made a reasonable time in advance to give the school or employer an opportunity to prepare for the absences.

This is important from both a practical and legal standpoint. Pastors have the form on which a request for absence can be made.

If anything less than a favorable response is received, it is extremely important that the parent or employee contact our office immediately. We then send the parent or employee an information sheet eliciting more detailed information.

Further, the employee is given important information on how to ensure his claim is filed on time with the appropriate governmental agency.

Based on the information we receive, we will call or write a tactful and appropriate letter to the school or employer.

Often, however, it is neither practical nor tactically wise for us to contact the school or employer until after the Feast and the threatened penalty for being absent has been imposed.

Members should be aware of this and prepared to leave for the Feast without necessarily having

the problem resolved.

In handling these matters for more than 30 years, we have established an excellent track record in soliciting a favorable response from schools and employers, even in cases that seemed hopeless when the members involved left for the Feast.

It is important for members to remember, however, that our success in these cases, while clearly the result of God's intervention, is also based on certain laws guaranteeing religious freedom in the United States.

There are limits to these freedoms that the members must be aware of and observe if we are to be able to help them.

Specifically, over the years it has not been uncommon for members to call us after the Feast and say that they attended some far-away location, stayed away numerous additional days before

or after the Feast, sight-seeing or visiting family, and ask us to make the school give excused absences to their children for all these additional days.

Members need to be aware that their children are normally legally entitled to excused absences for only the eight days of the Feast plus one travel day before and after.

Some schools will voluntarily grant permission for some additional days, but they are not legally required to do this. We do not feel it is appropriate for the Church's Legal Office to attempt to coerce schools to excuse extended absences.

If members wish to be away with their children extra days, it is advisable to seek school permission ahead of time for those additional days.

If it is not obtained, our recommendation is that parents consider whether to change their plans or to accept a reasonable academic penalty.

The same foregoing principles, although perhaps not in all the legal detail, would apply also to employees and to children who attend school overseas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ARNER, Rad and Amy (Ruxton) of Pasadena, girl, Amanda Louise, July 6, 10:04 p.m., 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

BOERNER, John and Debra (Dellinger) of Indianapolis, Indiana, boy, Eric Daniel, July 19, 10:46 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

BROWN, Paul and Jacqueline (McCalla) of London, England, girl, Elizabeth Anne, July 12, 2:57 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

BROWN, Tommy and Annette (Collum) of Jackson, Mississippi, boy, Dustin Thomas, July 14, 8:29 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

CARTER, Don and Toni (Slater) of Joplin, Missouri, girl, Shaya Breann, April 16, 3:45 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CHESLER, Randy and Twyla (Simpson) of Atlanta, Georgia, girl, Ashley Nicole, July 16, 4:12 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

COOKMAN, Tobin and Jennifer (Preteroti) of Big Sandy, girl, Narelle Jermaine, July 16, 1:40 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

CURRY, Robert and Mary (Marcussen) of Pueblo, Colorado, girl, Jessica Marie, July 22, 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

DOWDELL, Tim and Sarah (Van Dyke) of Boston, Massachusetts, girl, Elizabeth Ann, March 11, 3:53 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

FIELDING, Martin and Christa (Jensen) of London, England, girl, Marie-Louise Jensen, June 9, 12:23 p.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

GEIGER, Thomas and Marla (McCarthy) of Waukesha, Wisconsin, boy, Robert David, July 14, 2:27 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HAYDUK, Lance and Kathy (Leonard) of Buford, Georgia, girl, Victoria Jean, May 31, 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

HEAD, Hendrix Jr. and Tanya (Johnson) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, boy, Caleb Thomas, July 7, 8:04 p.m., 9 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 4 children.

HOFER, Jim and Helen (Wolfe) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, girl, Danielle Rae, Jan. 26, 10:36 p.m., 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

HULL, Cordell and Linda (Bakken) of Fargo, North Dakota, boy, Sebastian John, May 15, 10:12 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

KNUDSON, Monte and Susan (Anderson) of Phoenix, Arizona, girl, Kaitlyn Nicole, July 14, 11:59 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KRUEGER, Terrance and Susan (Kopy) of Wasilla, Alaska, boy, Gordon Scott, July 8, 8:31 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

