

Editor-in-chief sets direction for international Plain Truth

PASADENA — Regional directors, *Plain Truth* regional editors, administrative staff from Publishing Services and editors and writers from the Pasadena *Plain Truth* staff participated in an international *Plain Truth* conference Aug. 2 to 4, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, who directed the conference, was chairman at several meetings that covered *Plain Truth* international and United States editions, booklets, *PT* newsstand editions, *The Good News* and other of the

Church's publications.

Evangelist Joseph Tkach, director of Ministerial Services, and evangelist Leroy Neff, the Work's treasurer, also attended some of the meetings.

"It was the consensus... that never have we had the type of cooperation and unity in the publications worldwide as we have now," Mr. Tkach told *The Worldwide News*.

Setting the course

Mr. Armstrong opened the conference in a morning meeting Aug. 2 with Dexter Faulkner, managing

editor of the Work's publications, Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* senior editor for copy, Mr. Wright, Mr. Tkach, Mr. Neff and regional directors.

"He stated that *The Plain Truth* has done more to build this Church than any other program," Mr. Wright said.

"Mr. Armstrong wanted the editors, writers and everyone concerned with the *PT* to know how important the magazine was in God's sight," Mr. Tkach added.

Mr. Armstrong explained to the group the origin and purpose of the Church and detailed the differences between animal and human brains.

"He mentioned how throughout eternity God and Christ have lived the way of harmony and unity," Mr. Tkach continued. "God has authority over Jesus Christ and their working relationship produces peace and harmony."

The pastor general, who founded *The Plain Truth* and has served as its editor-in-chief for nearly a half century, traced the development of man's civilization. "He showed how



EDITORIAL MEETING — *Plain Truth* editors and writers, Publishing Services administrative staff and regional directors enjoy a light moment Aug. 3 while planning *PT* content for the December, 1982, and January, 1983, issues. [Photo by Scott Smith]

this world is based on Satan's philosophy," Mr. Tkach said.

"Jesus qualified by rejecting Satan" after 4,000 years of Satan's civilization, Mr. Tkach said. "By accepting the way of righteousness, He qualified to begin developing a new civilization in embryo — the Church."

Mr. Armstrong went on in the meeting to show that God does not solicit volunteers to be part of this

new civilization. "He, beginning with the 12 original apostles, drafted the people to begin the day of God in Satan's world," Mr. Tkach said.

Magazine to expand

"In writing these [*Plain Truth*] articles we have to consider the kind of minds we are reaching," Mr. Tkach said, recalling Mr. Armstrong's (See *DIRECTION*, page 3)

Pastor general addresses brethren in three states

PASADENA — After conducting a Bible study for 922 brethren in Big Sandy July 30, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong traveled to Orr, Minn., the next day to speak to the third session of the Summer Educational Program (SEP). Mr. Armstrong spoke at Sabbath services in Anchorage, Alaska, Aug. 7.

In Big Sandy the pastor general addressed 36 ministers, faculty members and their wives at a luncheon July 30. After staying overnight on the Ambassador College campus, Mr. Armstrong departed for Orr Sabbath morning.

In his address to more than 500 campers, staff and guests, "the pastor general said the young people were pioneers of the world tomorrow and future builders of the world," according to SEP director Kevin Dean.

"You also must realize the difference between right and wrong and choose the right," said Mr. Armstrong.

After services Mr. Armstrong conducted a ministerial meeting with 26 ministers and their wives.

He told of his July trip to Europe and the Middle East and discussed future trips.

Mr. Dean presented the pastor general with 90 roses on behalf of the 10,000 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) members worldwide.

An accompanying card read: "Congratulations on completing your 90th year. Your dedication and tireless efforts are helping to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers."

"A giant thank you from over 10,000 Y.O.U. members around the world."

Mr. Armstrong was accompanied to Orr on the Work's G-II jet by aide Aaron Dean and his wife Michelle and Richard Ames, Pasadena Ambassador College admissions director. The group returned to Pasadena Sabbath afternoon.

Alaskan trip

Mr. Armstrong departed Pasadena (See *BRETHREN*, page 3)

HWA ordains three men pastors

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong performed three ordinations to pastor rank Aug. 4 and 6, according to evangelist Joseph Tkach, director of Ministerial Services.

Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Tkach, evangelists Ellis LaRavia and Leroy Neff ordained Peter G. Nathan, regional director of the Work in New Zealand, and David Hulme, media liaison for the Work, to pastor rank Aug. 4.

Two days later Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Tkach, Mr. LaRavia and evangelist Dibr Apartian ordained Bram de Bree, regional director of the Work in the

Dutch language, to pastor rank.

Described by Mr. Tkach as "very warm and moving," the ordinations took place in Mr. Armstrong's executive office on the fourth floor of the Hall of Administration here.

Mr. de Bree, 53, was an architect in Montreal, Que., when he was baptized into God's Church in October, 1969, with his wife Geertruida. The de Brees, natives of the Netherlands, where they now serve, were married March 4, 1954.

Mr. de Bree was ordained a deacon in the Montreal church by then-pastor Carn Catherwood in 1973, and was raised to local church elder by Mr. Catherwood in 1976.

Mr. Armstrong raised Mr. de Bree to the rank of preaching elder and named him regional director of God's Work in the Dutch language in 1979.

The de Brees have two children, Catherine Rahel, 26, and Jane, 24.

David Hulme, 36, was graduated from the former Brickett Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College in 1972. He previously completed three years of honor work toward a master's degree at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Baptized in April, 1973, Mr. Hulme married the former Robin Sutcliffe Aug. 5 of that year.

After serving as the *Plain Truth* newsstand director for Europe, Mr. Hulme was transferred to the Work's regional office in South Africa, where he served as advertising and media manager for *The Plain Truth*.

Ordained a local elder Feb. 28, 1976, Mr. Hulme became responsible for the Indian Ocean islands churches, which included brethren from Mauritius, the Seychelles, Reunion and Madagascar. He also assisted in the Johannesburg, South Africa, church.

Mr. Hulme was transferred to the Canadian Office in 1978, where he

coordinated the expansion of *World Tomorrow* radio and television coverage.

Sept. 25, 1979, he was raised to preaching elder by evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director at the time.

Mr. Hulme was transferred to Pasadena in July, 1981, to assist Mr. Armstrong with the international expansion of the *World Tomorrow* program.

The Hulmes have two sons and a daughter: Mark, 6; Kirsten, 4; and Scott, 3.

Peter G. Nathan, 38, was graduated from the Brickett Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College in 1972. Previously a chartered (registered) accountant in New Zealand, Mr. Nathan served as the junior class president and an Ambassador Club officer while at Brickett Wood.

He studied accounting, economics and law at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand before coming to Brickett Wood. He was student body president there in 1968.

Baptized in April, 1969, Mr. Nathan was a systems analyst in the Brickett Wood Data Processing Center after his graduation.

He married the former Karen Silvernail, a 1973 graduate of the Brickett Wood campus, April 24, 1973. Mr. Nathan was ordained a local elder by Mr. Armstrong two months later and transferred to Zimbabwe to serve as office manager and pastor of the Harare (formerly Salisbury) church.

He was transferred to the Johannesburg Office in September, 1974, and appointed operations manager in 1977 after being ordained a preaching elder April 15, 1974.

Just before the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles, Mr. Armstrong named Mr. Nathan as regional director of God's Work in New Zealand.

The Nathans have two children; Benjamin, 6, and Karlina, 4.

Mr. Armstrong

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ORR VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong greets campers and staff at the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn., July 31. Mr. Armstrong was presented 90 red roses in honor of completing his 90th year, on behalf of Youth Opportunities United members worldwide. (See accompanying card, left.) [Photo by Aaron Dean]

Penalty of promiscuity plagues America

PASADENA—About 20 million Americans have it, with half a million new victims added each year.

It is spreading faster in the United States than any other virus except the common cold and flu. Physicians recorded nearly a nine-fold increase in patients between 1966 and 1979.

Incurable, it is nonetheless not fatal to adults. However, about half of infected infants die, with half of the survivors suffering blindness or brain damage.

What is this unforgiving disease that has descended upon America so suddenly, and threatens to spread throughout the Western world?

It is genital herpes, the most publicized of a whole lineup of new venereal diseases — unforeseen by-products of the sexual revolution.

A thorough investigation into the herpes epidemic appeared in the Aug. 2, U.S. issue of *Time* magazine in an article titled "The New Scarlet Letter." The subtitle read, "Herpes, an Incurable Virus, Threatens to Undo the Sexual Revolution."

The article begins as follows: "After chastity slouched off into exile in the '60s, the sexual revolution encountered little resistance. Indeed, in the age of the pill, *Penthouse* Pets and porn-movie cassettes, the revolution looked so sturdy permanent that sex seemed to subside into a simple consumer item.

"Now, suddenly... herpes, an ancient viral infection that can be transmitted during sex, recurs fitfully and cannot be cured... has

emerged from relative obscurity and exploded into a full-fledged epidemic.

"The herpes counterrevolution may be ushering a reluctant, grudging chastity back to fashion.

"Eight years ago, Alex Comfort [author of the best-selling book, *Joy of Sex*] could say of sex: 'There is nothing to be afraid of and never was.'

"Now, in the age of herpes, *Playboy* employees jokingly refer to the swimming facilities at Hugh Hefner's Los Angeles [Calif.] mansion as 'the herpes pool'...

"Flesh merchant Al Goldstein, editor of [unprintable] magazine, says glumly, 'It may be there is a god in heaven carving out his pound of flesh for all our joys.'

Why the dramatic rise in the inci-

dence of herpes, for which some want to blame the Creator?

"Sexual freedom," admitted the *Time* writer, "is obviously implicated. 'With herpes, every new case is added to the pool,' says Dr. Yehudi Felman, a New York City VD specialist. 'The increase is exponential after a while.'

"Not only are more people indulging in sex, they are also more active — starting younger, marrying later, divorcing more often."

The wider acceptance of oral sex has also played a role. Herpes Type I produces cold sores in the mouth; Herpes II, genital lesions.

brought under control by the body's immunological system, the virus retreats, in the case of genital herpes, to the sacral ganglia, which is a cluster of nerve cells near the base of the spinal cord. Here the herpes simplex virus lodges safely beyond the reach of the body's immunological system and enters a latent stage.

The virus reinfects the original site capriciously, sometimes twice a month, causing discomforting sores and lesions, sometimes (though rarely) as seldom as once a decade.

Since physical and emotional stress seems the most likely to trigger reinfection, herpes sufferers try to lead tranquil lives, some practicing yoga.

Genital herpes presents extreme-



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Plan a successful Feast with family discussions

Earlier this month several days of meetings between the international regional directors and editors of *The Plain Truth* and the *Plain Truth* staff and Publishing directors were called by *Plain Truth* Editor-in-Chief Herbert W. Armstrong here in Pasadena. (See page 1.)

On the agenda were discussions about plans to expand certain of the publications, to better communicate between the offices, and other subjects of common interest to make sure literature around the world was speaking, as Mr. Armstrong directed, "with one voice."

Sitting around the conference table with representatives from around the world, I couldn't help but compare these international meetings of the Work with those of the world's.

Here we were, tossing ideas back and forth, American accents blending with French, English, German and Dutch, among others. But a harmonious accord always prevailed — all working together toward a common goal and purpose under the guidance of Mr. Armstrong.

Not always, of course, proposing the same solution as to how to bring about the desired results, but working out the problems as brothers. What a contrast to that body of nations — the so-called United Nations — where each member nation's representative, distrustful of the other, harangues, with the goal of this world, to "get" for self, not communicating and cooperating with a common purpose of understanding as a goal.

These representatives have come and gone for years, decades now. And other attempts at unifying nations, those organizations preceding the UN, have failed as well. Fruitless discussions and arguments, almost always with the same result — frustrating stand-offs. In contrast, in our meetings, a unifying agreement for the combined betterment of the entire group was the goal.

It's inspiring to me to be a part of a tiny, embryonic worldwide Church that will grow to show the world how, with God's Spirit and under His direction through His leaders, international harmony and peace can be brought about in the future.

It can work and will work. If I've ever doubted it, I cannot now. I've

experienced it. We're not doing it perfectly yet, of course, but we're doing it. God is making it work through us now, right now in Satan's world.

