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World Tomorrow sets records on two consecutive weekends

PASADENA — Telephone response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast broke response records two consecutive weekends in February.

According to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC), the Pasadena and Big Sandy telephone response areas received 17,229 calls Feb. 9 and 10 in response to *What Are the Seven Laws of Success?*, and 15,992 calls Feb. 2 and 3 in response to the program *World Peace — Mankind's Ultimate Dilemma*.

Game preempts program

"The huge response [Feb. 9 and 10] came in spite of WOR, the major cable station, preempting the telecast for a hockey game," Mr. Rice said. "We estimate that had the program aired on WOR, we would have had an additional 1,000 responses from viewers."

The previous records were 15,836 calls Jan. 5 and 6 and 15,852 calls Jan. 12 and 13.

Literature offered on the record-breaking programs were the booklets *World Peace — How It Will Come, Human Nature — Did God Create It?, The Seven Laws of Success, The United States and Britain in Prophecy and the Plain Truth* magazine.

Mr. Rice noted that previously an average of two response records were set each year. This year, he said, the telephone response has set four new records in the first six weeks of 1985.

Response continues to trickle in from viewers who call later in the week, and Mr. Rice said that response to *What Are the Seven Laws of Success?* will probably top the 19,000 mark.

David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, said the telephone response area received an average of 90 calls from each television station Jan. 12 and 13, topping the record of 75 (see "Update," *WN*, Feb. 4).

"It will be very interesting to see the analysis of what we received in February," he said.

Contributing factor

Mr. Hulme said that in addition to the powerful messages Mr. Armstrong delivered, "the bad weather on those weekends probably played a significant part in promoting the high response."

With snow and subfreezing temperatures gripping most of the United States, "we simply had a larger 'captive audience' on Sunday [Jan 13]," Mr. Hulme said.

Mr. Rice commented that the world peace program was the first record-setting telecast that didn't have a prophecy theme or explain the meaning of pagan holidays such as Christmas and Easter.

"There were a lot of elements that contributed to the success of the Feb. 2 program," Mr. Hulme said.

"People who watched the program could see that with Mr. Armstrong, here was a man who dealt squarely with the real issues," Mr. Hulme continued. "And they watched him deliver it strongly to a

group of world leaders in Asia — that affects people."

Below are comments from people who viewed the telecast:

A viewer from Duluth, Minn., said: "I've never seen anything like it. This program has brought a new dimension to my life. I don't let anything keep me from watching his broadcasts!"

A viewer from Fort Meade, Md., said: "I think that *The World Tomorrow* is the most informative religious program on the air. It not only tells about God, but about the world too."

"I think it is a very good program for my children to watch, so they can learn about our God and have a better understanding of this world."



REFRESHING BREAK — Ministers and their wives on the 13th session of the third Ministerial Refreshing Program take a break from classes to go to lunch. At left is Roland Verlegh, a local church elder from Brussels, Belgium, and his wife, Christiane. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Work in 'best position ever'

Doors open in French regions

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — "The French phase of God's work is now in the best position that it has ever been to preach the true Gospel and achieve growth," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of God's Church in French-speaking areas.

Mr. Apartian listed "five doors that God has opened for His work," referring to Revelation 3:7-8, in an interview with *The Worldwide News* Feb. 7.

"First we have Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* on subtitled television on Radio-Television Luxembourg and in Monte Carlo," the evangelist explained.

"We also have good coverage in Canada, Europe and the West Indies of *Le Monde a Venir* [French *World Tomorrow*] on radio."

"We also have *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* in the French language, as well as numerous booklets and other literature in French," Mr. Apartian continued. "This pro-

vides a needed backup as people become more interested in God's truth."

Two advantages

The evangelist explained two reasons that foster growth that are not well known — increased biblical awareness and more religious tolerance.

"Back in the early 1960s when *La Pure Verite* was first published, people — especially French-speaking Europeans — didn't have a high awareness of the Bible."

"In areas where the Catholic Church was strong, people basically believed what their priests taught them. There was little question or awareness of whether something was true according to the Bible," he continued.

"Plus," Mr. Apartian said, "the Bible and Bible reference books were not readily available then for intensive study. Conversely, the English-speaking people have had a major blessing in that many good

translations and Bible study aids have long been available."

"Even French-speaking people who knew the Bible seemed uncomfortable and uneasy when someone started talking about or explaining the Bible."

"It wasn't until the '70s when the *TOB* [*Traduction Occuménique de la Bible*] translation came out, which is reasonably good," he continued.

Today, interest and awareness in the Bible is "much increased and people are generally more interested in the roots of their beliefs and biblical topics like prophecy," Mr. Apartian said.

Bible study aids are now more commonly available in French-speaking areas worldwide. "It used to be that if you walked into a French library and asked for a copy

Income for January rises 15.5 percent over 1984

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — After a 1.3 percent increase in income for December, January started off well with a 15.5 percent increase over the previous January.

Evangelist Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.

This is encouraging for the beginning of a new year and is several percentage points above projected income. As a result, the Church's bank balances have increased a little more than expected for the month. We hope and pray that this trend continues, or even improves. The reserves need to be higher, as I have mentioned several times.

We are watching departmental expenses carefully and are pleased to report that they were below budget for January. It is hoped that they will remain under budget throughout the year.

During the regional directors conference, most of the business managers from the regional offices also attended. On the last Friday of the meetings, Feb. 1, they, along with some of the regional directors, toured the Accounting, Personnel and Data Processing departments. They met some of the people they

regularly interface with by mail or phone. They also saw the other employees at work and observed data processing equipment in operation.

Afterward a seminar relating to business and financial subjects took place. Topics included banking, data processing, budgeting, accounting and auditing. We believe this information will enable all offices to function more uniformly and work together as a worldwide team.

During December, auditors from Arthur Andersen were on campus doing preliminary work on the 1984 audit. During January they were gone, but they have now returned to complete their work. Not only does this require the work of their staff from now through April, but also the full-time efforts of five employees in the general ledger section of the Accounting Department. Other employees here and in the regional offices will also do considerable work to complete this large annual task.

The auditors, in cooperation with Church employees, will produce several certified audits covering the Church, Ambassador College and the Ambassador Foundation, both for the United States and world-



REGIONAL DIRECTOR — Dibar Apartian, regional director of the Church in French-speaking areas, and his wife, Shirley, are pictured in the French Department in Pasadena. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Regional Directors Conference

A summary of reports from the 1985 Regional Directors Conference Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 appears on pages 6 and 7.

of the Bible or some Bible aids, they would look at you strangely and direct you to a seminary library," Mr. Apartian said. "It's not that way any more."

In the 1960s, religious tolerance was lower. "If you told your boss that you were going to keep the Sabbath, you might immediately lose your job or suffer in other ways," Mr. Apartian said.

"Today there is greater freedom and religious tolerance toward Sabbath keeping and getting off for the Holy Days. This makes it easier for someone who wants to obey God to do so."

Obstacles to growth

God's Church in French-speaking areas faces some difficulties in preaching the Gospel.

"French-speaking people may have unity in language, but they (See **FRENCH**, page 11)

Britain: 'dignified demise' to destruction

PASADENA — Can anything save the plunging pound?

In early January the once formidable British currency approached an almost unthinkable low — par value with the U.S. dollar. By mid-February it stood at about \$1.09.

Newspaper cartoonists in Britain have had a field day depicting the pound's plight. One drew a combination one-pound-one-dollar note depicting George Washington smiling and Queen Elizabeth II frowning.

Serious news commentators around the world attempted to put the steady slide of sterling into proper perspective.

"The world has got used to the decline of Britain," wrote Anthony Lewis of *The New York Times*. "What Americans and others from rich countries mostly do about Britain is cluck at its economic misfortune — and take advantage of it."