LARKIN, Dale and Anita (Brunner) of Tampa, Florida, girl, Kaylee Rebecca, June 10, 10:17 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LINDLEY, David and Sheron (Bussio) of Borehamwood, England, girl, Joanna Wendy, May 25, 7:10 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

McGAUGHEY, Randy and Ruth (Evans) of Eureka, California, boy, Ryan Thomas, July 3, 8:43 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

MEIDINGER, David and Laura (Pitterle) of Phoenix, Arizona, boy, Aaron Michael, May 12, 9:49 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

MULLINS, Eddie and Annette (Samons) of Lexington, Kentucky, girl, Rebekah Ashley, March 15, 4:56 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

NUBOUR, David and Victoria (Kwejakie) of Accra, Ghana, girl, Cynthia Larkwey, May 18, 5:45 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

PANARELLI, David and Martie (Barrett) of Big Sandy, boy, Angelo David, July 1, 8:07 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

PLAZA, Scott and Katherine (Northrup) of Palm Springs, California, girl, Cheri Ariene, June 27, 8:01 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PRUNTY, Ciaran and Esther (Boraker) of Dunstable, England, girl, Emma Louise, July 2, 4:27 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROBERT, Leslie and Welmhna (James) of Ponape, Micronesia, boy, Romy Elias, May 27, 5 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

ROSS, Bob and Linder (Hirschler) of Dallas, Texas, boy, Coy Joseph, July 17, 1:35 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces.

SCHROEDER, John and Jill (Weachter) of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, girl, Jessica Paige, July 8, 9:23 p.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

SEXTON, Dennis and Lori (Reyer) of Billings, Montana, girl, Jennifer Leanne, July 4, 4:34 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SMITH, Jeffrey and Julie (Beyer) of Peoria, Illinois, boy, Raymond John Arthur, May 27, 11:50 p.m., 7 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SWANSON, George and Castle (Orr) of Memphis, Tennessee, boy, Dodger Nathaniel, March 23, 10 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SYVRET, Rick and Anita (Hofer) of Kelowna, British Columbia, girl, Britney Rhiann, June 30, 7:02 p.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

TAYLOR, Aaron and Jackie (Mole) of Perth, Australia, girl, Natasha Alyce, July 5, 5:57 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

THOMPSON, Erik and Daphne (Clark) of Wodonga, Australia, boy, Kyle Maxwell, June 11, 11:33 p.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys.

TURKINGTON, Keith and Jackie (Kempston) of Belfast, Northern Ireland, boy, Michael Nathan, July 6, 11:22 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Kidd of Cleveland, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Natalie to Barry Gronner of Spring Valley, New York. A September wedding is planned.

Together with their parents, Christina Y. Koonce and Michael M. Kinjerski of Appleton, Wisconsin, announce their engagement. A Sept. 13 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton C. Head of Fort Worth, Texas, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Carol Ann to Jose Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rodriguez of Houma, Louisiana. A Sept. 13 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kissel of Walkersville, Maryland, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Jeannene to Gary Pinder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pinder of Windermere, England. An Oct. 4 wedding is planned.

Terry and Joy Day and Tom and Ann Burchard are delighted to announce the engagement of their children, Brenda and David. A Sept. 13 wedding in Toowoomba, Australia, is planned.

WEDDINGS

Dottie S. Halbleib and Richard A. Claar were united in marriage Feb. 16. The ceremony was performed by John Foster, Harrisburg and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, pastor. Rosella Seltzer, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Tom Seltzer, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Altoona, Pennsylvania.



MR. & MRS. DEAN FREDRICKSON
Jennifer Marie Wagner, daughter of Lowell and Lorraine Wagner of Centerville, Ohio, and Dean Allen Fredrickson, son of Harriet and Richard Wagner of Fargo, North Dakota, were united in marriage May 16. The ceremony was performed by Paul Butler, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Alamosa, Colorado, pastor. Theresa Boone, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Wayne Brendemuhl was best man. The couple live in Colorado Springs.



MR. & MRS. PAUL DAVID KURTS
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Mayfield of Charleston, West Virginia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Emma Lee to Paul David Kurts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kurts of Gadsden, Alabama. The ceremony was performed May 17 by the groom's father, Gadsden pastor. Elizabeth Gill, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, Lora Coffman was maid of honor and Michael Shane Kurts, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Gladewater, Texas.