Just think what He will be able to do in the coming world tomorrow when all will be imbued with His Holy Spirit, and Satan will be suppressed.

Worldwide unity

We've had international meetings like this before, of course. Maybe because we've been so busy preparing the Festival editions of the publications, I've got the Feast on my mind. The Feast always brings thoughts of worldwide unity.

Although you couldn't be a part of these small meetings here in Pasadena, you will be a part of a large, international convention soon to take place around the world.

What are you doing to prepare for it? What are you doing personally to be sure peace and harmony will prevail throughout this important convention just ahead of us?

The representatives of the international versions of *The Plain Truth* did their homework. They had preliminary meetings, ironing out some of the problems that might prevent unity before they came to Pasadena.

The individuals involved in the publications at headquarters did the same, and much communication was circulated among the groups.

I wouldn't attempt to estimate the combined number of hours of prayer that went up worldwide for the success of these meetings.

Harmony, unity was the goal uppermost in their minds when they arrived in Pasadena. All were individually dedicated to follow whatever decisions were reached and approved by Mr. Armstrong. This was theirs and our common goal, well thought out and planned beforehand. That's why the meetings were successful.

Harmonious Feast

How much preliminary work have you done to assure that the harmony and unity of the world tomorrow will prevail at the Feast of Tabernacles this year?

Have you heads of households and your righthand top assistants (your wives) discussed sorting out

and solving any potential problems that would prevent family and Church harmony during this worldwide Festival? Most of those problems you're already aware of from other Festivals in the past.

Think about what kept last year's Festival or previous ones from being as harmonious as you would have liked. Maybe an upsetting event happened that almost ruined the Feast for you and your family.

Or maybe it was just a lot of minor irritations that frustrated and kept the family from living the peaceful example of the world tomorrow during the Feast.

Got them down, talk about them, have a family meeting or perhaps several, to plan how you're going to avoid those same problems in the future. Determine not to allow minor, day-to-day inconveniences to ruin your Feast.

If the Feast site you're traveling to is new to you, talk to those who have been there before. Find out potential problem areas. Prepare for them. Learn from the experiences of others. Why repeat them?

Check family attitudes

Encourage your family to candidly describe what they hope to experience at the Feast this year. Is there a predominant attitude of "get" instead of "give"? If there is, your Feast will almost certainly be less than gratifying.

Here's a perfect opportunity to let your children experience the satisfaction that comes from giving and serving instead of constantly focusing their minds on what they can "get."

Keep the meeting positive. Encourage them to anticipate the good things they will receive at the Feast and give God the praise for these special blessings.

But also guide your family to think of ways to make the Feast more enjoyable for others. How can they help a friend whose family may not have as much second title available. Maybe they can include him or her in an activity they plan to enjoy during the Feast.

Perhaps as a family you can plan to take a widow and her children out with you for a nice dinner at a restaurant.

Give your children (determine the amount according to their ages) some second title to buy small Feast gifts for each other and other family members and friends. Build anticipation in your children for giving as well as receiving.

Start now, this evening when you and your family can all be together. Make sure this will be the most unified, harmonious Feast ever for your family. You will have gone far toward doing your part in making the 1982 Feast of Tabernacles the Feast that best pictures the world tomorrow for your family and, therefore, for those who come in contact with you.

Let this Feast be the Feast of God's way of giving as well as receiving blessings.

WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



But Herpes I can become a venereal disease if spread there through oral sex. This practice can spread both viruses in the opposite direction.

The herpes virus itself is a particularly perplexing and defiant villain, as described in *Time's* follow-up article, "Battling an Elusive Invader." It has been labeled "the ultimate parasite." It could also be called a most intimate parasite.

Once herpes has found its way into your system, says Harold Kessler, a Chicago specialist in infectious diseases, "it's your virus for life."

It does this by taking over the protein producing apparatus of the host cell, initiating what one expert calls a "biological coup d'etat."

Once the initial attack has been

ly dangerous potential problems for the unborn. Should genital herpes recur in the final weeks of pregnancy, look out.

It is estimated that about half of newborns pick up the disease when traversing an infected birth canal. Of those infected, up to 60 percent die, and for the survivors there is a 50 percent risk of blindness or brain damage.

Herpetics (those who have the disease) can do little but try to control the negative emotions and stress that usually trigger the recurring attacks. Medical science is attempting to come up with either a vaccine or a wonder drug to circumvent the built-in penalty for violating the Seventh Commandment.

As far as drugs to control the (See PLAGUES, page 3)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Recession response

I appreciate very much the articles in the recent *W/N* on the recession and what steps we can take to alleviate some of the pain that naturally accompanies it.

I shop the thrift stores regularly where shirts run as high as 50 cents and pants 75 cents. I find that these are fine quality clothing in such places that I couldn't do any better if I made them myself.

For one thing, secondhand clothes have already been washed umpteen times so they have shrunk or faded as much as they're going to.

Also, now in this economic crunch is a perfect time to go on that "longtime put off" diet that we've been promising ourselves. High grocery bills force us to think twice about buying items just because they taste good.

Instead, it is a challenge to see just how much we can cut down or cut out altogether. Even children, as much energy as they burn, don't have to have all those in-between snacks they crave.

Learning to do without things we want for comfort or pleasure will make stronger people out of us.

Learning to live with heat makes us appreciate the air conditioner we have for Church services on Sabbath.

Not having extra gas to burn makes us appreciate the legs we have and strength in our bodies to walk and go on hikes.

We will learn to appreciate the free things God has given us to enjoy. Such as a sunset. Instead of taking in a movie why not take in a sunset.

Learning to slow down and enjoy "small" things I think will be a key to weathering these hard times we're approaching...

The recession also makes us appreciate the Feast of Tabernacles much, much more. We will be more thankful for the abundance of food, entertainment and travel that we can enjoy and share with others.

Tawanda Ray
Hamilton, Ala.

My husband was terminated after being with a company for 40 years "due to the economy" (mostly theirs) and our income dropped from \$25,000 a year to \$5,000 plus, a year. Although we had no

payments for the house and car, etc., we still had to learn to economize a good deal.

First and foremost was to trust in God to take care of us, just know! Then do everything you can to cut expenses. Make a list of all the monthly payments, insurance, light, phone, fuel, gas for transportation. Set that money aside.

I've learned to make our own salad dressing, which is better tasting, fresher and better for your health. Although there is just the two of us I buy the family packs of chicken, which are about 10 cents a pound cheaper, and then divide it up in three to four meals. Rewrap it and freeze it.

We ladies also need to relearn to make (See LETTERS, page 3)

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strong's comments. "Mr. Armstrong said that people are drugged with this world's attitude."

The pastor general encouraged the PT staff "to consider their audience, making people sit up with interest. When they see a PT headline, they need to think, 'I've always wondered about that,'" Mr. Tkach, said, quoting Mr. Armstrong.

The pastor general reaffirmed his decision to expand *The Plain Truth* during the meetings. "Newsstands are . . . where we most need the 48-page magazine," Mr. Wright said.

Mr. Armstrong emphasized the importance of the *Plain Truth* newsstand program, noting that readers need a variety of articles to catch their interest.

"Mr. Armstrong realizes that many of the articles will not be read, but felt that expansion in the international areas and in the newsstand PT to 48 pages was essential in order to offer a much broader selection of articles to appeal to a very diversified audience," Mr. Wright said.

In compliance with this policy Mr. Armstrong announced "that all English-language editions of the PT, both subscription and newsstand, were to be expanded to 48 pages, beginning with the next available issue," Mr. Wright continued.

In addition to the U.S. newsstand edition, the decision to expand includes editions in the United

Kingdom, Ireland, Africa, the Middle East, the Philippines and the Caribbean. New Zealand, Canada and Australia already have a 48-page magazine.

Mr. Wright said that the pastor general delayed the non-English expansion of *The Plain Truth* to allow time for the international editions to acquire additional translators and make other necessary arrangements. "He . . . instructed that by midyear 1983, all international language [PT] magazines should be expanded to 48 pages."

Fostering unity

"Everyone was pleased with the . . . harmony and cooperation the meetings produced," Mr. Tkach said. "The warmth throughout the meetings reflected the Spirit of God. I think that the meetings certainly did picture that we're drawing more and more closer to God."

"Everyone found the meetings to be extremely productive, encouraging and inspiring," Mr. Wright said. "The key to our success . . . was Mr. Armstrong's direction during the conference."

He added that the PT editors and regional directors hope to meet twice a year, subject to Mr. Armstrong's approval, with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for February, 1983.

Regional directors attending the conference were Frank Brown, United Kingdom, Middle East and East and West Africa; Frank

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MAGAZINE CONFERENCE — Dexter H. Faulkner (left), managing editor of the Work's publications, Herman L. Hoeh (center), *Plain Truth* senior editor for copy, and Frank Brown, regional director for God's Work in the United Kingdom, the Middle East, and East and West Africa, discuss editorial copy for *The Plain Truth* Aug. 3. [Photos by Scott Smith]

62 attend Mexican SEP in Texas

BIG SANDY — A three-week Summer Educational Program (SEP) for 62 persons from Mexico concluded Aug. 15, according to evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of God's Work in Spanish-speaking areas.

At the suggestion of Thomas Turk, manager of the Mexico City, Mexico, Office, Mr. Walker asked

for and received approval for the camp from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

"Last year we wanted to conduct a camp for the Mexican teenagers but Orr [Minn.] was too far away," said Mr. Walker. "So when SEP at Big Sandy started this summer, most of the teenagers from Mexico could go."

The Mexican camp began July 26, a day before the regular Big Sandy SEP ended. Most schools in Mexico end their school year later than those in the United States, so the Mexican camp began later, Mr. Walker remarked.

Mexican SEP instructors were Pablo Dimakis, Gilberto Marin, Salvador Barragan and Felipe Neri.

"Camps took part in activities similar to those in the regular SEP," said Mr. Walker, "with the exception of aerobic dance and the addition of soccer."

According to Larry Haworth, assistant director of SEP activities, cyclists from both camps in Big Sandy have put "more than 30,000 miles on bicycles."

Cycling and racquetball seemed to be the favorite activities of the 35 girls and 27 boys, age 14 to 28, attending the Mexican camp, Mr. Haworth said. "The campers were very enthusiastic during volleyball, basketball and soccer tournaments."

The Mexican campers attended Mr. Armstrong's July 27 forum in the field house and Bible study July 30. Both were later translated into Spanish for the campers, he remarked.

"Several of the Mexican campers performed folkloric dances in native costumes when regular SEP ended and again at a church social after the Sabbath [July 31]," said Mr. Haworth. "They gave a tremendous, well-received performance."

Began correspondence work in 1954

Minister serves quarter century

By Phil Stevens

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Robert C. Boraker, 46, was honored here July 13 for a quarter century of full-time work in God's Church. Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of God's Work in the United Kingdom, presented Mr. Boraker, a preaching elder, with a set of Parker pens inscribed with his initials.

Mr. Brown congratulated Mr. Boraker for "25 years of loyal service, 22 of which have been spent in

Phil Stevens attends the Borehamwood, England, congregation.

England." He added that Mr. Boraker is "a good example of diligence and loyalty to all."

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, his personal assistant Aaron Dean, German regional director Frank Schnee, Dutch regional director Bram de Bree and other ministers serving in England were present.

Mr. Boraker, ordained by Mr. Armstrong June 10, 1962, began working in the personal correspondence area during his sophomore year at Pasadena Ambassador College in 1954.

"In those days, Mrs. Loma Armstrong used to check all the letters before they were sent out," Mr. Boraker recalled. "If there was anything that was questionable, she would get Mr. Armstrong to look over the contents and make any necessary amendments."

Mr. Boraker was transferred to the English Office in 1960 to handle personal correspondence there. When the Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College opened later that year, Mr. Boraker joined the faculty to teach journalism and typing.

Mr. Boraker married the former Margaret Lawson, a native of England, June 28, 1961.

He continued teaching on the Bricket Wood campus until its closure in 1974. He obtained a masters degree from the college there in 1971.

Mr. Boraker first heard about the Church through the *World Tomorrow* broadcast in Seattle, Wash., where he was living in 1950. He began corresponding with the Church then, but did not meet a Church member until he came to the Pasadena campus as a freshman in 1953. The first Church member he met was Mr. Armstrong.