Mr. Lewis drew specific attention to the annual sale at Harrods department store in London, which this season drew an unprecedented number of American customers.

In Britain itself, a lead article (editorial) in *The Sunday Times* said that despite the economic upturn during the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher,

"we remain an inefficient, uncompetitive nation, afraid of new technology, uncomfortable with competition, short on business enterprise and management flair, long on appalling unions and still obsessed with class divisions which are the joke of the world . . ."

"Every so often the rest of the world takes stock of our nation and marks sterling down . . ."

Other news sources explained the psychological impact of a dollar-value pound. In the British tabloid *Daily Express*, columnist Jon Akass observed that "the one-dollar-pound would be a numbing blow at our self-esteem."

And in a front-page feature article, the *Los Angeles Times* observed that "the British pound was once as strong a national symbol as the queen or the Royal Navy . . ."

"On the eve of World War II, the pound was equivalent to \$4.68, and people who remember that find it difficult sometimes to get used to the new pound. [This] therefore is yet another reminder that Great Britain is not as 'Great' as it used to be."

And in *The Guardian*, political columnist Peter Jenkins pondered about the consequences of, as he

wrote, "a decade and a half of accelerated decline."

While still hoping for the chance of a miraculous national regeneration, Mr. Jenkins nevertheless feared "that the adaptation that

increasingly look to greater cooperation with neighboring states in continental Europe to acquire a new role in world affairs.

"Becoming European," however, has not been easy for either the Brit-

Britain in four would have voted at that time to stay in the EC.

While on an official visit to France in late November, Prime Minister Thatcher attempted to affirm that Britain was serious about its commitment to the European Community—at least as far as creating greater economic (not political) unity was concerned.

In a joint statement concluding their two-day summit Mrs. Thatcher and President Francois Mitterrand authorized detailed studies for the construction of a \$3.3 billion tunnel under the English Channel. They said that such a fixed link to Europe—possibly a twin-bore railway tunnel—was at last "technically feasible and financially possible." And, they might have added, politically marketable.

The idea of a channel tunnel (or a "Chunnel," as some call it) has been around since the days of Napoleon. In 1880, a French-English combine started digging. But work was (See BRITAIN, page 11)



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

would be required of us . . . will prove too great — and that, like Venice, success will consist in managing a long, civilized and dignified demise."

Salvation in Europe

The fall of the once-mighty pound coincides with Britain's planned divestiture of her remaining "chunklets" of Empire: Hong Kong and, very likely, Gibraltar (see "Worldwatch," Dec. 24).

With the Empire nearly gone and the country reduced to second-power status, Britain's leaders

ish or their new partners.

At the height of Britain's near rupture with the Community in early 1984 over the size of the British contribution to the EC budget, a Gallup poll showed that only one

The more this man talked and studied the Scriptures, the more he realized that this was a dimension of worship to God he had been neglecting.

David said, "Bless the Lord, O my soul" (Psalm 103:1). To bless the Lord means to praise Him for His blessings. The rest of Psalm 103 is a magnificent illustration of how to honor God; it's by recounting His attributes and goodness to us.

God's promises are backed by the honor of His name: "There are at least two promises of success in the Bible. In each case the formula is the same. To Joshua, God said that if he would meditate in the book of the law day and night and be careful to do all that is written in it, "For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (Joshua 1:8, Revised Authorized Version).

The same promise is given in Psalm 1 to those who meditate in the law of God day and night.

My friend came to realize he would have to readjust his thinking habits to meditate continually (or at least more often) in the Scriptures.

He determined to try this simple experiment and continue it whether it got results or not. That is, he was not looking for spiritual power, great answers to prayer or spectacular blessings. For a change, he hoped to honor God without asking, "What's in it for me?"

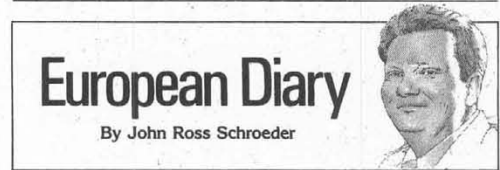
Perhaps you have guessed what happened to my friend. He kept his appointments, prepared sermons and did some writing — and everything became easier. Didn't Christ say that if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness that many other things would be added unto us? We must realize that time spent with God is not wasted!

Isaiah put it vividly: "But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31, RAV).

Isn't it time for many of us to return to basics?

If you are like my friend, you will not reach all of your physical goals. Face that fact. Don't live in a dream world. The one goal we must reach is to be kings and priests — teachers — in God's Kingdom! That goal is possible for you and me. Try it. You can't go wrong.

Look at your life. Analyze your priorities. You may not be accomplishing as much as you think you are!



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Spain: past and future

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Far out of proportion to its size, Spain, like many nations in Western Europe, has had an enormous impact on modern civilization.

The Spanish language dominates

most of Latin America, and even now threatens English in parts of the southwestern United States.

As a colonial power, Spain opened up Central and South America as well as what is now the southwestern and parts of the southeastern United States.

In the book *Bolton and the Spanish Borderlands* John Francis Bannon wrote: "The Spaniards had been in New Mexico almost 10 years before there was a Jamestown. They had been in Florida and had extended along the Georgia coast even before their fellows in the West had gone north to settle on the upper reaches of the Rio Grande" (page 5).

Iberian isolation was doubly compounded by civil war victor Francisco Franco's previously friendly relations with Nazi Germany. Spain was excluded from membership in the United Nations in 1945.

In his history of Spain, George Hills wrote: "In February 1945 at the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations, the Mexican gov- (See SPAIN, page 11)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Sri Lankan luncheon

The list of people invited to the luncheon given in Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong's honor (W/N, Dec. 24) looked like a Who's Who in Sri Lankan politics. It's inspiring to see the high esteem and favour that God has granted His Apostle in the eyes of top leaders of the Eastern countries.

Steve Munien
Johannesburg, South Africa

Appreciates Worldwide News

We pray for you [Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong] continually. I've just read the last *Worldwide News* from cover to cover in about 4 hours. It gave me a beautiful picture of what the church is doing.

Gary E. Kreger
Kingston, Pa.

From Plain Truth readers

As a former member of [the Dutch] parliament and as chairman of several foundations I want to express my appreciation and thanks for what you and your staff are doing for society. Your magazine [The Plain Truth] is brilliant. Surely, you are a giver to the people.

Kl. Beuker
Hoogwood, Netherlands

I happened to take along the November/December copy of *Plain Truth* (picked up at the Strand junction of the Aldwych) to a meeting of the London Society of Jews and Christians . . . and was reading it before the meeting started.

I came to the article on the Sabbath and suddenly realized that the huge heading "Why Churches Observe Sunday" could be read by those around. I was embarrassed because I had no desire to be provocative. However, I carried on reading, as I try to look for truth behind whatever is sincerely presented (I am neither Jew nor Christian).

After the meeting, a girl (who had been sitting some considerable distance from me) spoke to me about what I was reading. I had a long talk with her and eventually gave her my copy of *Plain Truth* as I can so easily pick up another. I am writing to you because I can sincerely (See LETTERS, page 9)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

A return to basics

A longtime friend came to me with a problem. For years he had visualized himself a success, but now his dreams seemed far from fulfilled. As he put it: "I'm 45. I thought I would have it made by now, but what happened?"

He had passed his prime without the achievement he wanted. Looking back, he realizes that he will never be the person he visualized in his youth. As he explained, "It's like patiently following a rainbow, only to discover that there is no pot of gold at the end!" He has had to accept his limitations and realistically reevaluate his gifts and talents.