MR. & MRS. PEDRO CARO
Jeannete L. Virginia and Pedro L. Caro were united in marriage Sept. 1. The ceremony was performed by Dennis Johnson, Hartford, Connecticut, and Springfield, Massachusetts, pastor. Pat Schuller was matron of honor, and Fred Caro, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in East Hartford, Connecticut.



MR. & MRS. ANDREW EGAN
Rosemarie Elizabeth Goldstone, daughter of Bob and Helen Goldstone of Bolton, Ontario, and Andrew Niall Egan, son of Fergus and Irene Egan of Mississauga, Ontario, were united in marriage June 14. The ceremony was performed by Bob Morton, Brampton, Ontario, pastor. Melissa Dingle was maid of honor, and Wayne Long was best man. The couple live in Mississauga.



MR. & MRS. DENNIS BUMP
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wohlgemuth of Vancouver, Washington, are pleased to announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, Tina Louise, to Dennis Allen Bump, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bump of Battle Ground, Washington. The ceremony was performed Nov. 30 by Richard Duncan, Salem, Oregon, pastor. Holly Keil, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Vancouver.



MR. & MRS. THOMAS WOODS
Susan Mary Hoover and Thomas Arthur Woods were united in marriage May 23. The ceremony was performed by Jim Diehl, a minister in the San Bernardino, California, church. Debbie Meyers was maid of honor, and Ray Woods Jr. was best man. The couple live in Mentone, California.



MR. & MRS. OLADAPO FANAWOPO
Ola-Oluwa Ibirogba and Oladapo Fanawopo were united in marriage May 3. The ceremony was performed by Josef Forson, Lagos, Nigeria, pastor. Angela Ukebor, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Segun Ibirogba, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple live in Lagos.



MR. & MRS. RALPH NDUKA
Agnes Ukepor Unuanya and Ralph Esoronu Nduka were united in marriage May 31. The ceremony was performed by Josef Forson, Lagos, Nigeria, pastor. Clara A. Ukepor, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and William Nwamu was best man. The couple live in Lagos.



MR. & MRS. DAVID HARTSHORNE
Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Skipton, England, are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Kim to David John Hartshorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hartshorne of Wolverhampton, England. The ceremony was performed May 24 by Robert Harrison, Bradford, Newcastle upon Tyne, Hull and Middlesbrough, England, pastor. Jackie and Danielle Brown, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids, Tania Walshe was matron of honor and John Walshe was best man. The couple live in Birmingham, England.



MR. & MRS. WADE HIGGINS
Diane Renee Gayman of Ashland, Ohio, and Wade Curtis Higgins of Weiser, Idaho, were united in marriage June 21. The ceremony was performed by Doug Johnson, Mansfield and Marion, Ohio, pastor. Kathy Thornton was maid of honor, and Byron Sanchez was best man. The couple live in Weiser.



MR. & MRS. DAVID SURFACE
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ehlen of Imperial, Missouri, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Regina Marie to David Lyndal Surface, son of Winona Surface of Eldon, Missouri, and the late Roy Surface. The ceremony was performed May 24 by Robert Spence, Evansville, Indiana, and Madisonville, Kentucky, pastor. Rose Ann Parris was matron of honor, and Rusty Surface, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Cadet, Missouri.



MR. & MRS. SCOTT WIDMER
Bonnie Lou Hofstetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley D. Hofstetter, and Scott Edward Widmer, son of Joan M. Nielander and H. Leroy Widmer, were united in marriage May 23. The ceremony was performed by the groom's brother, Roger Widmer, director of Financial Aid at Ambassador College. The couple live in West Lafayette, Indiana.



MR. & MRS. HUGH MILLER
Carol Merkerson of Darby, Pennsylvania, and Hugh Miller of Kingston, Jamaica, were united in marriage April 26. The ceremony was performed by Art Dyer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Vineland, New Jersey, pastor. The couple live in Darby.



MR. & MRS. BEN KING
Kendra Benson of San Diego, California, and Ben King of Jacksonville, Florida, were united in marriage Jan. 18. The ceremony was performed by Dean Wilson, Escondido and San Diego, California, and Yuma, Arizona, pastor. Katrina Hanson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Hanson was best man. The couple live in Escondido.