When Mr. Boraker was assigned to the English Office, he answered about 75 letters a month. In addition to his duties in the Borehamwood congregation and as a *Plain Truth* and *Good News* magazine contributor, Mr. Boraker now answers about 3,000 letters a month.

The Borakers have four children: Deborah, 20; Daniel, 18; Esther, 18; and Helen, 12. Deborah plans to attend Ambassador College.

Plagues

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virus once it is contracted, prospects are bleak. Once the virus has tunneled into the ganglia "hide out," it may be too late. Says one specialist: "You would need a pretty remarkable drug to attack the virus genes without damaging host cells."

Of course, medical science is cut off from the knowledge and power of God, who is the only one who can cure (heal) herpes — once a person truly repents of transgressing God's laws.

The *Time* article does not, as expected, counsel a return to a moral life-style. But even *Time* is forced to admit that this promiscuous age is being snapped back into a sense of reality.

It concludes by stating: "For now, herpes cannot be defeated, only cozened into an uneasy, lifelong truce . . . But perhaps not so unhelpfully, it may be a prime mover in helping to bring to a close an era of mindless promiscuity. The monogamous now have one more reason to remain so . . ."

Experts are warning the public that other STDs ("sexually transmissible diseases," or venereal diseases) are threatening to run out of control too.

For example, infections of chlamydia trachomatis may be replacing gonorrhoea as the nation's leading STD.

About one million American men a year contract gonorrhoea. It is esti-

mated that chlamydia trachomatis victims are double that figure.

Women stricken by chlamydia run a great risk of developing pelvic inflammatory disease, a leading cause of sterility.

Babies delivered through a birth canal infected by chlamydia organisms risk acquiring pneumonia.

Delayed penalties

According to Eugene Washington of the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., herpes, chlamydia and a host of other venereal diseases that either did not exist or were thought to be unimportant, have emerged as severe public health problems.

This fact, of course, upsets the expectations of some sort of joyous sexual free-for-all promised by the proponents of the sexual revolution.

Just because God's law didn't exact an immediate penalty for violation, the hucksters of hedonism thought there was no penalty. They couldn't see that genital herpes and the array of other wildly explosive STDs must first build up a large reservoir of affected victims before their full impact would be felt.

How much easier it is to learn by obeying God's law rather than through painful experience acquired after heeding the advice of "experts."

"Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).

For more information on this vital subject be sure to read the article "How to Avoid the New Sexual Diseases" in the August, 1982 issue of *The Plain Truth* (or the following month in international editions).

Brethren

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dena Aug. 7 at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) for Anchorage, where he addressed 442 "enthusiastic and attentive brethren," said Earl Roemer, pastor of the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Palmer, Alaska, churches.

Fifteen ministers and deacons met the pastor general with two limousines at Era Aviation Center, part of the Anchorage International Airport. The group took Mr. Armstrong on a tour of Anchorage before he spoke at noon.

Brethren from the Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna, Alaska, churches traveled to hear Mr. Arm-

strong speak in Anchorage's Hotel Captain Cook, site of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Before services, Mr. Roemer, on behalf of the Alaskan churches, presented the pastor general with a piece of Steuben crystal titled "Salmon Pools," designed by John Houston.

"A majority of the brethren here had never seen Mr. Armstrong in person before," said Mr. Roemer. "They were extremely attentive and responsive to the pastor general and very much appreciate his visit."

Mr. Armstrong was accompanied to Alaska by evangelists Gerald Waterhouse and Joseph Tkach, Aaron and Michelle Dean and the G-11 crew. The group left Anchorage at 2:30 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time and arrived in Pasadena about five hours later.

He also works in exchange for our beef. Instead of money, we keep track of the hours and in no time we have enough to get half [a] beef when his friend butchers.

My husband is also not too proud to do any kind of menial job as long as it brings in a few dollars. A few are better than none. We also make good use of the many rummage sales and secondhand clothes stores.

We have never suffered or done without anything we needed for even one single day. If God be for us, who can be against us?

Helen Wittkop
Eden, Wis.

Ladies of the Orlando [Fla.] church who had already worked hard, served in a high standard in every way doing domestic work, recommended me and I have been working for five weeks now. Thanks both to our sisters in Christ and to God. It is a real blessing to have a job. Those that are able might consider domestic work. It can be very interesting; also the tithes are nice.

Gertrude H. Quartz
Orlando, Fla.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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things from scratch instead of the ready-made products. Almost everyone has more cookbooks than we need; let's get back to using them.

Our electric bill was getting higher and higher, so I asked for a company man to come out and see if he could find out why this was. He suggested pulling out the TV plug when it's not on. The instant picture kind has current going in to keep the tube warm. Also turning the water heater temperature down to 120 degrees Fahrenheit [49 degrees Celsius] or even 130 degrees. The heaters are set at 140 degrees.

We are fortunate enough to have a wood-burning furnace, and [my husband] Ray will work for the wood we need. So many hours of work for that much wood. So far we have not had to buy wood.

Arab plans for holy war stumble as Israelis overrun arms bases

By Moshe Ben-Simha
On Feb. 12, 1979, Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), sent a message of support to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who had just stunned the world by toppling the shah in Iran's Islamic revolution.

The PLO chieftain's message to his old ally read: "I pray Allah to guide your steps along the path of faith and jihad [Moslem holy war] . . . until we arrive at the walls of Jerusalem."

Moshe Ben-Simha is a Church member in Northern Ireland.

This ambition — to destroy the State of Israel and reconquer the holy city of Jerusalem for the Moslem faith — was not limited to the PLO leader and the ayatollah.

In September, 1980, the foreign ministers of 39 Islamic states met at Fez, Morocco. They heard a Syria-PLO plan for this jihad. Aimed at Israel (and against the United States, which the ayatollah hates as the Great Satan), this plan called for a new oil embargo against the United States and Israel and a vast Moslem army under PLO command to be recruited against Israel.

The successful Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon in June appears to have upset the jihad timetable. To their own amazement, the Israelis overrun gigantic stores of arms and ammunition in the PLO bases that could have equipped one million men.

But the jihad will certainly go ahead. It was first declared by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia as he solemnly faced the Kaaba Shrine in Mecca — holiest place in Islam.

At Taif, Saudi Arabia, Prince Fahd's vow was confirmed by 38 Moslem heads of state and by the PLO leader, representing the PLO, Jan. 25 to 28, 1981. They were meeting at the third Islamic summit conference on Palestine and Jerusalem.

How like the living God's warning by the prophet Zechariah that in the end time Jerusalem would become a "burdensome stone" to all nations (Zechariah 12:3).

King David, too, prophesied almost 3,000 years ago of a great Arab world alliance against the Israeli nations. (Psalm 83:4,5).

Who are these nations that wish to remove the name of Israel from the map?

David explains: "The tabernacles of Edom [modern Turkey], and the Ishmaelites [the inhabitants of Saudi Arabia]; of Moab [parts of Jordan and western, Sunni-Moslem Iraq] and the Hagarenes [probably the Sunni Moslem majority of Syria]; Gebal [modern Lebanon], and Amman, and Amalek [which, it has been suggested, prophetically fits the PLO itself in the end time]; the Philistines [Palestinians of the Gaza Strip; compare Amos 1:7-8, Judges 16:21, 23] with the inhabitants of Tyre [the city in southern Lebanon that was the main PLO terror base before the Israeli invasion]" (Psalm 83: 6-7).

Amman, the kingdom of Jordan, is also included as the children of Lot (verse 8).

The oil weapon strategy proposed by the PLO at Fez and accepted by the Moslem states at Taif is also echoed in biblical prophecy. God warns that if the children of Israel continue to disobey Him a time will come when "your high ways shall be desolate" (Leviticus 26:22).

The 1973-74 Arab oil embargo against the Western world may only

have been a first, partial fulfillment of this curse.

The Taif summit declared its holy war in January, 1981. Only four months later Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously injured in St. Peter's Square, by Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish (Edomite) terrorist with strong links to Moslem extremist organizations in his own country.

Before stalking the pope the would-be assassin spent some time in Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran.

Commented Israeli journalist Bat Ye'or, "The attempt on the life of the pope . . . resembles those warlike acts, which the laws of jihad permit upon the territory of the infidels in order to destabilize the *Daar al-Harb* [Arabic for "house of war" — meaning areas controlled by non-Islamic "infidels"] and weaken it through a generalized terrorism."

Bat Ye'or also points out: "The Taif proclamation . . . could have contributed to the assassination of [President Anwar] Sadat [of Egypt] in September, 1981, since by agreeing to the Camp David peace process he attempted to break with this [Islamic] vision of humanity divided into two ever-warring camps by perpetual hatred."

In June this year, Crown Prince Fahd became king of Saudi Arabia on the death of his ailing half-brother King Khalid. King Fahd is the guardian of Moslem fundamentalism and of a strict and pure faith.

Under King Faisal (assassinated in 1975) he was the architect of the oil embargo policy.

Since then, the world has enjoyed seven fat years free from another paralyzing oil cut-off. It may be that we have seven lean years ahead.

The end-time alliance of Arab states (not including Egypt) against the name of Israel, which King David prophesied about, exists before our eyes.

The Jewish state in the Holy Land is the only nation descended from Jacob's sons that proudly carries the name of Israel before the world. And, as King David prophesied, this is why they hate it.

The United States, desiring the oil of its "lovers," continues to seek the alliance of the Arab world. But prophecy reveals that this will be in vain.

For: "Ashur [modern Germany] also is joined with them" (Psalm 83:8). Germany, not the United States, will win the support of the Arab states.

Neither Israel's military victories, nor America's military assistance, will tame the Arab world of its jihad hatred for both nations. Only when Jesus Christ intervenes to restore the government of God on the earth will they "be confounded and troubled for ever . . . That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth" (Psalm 83:17-18).

Advance action protects valuables

Preparation cuts financial loss

By Z. Harlean Botha
Have you ever felt that sickening, sinking feeling as you reach for your wallet and it's not there?

It can be especially devastating at the Feast of Tabernacles to lose credit cards, cash and traveler's checks.

Z. Harlean Botha is the wife of Steven Botha, pastor of the Parkersburg, Charleston and Huntington, W.Va., churches.

Not only have you lost cash, but you must cancel credit cards and get traveler's checks replaced. It is especially difficult if you haven't kept proper records.

Be prepared

An important step in minimizing losses of this sort is to get a safety deposit box. Some companies specialize in vault service. Put in your safety deposit box numbers of bank accounts, credit cards, insurance policies, social security numbers of family members, stock certificates, savings bonds, automobile, driver's and other license numbers, automobile registration and any others you can think of.

Of course, you should keep copies of this list at home. Include phone numbers and addresses given by credit card issuers to cancel or change account numbers in the event of theft or other loss.

Consider this

You're at the Feast hundreds or thousands of miles from home and you've lost your wallet or pocket-book.

It is wise to bring a copy of the master list of numbers with you to the Feast, and keep it separate either in a sealed envelope in your luggage, or check it in with other valuables (like extra traveler's checks) in the hotel safe.

Take your master list and call every credit card company and bank whose card and/or checking account material was lost or stolen. Since many of the companies have toll-free numbers, it should not cost much.

Next call the police to report your loss. This may help you recover your lost items and officially document that you tried to protect your financial status in case of later controversy.

Keep a record of how much and where you spent traveler's checks — it will be much easier to obtain new ones.

Then, write letters describing the above actions to credit card compa-



MEXICAN CONGREGATIONS — Five hundred fifty brethren attend services in nine churches and three regularly scheduled Bible studies illustrated above. The Bible studies are in Villa Gonzalez, Piedras Negras and Tuxtla Gutierrez. [Artwork by Ron Grove]

Mexico Office experiences growth, mail increase

By Keith Speaks
MEXICO CITY, Mexico — God's Work here has experienced steady growth for the last half decade, and 1982 is proving to be one of the most productive years.

Keith Speaks is promotion director for La Pura Verdad (Spanish Plain Truth).

Thomas D. Turk, a preaching elder serving as office manager here, reported a 49 percent net increase in first tithe contributions, and a 116 percent net increase in

Holy Day offerings in 1981. Figures are adjusted for inflation.

Church growth

Since 1977, Church attendance here has grown rapidly. Five years ago less than 150 people attended two congregations in Mexico.