He was not complaining. He's been able to attend college, teach students, speak from time to time and do some writing. But his day-dreams of being a smashing success in everything were unrealistic. Most of them will not come to be.

Perhaps this is the way it should be, I told him. Maybe God has been trying to teach him that we don't have to do everything we planned to do; we don't have to reach all of our goals in order to qualify for "success" in God's eyes.

Often when we are striving to reach our goals (even valid ones) God breaks into our life and reorganizes our priorities. Soon we learn that God's notion of success may differ from ours.

Let me explain. My friend was busy accomplishing his goals, earning degrees, preaching, teaching and writing. He was so busy that he scarcely had time to ask God to rubber-stamp his plans.

Of course, theoretically, he wanted to do all these things only for God. But something was wrong. He was in a holding pattern. It reminded me of a sign I once saw on a desk that read, "You may not be accomplishing as much as you think you are."

My friend was being forced to reevaluate his priorities. What did God want him to do on earth? What was He seeking? Educated Christians? "Successful" speakers?

Powerful writers? No.

At least, these are not No. 1 on God's list. God is looking for converted, obedient, loyal followers. He is looking for men and women who know Him. Obviously, the physical activities we do for God are secondary.

Above all else, God is looking for people who long for communication with Him. That's why the apostle Paul said that he counted everything but dung that he might know Christ (Philippians 3:8-10).

Paul's single passion was to know God's ways. He didn't want anything, even his prized achievements, to distract him from his goal.

As my friend and I talked, it became evident that the first practical problem was his use of time. While in theory he had always put God first, no one would have guessed it by looking at his schedule. The spare moments he used for contact with God were wedged between other deadlines. Now some adjustment was necessary.

He began by blocking out 45 minutes each day for one purpose, to know and give God thanks. He told me he had decided it wouldn't even matter whether God would answer his prayers, because he had cut his requests to a minimum. Those few minutes were not for him, they were for God.

How do we begin to honor the Almighty? My friend took his cue from Psalm 50:23: "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God."

In the New Testament, it is put this way: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thessalonians 5:18).

Throughout the Bible are scores of direct references to praising God. My friend began to thank God for His attributes. Then to recount all the blessings that God gives — to thank Him for excellent health, his family, even his schedule and his irritations. In short, he began to thank Him for everything.

Church announces Festival sites in 49 nations around the world

PASADENA — About 49 countries will be hosts for one or more Feast of Tabernacles sites this year, offering a multitude of cultures and surroundings, according to Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator.

Feastgoers can transfer to another country to experience the Festival with brethren of varying social and economic backgrounds, but with the same Spirit of God providing unity, Mr. McCulley said.

Sites planned for 1985 are listed below, with addresses and instructions on whom to contact. Services will be conducted in English unless otherwise noted.

Festival sign-up

For those living in the United States and Canada, sign-up and transfer procedures to sites (in the United States and Canada) will be the same as in previous years. A list will be sent to each church area in April. You should do nothing in advance of this.

Those living outside the United States and Canada wishing to attend a U.S. site, should write to the address below giving their names, ages of children, mailing address and site they wish to attend.

Festival Office
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

United States

- Anchorage, Alaska
- Big Sandy
- Biloxi, Miss.
- Corpus Christi, Tex.
- Dayton, Ohio
- Eugene, Ore.
- Jekyll Island, Ga.
- Johnson City, Tenn.
- Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii
- Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.
- Mount Pocono, Pa.
- Norfolk, Va.
- Pasadena
- Pensacola, Fla.
- Rapid City, S.D.
- Sacramento, Calif.
- St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Spokane, Wash.
- Tucson, Ariz.
- Vail, Colo.
- Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Canada

Those living outside the United States and Canada wishing to attend an English-language Canadian site should write to the address below and include their names, address, ages of children and site they wish to attend.

Festival Office
Box 44, Station A
Vancouver, B.C., V6C 2M2
Canada

- Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- Penticton, B.C.
- Regina, Sask.
- Victoria, B.C.

Write immediately

To attend any of the following sites write immediately to the addresses listed. Do not wait until lists are sent to your church area.

- Hull, Que. (French with English translations)

Donat Picard
114 Pependennis Dr.
Pointe Claire, Que.,
H9R 1H6
Canada

Caribbean

- Nassau, Bahamas
- Ocho Rios, Jamaica
- Christ Church, Barbados
- Castries, St. Lucia
- Crown Point, Tobago

- Georgetown, Guyana
- Roseau, Dominica (no transfers)

Those in the United States and Canada, write:

Festival Office
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Those outside the United States and Canada, write:

Festival Office
GPO Box 6063
San Juan, Puerto Rico,
00936

- St. Francois, Guadeloupe
- Jacmel, Haiti
- Tartane, Martinique (translation from French into English possibly available at these three sites)

French Department
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129
U.S.A.

Europe

- Southport, England
- Tenby, Wales
- Dunoon, Scotland
- St. Helier, Jersey
- Kenmare, Ireland
- Bredsten, Denmark
- Fuggi, Italy

Those in the United States and Canada, write:

Festival Office
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Those outside the United States and Canada, write:

Festival Office
Box 111
Borehamwood
Herts WD6 1LU
England

- Hooegeveen, Netherlands (in Dutch with English translations)

Festival Office
Ambassador College
Postbus 444
3430 AK Nieuwegein
The Netherlands

- Bordeaux region, France (site to be determined, in French with English translations)

French Department
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129
U.S.A.

- Bonndorf, West Germany (in German with English translations)
- Brno, Czechoslovakia (alternate between English with translations into German, and German with translations into English)
- Crakow, Poland (services in English, no translations)

Those in the United States and Canada, write:

Festival Office
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Those outside the United States and Canada, write:

Festival Office
Poppelsdorfer Allee 53
D-5300 Bonn 1
West Germany

- Cullera, Spain (in Spanish, no translations)

Spanish Department
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129
U.S.A.

Middle East

- Jerusalem, Israel

Festival Office
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129
U.S.A.

Africa

- Accra, Ghana

Joseph Forson
Box 9617
Kotoka International
Airport
Accra, Ghana

- Kano, Nigeria

Lateef Edalere
PMB 21006
Ikeja
Lagos State
Nigeria

- Naro Moru, Kenya
- Tororo, Uganda
- Cape Maclear, Malawi

Owen Willis
Box 47135
Nairobi, Kenya

- Livingstone, Zambia
- Durban, South Africa
- George, South Africa
- Grand Baie, Mauritius
- Mutare, Zimbabwe

Roy McCarthy
Box 5644
Cape Town, South Africa

Asia

- India (site not yet determined)
- Sri Lanka (site not yet determined)
- Penang, Malaysia
- Kha In, Burma (services in Burmese, no transfers)

Festival Office
Box 202
Burleigh Heads
Qld. 4220
Australia

- Nanjing, China

Festival Office
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129
U.S.A.

Australia

- Caloundra
- Gold Coast
- Hobart
- Merimbula
- Perth
- Ulladulla
- Warrnambool

Festival Office
Box 202
Burleigh Heads
Qld. 4220
Australia

New Zealand and South Pacific

- Rotorua, New Zealand
- Pacific Harbour, Fiji
- Mua, Tonga (services in Tongan, no transfers)

Festival Office
Box 2709
Auckland 1
New Zealand

- Honiara, Solomon Islands

Festival Office
Box 202
Burleigh Heads
Qld. 4220
Australia

Philippines

- Baguio
- Naga (transfers not recommended)
- Cagayan de Oro (transfers not recommended)

Worldwide Church of God
Box 1111
Makati Central Post Office
Metro Manila 3117
Philippines

Central and South America

- Acapulco, Mexico (in Spanish, with English translations)

Services at the following sites will be in Spanish, with no translations:

- Monte Hermoso, Argentina
- El Tabito, Chile
- Melgar, Colombia
- Huaraz, Peru
- Guatemala (site not yet determined)
- San Jose, Costa Rica

Spanish Department
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129
U.S.A.