MR. & MRS. JONATHAN WHITAKER
Cynthia Marie Sexton, daughter of James and Linda Sexton of Georgetown, Kentucky, and Jonathan D. Whitaker, son of Bobby and Sue Whitaker of Somerset, Kentucky, were united in marriage Dec. 21. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Dick, Lexington, Kentucky, pastor. Angela Sexton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Steven Price, cousin of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Knoxville, Tennessee.



MR. & MRS. DANIEL DZATOR
Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Dogbey are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Patience to Daniel Dzator, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dzator of Likpe-Bala, Ghana. The ceremony was performed June 6 by Francis Ablordepey, a minister in the Hohoe, Ghana, church. The couple live in Likpe-Bala.



MR. & MRS. BRYAN WADDLE
Rhonda Michelle Yost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Yost of Joplin, Missouri, and Bryan Charles Waddle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waddle of Louisville, Kentucky, were united in marriage May 16. The ceremony was performed by

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Yelverton of Laurel, Mississippi, were united in marriage May 17. The ceremony was performed by Ed Mitchell, a minister in the Birmingham, Alabama, church. Carol Brooks was maid of honor, and Mitch Van Etten was best man. The couple live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.



MR. & MRS. JONATHAN GRIMES
Mr. and Mrs. L. David Stone of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Connie to Jonathan Grimes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Grimes Jr. of Milry, Alabama. The ceremony was performed March 14 by the bride's father, Hattiesburg and Biloxi, Mississippi, pastor. Tonya Newsom was matron of honor, and Craig Wells was best man. The couple live in Milry.



MR. & MRS. EDWARD G. POTTER III
Debra Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spicer of Houka, Mississippi, and Edward Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Potter II of Cincinnati, Ohio, were united in marriage Nov. 30. The ceremony was performed by John Calourek, Olympia, Washington, pastor. Angela Spicer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Tracy Potter, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pontotoc, Mississippi.



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James Kissee, a faculty member at Ambassador College. Denise Zvorak was maid of honor, and Tim Waddle, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Dallas, Texas.



MR. & MRS. PAUL HAILEY
Diane Batey and Paul Hailey were united in marriage Feb. 1. The ceremony was performed by Howard Davis, Portland, Oregon, East associate pastor. Dorinda Mottram was maid of honor, and David Trummer was best man. The couple live in Portland.



MR. & MRS. CARL WEST
Tina Rose and Carl West were united in marriage Oct. 20. The ceremony was performed by Dan Bierer, Rapid City, South Dakota, pastor. Brenda Current was matron of honor, and Clint Atteberry was best man. The couple live in Alliance, Nebraska.



MR. & MRS. DAVID HENDERSON
Gillian Stanley and David Henderson were united in marriage Dec. 1. The ceremony was performed by Francis Bergin, business manager of the British Office. Amiee Wendel, Tarah Dukes and Victoria Walters were bridesmaids, and Philip Hurd was best man. The couple live near Brighton, England.



MR. & MRS. GARY MORGAN
Sherry Lynn King and Gary Bernard Morgan were united in marriage Dec. 1. The ceremony was performed by Mark Cardona, Memphis and Jackson, Tennessee, pastor. Teresa Williams was maid of honor, and Roy Taylor was best man. The couple live in Memphis.

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MR. & MRS. FRIEDEL SCHMEDING
Sabine Gehrold and Hans-Friedrich "Friedel" Schmeding were united in marriage Nov. 1. The ceremony was performed by Winfried Fritz, Bonn, Germany, pastor. Bruno and Sabine Gebarski were attendants. The couple live in Bonn.



MR. & MRS. DONALD WALES
Peggy Wiltzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wiltzie, and Donald Wales were united in marriage June 14. The ceremony was performed by David Kroll, a minister in the Waukesha, Wisconsin, church. Kim Czarniecki was maid of honor, and Kevin Laufer was best man. The couple live in New Berlin, Wisconsin.



MR. & MRS. DAVID SCHEMM
Lisa Kay Coston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Coston of Rock Springs, Texas, and David Kelly Schemm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schemm of Sharon Springs, Kansas, were united in marriage May 31. The ceremony was performed by the father of the groom, a minister in the Scott City, Kansas, church. Renee Fletcher was maid of honor, and Steve Schemm was best man. The couple live in Tylert, Texas.