As of April, 1982, 550 attended nine congregations in Mexico City, Guadalajara, Tepic, Jalpa de Mendez, Monterrey, Chihuahua, Ciudad Juarez, Mexicali and Tijuana, and three regular Bible studies in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Villa Gonzalez and Piedras Negras.

Feast of Tabernacles attendance at Oaxtepec, Mexico, is expected to top the 650 mark.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong visited the office here Nov. 3, 1981. Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Work in Spanish areas, presented to the pastor general an overview of the Work in the Spanish language.

Obstacles overcome

Ministers have much ground to cover in serving this mountainous nation of 71 million. The nation stretches 1,890 miles (3,024 kilometers) from Tijuana to Chetumal in the Yucatan Peninsula, which is about the same distance from Pasadena — Minneapolis, Minn., or from penhagen, Denmark, to Cairo, Egypt.

"We are quite spread out — we have a vast area to cover," said Mr. Turk. Although most brethren live near major cities, a number live in remote places. These brethren find it difficult to attend services.

Six ministers and two ministerial trainees serve 252 members in Mexico. Mr. Turk, Pablo Dimakis, Fernando Barriga, Alfredo Mercado, Salvador Barragan and Daniel Vazquez are assisted by trainees Francisco Hui and Gilberto Marin.

Seven office employees here help process mail, which in May and June totaled 12,238 pieces, more than any other country served by the Church's Spanish Department.

Year-to-date mail received from Mexico is up 277 percent over 1981, and is expected to be the highest ever.

Advertising increase

Advertising and *Pura Verdad* newsstand distribution increased dramatically since April. Brethren now distribute magazines, PV cardholders and PV advertising brochures to reinforce advertising placed by the Work in widely read magazines and newspapers throughout the nation.

Pura Verdad circulation in Mexico, 15,500 at the end of 1981, is expected to more than double to about 35,000 by the end of 1982. Mexico PV circulation now stands near 23,000, 61 percent more than the same period in 1981.

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Church families escape injury in jetliner crash

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Two Church families escaped injury July 9 when a Pan American World Airways Boeing 727 jetliner crashed into a residential area of Kenner, La., a suburb here, reported James L. Servidio, pastor.

The incident occurred at 4:11 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) when Pan Am flight 759 plowed into trees, houses and other buildings along 1½ miles (2.1 kilometers) east of the New Orleans International Airport.

The crash claimed 153 lives, including all of the passengers and flight crew. According to the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, the crash was the second worst in United States history, eclipsed only by a May, 1979, crash of an American Airlines DC-10 jetliner that killed 273.

Area papers reported 19 homes in

and banks confirming their phone calls. Take the letters to the post office and arrange to receive signed receipts to prove the companies received your letters.

Now, contact the license bureau and arrange for a duplicate driver's license. You'll need this for identification. The same is true if your automobile registration and/or license plates were lost or stolen. Be prepared to pay a replacement fee.

If you lost your keys, leave a phone number with the police in case they find them.

Don't attach any identification to your keys showing would-be burglars where you live.

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a three-block area of Kenner were destroyed. The aircraft first struck less than a block and a half from the home of Church members Roger and Lindy McKinney, Mr. Servidio said.

As the aircraft disintegrated it left a trail of blazing homes and debris. The plane's wreckage tumbled to a stop on the roof and backyard of a home at 1705 Roosevelt Blvd.

Church members Russell and Norma Love live directly across the street with their seven children at 1704 Roosevelt Blvd.

"Realizing the weight and speed of a 727, everyone was aware that one more second in the air would have put the plane much farther east in its intended flight path and would have put the Loves' home in the area of the destruction," Mr. Servidio said.

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Insure fulfilling, happy Feast through pre-Festival planning

By Mark McCulley

Are you prepared to attend the Feast? Though the Church has made plans on an overall basis, hav-

Mark McCulley assists in Festival operations in Pasadena.

ing a profitable Feast depends on your own individual planning and effort.

Here are some items to consider

Crash

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Mrs. Love was standing at her front door talking to two of her daughters and three neighborhood children when she heard "two loud pops and an explosion."

She looked across the street and saw "flames and wreckage. It was horrible!" Concerned that further explosions would occur from natural gas leaks and the thousands of gallons of jet fuel spewed over the ground, Mrs. Love gathered the children and herded them through the house to the back porch.

"I wasn't enthusiastic about seeing anything at all," she said.

The neighborhood children's parents came for their children "very quickly after the crash," she continued, "it was hard to tell what was going on."

As fire trucks and other emergency vehicles began to arrive, Mrs. Love put the children into their car and drove to a nearby service station to call her older daughters and husband. The Love family didn't return to their home until the next day.

"It was quite a miracle — God protected us," Mrs. Love said. "The plane fell right between us and the McKinnys." She added that the fire department did a "miraculous job" in spraying chemical foam to prevent additional fire and explosions and in containing the house fires ignited by the crash.

"We were very, very thankful and appreciative — it was very, very scary for a while."

Mexico

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"We are looking to build a solid circulation around people who want to know what God is saying about this present world and the coming world tomorrow," Mr. Turk said.

In addition to the 252 members in Mexico (a 7 percent increase over 1981), there are 187 co-workers (24 percent over 1981), 299 donors (53 percent increase) and 1,474 Correspondence Course students.

Despite growth, Mr. Turk sees more hardships for the Church here from rampant inflation, monetary devaluations and complicated government regulations.

Though Mexico is rich in oil and other natural resources, the national economy suffers, burdened with a large international debt. Unemployment is rising and potential for civil disorder is high. According to *Latin America Weekly Report*, Aug. 6, "[the Mexican] commerce ministry announced that tortillas and bread would rise by 100 percent; petrol by some 60 percent; and domestic gas and electricity tariffs by some 30 percent."

According to Banco de Mexico, the consumer price index rose by 32 percent in the first half of the year.

"All this threatens to make life more difficult for the brethren," Mr. Turk added. "We hope people will be praying for God's Work in Mexico."

in pre-Feast planning:

(1) *Packing* — Be sure to bring your hotel confirmation slip to verify your reservations. Other "must" items are Holy Day offering envelopes and, of course, second tithe.

It is wise to carry traveler's checks since they are refundable if lost or stolen and accepted almost everywhere. Carry only enough cash at one time for a couple of tanks of gasoline and a meal or two.

(2) *Before leaving* — To keep your home safe while you're away, ask a neighbor to keep an eye out for intruders. Have mail and other deliveries stopped or have a neighbor pick them up daily. A lived-in house keeps would-be burglars away.

(3) *Traveling* — Have you prepared properly for the trip itself? If you are leaving the country, do you have your passports and visas? How about airline or train tickets and hotel reservations?

If you travel by automobile, is your vehicle mechanically sound for

the trip? Consult a mechanic if you're uncertain.

Travel safety includes not driving when you're overly tired. You may be tempted to work at your job up until the last minute, then drive all night and all day to reach the Feast. This poses a great hazard to you and your family. Don't risk an accident by driving without proper rest.

(4) *At the Feast* — Attend services and activities, but be sure to get sufficient rest so you don't wreck your health.

Don't leave valuables where they could be stolen easily, such as in your hotel room, in your tent or on the front seat of your car.

(5) *Budget* — Have you worked out a budget for the Festival, including travel costs and items such as sales tax on your hotel room or setting aside a certain amount of money to help others? If you find you have insufficient funds for that trip abroad, perhaps you should attend a closer site. Advance planning will help you have a better Feast.

Member's first person account

Giving: important part of Feast

By Lois Vickers

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — In September, 1954, a spinal operation left me paralyzed from the waist down.

Lois Vickers is a member of the Gainesville, Fla., church.

Unable to care for my husband and six children, I lost all hope for life.

In the late '50s I heard a message on WLAC-radio about the King-

dom of God. It was different from anything I had heard. The man speaking was Herbert W. Armstrong, and he offered a free subscription to *The Plain Truth*.

I took him up on the offer and began to read *The Plain Truth* and other Church literature. Through the books, magazines, strong radio messages and personal Bible study, I learned things I did not know existed. Filled with a new joy, my outlook on life began to change.

I gained a little strength and was baptized in 1970. My life was renewed, and inside I bubbled over with God's love.

After attending services for nearly eight years as a member, God provided a wonderful blessing — without my knowledge. Marc Masteron, pastor of the Gainesville church in 1978, asked eight families to help me attend services during the 1978 Feast of Tabernacles.

Second-Tithe Assistance

Members should not go to the Feast without sufficient funds expecting assistance at the Festival site. Only limited funds for genuine emergencies will be available at the Festival locations, and then only with the local pastor's recommendation.

Members attend service in memory of student

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A memorial service was conducted in a Virginia suburb July 17 for Scott E. Higgins, 23. Mr. Higgins, a Church member and Pasadena Ambassador College sophomore, was accidentally electrocuted while working near high-voltage wires at the Church's Summer Educational Program in Orr, Minn. (W/N, "Ambassador Student Dies," Aug. 2).

Richard Frankel, pastor of the church here, and several other Church members attended the memorial service, conducted by a Protestant minister of his parents' (Dr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins) faith.

"Scott was a very enthusiastic young man," Mr. Frankel said. "He was always the first to volunteer for service in the Church." Mr. Frankel said an "especially moving moment came" during the memorial service when the minister read the lyrics to a song composed by Mr. Higgins.

Written by Mr. Higgins in 1981 after he came into the Church, the poem was found among his personal belongings after his death. The poem follows:

When I was young, my mind was selfish
I went all out for profit and gain
Pleased myself in social crutches
Filled my life with sin and pain.

My life decayed in degradation
Still unknown was His plan for me
In the worst of my situation
He opened up His truth for me to see.

Then I learned to fear Him
I began to keep His sacred law
The fruits of His Spirit shined their light in me
And showed me every where that I was wrong.

He released me from the chains of bondage
And gave me life in love and unity

With those who hear His word and gave their lives to Him
And through His grace He set them free.

My life now had a goal and purpose
In my life His love was manifest
I learned to live as He would have me
My mind and body could now be at rest

He showed me how to receive life eternal
He kept me unhindered from this wretched world
His blessings He shared abundantly were given
His love for us He gave with His own Son.

Chorus:
The end of all things, hear me, people
Fear God's power. In judgment, he is fair
For the joy which He will give, you cannot comprehend
Till His Spirit lives within you.
His righteousness filled His presence you do witness
As you do God's will.

He added to his request, "Give her a nice time." The families' response was tremendous.

Those eight families and other brethren ensured that I enjoyed the best the Feast had to offer. Each day of the 1978 Feast saw a different family helping me and taking me out after services. For the places I couldn't enter, they were my feet. Each day I experienced the love and joy from God through these families.

As this wonderful concern from the brethren continued from 1978, I have been privileged to meet and know many other brethren. After the Feast I received many encouraging letters. Words cannot express properly my appreciation.

My thanks and appreciation go to Mr. Armstrong, our pastor general, for his obedience to the great God. By being used by God he has helped me and thousands of others to a new and better way of life.

David Gunn and John Schroeder, England; Johan Wilms, Netherlands; and Don Walls, Spanish Department. Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide, and David Hulme, media liaison for the Work, attended meetings with Mr. Armstrong.

Senior writers and contributors from the *Plain Truth* staff in Pasadena, PT news editor Gene Hoberg, and Roger Lippross of Publishing Services also attended some of the meetings.

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Schnee, German-speaking areas; Dibar Apartian, French-speaking areas; Carn Catherwood, Italian-speaking areas; Leon Walker, Spanish-speaking areas; Bram de Bree, Dutch-speaking areas; and Peter Nathan, New Zealand and Pacific Isles.

Regional editors and assistants attending the conference were

Jobs open in Publishing in press area, graphics

PASADENA — Ambassador Publishing Services is looking for a pressman with a minimum of four years' experience in running AM 1870 duplicators or equivalent.

Experience should involve high quality, two-color full coverage printed material. An understanding of larger press equipment, such as the two-color Heidelberg Spiritmaster is desirable.

The person must be accomplished in all printing techniques

and be able to operate equipment fully on his own and train other personnel if necessary.

Other job openings include an art director in the design graphics area and a prepress supervisor to oversee film assembly, camera work and platemaking. (W/N, Aug. 2.)

Interested persons should contact the Worldwide Church of God Personnel Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or call (213) 577-5100.