Letter of Thanks

To all members worldwide, ministers, faculty, employees and students of the Ambassador colleges:

Since Mr. Dwight Armstrong passed away on Nov. 17, 1984, our daughter and I have received many kind and loving letters and cards from many of you expressing your heart(felt) sympathy and understanding. Also, once again you have expressed your genuine appreciation of Mr. Dwight Armstrong's 43 years of deep dedication to composing the hymns now sung worldwide.

As Mr. Dwight Armstrong's widow, may I thank you from my heart for this love of God you have so demonstrated. I am truly encouraged to live on by the Lord's words of comfort and encouragement you have sent to me, and as well to our daughter, Deborah, who deeply feels the loss of her father.

Yet, by His grace we will endure through all the trials He sends our way to perfect us. And we do not grieve as those having no expectation, but instead we say, "Goodnight dear one" until we shall be united in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours by grace,
Karen (Mrs. Dwight) Armstrong

French-language sites named

The area features Peace Tower on Parliament Hill, the Canadian National Arts Centre and six national museums.

Simultaneous English translations are provided at services. Many brethren and area residents are bilingual.

Services will take place in a new convention complex. Quality hotels are reserved, with room prices at a four-star hotel running between \$29 and \$50 a day.

For applications and information, write to Donat Picard, 114 Pependennis Dr., Pointe-Claire, Que., Canada, H9R 1H6.

Guadeloupe and Martinique

Those looking for a bit of adventure in the Caribbean may choose between St. Francois, Guadeloupe, and Tartane, Martinique.

The Feast on both islands takes place at a family vacation village. Both sites are on the coast and feature aqua-blue seas and plenty of sunshine.

Feastgoers lodge in beach cabins, most of which are equipped with a stove, refrigerator, dishes and pots and air conditioning. Lodgings are clean and pleasant, but not luxurious.

Many area restaurants feature Creole and French food. Attractions include volcanoes, isolated beaches and smaller offshore islands.

Services are in French, but English translations can be arranged on a personal, informal basis.

Lodging and meals are \$25 a day for adults.

For information and applications for Guadeloupe, write to Gilbert Carbonnel, Le Monde a Venir, B.P. 418, 97163 Pointe-a-Pitre Cedex, Guadeloupe, West Indies.

For Martinique, write to Erick Dubois, Le Monde a Venir, B.P. 710, 97207 Fort-de-France Cedex, Martinique, West Indies.

Haiti

The Feast site in Jacmel, Haiti, welcomes a small number of transfers. Services and accommodations will be at La Jacmelienne Beach Hotel, an American-owned and operated hotel.

Jacmel is built on two levels of a hillside overlooking the Caribbean and a coconut-fringed, volcanic black sand beach. The town's architecture features colonial-style gingerbread buildings.

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Local church elder
Rapid City, S.D.



Bernard & Colette Audoin
Church pastor
Bordeaux and Narbonne, France



Leonard & Fern Ballard
Local church elder
Soldotna, Alaska



Yvon & Angele Brochu
Church pastor
Sherbrooke, Que. French



Gilbert & Gisèle Carbonnel
Church pastor
Pointe-à-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe



Jean & Anne Marie Carion
Church pastor
Brussels and Liege, Belgium, and Lille, France



Olivier & Susan Carion
Church pastor
Strasbourg, St. Avoird and Mulhouse, France



Erick & Therese Dubois
Church pastor
Fort-de-France, Martinique



James & Claire Duke
Associate pastor
Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex.



Donald & Colleen Erickson
Local church elder
Minneapolis, Minn., South



Dean & Jayne Fertig
Local church elder
Casper, Wyo.



Anthony Gallagher
Ministerial trainee
Paris, France



Michael & Brenda Germano
Assistant pastor
San Bernardino and Banning, Calif.



Carl Hoffman
Local church elder
Cape Girardeau, Mo.



Bernard & Sue Hongerfoot
Local elder
Pasadena Auditorium P.M.



William & Elaine Jacobs
Church pastor
Erie and Franklin, Pa.



Dennis & Karen Johnson
Church pastor
El Paso, Tex., and Las Cruces, N.M.



Roger & Emily Kendall
Local church elder
Montpelier, Vt.



John & Anne-Marie Kennedy
Assistant pastor
Pasadena Auditorium P.M.



Samuel & Marilyn Kneller
Church pastor
Paris, France



Gerald Knochel
Local church elder
Peoria, Ill.



Oleh & Diane Kubik
Local church elder
St. Paul, Minn.



Bruno & Rita Leclerc
Church pastor
Val d'Or, Que. French



Mark & Michelle Mickelson
Ministerial trainee
Pasadena Auditorium P.M.



James & Odile Muir
Church pastor
Lyon and Marseille, France



James Sr. & Catherine Nickelsen
Local church elder
Toledo, Ohio



Gary Nielander
Local church elder
Columbus, Ind.



Ants & Patricia Norm
Local church elder
Buffalo, N.Y., North



Donat & Monique Picard
Church pastor
Montreal, Que., North and South French



Ernest & Carol Prociw
Local church elder
Kingman, Ariz.



Kenneth & Jean Pulliam
Local church elder
Cincinnati, Ohio, South



Cyrille Richard
Assistant pastor
Montreal, Que., South French



Randy & Kay Schreiber
Church pastor
Twin Falls and Blackfoot, Idaho



Robert & Eloise Scott
Church pastor
Quebec City French and Trois Rivieres, Que.



Harold & Susan Smith
Church pastor
Mount Vernon and Belleville, Ill.



Michael & Sandra Swagerty
Church pastor
Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest



Terry & Gayle Swagerty
Church pastor
Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.



Eric & Edna Vautour
Local church elder
Moncton, N.B.



Rejean & Joan Vautour
Associate pastor
Montreal, Que., North French



Roland & Christiane Verlegh
Local church elder
Brussels, Belgium



Gene & Barbara Watkins
Associate pastor
Quincy, Pasco, Tonasket and Yakima, Wash.



Jack & Wilma Williams
Assistant pastor
Bend, Ore.



Neil & Barbara Wolcott
Local church elder
Sheridan, Wyo.



Charles & Joy Zimmerman
Church pastor
Fort Collins, Colo., Wheatland, Wyo., and Scottsbluff, Neb.



Clint Zimmerman
Church pastor
Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo.

Not pictured:
Paula Hoffman
Phyllis Knochel
Elizabeth Nielander
Bertha Zimmerman

Unemployment No. 1 problem confronting Quebec brethren

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — Five years ago French Canadians in Quebec were concerned with political independence.

"But today people are more worried about economic problems than politics," according to Bruno Leclerc, pastor of the Val d'Or, Que., church.

Mr. Leclerc said a poll by *La Presse*, a Montreal, Que., newspaper, showed that 70 percent of the population doesn't want to hear about secession.

About 85 percent of French Canadians live in the province of Quebec, which is 2½ times the size of France. At Val d'Or, 327 miles north of Montreal, the second-largest city in Canada, 49 French-speaking brethren attend biweekly Sabbath services.

Many brethren work in gold mines and forestry, some traveling as far as 150 miles to work. Most families are dedicated . . . "and very warm," said Mr. Leclerc's wife, Rita.

When brethren were asked to write a member in Clova, Que., about 250 miles from any Church member, he received more than 100 letters.

Unemployment, the biggest problem facing brethren, hovered at 14 percent in Quebec in 1983. "The mines are closing because of plummeting gold prices, and the paper industry is going down because there are almost no trees left," said Mr. Leclerc.