MR. & MRS. EUGENE HANCOCK
Luz Kim A. Monreal, daughter of Victoria A. Monreal of Initao, Philippines, and Eugene Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hancock of El Nido, California, were united in marriage Oct. 4. The ceremony was performed by Jessup Bahintling, Cebu, Philippines, pastor. Evangeline Abella was matron of honor, and Admiral Monreal was best man. The couple live in El Nido.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT NIELSON
Betty Zilar Sunday and Robert Nielson were united in marriage Dec. 22. The ceremony was performed by John Elliott, San Bernardino and Palm Springs, California, pastor. Ramona Leonard was matron of honor, and Cliff Jones was best man. The couple live in San Bernardino.



MR. & MRS. TONY BOYD
Judith Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coleman of Bundaberg, Australia, and Tony Boyd, son of Reg and Pat Boyd of Brisbane, Australia, were united in marriage Jan. 19. The ceremony was performed by David Jackson, a minister in the Brisbane South church. Susan

Coleman, sister of the bride, was chief bridesmaid, and Steve Boyd, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Brisbane.



MR. & MRS. ISAAC JANSAN
Theresa Susan Warren, daughter of John and Rosemary Warren, and Isaac G. Jansan, eldest son of Richard and Noelle Jansan of Clermont, Australia, were united in marriage April 5. The ceremony was performed by Chris Crawford, Rockhampton, Australia, pastor. Helene Gambier, Coral Taylor and Joy Jansan were bridesmaids, and Kevin Clark, Richard Jansan and Scott Warren were groomsmen. The couple live near Clermont.



MR. & MRS. TERRY SWAGERTY
Carriann Cugley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cugley of La Quinta, California, and Terry Swagerty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Swagerty of Sacramento, California, were united in marriage Jan. 5. The ceremony was performed by the father of the groom, Sacramento North and South pastor. Rebecca Cugley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Robert Swagerty, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Gladewater, Texas.



MR. & MRS. GREG BRADSHAW
Janine Isabel Ellis and Gregory Michael Bradshaw were united in marriage Oct. 27. The ceremony was performed by Rex Morgan, Whangarei, New Zealand, pastor. Susan Tester, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Bradshaw was best man. The couple live in Wellington, New Zealand.



MR. & MRS. LESLIE CAMERON
Mr. and Mrs. Schalk Swanepoel of Pietersburg, South Africa, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lindi Amelia Loetter, to Leslie John Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jock Cameron of Johannesburg, South Africa. The ceremony was performed April 5 by the groom's uncle, Terry Browning, Pietermaritzburg and Newcastle, South Africa, pastor. Renette Stridom was bridesmaid, and Darren Pook was best man. The couple live in Cape Town, South Africa.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. BILL WHITELY
Bill and Nola Whitely of Oskaloosa, Kansas, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 8. Kansas City and Topeka, Kansas, brethren honored them with a surprise celebration July 11. The Whitelys have one son, Paul; one daughter, Anne; and one granddaughter, Ariel Jayne.

Jim and Jean Miller of Whitehall, Maryland, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 28. They have one daughter, Barbara Hogan; three sons, Jimmy, Drew and Mike; and eight grandchildren.

Ken and Eva Clemons of Pasadena celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. They serve as deacon and deaconess in the Pasadena West P.M. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Seward of Lone Jack, Missouri, observed their 40th wedding anniversary June 27. They have one daughter, Sharon McCrerey; two sons, David and Matthew; and one daughter-in-law, Amy.



MR. & MRS. CHARLES ZUTZ
Charles and Joanne Zutz of St. Paul, Minnesota, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 22. They have two daughters, Julie and Amy; and one son, Steven. Mr. and Mrs. Zutz serve as deacon and deaconess in the St. Paul church.

Howard and Joyce Peters of Dryden, Virginia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 26. They have one daughter, Lorie.

Bob and Charlotte Gatley of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 8. The Gatlays have two sons, David and Daniel; one daughter, Dawn; and one daughter-in-law, Kim. Mr. and Mrs. Gatley serve as deacon and deaconess in the Norton, Va., church.



MR. & MRS. HANK MCGUIRE
Hank and Bev McGuire of Detroit, Michigan, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary July 14. The McGuires have three children, Anne, Karen and Brian; and one son-in-law, Bob.



MR. & MRS. C. HERNANDEZ SR.
Mr. and Mrs. Camilo Hernandez Sr., of Victoria, Texas, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary May 6.