It was reported in the Aug. 2 issue of *The Worldwide News* that Mr. Frankel informed the Higginses in person of their son's death. Mr. Frankel was out of town at the time, and Gordon Miller, a local church elder assisting Mr. Frankel, informed Mr. Higgins' parents in person of their son's death.

Burma brethren practice giving despite impoverished position

By John Halford
PASADENA — Several of us in the ministry have been able to visit Burma, but the visits have always been restricted to meeting a few members in Rangoon, the capital. Although Burma allows religious freedom to its citizens, it will not permit any "missionary activity" by non-Burmese groups.

Also, most Church members live in remote areas of the country, where tourists are not allowed. However, the area in southern Burma where members live has been taken off the restricted list.

John Halford, a pastor-rank minister working in the Media Services Department in Pasadena, visited Church members in Burma after accompanying the fifth group of students participating in the Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand.

With careful planning, I wondered if it would be possible to spend a few days with the brethren in their homes at Sa Khan Gyi village.

I arrived in Rangoon late July 1, with Eric Bonnel, a deacon from the Melbourne, Australia, church.

After completing extensive customs and immigration formalities, we were met by Burmese elder, Saw Lay Beh, outside the airport. We then went to the wharf to catch a ferry.

The members live about 150 miles from Rangoon, in the Irrawaddy Delta area. No roads exist—the river and its hundreds of tributaries are the highways. We arrived too late to catch the "express" boat, but obtained places on a slower launch that left Rangoon about 7 p.m.

All night and most of the next day, the riverboat threaded its way through the maze of rivers, canals and streams that make up the Irrawaddy Delta.

We traveled in an area that only a handful of Westerners have visited since the end of World War II.

Every two hours or so the boat would stop at a riverside town to

pick up and leave passengers and goods. It must have been what traveling on the Mississippi River in the United States was like in the last century.

Late in the afternoon we arrived at Myaung Mya—the main town of the area where our members live.



BURMA TRIP — Pasadena minister John Halford and Eric Bonnel, a deacon from Melbourne, Australia, spent a night and day traveling to Sa Khan Gyi, Burma. [Artwork by Ron Grove]

Here we disembarked and went to the government offices. Saw Lay Beh had already obtained permission for us to visit, but it was important that we report in officially.

It was obvious by the astonished looks we received from the townsfolk that Europeans were a rarity in this area.

With registration completed we had to rent another smaller launch, which would take us to Sa Khan Gyi village—two hours downstream. We arrived about half an hour

before the Sabbath began.

At last we met the Burmese members face to face. It certainly was a thrill. Names I had written to or heard about for seven years suddenly became real people.

Sa Khan Gyi village has a population of several hundred. Most of the members in southern Burma live in and around this village.

Another group live in the north, in an area that is even more remote.

We spent a pleasant evening talking and getting to know one another. Then, just as we were preparing for bed, some police and intelligence officers came to the house wanting information on the foreign visitors.

It was a bit of a scare at first, but as it turned out, they were not concerned so much about us as for us.

Foreign visitors are such a rarity, and bandits and river pirates were not unknown in the area. These men were just doing their job—and we appreciated their concern.

Next morning we had Sabbath services. Thirty-seven attended. Saw Lay Beh gave the sermon in Karen—the local language. (I don't speak that language. It is fortunate that five or six of the members speak English.)

After the regular service, the members stayed for a hymn sing-along. The Karen people love to sing, and most of our members have fine voices. They have diligently translated most of the Church's hymns into their own language.

Most Church members are farm-



BURMESE BRETHREN — Brethren living in Sa Khan Gyi, Burma, and visiting ministers gather for a photograph after services July 3. Eric Bonnel, a Melbourne, Australia, deacon is standing in back row, left, next to local elder Saw Lay Beh. John Halford stands right, back row.

ers. They are poor by Western standards, earning at best only a couple hundred dollars a year.

Life is a constant struggle, but their faith, loyalty and determination to be active and productive parts of God's Work is indeed contagious.

(Other things in the area are contagious as well, and several times we needed to remind ourselves that we would not be "hurt by deadly things.")

One lesson we learned from the Burmese members is that, just as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has said, giving is an attitude.

Physically speaking, those people have almost nothing. But they sensed that Mr. Bonnel and I were truly out of our element. So they shared and gave things they needed for themselves—precious charcoal and cooking fuel, so we could have properly boiled drinking water.

It wasn't simply a question of money—many of these commo-

ties are rationed, or in short supply. They sacrificed things they needed for themselves. Their giving was not simply disposing of surplus but rather a willingness to share their resources to satisfy our needs.

After sundown it seemed that all the children in the neighborhood crowded into Saw Lay Beh's house to see the foreigners.

An impromptu concert was organized. The members sang many traditional Burmese songs, and we taught the village children to sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." This went fine once we realized that Burmese dogs apparently go "wo wo" instead of "bowwow."

Sunday morning was spent visiting another member's home, with again, several hours of fellowship. We left the village at noon for the two-hour boat ride back to Myaung Mya. We caught the evening boat for the overnight ride to Rangoon and flew to Thailand the next day and then back to Pasadena.

Students examine both modern, ancient

Jerusalem: a city of contrasts

Colleen Gus, a Pasadena Ambassador College junior and an Editorial Services employee, participated in the City of David Archaeological Project.

By Colleen Gus

JERUSALEM — For the 11th year Ambassador College students and Church members spent the summer discovering the Holy Land's ancient past and dynamic present, as part of the college's Jerusalem archaeological program.

Most of the program's participants returned to the United States Aug. 2 after having spent one week touring the country and four weeks excavating at the City of David Archaeological Project, according to program coordinator and Ambassador College faculty member Richard Paige.

The group toured Europe for two weeks before arriving in Israel June 27.

The 30 Ambassador students and nine Church members, along with evangelist Ronald Kelly, were among about 350 workers on the City of David "dig" this season, said a dig staff member.

The dig, directed by Yigal Shiloh of Hebrew University, is partially sponsored by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF), Mr. Paige said.

Diggers worked in eight of the 10 excavation areas, mainly terraces in the City of David on the slopes of Mt. Ophel, south of the Temple Mount and the walled section of Jerusalem known as the Old City.

History and previous excavations show that the City of David has been inhabited longer than the Old City. Remains from the City of David date before 3200 B.C., according to Mr. Paige.

The ancient Jebusites settled in

the City of David area because it was on a hill and easily defended and near fresh water. Gihon Spring lies at the foot of the hill.

King David established his capital here for the same reasons about 1000 B.C.

Some of the participants, working in areas partially excavated in the past four seasons, began digging in Iron Age (Israelite, 1000 to 586 B.C.) levels almost the first day of the dig, July 5.

Others, starting fresh areas of excavation, began by clearing debris from the destruction of the Second Temple in A.D. 70, working through Roman, Hellenistic and Persian strata to reach the Iron Age, Dr. Shiloh explained.

Mr. Paige said that the students' work consisted mainly of moving dirt—picking and scraping layer after layer from carefully surveyed squares into wheelbarrows or baskets made of truck tires (known by their Arabic name, *gufa*) while looking for potsherds and other man-made articles.

When larger rocks, which might have been part of ancient walls, appeared the diggers used picks and brushes to clear the earth but left the rocks intact.

Strenuous work

Diggers found the work strenuous but rewarding. "Small finds are exciting—you find a pin or a coin or a piece of pottery with writing on it—but it's also very interesting to see a staircase or a wall emerge as you dig through the layers," remarked Pasadena senior Sandra Atkinson.

"It feels good to work hard, to get out and swing a pick and accomplish something," added Big Sandy sophomore Don Hornsby.

The diggers stayed at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel (the Heights of

Rachel) south of Jerusalem with a view of both Bethlehem and Jerusalem, Mr. Paige said.

Participants worked from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and afterward heard a lecture from the dig staff on subjects such as dating a stratum by its pottery, or toured some point of archaeological interest in Jerusalem.

One afternoon they sloshed through Hezekiah's Tunnel, a 1,777-foot underground waterway built by King Hezekiah of Judah, in anticipation of the siege of Jerusalem by Assyrian King Sennacherib in 701 B.C. (II Kings 20:20). Thus, the spring would be accessible only from within the city.

Free time

Diggers spent their free afternoons shopping or sightseeing in the city, riding camels on the Mount of Olives; visiting Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb, where many believe Jesus was crucified and buried; or haggling with shopkeepers at the bazaar near the Jaffa Gate over the price of olive-wood carvings.

Other afternoons they heard lectures on modern Israel from guest speakers, such as Michael Ravid, former Israeli consul general in Los Angeles, Calif., and a close friend of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

The students earned five units of college credit for the fieldwork, lectures and maps they completed in conjunction with the dig.

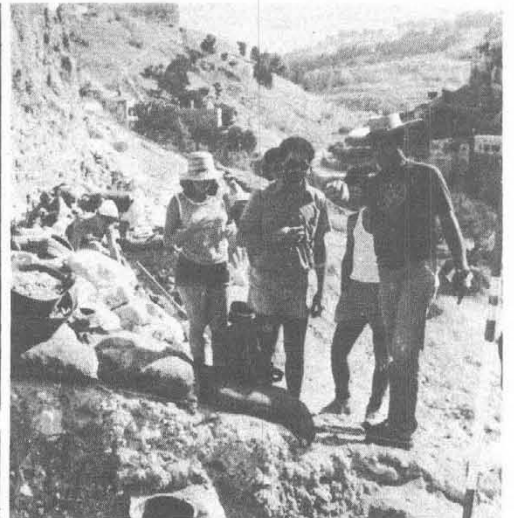
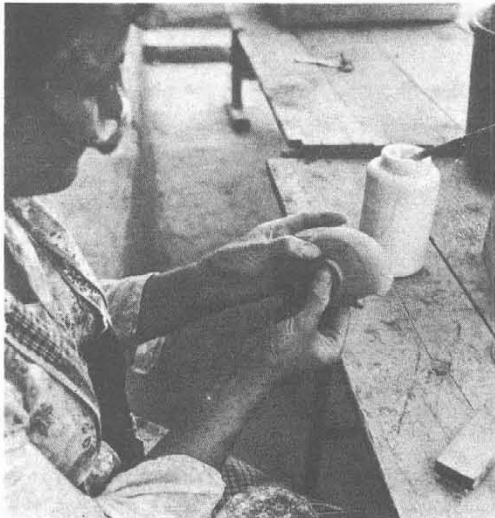
One digger observed, "We'll come home with dark tans, calloused hands, empty pockets—and great memories of a summer in Israel."

European tour

The summer program began when the group flew from New (See JERUSALEM, page 11)



SABBATH SONG SERVICE — June Aye, a Church member attending services in Sa Khan Gyi, Burma, pauses during a July 3 hymn-singing in the Karen language after regular services there. [Photo by John Halford]



History unfolds for participants in Jerusalem archaeological dig

By Debbie Burbach
 JERUSALEM — "You are not learning archaeology," Yigal Shiloh, director of the 1982 City of David Archaeological Project proclaimed.

After several days of hard digging, this statement came as a surprise to most of the Ambassador College participants in the Jerusalem summer project.

As Dr. Shiloh of the Hebrew University explained, one can't learn archaeology in four weeks. The Ambassador College group did acquire a better perspective of historical and biblical events.

After a two-week tour of Europe, and a five-day tour of the Holy Land, they feasted their eyes on the Golden City — Jerusalem.

On Friday, July 2, the group, accompanied by Pasadena faculty member Richard Paige, enjoyed the

long-awaited moment. Kibbutz Ramat Rachel was home away from home, and on the first day of digging breakfast came at 5:45 a.m. By 6:30 the diggers were engaged in "Israel's special sport" — archaeology.

Debbie Burbach, a Pasadena Ambassador College junior and a News Bureau employee, participated in the college's Jerusalem archaeological program.

Every morning the group departed — armed with axes, picks, shovels, *gufas* (rubber buckets), water and suntan oil.

Teamwork was vital. Each had to do his part to get the job done, and be aware of his partner's needs and supervisor's wishes.

Time melted away as pieces of pottery, coins and other finds, along

with architectural structures (walls) were uncovered that put together a picture of life in bygone eras.

Dr. Shiloh and his staff informed the group about progress in each of the 10 excavation areas. Lectures about the procedures involved in an excavation, as well as a tour of Hezekiah's Tunnel and the Temple Mount excavation, were given.