Many brethren, some with as many as five children, live at poverty level, he added, with salaries averaging about \$12,000 (Canadian), less

than U.S. \$9,000.

Because of the distances brethren must travel, a typical weekend might include morning Sabbath services, a potluck, afternoon Bible study, evening Spokesman Club and Sunday morning Youth Opportunities United (YOU) meeting.

Mr. Leclerc often spends the rest of Sunday visiting brethren before returning to his home in Montreal, where he assists Donat Picard in the Montreal North and South French-speaking churches.

Raging unemployment

The battle against unemployment becomes knottier farther south in Quebec, below the St. Lawrence River, where Yvon Brochu pastors the Sherbrooke church, with his wife, Angele.

Brethren work in occupations ranging from factory workers to shoemakers and barbers and do not have problems with the Sabbath.

But of the 60 who attend weekly Sabbath services in Sherbrooke, about 50 percent of the men are unemployed. "When their unemployment insurance runs out, some are eligible for welfare," said Mr. Brochu, a former member of the Quebec National Assembly.

Quebec residents here, too, are more concerned with their personal economic affairs than with politics, noted Mr. Brochu. "Their No. 1 problem is unemployment, and they work on it," he said. "In Spokesman Club a few weeks ago, I asked members to fast so God would intervene on their behalf.

"All the club was willing to do that," he continued. "And things

began to change. God intervened, and . . . one man was hired by a portable garage manufacturing company." Now his job may open the door for others in the Church, he said, "and there are no problems with the Sabbath or Holy Days."

When facing unemployment, brethren are encouraged by Mr. Brochu to "get together, ask God for help and then do . . . all they can to find work, knock on every door and let God work after that."

The World Tomorrow with Herbert W. Armstrong reaches into Quebec Sunday mornings, but without French subtitles. "We need subtitles," said Mr. Brochu.

Le Monde a Venir (French *World Tomorrow*) by evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director of God's Church in French-speaking areas, airs on radio every Sunday.

(See QUEBEC, page 11)



PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS? — Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South French churches, takes his turn translating a Ministerial Refreshing Program lecture into French. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Baptisms up in France, Belgium

Europe responds to the Gospel

By Michael A. Snyder and Sandi Borax

PASADENA — The 15 French-speaking churches in Europe, in France, Belgium and Switzerland, are served by six full-time ministers and three local church elders.

Samuel Kneller pastors the Paris, France, church where 220 attend on the average.

Since the 1984 Feast, Mr. Kneller invited to services about 20 who

attended public Bible studies he conducted.

The churches in Angers, with an attendance of 40 to 45, and Rouen, which averages 40, are pastored by Jacques LeHouedec and Gerard Claude, local church elders. Services in each town are conducted every second week.

Bernard Audoin pastors the Bordeaux and Narbonne churches in southwestern France, where about 66 members attend. Six new people began attending in the past year, and two members were added in that time.

He added: "The majority of the members . . . have no other family members attending. In Bordeaux we have a few women who've been called, but not their husbands."

Southwestern France is the home of some of the finest vineyards in the world. Mr. Audoin said: "The Feast occurs right during the harvest time . . . It's a little hard on some of the women who need to leave for the Feast at this time."

James Muir pastors the Lyon and Marseille churches in southern France. The average attendance in Lyon is more than 50, Mr. Muir said. "We have a nucleus of members in Lyon," he explained. "About 15 to 20 others can only come every fortnight or less often."

The Marseille church meets once every two months, and attendance is just less than 20.

Olivier Carion pastors the Strasbourg, St. Avoird and Mulhouse churches in eastern France with attendance of about 150.

Mr. Carion told *The Worldwide News* that baptisms in the churches are up, mainly because of *The World Tomorrow* with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong airing on Radio-Television Luxembourg. He said that many "watch Mr. Armstrong for several months before requesting a visit from a minister."

Belgium and Switzerland

Jean Carion, his father, pastors the Brussels and Liege, Belgium, and Lille, France, churches with a combined attendance of 200.

The senior Mr. Carion said visit requests are "up sharply. In one five-week period last year I received 50 requests for a visit from a minister."

Bernard Andrist pastors the French-speaking Swiss churches in Geneva and Neuchatel, with 63 members and about 105 in attendance.

Last year Mr. Apartian conducted five public Bible lectures in Switzerland, which were well-received.

Mr. Andrist showed videos of the subtitled telecast in hotels in seven cities in Switzerland. "If people see the broadcast, then they see what the work is about, that it's more than a little office in Geneva."

The Swiss feel they have everything they need, Mr. Andrist said. "It's not that they feel they don't need God; they feel as though they have God already, too — Protestant gods, Catholic gods," he said. "They don't think they need to change."

Media coverage

The expansion of Tele-Monte-Carlo to include such major cities as Toulon and Marseille, brought in "double the viewing audience, and a response that's much more than double," according to Mr. Muir. He added, though, that the telecast's airing time could be better.

La Pure Verite, French-language Plain Truth, subscriptions are "up dramatically since Mr. Armstrong's telecast on [Radio Television Luxembourg (RTL)] began," said Jean Carion. The station airs the telecast Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 12:30 a.m. It is cabled throughout Belgium, and reaches parts of northern France.

The younger Mr. Carion commented: "We receive letters commenting on how Mr. Armstrong's voice conveys warmth and friendliness — people know we have a different message, and they appreciate Mr. Armstrong's sincerity."

The World Tomorrow in French, featuring Dibar Apartian, can be heard throughout France.

Newsstand programs are expensive to use in Europe, and card holders are not always well-served.

"We have some difficulties placing the card holders in the south," said Mr. Audoin. "Store owners don't want to be catalogued by the literature they display in their stores." He said they have been successful in putting card holders in libraries.

Mr. Kneller said, "There's much more of a hesitation there to accept anything that's free," adding that the French "tend to be suspicious of anything foreign."

"We have a lot of subscribers who don't renew, but we find that it seems the 'milk' leaves, but the 'cream' remains," said Jean Carion, referring to the high quality of the (See EUROPE, page 12)

Members 'strong, positive' in Caribbean

Ministers report on Caribbean

By Kerri Miles and Wendy Styer

PASADENA — Eighty-five percent of Guadeloupe receives the French-language *World Tomorrow* broadcast (*Le Monde a Venir*) with evangelist Dibar Apartian, said Gilbert Carbonnel, pastor of the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, churches.

"Mr. Apartian is very popular in

the French Caribbean," said Erick Dubois, pastor of the Fort-de-France, Martinique, church. Taxi drivers and hotel or restaurant workers recognize his voice when he talks to them in person when he visits the Caribbean. The program is broadcast there five days a week.

In Haiti the broadcast can be heard on four stations, according to Jean-Pierre Jove, a deacon in the

Port-au-Prince, Haiti, church. Mr. Jove is the manager of an office the Church operates there.

The men attended the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena Feb. 6 to 19.

Guadeloupe

About 175 attend services in Guadeloupe. Of these 67 are baptized. "To get to church, most members must rely on public transportation. Traveling 30 miles is an adventure, a long distance . . . After 7 p.m., it is very difficult to find transportation," said Mr. Carbonnel.

"Because God has blessed us, most members have jobs," said Mr. Carbonnel. The brethren are mainly farmers, although a few work for the government and others are specialized workers.