MR. & MRS. NELSON TRICKETT
Nelson and Donna Trickett of Youngstown, Ohio, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 6. The Tricketts have one son, Kirk; and one daughter (deceased). They serve as deacon and deaconess in the Youngstown church.



MR. & MRS. FRED DAVIS
Fred and Beverly Davis of Grand Island, Nebraska, celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary June 5. They have one son, four daughters and one son-in-law.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. & MRS. MELVIN CARMAN
Melvin and Billie Carman of Yuma, Ari-

zona, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 25. They have four daughters, Carolyn Engebretsen, Marilyn Smith, Judy Smith and Linda Rabey; four sons-in-law, Gary Engebretsen, Gene Smith, Joe Smith and Bill Rabey; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. DONALD WINDOM
Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Windom of Wheatland, Wyoming, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 20. They have three children, Jarvis, Sally and Nancy; and one granddaughter.



MR. & MRS. PATRICK MCCOURT
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCourt of Victoria, Texas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 17.



MR. & MRS. RAYMOND JOHNSON
Raymond and Mary Johnson of Arlington, Washington, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 4. They have three children, Vicki Scher, Phyllis Powers and Roger; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. MIM HOBLITZELL
Mim and June Hoblitzell of Elizabeth, West Virginia, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary May 25. They have one son, Paul III; one grandson; two granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES



PETER BOBROWSKI
BOBROWSKI, Peter, 35, of Birmingham, England, died July 5 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; and one son, David.



CECIL NEFF
NEFF, Cecil H., Sr., 48, of Texarkana, Texas, died July 16 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; one daughter, Wendy Rhodes; five sons, Andy, Kevin, Toby, Jeremy and Cecil II; five grandchildren; his father and stepmother, Lunda and Vera Neff; seven brothers, Lonnie, David, Larry, Gary, James, Charles and Billy; and three sisters, Linda Laper, Lillie Weeks and Violet Thompson.

NOSAL, John Joe IV, newborn son of John and Sherry Nosal of Big Sandy, died July 16 from complications at birth. Besides his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Norm and Elforda Bronnum, Ken and Donna Robertson; and John Nosal Jr.

McDONALD, Alvie O., 84, of Junction City, Kansas, died July 26. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Viola; two daughters, Pearl Hanna and Cherry Rose Miller; one son, William Edwin; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

MARSHALL, Dovie, 75, of Bronson, Florida, died July 19 of lung and bone cancer. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, James; two daughters, Sharon Touchton and Patty Marshall; and two grandchildren, Andrew and Davenie Dempsey.

NELSON, Clarence Harvey, 73, of Roswell, New Mexico, died July 27. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Roberta; two daughters, Lora and Nora; two brothers; and two sisters.



VIVIAN HARNISH
HARNISH, Vivian W., 84, of Yorktown, Indiana, died July 3 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by one sister; and several nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews.



ARNE WESTERINEN
WESTERINEN, Arne, 81, of Argonia, Kansas, died June 25 after a stroke. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Aletta Westerinen; one son; three daughters; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one stepson; one stepdaughter; and three stepgrandchildren.

Student Sends Love Back Home

A college junior sent this letter to his parents for their 25th anniversary. We hope readers will find it encouraging. We did.

Hello my parents!

I called the florists in town, and it would have cost me \$25 minimum to get a dozen short-stemmed roses delivered here. I just don't have that. And cheap as this may be, here is your replacement: a letter from your son.

I want to thank you for everything you've done for me and Amy in all the time we've been around. Undoubtedly we've taken a lot for granted. There are all the material things: an amazing house, plenty of food, good clean clothes, pets.

And there's the fact that you cultivated Amy's and my interests in different things—paying for lessons, driving us places, building shadow puppet theaters and treehouses, being active with YOU, encouraging us.

But more important than any of that, though, as we've all recently become so aware, is the secure and pleasant atmosphere you provided for us to grow up in. We haven't had to deal with many of the concerns that plague so many people, regarding their families.

Amy and I both have a wide range of healthy interests as a result. We have a healthy understanding of what love is and how to cultivate it. You have lived clean, healthy, loving lives, and have given a model for us to emulate.

None of us can really know how much easier and more blessed Amy's and my future will be from having your example to follow. For that, we both owe you immeasurable gratitude.

Now this family is in a period of transition, with Amy off to college. I don't know how much of an adjustment it was sending me off, but I imagine this will be 10 times harder to get used to.