After six hours of work and five-minute showers at the kibbutz, the group relaxed at lunch.

In the afternoon some went to the Old City, while others lounged by the pool or caught up on lost sleep.

"This trip is everything I expected, and more," said Dallas, Tex., Church member Sara Coston.

"The work is hard physically and very satisfying," added Pasadena senior Marty Richey.



CHARTING THE PAST — Students from the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses of Ambassador College and Church members participated in the 1982 City of David excavations in Jerusalem July 2 to July 30. Clockwise, from upper left: a worker restores pottery uncovered in the excavation; an example of ancient pottery found in the dig; Yigal Shiloh, director of the dig (right), huddles with excavation supervisors; Ambassador students at work; Dr. Shiloh points out parameters of the excavation to

Orthodox Jewish leaders. (The 1981 excavations were interrupted by Orthodox Jews who feared the disturbance of medieval Jewish graves.) Pasadena senior Marty Richey at work; Pasadena sophomore Robert Walker hauls excavated material and Church member Sara Coston from Dallas, Tex., stands knee deep in water in Hezekiah's Tunnel, a 1,777-foot-long (533.1 meters) water conduit built during King Hezekiah's reign (II Kings 20:20). [Photos by Sylvia Owen]

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Seventy **BALLYMENA**, Northern Ireland, brethren attended the church's annual picnic June 20 at White Park Bay. *Hugh D. Carton.*

Maynard Marvel's farm in Freeiland, Md., was the setting July 18 of the **BALTIMORE**, Md., church's annual bull roast. More than 320 brethren shared the lunch, which featured barbecued beef prepared by Roger Crawford. Lemonade, snow cones and beer were sold in the afternoon. Organized activities included hayrides, a softball game and children's contests in which each child won a prize. *Jon and Ginnie Cook.*

June 27 the **BASEL** and **ZURICH**, Switzerland, churches had an Oriental-style flea market in Zurich, with net receipts of about \$90. *Martin Ryser.*
The annual combined picnic of the **BELLE VERNON** and **WASHINGTON**, Pa., and **CLARKSBURG**, W. Va., churches took place July 18 at the Appalachian Community Center near Fairchance, Pa. Activities included men's and women's softball games, children's games and lunch. In a guessing contest, Sam Smith, a child from the Washington church, won an ice chest and cooler by guessing the exact number of M & M candies in a jar. *Todd Crouch.*

The **BILTHOVEN** and **ZWOLLE**, Netherlands, churches had a picnic July 10 at Spijckivier, near Biddinghuizen, featuring volleyball, swimming, nature hikes, tug-of-war and other games. *Lepek Klarenberg.*

The annual picnic for the **BUFFALO**, N.Y., church took place July 11 at Chestnut Ridge Park in Orchard Park, N.Y., with more than 530 present. Children received prizes in a softball throw, scavenger hunt, fishing, elephant walk, bean bag toss and wrapping yarn. In a cake-decorating contest first place award went to Elaine Turgeon for most original. Shirley Breidenstein for most intricate and Debra Winde for most beautiful. A watermelon-eating contest was won by Larry Kelly and Cindy Schmitt, and a pit-sitting contest was taken by Garner Holdsworth. The men, with handicaps imposed, won a softball game played against the women.

After lunch, activities included Frisbee toss, several tug-of-war contests and other softball games. Adults also tried tire rolling and skipping, the elephant walk and the egg toss. *Gall Ann Blegalski and Val Matuzkiewicz.*

CHARLESTON, S.C., pastor Mike Hechel and his wife Kay were hosts July 17 at their home to church brethren for Sabbath fellowship and food, served outdoors by the deacons and their wives. *Jo Morris.*

The annual ox roast for the **CHARLESTON**, **PARKERSBURG** and **HUNTINGTON**, W. Va., churches, took place July 18 for 560 brethren at the KERA Land Recreation Park in Ravenswood, W. Va. Todd Carden directed morning games, after which cooking contest winners were announced. Missy Limle won the dessert award, and Pat Bates' cornbread was a winner. The three churches presented a quilt and matching pillows to pastor Steve Botha and his wife Harlean as an anniversary gift.

After lunch the Huntington brethren won a tug-of-war contest. A watermelon feed, more games and a dunk tank followed, with Mr. Botha, associate pastor David Stone and YOU coaches Butch Norman and Frank Schultz as the dunkees. The day ended with a sing-along, accompanied by guitarist John Bair. *Z. Harlean Botha.*

An Aurora, Ind., park was the site of the **CINCINNATI**, Ohio, **WEST** church picnic July 11, with Mayme Craig hostess for 65 brethren. After lunch games were played. *Mary J. Fox.*

July 25 the **COLUMBIA**, S.C., and **AUGUSTA**, Ga., churches combined for a picnic at the Aiken, S.C., State Park. Activities included volleyball, touch football, swimming, Frisbee toss and a lunch that featured homemade ice cream. *Paul Nowlen.*

The **CROYDON**, England, church had a picnic July 11, accompanied by a Bring and Buy sale, with proceeds given to the SEP. Activities included volleyball, paragliding and a bonnet contest, won by Maureen Dawson. A barbecue meal was topped off with strawberries and cream. *Margaret French.*

A potluck picnic for the combined **DETROIT WEST** and **ANN ARBOR**, Mich., churches took place July 11 at Van Buren Park in Belleville, Mich. Activities included arts and crafts, a flea market, children's games, baseball and, during a rain, a sing-along inside a park pavilion. *Steve Halsey.*

Medora, N.D., near the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, was the site of the **DICKINSON**, N.D., church camp-out July 10 and 11. Pastor Dan Creed's Sabbath sermon, preached outdoors, was heard by brethren from North Dakota and Montana, followed by a potluck and Bible bowl. Mr. Creed and his wife Jan were surprised with a 10th wedding anniversary cake, which they shared with the group. That evening the brethren had a hayride, a sing-along and toasted marshmallows around a camp fire.

After Sunday morning breakfast, some campers rode horses, and forester Tim Love led a nature hike. Balloon races, sack races and a bubblegum-blowing contest took place before lunch. After a barbecue and watermelon feed, the group toured Medora, Chateau DeMorris, the park and museums. *Ernie Prociw.*

Brethren of the **EDINBURGH**, **GLASGOW** and **DUNDEE**, Scotland, churches had a barbecue July 11 at Rowadennan on Loch Lomond. Special guests were the SEP setup crew. After the meal soccer, swimming and beach fellowship took place. *Edie Weaner.*

July 3 the **EVANSVILLE**, Ind., church, after hearing a taped sermon from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, had a potluck dinner in the courtyard of the building in which services take place, the Community Center. *Verona Coultas.*

A seventh anniversary was celebrated July 10 by the **FLORENCE**, Ala., church, with refreshments after services that included punch and cake. Bill Swanson, currently pastor of the Salt Lake City, Utah, church, was the first pastor; Lawson J. Tuck is the present pastor. *Jan C. Old.*

The annual **GRAND RAPIDS**, Mich., church picnic occurred July 11 at Lamar Park. The children had a penny hunt, softball toss, foot races, burlap sack race, three-legged sack race and a 50-yard dash. Softball and a tug-of-war were other activities, and homemade ice cream was served after lunch. *Thelma Hallack and Mark and Barb Welch.*

Little Buffalo State Park was the site of the **HARRISBURG**, Pa., church picnic July 18. Volleyball, swimming, horseshoes and Scrabble were among the day's activities. Games for children aged 6 to 12 were Frisbee throw, bean bag toss, water relay race and baseball and football throw. Game winners were Tommy Demert, Alan and Teresa Bardell, Lisa Weik, Eric Krout, Keven Zimmerman, Mark Duttera and Eddie Zim-quala. The women sorted brethren-donated used clothing, and leftover items will be given to a charity. Concluding the event, pastor Jim Rosenthal sliced and served 15 watermelons. *Deborah Lawver.*

A combined picnic and camp-out for the **HUNTSVILLE** and **FLORENCE**, Ala., churches took place July 10 and 11 at Elk River. A roasted bull and goat were featured at the potluck lunch, and activities included human wheelbarrow races, a three-legged race, softball-throwing and nail-pounding contests, balloon stumps, tug-of-war, swimming, boating and waterskiing. *Jan C. Old.*

KALAMAZOO, Mich., brethren had

their annual church picnic June 27 at Prairie View Park in Portage, Mich. Morning activities included softball, kickball, volleyball, tug-of-war, water balloon toss, races and children's games. After lunch 30 cakes entered in the cake-baking contest were judged before being auctioned. First prize went to Janet Thomas, with Nancy Williams runner-up. Dale Hari made the highest cake bid; total auction receipts were \$207, to be used for YOU Chicago museum field trips. *Al Smikle.*

Chicken, barbecued by **KITCHENER**, Ont., men, was featured at a church picnic June 27. The smorgasbord lunch followed lawn and table games, teenage volleyball and family baseball. After lunch the teens played touch football and soccer, while adults and children participated in volleyball. Children aged 6 to 12 played games organized by Irene Hayward and Ida Mallet, and Susan Mantle and Nola Marley entertained the younger children. In a balloon-throwing contest, the team of pastor Terry Johnson and his wife Liz defeated the team of Laura Roth and Fernando Amara, breaking a tie. A watermelon seed-spitting contest was won by Becky Faw. *Wendy Reis.*

The **LAKE OF THE OZARKS**, Mo., church had a garage sale July 4 and 5 at the Church-owned Feast site, along with a bake sale, a YOU concession stand and a YES lemonade stand. The combined efforts netted \$1,300. *Pat Dobson.*

About 150 **LEXINGTON**, Ky., brethren attended a church picnic July 11 at Shillito Park in Lexington. Activities included a softball game between YOU members and adults, horseshoes, volleyball and children's games. *Beth Jeffers.*

A variety concert was performed June 27 by **MELBOURNE**, Australia, churches at the Kew City Hall. YOU members sang an opening medley of Australian songs, followed by piano and vocal solos, a jazz band, comical skits, the youth choir, a barbershop quartet, a folk dance by children from the Melbourne North and South churches, and about 25 children from the Melbourne West church who sang and acted out "Old McDonald's Farm."

Bill Eddington was announcer, Bill Robinson produced the show and Wayne Garratt gave technical assistance. The concert's climax was a trilogy of songs performed by the Melbourne North choir and Lyn Souter. *Lorraine Alter.*

The **MERIDEN**, Conn., church's second *Plain Truth* picnic occurred July 10 at Hubbard Park. More than 120 brethren attended the barbecue and exchanged ideas for improving the local newstand program. *Karen George.*

A picnic followed Sabbath services July 17 for the **MONTPELIER**, Vt., church at the Plainfield, Vt., home of Nancy Perry. Featured at the outdoor potluck were barbecued hamburgers and steaks. *Audrey F. Cito.*

The **MONTREAL**, Que., **FRENCH NORTH** and **SOUTH** churches had a picnic July 4 at the Beaujeu Park. Recreation included volleyball, badminton and a softball game captained by Yves Benard and Francois Roy. A women's softball game showed newlywed Claire Dalmage's batting skills. The final ballgame, with ministers Donat Picard and Charles Mayer as pitchers, was won by Mr. Picard's team. Christine Roy was referee. *Jean Guy Gauthier.*

Corn on the cob and watermelon were popular at the annual **MONTVALE**, N.J., church picnic July 11, which occurred at a private picnic ground in Suffern, N.Y. Several softball and fami-



SCOTTISH PICNIC — A wagonload from SEP at Loch Lomond, Scotland, travel to an Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dundee, Scotland, church picnic at Rowadennan. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

ly games were played. *Mike Bedford.*

More than 500 brethren from the Davenport, Iowa City, Mason City, Waterloo, Ottumwa and Des Moines, Iowa, churches, attended an all-Iowa picnic July 11 in a **NEWTON**, Iowa, park. The lunch featured 270 pounds of beef prepared on a rotisserie. Softball, volleyball, water balloon toss, women's rolling pin toss, 50-yard dash for children, a steepchase, sack races, tug-of-war, Frisbee toss, lawn bowling, horseshoes and a dunk tank provided recreation. *Judy Rhodes.*