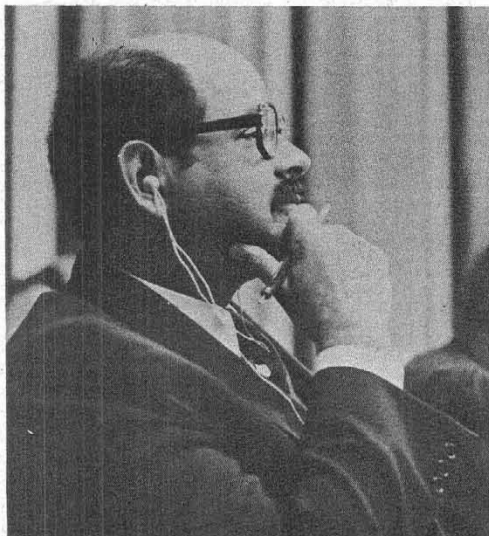
Unemployment has its biggest effect on the youths. "Many young people come out of school to face unemployment. This causes them to listen to the movement for independence," Mr. Carbonnel said.

"Since the standard of living on the island is one of the best after Puerto Rico, the older generation doesn't want to take the risk of independence, but the young people are vulnerable to revolutionary doctrine.

The membership of the Church in Guadeloupe comes from the magazine, the broadcast and word of mouth.

Catholicism and other religions are prevalent on the island according to Mr. Carbonnel, and people are "getting more and more irritated by our kind of religion."

In spite of this and the unrest created by the movement for independence, "members are positive (See MINISTERS, page 11)



FRENCH-SPEAKING MINISTERS — Gilbert Carbonnel, pastor of the Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, church, listens to translation. French-speaking ministers from seven countries attended this session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program, Feb. 6 to 19. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Unity within God's government at conference

Following are summaries of reports the regional directors gave in Pasadena during the regional directors conference Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.

Australia and Asia

"In Australia," said Robert Morton, regional director, "if you look at the population distribution, 95 percent of Australians can tune in to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's program if they choose to do so."

The regional director said that research conducted by the Church shows "about 2 percent actually do" watch the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

He explained that more don't regularly watch because "Australia tends to be a very irreligious country. Most of the people who live there feel that religion really plays no part in their life, and should play no part in their life."

"At the same time," he continued, "we find the television program very effective in educating *Plain Truth* subscribers."

Describing circulation growth in Australia, Mr. Morton said that *Plain Truth* subscriptions for 1984 topped the 100,000 mark, "which is the largest circulation list we've ever had in Australia. The newsstand list was 150,000."

The most effective print-media advertisement for *The Plain Truth* was a full-color ad with the headline "Why Do Over 20 Million People Read This Magazine?" that appeared in major women's magazines and the Australian edition of *Time*.

The *Plain Truth* newsstand program is also "one of our most effective ways" to increase circulation, Mr. Morton said. Twenty-one members have been baptized after first reading God's truth from a newsstand *Plain Truth* since the program started 3½ years ago.

Children of members are the largest single group of baptisms from 1981 to 1984. "By far the largest source of those we baptize have come into contact with God's Church through personal contact with someone they either know or are related to. And I think that attests to the fact that members are living God's way of life and setting a very, very fine example," Mr. Morton said.

"The main means of preaching the Gospel in Asia... have been Mr. Armstrong's visits up there," Mr. Morton said. "We do supplement those with a certain amount of advertising in some countries" and mail out *The Plain Truth* to those who respond.

Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo and Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, churches, received about 50 telephone calls from people who attended Mr. Armstrong's *Plain Truth* lecture in Colombo Nov. 24. Fifteen were visits requests. One person attends Sabbath services because of the lecture.

The four major religions in the area in Asia served by the Church office are Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity, which is a minority religion.

"The work in Asia, of course, could grow very rapidly," he continued. "Overnight you could have a million subscribers in India..."

In order to keep within budget and maintain a quality reading audience, the regional office regularly sends out renewal letters to Asia. "The type of subscriber we have is a very high quality subscriber," Mr. Morton said. "They're not people who paper their walls with *The Plain Truth* by any means at all."



PASADENA CONFERENCE — Regional directors and their wives who attended the regional directors conference Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 are (front row, from left): Robert and Sandra Morton, Dibar and Shirley Apartian, Joseph Tkach Sr. (director of Ministerial Services in Pasadena), Geertruida and Bram de Bree, Margaret and Colin Adair; (second row) Roy and Tine McCarthy, Guy and Helen Ames, Frank and Sharon Brown, Frank and Esther Schnee; (last row) Carn and Joyce Catherwood, Stan and Millicent Bass, Leon and Reba Walker, and Karen and Peter Nathan. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Canada

Despite a weak economy God's Church in Canada prospered in 1984, with a 14 percent increase in funds over 1983.

Mr. Adair said that direct mail is the most effective means for reaching new people with God's truth in Canada. Newspaper inserts provide the second highest response.

During 1984 the Church canceled the *World Tomorrow* broadcast on all radio stations except the CKO national network and some smaller stations that pull high responses.

Mr. Adair explained that Canadians living near the United States border can view the *World Tomorrow* telecast from stations airing the program in the United States.

Canadians responding to the *World Tomorrow* telecast are not as likely as people in the United States to use the national Canadian Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines, Mr. Adair said. More than 15,000 calls were received in 1984, a 15.5 percent increase over 1983.

The Canadian Regional Office in Vancouver handles English literature requests and requests for French-language publications.

Mr. Adair said the most-requested English language booklet was *The Seven Laws of Success*, followed by *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. The most-requested French-language booklet was *Are We Living in the Last Days?*, followed by *The Plain Truth about Christmas*.

The regional director noted that French-speaking Canadians respond more readily to Church publication offers than their English-speaking counterparts.

A one-month test of advertising *The Plain Truth* and offering a newsstand copy in bus shelters, which began in Winnipeg, Man., is scheduled for five Canadian cities. A lighted *Plain Truth* advertisement is placed on the side of the shelter, where motorists can see it. Inside is a *Plain Truth* newsstand.

"It seems to have started off with a bang, and we hope it will continue that way," Mr. Adair said.

Despite several denials the Church is asking the Canadian government for a second-class permit to mail *The Plain Truth* cheaper.

In conjunction with a *Plain Truth* newspaper insert, a 30-second television commercial will be tested in Winnipeg in 1985. Explaining the advertisement, Mr. Adair said viewers will "see the newspaper being thrown on their front porch, and then the wind will

blow it open to show our insert."

The distribution of *The Plain Truth* from lighted displays in airports is delayed pending approval of the new government.

Mr. Adair commented that besides a weak economy, the lack of religious tolerance is often a barrier to Church growth. He said that Canadian newspapers run articles critical of American television evangelists from time to time.

"So there's a certain amount of resistance to what they term 'American religion,'" the regional director said, mentioning a newspaper article that included Mr. Armstrong with American television evangelists.

Despite these difficulties, Christ's Gospel is being preached in Canada. "We have a limit in the sense that we have only 25 million of a population," Mr. Adair said. "And with that we are reaching about one in 27 with the *Plain Truth* magazine."

"So Canada is being covered," he said. "There's no doubt about that."

Caribbean

Plain Truth circulation "literally took off during 1984," increasing 58.2 percent, said Stan Bass, regional director for the Church in the English-speaking Caribbean.

The Church did not advertise *The Plain Truth* in 1984 to keep circulation within the budget. Hard currency is hard to obtain in the Caribbean.

One in 306 people receive *The Plain Truth* in the English-speaking Caribbean.

"As in the United States, television is proving more effective than radio," Mr. Bass said.

The success that began in 1983 when many doors were opened to television continued in 1984, he said. *The World Tomorrow* with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong is on nine stations in the Caribbean.

By replacing radio stations with television stations the Church saves money and gets more responses in return. "Radio costs on the average are three to four times as much as television for each response received," he said.

The World Tomorrow is aired on radio for members who live in areas where there is no possibility of getting on television.