You've both put such a huge part of yourselves into us—so much time, thought and energy, that both of us being gone will make things mighty odd for a while.

I don't want what I say here to sound like your "job" with us is done, but really it mostly is. Undoubtedly you'll be with us, watching, helping and encouraging us as we continue on (and sending rent checks for a while yet), but the bulk of the energy you'll spend on us, you've already spent.

You've fulfilled yourselves well in both Amy and me; we are two bundles of potential just beginning to scratch at the walls of our cocoons.

Now, you've been married for 25 years. And as our family works through this newest transition, I can see on the other side the greatest of happiness for both of you.

You will be able to readjust your daily familial energies from your kids to each other. This new phase in your lives has the potential to be the greatest test and the most enriching time in all your years together!

Anyhow, thank you both again, for everything. I appreciate you and I love you tremendously! Happy 25th wedding anniversary. You've got another 25 together, I'm sure, so MAKE 'EM GOOD!

Love,
Joel

Did we spell it right?

We hope so, but we can't always be sure with handwritten announcements. In the interest of accuracy, announcements submitted to *The Worldwide News* should be typewritten and checked carefully for typographical errors. If you do not have access to a typewriter, please print clearly.

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

Mark McDonald stars with his computer software talent

KINGSTON, Jamaica—YOU member **Mark McDonald Jr.** was awarded three prizes for his entries in the 1992 Jamaica Software Teachers' Association computer software competition.



MARK McDONALD

The competition featured three categories: special interest, business application and games. Contestants were required to create computer programs, save them on diskette and display them at the competition. Mark entered a program for each category.

The judges were most impressed with Mark's programming talent, and he was the only contestant to receive three prizes.

He won the Most Practical Program award for his special interest program and the Best Program award for his business application

entry. He also was recognized for having the best programming quality of all.

Mark hopes to pursue a career in computer engineering.

Allison Park has write intentions in visit to U.S. Congress

PRESCOTT VALLEY, Arizona—**Allison Park**, 13, was among 10 students to win a trip to Washington, D.C., April 25 to 30 as part of the RespecTeen national essay writing contest.

For the contest, Allison wrote a letter to Arizona Congressman **Bob Stump**, asking Congress to



ALLISON PARK

change child labor laws so teens could begin working at an earlier age (current laws require teens to be at least 16). Her letter was chosen from among 11,000 entrants nationwide.

In Washington, Allison met

with members of the Arizona delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate.

Allison, a student at Bradshaw Mountain Junior High School, attends the Prescott Valley church with her parents, **Jim and Pam Park**.

Johanna Escara is well schooled for awards ceremony trip

LEGASPI, Philippines—**Johanna Mae D. Escara**, 17, was one of 60 students chosen by the Institute of Southeast Asian Business (ASEAN Institute) to attend the first ASEAN Institute Achievement Awards ceremony in Jakarta, Indonesia, July 22 to 25.

Johanna was one of eight students asked by the institute to represent the Philippines.



JOHANNA MAE D. ESCARA

She was chosen based on her school principal's recommendations and scholastic records, which include being valedictorian of the class of 1992 at Bicol University College of Education Laboratory High School.

Johanna is the daughter of **George Escara**, Legaspi and Sorogon, Philippines, pastor, and his wife, **Pamela**.

Eddie McDaniels makes a difference in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania—U.S. Senator **Arlen Specter**, Pennsylvania Senator **Roxanne Jones** and members of the Pennsylvania Black Caucus each presented certificates of appreciation to member **Eddie McDaniels** July 17.

For the past seven years Mr. McDaniels has been a block cap-



EDDIE McDANIELS

tain in his neighborhood. About 80 people live in his block.

Sen. Specter praised Mr. McDaniels' efforts and dedication in serving the people of Philadelphia, exemplifying leadership and "for not just making an effort, but for making a difference."

Pastor John Andrews brings long visit to happy Finnish

COPENHAGEN, Denmark—**John Andrews**, pastor of the five churches in Scandinavia, and his wife, **Ana Maria**, traveled to Finland in late June and to visit remote brethren.

They met with 13 of the 15 Finnish members. (The two other

members were out of town.) Because there is no formal church in Finland and brethren live far from one other, the Andrews' visit was much appreciated.

In Finland Mr. Andrews conducted a Bible study at the home of **Paivi Keranen** near Paltamo, about a 3 1/2-hour drive from the Arctic Circle. Fifteen people attended the study.