The **PALMER**, Alaska, church had a bake sale July 4 at the Wasilla Water Festival. Brenda Bauer organized the event, and baked goods were donated by members of the Women's Club, the Candles and Lace Homemaking Club, the Busy Betsy Club, as well as Anchorage, Alaska, church women. More than \$300 was raised. *Linda Orchard.*

July 16 to 18 **PASADENA**-area deaf brethren, interpreters and American Sign Language learners had a camp-out at Deer Flats in the San Gabriel mountains. Pasadena's Imperial church pastor Selmer Hegvold, worldwide deaf program director, gave a Bible study Sabbath morning to 37 brethren regarding child rearing. The afternoon sermon stressed the role of teachers in the Millennium. After sunset a program of skits and icebreakers took place around the camp fire. *April Waybright.*

QUINCY, Wash., brethren gathered July 4 at the home of associate pastor Gene Watkins and his wife Barbara for breakfast. At 11 a.m. the group viewed the Spokane, Wash., television broadcast of *The World Tomorrow*. In the afternoon men and children played soft-

ball, after which a fresh fruit salad and snacks were served. *Lorraine Leslie.*

The fourth anniversary of the Quincy church was celebrated July 10 with a luncheon for about 85 members and their families. Gerald Flurry is pastor. *Etta Hardiman.*

The annual bike hike for the **ROCHESTER**, N.Y., church took place July 11, with deacon Jack Beilstein leading the 60 hikers 14 miles. Traveling from Periton Park along the barge canal, a midway stop was made for ice cream, and a picnic lunch was eaten after the hike. *Jake Hannold.*

A garage sale was the **ROLLA**, Mo., activity June 27 at the home of Ron and Mary Ellen Marshall, at which the YOU members sold refreshments. About \$300 was raised. *Pat Dobson.*

Meramac Springs Park was the scene of the Rolla church annual picnic July 11, which featured chicken, barbecued by chef Don Crook and his crew. Terry and Sharon England led children's games in the afternoon. Others played softball, volleyball, basketball and horseshoes, took park and museum tours and engaged in water balloon combats and watermelon eating. *Pat Dobson and Aileen Wells.*

The **ROSWELL**, N.M., church had a picnic July 25 at Peppermint Park, with softball, volleyball, a visit to the zoo and rides on the park's carousel and train as activities. Lunch featured fried chicken and watermelon. *Julia Hancock.*

Twenty-three women and three men of the **RYDE** and **BLAXLAND**, Australia, churches had a meal July 7 at the home of Ann Allen following a Chinese cooking demonstration by Sydney member Lin Lui. She was presented a set of wine glasses in appreciation. *Ted Jay.*

The third annual **SALEM**, Ore., church picnic took place July 2 at Bush Park. Activities included women's and men's softball games, children's games, tug-of-war contests and a watermelon eating contest between the deacons and elders, won by pastor David Mills. Watermelon, provided by the church singles, was then served to all. Volleyball and fellowship rounded out the day. *Janice M. Young.*

About 225 **SAN LUIS OBISPO** and **SANTA BARBARA**, Calif., brethren combined for a picnic July 18 at the county park in Los Alamos, Calif. Winners of the men's and women's slow-pitch softball games were the Santa Barbara teams. Children who won races, relays and carnival booth games were allowed a chance to "reel in" a prize at the fish pond booth. *Betsy Stizler.*

A camp-out, using tents and campers, occurred July 9 to 11 for about 100 **SANTA BARBARA**, Calif., brethren at (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 9)



FARM FAMILY — Children of the Melbourne, Australia, West church sing and act out "Old McDonald's Farm" at a June 27 variety show. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Lorraine Alter]

CHURCH NEWS

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Kenny Grove Park near Fillmore, Calif. Pastor Les McColm gave a Friday night Bible study. Sabbath services were conducted in an open air amphitheater, and a YOU Bible study took place Sunday morning.

Organized activities included volleyball, YOU softball, Concentration, Bible baseball and a sing-along led by Mr. McColm and accompanied by guitarists Walter Whipkey and Charlie Newman. Camp guests were former pastor Al Kersha and his wife Suzann, now serving the Miami, Fla., church. *Joanne Christian.*

Breakfast in the park, an annual event, occurred July 18 for the SARNIA, Ont., church in Cantaterra Park, followed by children's games. *Iva Mae Grimes.*

Hosts for a SOUTHWEST-ENGLAND church barbecue July 10 were pastor John Jewell and his wife Tina at their home. Assisting with food preparation and serving drinks were Jeremy Rapson and Chris Hancock. Later, videotapes of two Spokesman Club meetings were shown. *Casey Jones.*

July 17 of the SUMMERSVILLE, W.Va., church had a potluck dinner following Sabbath services to welcome the new associate pastor, Marc Masterson, his wife Carolyn and two sons. Mr. Masterson will assist pastor Charles Crain. *Helen Woodcock.*

Chippewa Park was the site July 11 of the THUNDERBAY, Ont., church picnic. Emma Linke, Raymond Sobey, Carol Brown and Dolly Montgomery prepared pancakes, supervised by visiting chef John Stryker. A two-hour car rally was won by Chris and Emma Linke. Harry Sorvisto and Keith Koetter prepared the course. Rick Sluzar and Elroy Koetter supervised games for the children, who received prize ribbons made by Susan Boulard. Tag-of-war and volleyball games took place before lunch. The barbecue meal featured hamburgers and hot dogs, and five flavors of homemade ice cream made by Mrs. Linke. Joe Kasarda carved the watermelons, and a sing-along was led by Ted Kopachynski, Al Prochnau and Frank Kasowski. *Dolly Montgomery.*

The fourth annual Sabbath relaxer for the TRENTON, N.J., church took place after Sabbath services July 10 in a picnic grove at the home of minister Jim Stokes and his wife Grace. Guests were Hammon, N.J., brethren and nonmember mates. Picnic lunches were supplemented by snacks donated by Hammon member Ben Swieckic and by iced tea and lemonade supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Stokes. *James F. Stokes.*

WATERLOO, Iowa, brethren celebrated the church's 10th anniversary June 13 with beverages and an anniversary cake. Karl Beyersdorfer was the church's first pastor, and Keith Thomas currently serves. *Cindy Brown.*

Tom Tullis, associate pastor of the WICHITA, Kan., church, with his crew of chefs, barbecued hamburgers for 264 brethren at the church's picnic July 4 at the Eberly Farms recreation grounds. The main events were swimming, ball games and a "deacon dunk," in which persons were dunked in water when a baseball hit the target. *John M. Williams.*

About 640 WINNIPEG, Man., brethren gathered June 19 to hear evangelist Gerald Waterhouse at the Westwood Collegiate.

June 26, 37 members of the Winnipeg chorale traveled 120 miles, at the invitation of Brandon, Man., pastor Richard Wilkinson, to provide special music for Brandon's Sabbath services.

Grant Spong, visiting associate pastor of the Winchester, Va., Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., churches, gave the sermon. After services Brandon brethren provided lunch for the chorale.

A church picnic occurred June 27 for the Winniepee church at Bird's Hill Park. Dennis Dudeck and the young adults' group organized the pancake breakfast and activities. Races, soccer and baseball, as well as booths featuring darts, ball toss, hockey and golf, provided recreation. Eleven-year-old Linda Beckman received a trophy in a children's kite contest for her original turtle kite. Yuri Andrejowich, 6, was second; and Michael Suderman, 5, came in third. *Teri Cathro.*

CLUB MEETINGS

A Polynesian Princess Cruise was the

men's night theme of the BIG SANDY church's daytime Women's Club June 27. The evening Women's Club was host to the event in the Ambassador College Festival Administration Building, at which brethren ate Polynesian food, viewed Zoell Colburn's Hawaiian slide presentation and saw hula dances performed by YOU members. *Sandy Lind.*

The year-end Spokesman Club meeting for the BIRMINGHAM, England, church took place June 15 featuring ladies' night. After a roast beef dinner at the New Imperial Hotel in Birmingham, Ian Martin presented tabletopics. Toastmaster Jamie McNab introduced speakers Denis Peacock, Roland Jenks, Joel Gibbs and Gordon Eglon, after which all four men received graduation certificates from pastor Barry Bourne. *Tom Mahon and Roland Jenks.*

The BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Ladies' Clubs A and B met June 13 with hostesses Avis Jones and Natalie Meyers introducing the speakers. Club A speakers were Beretta Harding, Esther White, Bondette Daniel, Mayverne Hope and Elsie Foster. Club B speakers were Pauline Riley, Eunelle Blackett, Phyllis Webb, Valerie Millington and Lynette Licorish. The evening's theme was "The Virtuous Woman." Club B director Arnold Hampton gave the closing club evaluation.

Inaugurated April 25, the Barbados Graduate Spokesman Club met June 27 with Mr. Hampton as director. Dalton Husbands coordinated the session, Keith Lynch was moderator and Mr. Hampton made concluding remarks. *Clement Lowe.*

Ladies' night was carried out by the CHELMSFORD, England, Spokesman Club June 30 in the Rivenhall Motor Inn's dining room. Pastor Peter Shenton was director and David Head was president. David Adlington graduated this year. Steve Robson led tabletopics, and speeches were given by Graham Gibbs, John Gilbert, Alan Riley and Alan Hunnisset. A club check was given to Mr. Shenton to help with SEP travel costs. *David Head.*

The combined Lady Ambassadors Club for the CLARKSBURG, BELLE VERNON and WASHINGTON, Pa., churches met July 11 at Mount Morris, Pa. Pastor Dave Johnson spoke on the subject of menopause. Mary Ash was hostess, assisted by Linda Benzio. Associate pastor John Dobrich evaluated the topics session. *Jeanne Patton.*

June 26 the combined Spokesman Clubs of FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., and FLORENCE, S.C., had a gala at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton, N.C. Director Larry Greider gave the opening address to club members and women guests. Tabletopics and speeches followed, after which a dance took place, accompanied by snacks, dessert and a cash bar. *Charles B. Edwards.*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Women's Club members attended the starlight musical Annie July 11.

July 19 the Women's Club met at Leppert and Copeland. Pastor Vernon Hargrove opened the meeting with prayer and introduced George Dellinger, who used "God's Restaurant" as his topic. Luella Porter talked about using tofu in the diet, and Mr. Hargrove led a topics session about foods. Hostesses



LADIES' NIGHT — Maidstone, England, Spokesman Club members share an evening July 11 with their wives and dates. (See "Club Meetings," this page.)

were Mrs. Porter and Mary Wright. *Jayne Schumaker.*

The three JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Spokesman Clubs met together June 27 with the A Club as host. Toastmaster was Danny Smith; Alex Fardoules was toastmaster, introducing speakers Cliff Rabe, James Mbetsu, Eben Jacobs, Elias Ramano and Johann Grobler. Awards went to Mr. Ramano, the Most Effective Speaker; Mr. Grobler, the Most Improved Speaker; and Chris Khoury, the Most Helpful Evaluation. Adrian Botha, the A Club director, commented on the topics session, and C Club director Andre van Belkum gave the overall speech evaluation. Regional director Roy McCarthy spoke on the need for developing true masculinity. Curry and rice, prepared by Colin Earnshaw and Danny Smith, was served after the meeting. *Dan Greyling and Johann Grobler.*

The year-end meeting for the LAFAYETTE, La., Spokesman Club was combined with a graduation dinner July 11 at the Sirloin Stockade. T-bone and rib eye steaks were served to 36 club members, their wives and other guests. Club director Karl Beyersdorfer made opening comments, and toastmaster Walt Zenon introduced speaker Tim Todd. A film "Eye of the Beholder" was shown and discussed. Merit certificates were awarded to the club's first graduates: Floyd Adams, Randy King, Tyrone Miller, John Pearce Sr., Mr. Todd, Donald White and Mr. Zenon. The club presented Mr. Beyersdorfer a gift, after which a graduation picture was taken. *Walt Zenon.*

Eighty-five LONGVIEW, Tex., Ladies' Club members and guests had a Hawaiian luau July 11 at the home of Jack and Ann Elliott. Cocktails were followed by a Hawaiian dinner, after which Hank, Jean, Lee and Sue Berger led a sing-along. Marie Woods created the theme decorations. *Debbie Clark.*

Ladies' night was carried out July 11 by the MAIDSTONE, England, Spokesman Club at the Inn-on-the-Lake Hotel. After a chicken dinner, Vice President David Rowing led tabletopics, and Bob Gillett introduced five speakers. Graham Tarrent, a psychiatric nurse, received the Most Effective Speech

award for his talk "Hunger of Recognition." Other speeches were by Nigel and Stephen Bearman, who will attend Ambassador College this fall, and John Patch and Maurice Frohn. Pastor John Meakin evaluated the evening, after which guest director Paul Suckling made closing comments and presented graduation certificates to Mr. Frohn, Graham Goldfinch and Mr. Patch. *John Meakin.*

The RYDE, Australia, Spokesman Club had a ladies' night dinner June 22 at the newly formed WAUSAU, Wis., Women's Club July 10, with about 40 women present. Tabletopics were given by Joyce Wendt, Karen Buchler and Shirley Stevens. After intermission Mr. Strayer led a concluding study on organizing life and time. *Louise Doescher.*

Thirty-three WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Spokesman Club members and women guests took part in a ladies' night June 29 at the Burma Motor Lodge. Jeff Baker led tabletopics, and Sio Oui Shia introduced the speakers. Stewart Knowles and Mike McCartain shared the Most Helpful Evaluation cup. Quack Choi Voon was named the Most Improved Speaker and Ross Andrew delivered the Most Effective Speech.