The regional office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, hopes *The World Tomorrow* can be aired on television in Barbados and on radio or televi-

sion in Grenada.

The Church has eight mail-receiving offices in the Caribbean. Most of the ministers in the area receive mail, deposit contributions and do some mail reading. The mail is then sent to Pasadena.

Mr. Bass mentioned the Caricom invoice. Before obtaining this form the Church had difficulty paying its bills in Pasadena.

Puerto Ricans can receive *The World Tomorrow* from two or three cable stations that receive WTBS, WOR, WGN and Satellite Program Network. "I don't think they will ever be able to say to anyone they have not received the witness," Mr. Bass said.

Mr. Bass asked for "prayers that some of the things that God is doing will continue to work. And we ask specifically that you remember that the forces that we face in the Caribbean are basically the same as everywhere else; that is, the economy is depressed, and the governments are getting a little edgy."

Dutch

"It's been a good year for the work of God in Holland," said Bram de Bree, regional director for Dutch-speaking areas.

In 1984 the Dutch Regional Office moved from the center of Utrecht, Netherlands, to Nieuwegein, a city about 10 miles from Utrecht.

From there the regional office serves Dutch and Flemish-speaking people in the Netherlands and Belgium. California is about nine times larger than the area served by the Dutch Office, he said, but the area is one of the most densely populated in the world.

Mr. de Bree said the office moved because the Utrecht Office was far too small, and the downtown area in Utrecht was deteriorating very rapidly.

Brethren meet in churches in Utrecht, Zwolle and Tilburg, Netherlands, and Antwerp, Belgium.

Circulation of *De Echte Waarheid* (Dutch *Plain Truth*) was lower in 1984 than in 1983 because of renewals. Sixty percent of those on the subscription list have renewed their subscriptions at least once, indicating a stable readership.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved an expanded advertising campaign for 1985, which is expected to push the circulation "well over 60,000," he said.

Youth Educational Services (YES) Bible lessons are available in Dutch. Mr. de Bree said that Gerald

van der Wende of Publishing Services in Pasadena and his wife, Leni, translated the lessons.

Four new booklets by Mr. Armstrong were translated into Dutch in 1984: *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, *Has Time Been Lost? A World Held Captive and The Middle East in Prophecy*.

Mr. de Bree noted that *Ending Your Financial Worries* was the most-requested booklet in 1984, followed by *Did God Create a Devil?*, *Your Awesome Future — How Religion Has Deceived You and World Peace — How It Will Come*.

He said that 5,000 people have requested the Dutch translation of *The Seven Laws of Success* so far in 1985.

"We're confident that God," concluded Mr. de Bree, "who is doing this work through Mr. Armstrong and us throughout the world — that He's also going to bless this part of the work in Holland if we do our part."

French

Working with regulations from different governments and dealing with devalued currencies are the main tasks to be dealt with in French-speaking areas.

According to evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director, God's Church in French-speaking areas maintains offices in Paris, France, and Geneva, Switzerland, in addition to the regional office in Pasadena, because of changing government regulations for religious organizations.

"You never know what's going to happen next in France... in Belgium or... in Switzerland," he said.

He said that the French Regional Office must deal with governments in North America, Europe, the Caribbean and Africa, each with different laws and regulations.

"The money aspect has become more and more difficult," the evangelist explained, pointing out that the U.S. dollar has doubled in value against the French franc (see article, page 1).

"We pay [for] television in dollars, radio broadcasts in dollars, *Plain Truth* in dollars. Everything we pay today, we pay twice as much," he said. "That's really creating a lot of havoc."

Mr. Apartian also mentioned that postal regulations and delivery time vary widely from country to country.

In French-speaking Africa, he said, "It takes sometimes seven to eight months for *The Plain Truth* [*La Pure Verite*] to get there, unless you send it by airmail," which would cost \$1 a piece.

He said that *La Pure Verite* is of exceptional quality by African standards, and that millions would probably ask for copies in French-speaking Africa if the French Office didn't take steps to ensure a quality readership, people who would read and appreciate the magazine.

The evangelist hopes to expand television coverage of the French-subtitled *World Tomorrow* in Europe. "Mr. Armstrong's programs on TV are doing very well," he said.

The subtitled program now airs on Radio-Television Luxembourg (RTL) and on Tele-Monte-Carlo (TMC).

Mr. Apartian said that it takes him and the regional office staff about nine hours to prepare the subtitles for each telecast.

Mr. Apartian set goals of reaching more people in southern France and in French-speaking Africa in 1985. He said that the French editions of *Reader's Digest* have proven effective in reaching people and that he plans to continue advertising in that publication.

German

Good News circulation in the German-speaking area doubled to about 25,000 in the past two months, according to Frank Schnee, regional director.

The office in Bonn, West Germany, which serves West and East Germany, Austria and Switzerland, mailed out 233,000 booklets in 1984, 63 percent more than 1983, which also was a record-breaking year.

Suboffices were opened in 1984 in Salzburg, Austria, and Zurich, Switzerland, to handle mail.

"I might say that we're very happy with the two-magazine system," said Mr. Schnee. Those who receive *The Good News* "are getting heavy meat, and they're really able to grow," Mr. Schnee said.

Mr. Schnee said the German Office began advertising in *Reader's Digest* in 1968. In 1972 came a major thrust in *Plain Truth* newsstands, in 1978 advertising tests were conducted and by 1980 "we got going in a big way," said the regional director.

From 1980 to 1984, 375,000 new subscribers were added to *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*) in German-speaking areas.

An advertisement on the back cover of an automobile magazine brought in 45,000 responses, while a single ad in *Reader's Digest* — "which we believe gives us the best quality readers we have ever had" — drew 35,000 responses.

Both advertisements cost less than \$2 a response, said Mr. Schnee. Slightly less than 100,000 subscribe to *Klar & Wahr*.

Mr. Schnee said that income in the German-speaking area stands at \$1.5 million, about 1 percent of the worldwide income of God's Church.

"We have an 11.5 percent increase in income over 1983," he said, with a financial base of 5,000 people — 2,770 donors, 1,760 co-workers and 500 members.

In 1980 Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course enrollment was 1,000 students. Four years later that figure is 4,500, Mr. Schnee said.

Last year, Paul Kieffer, pastor of the Hannover, Hamburg and West Berlin, West Germany, churches, who does personal correspondence, answered 859 letters, 67 percent more than 1983.

Italian

"There is an openness in Italy right now that I do not feel existed a decade ago. We have a kind of open window that we're using, that God has provided," said Carn Catherwood, regional director.

The work in Italian-speaking areas entered its third year since Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the Italian *Plain Truth* (*La Pura Verita*) in 1982.

When Mr. Catherwood visits Italy, he conducts Sabbath services for about 40 people in Catania. However, no minister lives in Italy.

"Italians... do not have a tradition of giving money to churches," Mr. Catherwood said. From 1983 to 1984 the number of co-workers went from six to 37. However Mr. Catherwood feels "co-workers will increase dramatically in 1985."

The January issue of *La Pura Verita* (Italian *Plain Truth*) was sent to 71,316 in Italy, Switzerland, Argentina, West Germany, the United Kingdom and other areas. Mr. Catherwood said he hopes the circulation of *La Pura Verita* will top 90,000 by December.

A blow-in card inserted into the magazines brings in 1,200 to 1,300 responses each month to the Italian Department in Pasadena.

An advertisement in the March, 1984, *Reader's Digest* accounted for

23.7 percent of new subscribers in 1984, and responses to a December ad are still being received. Full-page ads were also placed in *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's most prominent newspaper, and other newspapers.