Sirka-Liisa Khoshkbary, the nearest neighboring member from Oulu, about a three-hour drive west, said: "It was a wonderful feeling to get up this morning in order to attend a Sabbath service. I have never before attended a Sabbath service in my own country."

Mrs. Khoshkbary and her husband, **Hamid**, have been members for more than four years.

Because of the distance involved, they are only able to attend services at the Feast of Tabernacles.

On most Sabbaths, the Khoshbarys, like other Finnish brethren, listen to cassette tapes in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews visited each member family in Finland for at least several hours, and some for up to two days.

Chattanooga church chugs to 25th anniversary

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee—The church here celebrated its 25th anniversary July 25. Services took place in the Imperial Theater of the Chattanooga Choo Choo complex.

Guest speaker at Sabbath services was evangelist **Dean Blackwell**. Activities included cake and refreshments after services and an evening dance.

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN



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

Lights of the Paris congregation

By Dan C. Taylor

Mention the words *romance* or *love* and few cities come to mind sooner than Paris. And why not.

From the graceful, curved iron limbs of the 984 feet (400 meters) tall Eiffel Tower to the trend-setting fashion houses, perfumeries and restaurants on the Champs Elysees, the City of Light exudes a style and elegance like no other great metropolis on earth.

In 52 B.C. Julius Caesar conquered a small Gallic fishing village on the *Ile de la Cite* on the

Seine River (where Notre Dame Cathedral is now located). It was inhabited by a people called the Parisii.

The city first spread over to *la Rive Gauche* or the Left (south) Bank—so called because it is on one's left as one faces downstream (west). Later, in the 11th century the city spilled over the Seine to occupy *la Rive Droite* or the Right (north) Bank.

From its humble beginnings Paris grew into the economic, political, intellectual and historical heart of the French nation.

Today, more than two million people live in the French capital

with the regional environs adding another eight million. Among them, nearly 340 attend God's Church.

A friendly handshake

Paris members have warm, friendly smiles and handshakes for visitors. And with the number of visitors coming through Paris, the Parisian brethren get a lot of practice.

"Paris is the convention capital of the world," noted Sam Kneller, pastor of the congregation.

"There's always something going on here. There's so much information readily accessible here. And Paris is an important transportation hub also. As a result we get a lot of visitors in Paris for services."

Diversity

One of the things that immediately strikes visitors about the Paris church is its ethnic diversity. According to Mr. Kneller, about one quarter of the congregation is from the French West Indies—Guadeloupe and Martinique.

Mr. Kneller, who has served the French brethren for 14 years, speaks with joy concerning the hall where brethren meet for services.

"The Parisian brethren," said Mr. Kneller, "completely renovated this hall and the offices in back."

Most of the brethren in the City of Light work in civil service positions or for various privately owned enterprises. A few, like Guy Viard, who has a cloth manufacturing company, own their own business.

Thankfully, while there is some underemployment among the Parisian brethren, there is not much unemployment.

Like any church, the Paris congregation has its share of hobbyists. Evodie and Philippe Robert collect Camembert cheese covers, while Dennis Grondin is a mapmaker. Andre Peillonex, 95, played piano for the church for many years though he is blind.

Others have had interesting experiences. Mr. Bakayoko is from Mali and of Islamic background. "One or two others of the congregation," said Mr. Kneller, "were brought up in convents or by the state."

Facing difficulties

One difficult problem facing the French brethren in general is that of obligatory school attendance for their children on the Sabbath.

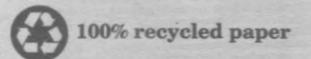
Because they keep the Sabbath, Church members' children are penalized—some have failed classes because they did not attend on Saturdays.

Though religion in France is a personal

matter, family is a strong element. Breaking with French tradition—essentially nominal Catholicism—can leave members ostracized from their families.

There are, however, great blessings to living in one of the world's great historical and cultural beaches.

"Living in Paris," notes Mr. Kneller, "is a very enriching experience. The Paris church—France in general—has a lot of conservative values, a wholesome outlook, and that makes it a great place to bring up children."



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GROWING—Evodie and Philippe Robert have ripened since this 1981 photo with their cheese label collection.



SILVER SERVICE—Last November these brethren observed 25 years of lighting up the Paris, France, congregation.