Club director Lyall Johnston welcomed the women and made comments. A graduation certificate was presented to Mr. Baker, after which the book *Wild New Zealand* was given from the church to Mr. Baker and his wife Nancy, who have been in New Zealand for nine months and are returning to Pasadena. *Dennis Gordon.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

A cookout took place July 11 for the BALTIMORE, Md., Young at Heart group at the home of Matt and Alice Stewart. After a lunch that featured barbecued chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs, some of the members and guests played dominoes, pinocle and Aggravation. Then, introduced by pastor Thomas Oakley and directed by Andrew Jackson, the men entertained the women with a sing-along. *Regina McCoy.*

JOPLIN, Mo., 50-Plus Club members met after Sabbath services July 17 at Municipal Park in Carthage, Mo., for a potluck dinner. Ernest Graves asked God's blessing on the food, and club director Clem Hilgenberg spoke about two Psalms. *Lotha E. Hamilton.*

Panning for gold was the July 12 goal of 32 ROSEBURG, Ore., Young at Heart members and guests, who later had a picnic lunch and a Bible study conducted by pastor Leonard Schreiber. *Geraldine Nielsen.*

Senior citizens of the SAN DIEGO, Calif., church had a luncheon July 21 at Balboa Park as guests of the San Diego South church's Women's Club. Stella

Dwinnell arranged the event and Dee Dau was the food coordinator. *Susan Karoska.*

The SPRINGFIELD, Mo., 60-Plus Club met July 11 at the Aire-Master facility in Nixa, Mo. After the meeting, pastor George Mecker led a Bible study on the subject of the role of righteous angels today. Club director Jess McClain welcomed guests Essie Campbell of Kansas City, Mo., and Pat Abrahamson and Fern Groth of Springfield. A business meeting followed the midday potluck, after which Terri Stamper played three selections on a troubadour harp. At the close of the meeting the women signed a card to Fran Troutman, visiting in Portland, Ore., then flowers and food were taken to the home of ill member Sara Snively. *Polly Rose.*

A potluck picnic July 18 for the YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Ambassadors took place at the Darlington, Pa., home of Walter and Isabel Mohler. Slides provided by Matthew Dixon were shown of the Feast at Jerusalem, with Washington, D.C., pastor Richard Frankel as narrator on tape. *Libbye Kebrdle.*

SINGLES SCENE

CHICAGO, Ill., WEST singles were hosts July 10 to 80 singles from the four Chicago area churches for a Bible study and social. After the meal provided by the hosts, minister Harold Stocker of the Chicago Northwest church gave a slide presentation showing God's power in the universe and spoke on God's plan for mankind. *Arnold Jaro.*

The United Singles' Club of the CLEVELAND, Ohio, church was joined July 11 by singles from the Canton and Columbus, Ohio, churches on a 7-mile trip down the Tuscarawas River in nine canoes. Later the group of 19 shared a potluck lunch and tossed Frisbees. *George Antonov and Jeff Smith.*

In preparation for a singles' weekend camp-out DENVER, Colo., brethren worked many days on the 40-acre mountain property of Denver member Virginia Hildt. Denver deacon Mike Curless, a general contractor, directed workers who cleared trails, roads and campsites; built latrines, an outdoor covered kitchen, an amphitheater with fire pit and a shower with solar-heated water.

The Denver singles were hosts July 2 to 4 to about 120 Rocky Mountain region singles, who came from Washington, Iowa, Texas, California, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado. The group began the weekend with a Friday night Bible study, conducted by Denver minister Gerald Schnarrberger. Sabbath services July 3 were led by Denver pastor James Reyer. That night ministerial trainee Norm Myers and his wife Donna led a sing-along, accompanied by the Denver church band.

Other camp activities included a stargazing session, nature hike, 3-mile backpacking trip, lessons on rock climbing and rappelling and a lesson in mountain safety and survival skills led by Tom Sarazen. After the three camping ministers roasted several turkeys, the wrap-up event was a turkey dinner. *Barb Korthis.*

A Hawaiian luau took place July 10 for the GLENDALE and RESEDA, Calif., singles. Joe Costantino and John Silvera planned the event, at which Hawaiian foods were served and Hawaiian dancers entertained. The event was a turkey dinner. *Barb Korthis.*



SPEAKING OUT — Johannesburg, South Africa, Spokesman Club C secretary Elmar Robert comments during a June 27 topics session. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Chris Khoury]

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

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong announced that evangelist Leslie McCullough, senior pastor of the congregations in Cincinnati, Ohio, will assume the deputy chancellor post at Big Sandy Ambassador College.



LESLIE McCULLOUGH

Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of God's Work in Spanish-speaking areas and former deputy chancellor of the Texas campus, had "requested that he be freed to devote his entire time to that important [Spanish] phase of the Work," Mr. Armstrong wrote in the Aug. 6 *Pastor General's Report*.

In the same article, the pastor general announced that Donald Ward, Big Sandy dean of faculty, will teach classes during the 1982-83 academic year at the Pasadena campus, while Pasadena admissions director Richard Ames will transfer to the Big Sandy campus for the coming academic year.

According to Mr. Armstrong, evangelist Ronald Kelly, former dean of students for the Big Sandy campus, will teach classes at Pasadena Ambassador College and "serve with the editorial staff of *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*" during the 1982-83 academic year.

Larry Salyer, former pastor of the San Francisco, Calif., church, was named as dean of students for the Big Sandy campus.

Mr. Armstrong also named evangelist Burk McNair, former pastor of the Houston, Tex., West church, as full-time pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., congregations.

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PASADENA — Primarily be-

cause of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's June 20 semiannual letter, the Work's Mail Processing Center (MPC) received the highest weekend response on record July 24 and 25, according to Richard Rice, MPC director.

"We received 58,991 letters and cards," said Mr. Rice. "That's an 8 percent increase over another all-time weekend high tallied just one weekend before." That weekend 54,589 pieces of mail were received by the mail center.

Paul Shemet, who works in the mail receiving section of MPC, added that many *Plain Truth* renewal cards were mailed in July 24 and 25.

"The record response was a surprise because the summer months usually tend to be slower than normal," said Mr. Shemet.

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PASADENA — Baptisms in Australia brought membership past the 3,000 mark to 3,011, according to regional director Robert Morton who was here Aug. 3 to 7 for meetings.

He added that the Work in Australia was experiencing excellent success with the *Plain Truth* newsstand program there, placing the magazine in airports and magazine shops.

Australian members are affected by an economic recession. Members face home mortgages 60 Australian dollars to 100 Australian dollars a month higher than two years ago, Mr. Morton said.

In spite of economic difficulties, however, income year-to-date is up 16.1 percent, showing the members' high level of commitment to the Work Jesus Christ is doing through His apostle.

The first *World Tomorrow* television program aired July 19 in Sri Lanka on a "program by program basis," Mr. Morton said. This is because religious and political factors in Sri Lanka make it difficult for the program to be cleared through bureaucratic channels.

The first program was a special by Mr. Armstrong on the Middle East and brought unexpected reaction because of the crisis in Lebanon.

There is apparently a great deal of sympathy in Sri Lanka for the Pal-

estine Liberation Organization. About 7.2 percent of the population are Moslem.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following ordinations:

Ordained June 16 to the rank of preaching elder was Don T. Mears, pastor of the Kettle Falls, Wash., and Castlegar, B.C., churches.

Ordained local church elders on Pentecost were Martin L. Fannin of Dayton, Ohio, Paul Mastin of Pickering, Ont., and Tony Smith of Cleveland, Tenn.

Wayne Garratt of South Yarra, Australia, was ordained a local church elder June 5 by Robert Morton, regional director of the Work there. Mr. Garratt will serve the Melbourne, Australia, South church.

Ordained local elders in the employ of the Work July 13 were Malcolm R. Tofts of the Montreal, Que., English-speaking church, and Daniel J. Samson of the Fredericton, N.B., congregation.



AUGUST GRADUATES — Three Pasadena Ambassador College seniors were graduated in an Aug. 10 ceremony in the campus faculty lounge. Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair and William Stenger, registrar, presented the diplomas. From left: Eric Mohr, Allen Olson, Mr. McNair and Mario Hernandez. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

Readers respond to PT articles

PASADENA — Hundreds of copies of *The Plain Truth* containing the special report on worldwide drug and alcohol abuse were requested by professional agencies and individuals worldwide, report regional directors and *Plain Truth* circulation managers.

The special section appeared in the May issue, and in the June issue of some international editions.

"The special report was very well received in New Zealand," said Rex Morgan, circulation manager for *The Plain Truth* in New Zealand.

"A number of letters and phone calls have come in telling us how useful the report has been to people, particularly those involved in treatment of drug addicts," Mr. Morgan said.

One New Zealand hospital health officer wrote: "The May . . . *Plain Truth* has many articles on drugs and alcohol, which I found extremely interesting and would like to hand out at my talks . . . What I liked . . . was the stress put on the need for the spiritual content in understanding and treating the drug dependent."

A registered nurse and alcohol therapist from New Zealand requested extra copies of the May *PT*, adding, "It is one of the finest reports I have seen — and most use-

ful in my profession."

An elementary schoolteacher in the United States became aware of the issue when one of his students brought in a copy.

That teacher wrote: "I read them and shared them with the students. We had a most exciting and satisfying six days."

"A little later . . . I took . . . *The Plain Truth* to the local alcohol and drug abuse agency. They too were excited with the magazine . . ."

A former alcoholic living in an English abbey wrote the Church's office in Borehamwood, England: "You must be receiving hundreds of letters . . . because of this brilliant coverage, so may I please add my tiny voice to the cry for more . . . I should be very grateful if you could see your way to letting me have a couple of copies of that fantastic issue."

Johan Wilms, business manager for the Church's Office in Utrecht, Netherlands, said that professional institutions requested multiple copies of the issue.

One person from British Columbia wrote: "As one who has watched society keep sliding away from any desire to face the realities of drug use, I want to congratulate you on your May, 1982, issue." He closed

his letter with a request for extra copies of the issue.

Robert Morton, regional director of the Work in Australia, said, "This special report on drugs and alcohol was very well received down here in Australia."

"After an initial slow start on the [*Plain Truth*] newsstands because of the unrelated magazine cover, it proved nationwide to be our third most popular issue since we first began the newsstand program 18 months ago."

Continuing, he stated, "One small newsstand in Sydney, which normally moves around 200 magazines per month, had this many taken in one day."

One crisis counseling center official in Australia requested several extra copies, adding: "I have seen a copy . . . and must admit I was thoroughly impressed with its presentation and the articles contained therein."

The official asked for a year's subscription "to this unique news and human-interest magazine, which I understand is completely free."

A high school teacher asked for 25 copies, stating, "It contained much information on drugs and alcohol, which would be of invaluable help for my students."



PASADENA PROGRAM — Ministers and wives participating in the ninth session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program Aug. 9 to 19 take time out for a photo on the mall of the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center at Pasadena Ambassador College Aug. 12. Ministers and wives from England, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Bermuda, the Philippines and the United States took part in the session. [Photo by Scott Smith]

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