With a new Tele-Monte-Carlo (TMC) television network transmitter installed in Catania, in addition to transmitters in Monte Carlo, Milan, Florence and Rome, 45 million of Italy's 57 million population can now view the *World Tomorrow* television program any Sunday morning, said the regional director.

In its first two years, the Italian work received a single visit request. From July, 1984, to January the Italian Department has received more than 60 visit requests.

"God has given us time to do a work. And that's what we're attempting to do. And with God's help, and the prayers of God's people, I know it'll keep on growing, we hope, for a few more years."

New Zealand and South Pacific

It's been a very successful year, with increases all around," said Peter Nathan, New Zealand regional director. This in spite of a July, 1984, devaluation of the New Zealand dollar by 20 percent, which added \$75,000 to expenses for operating God's work.

Despite New Zealand's financial difficulties, including 8 percent unemployment, the work of God's Church saw increases in 1984 in Holy Day offerings and *Plain Truth* subscriptions.

Baptisms last year brought membership to more than 700. Subscriptions to *The Good News* doubled. "When *The Good News* was offered to *Plain Truth* subscribers, we had a 30 percent response," said Mr. Nathan. Circulation of *The Plain Truth* is about 84,000.

Beginning in 1985, some *Good News* editions for Australia and New Zealand will be printed in Auckland, New Zealand. Formerly the magazines were printed in Glasgow, Ky.

Accounting for growth here was a media campaign of print advertisements, direct mail and newspaper inserts. Also blanketing New Zealand are *Plain Truth* newsstands and radio, which provide "opportunities for the work, *The Plain Truth* and Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong to be well known," the regional director said. About 1 in 15 New Zealand households receive *The Plain Truth*.

The two government-controlled television stations don't allow *The World Tomorrow* to be aired. "We look forward to the time when [television] may be a reality for us," he said.

Other areas administered by the New Zealand office include New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Society Islands. If the *Plain Truth* were advertised in Tonga and Fiji, demand would quickly outstrip the Church's supply of magazines, said Mr. Nathan.

A major breakthrough in 1984 came with the addition of illuminated *Plain Truth* displays in New Zealand airports in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland.

"Looking forward into 1985: 1985 is going to be a very encouraging year, God willing," he said.

Philippines

"About two years ago I... asked the brethren... to please ask God to call more donors and more co-workers and more tithing payers and to do it by dozens and scores and hundreds and eventually thousands, and be very specific about it," said Guy Ames, regional director of the Church in the Philippines.

"And I'd like to say that in 1984 we had 30 percent more new donors and 49 percent more new co-workers... and from the donors we received 321 percent more money than the previous year."

Income was 55 percent more in 1984 than in 1983, despite the worst economic crisis in the Philippines since World War II, Mr. Ames said.

In 1984 the regional office moved (within the Manila business district) to the finest office it's had in the Philippines. Fourteen church pastors serve 32 churches in the Philippines, averaging more than two congregations per circuit.

The Gospel is preached in the Philippines through the *World Tomorrow* on one television network Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Philippines.

"The telecast is probably the best thing that's ever happened in the Philippines — as far as bringing people on to a knowledge of God's truth and His way in a nutshell," Mr. Ames said.

Last year "was a year of upgrading the quality in many different ways, in a sense more than the quantity. In some cases we did not have a larger quantity, like the *Plain Truth* mailing list.

Plain Truth circulation is maintained between 130,000 and 150,000 by not using insert cards. Renewal letters are stapled inside the magazine. Readers must write letters and express their desire to continue receiving the magazine. "So we increase the quality of response while holding the lid on the quantity within what the budget can handle."

"The communist insurgency is a real problem there... yet God can hold that back. God can put a boundary on the communist encroachment there, and allow His work to continue and to flourish and to grow."

Southern Africa

"Nineteen eighty-four was certainly the best year in the history of God's work in southern Africa," reported Roy McCarthy, regional director.

"Some of our increases were spectacular. Not increases of 5 and 10 percent, but of 56 and 96 percent," he said.

Dr. McCarthy added: "There is definitely a feeling amongst those employed in the office and also in the membership of changing gears from just doing the work to finishing the work."

"There seems a definite increased urgency in everyone trying to do the work in the shortest possible time."

The regional office, which in 1984 moved from Johannesburg to Cape Town, South Africa, oversees South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mauritius. More than 45 million people live in this area.

Dr. McCarthy said that God's Church grew despite a sagging regional economy. "The economy has definitely taken a downturn — a lot of unemployment. There's been a drought for the last three years."

Despite government restrictions on religious television and radio programming, Christ's Gospel is preached through extensive advertising campaigns promoting *The Plain Truth*.

Adding 70,000 newsstand copies of *The Plain Truth* to the subscriber list of 213,000 means a monthly circulation of 283,000, up 56.4 percent from 1983.

The Plain Truth gained 169,000 new subscribers during 1984, an increase of 96.5 percent over 1983.

Promotional programs accounted for the bulk of the increase. The regional office mailed 1.2 million letters offering *The Plain Truth* in a direct mail campaign. Since South Africa is bilingual, 700,000 letters were in English and 500,000 in Afrikaans. More than 62,000 people responded.

Dr. McCarthy explained that the

ongoing *Reader's Digest* campaign brought in about 50,000 new *Plain Truth* subscribers.

Plain Truth newsstand copies generated another 21,000 new subscribers.

Dr. McCarthy said, "Church members have problems with keeping their jobs during the economic malaise. It'd be a good thing to be praying for those people."

Robert Klynsmith, who serves the Harare, Zimbabwe, church, was refused a work and residence permit. He can only visit the country periodically on a temporary visa, Dr. McCarthy said.

"We're very, very thankful for the growth God has given to us in southern Africa," Dr. McCarthy concluded. "And we just pray that God will continue to bless the work there as He is around the world."

Spanish

Extending from Spain and Portugal to the Caribbean, Mexico and Central and South America are the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking areas administered by the Spanish Department in Pasadena, supervised by evangelist Leon Walker, regional director.

"Over the last four years, every year in succession, has been a new plateau, a new all-time high for us," said Mr. Walker. "We've had modest growth, but it's been steady growth."

The Spanish Department received 227,000 pieces of mail in 1984, he said. Last year donors increased 5.7 percent to 3,500, and co-workers, rising 27.9 percent, number 1,800. In 1984, 93 baptisms took place in Latin America, an increase of 45 percent.

The international *Good News*, with just more than 13,000 subscribers, quadrupled its circulation in 12 to 18 months when it was offered to students of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, Mr. Walker said.

Almost 225,000 people in more than 100 nations subscribe to *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*), the regional director said.

Last year 84,000 new names were added to the subscription list, "the second-highest figure... in our history," he said.

The country with the largest circulation of the magazine is Argentina, he continued. "This, again, is rather amazing since three years ago we only had 5½ thousand subscribers in Argentina, and now over 33,000."

"Spain has been growing in the last four years," he went on. In 1981, 4,000 took *La Pura Verdad* in Spain, now 20,000 take it, and our goal is to reach 30,000 subscribers in Spain this year.

"I could certainly say, as far as Cuba is concerned, that we are reaching Cubans." Thousands of Cuban refugees in the United States subscribe to the magazine, and perhaps as many as 50 are Church members, he said.

The Church also has Nicaraguan members, but they have moved to other countries.

In Latin America 1,057 members in 19 countries attend 23 churches and 11 Bible studies and are served by 20 ministers. Mr. Walker told of the need for more ministers and the difficulty in obtaining visas for ministers to travel from one country to another.

Mr. Walker mentioned the dangers facing ministers and brethren in Latin and Central America. With bombs going off, political coups and terrorist and guerrilla activities, "the dangers are very, very real there," he said.

More than 2,500 new people attended 10 *Plain Truth* Bible lectures in nine Latin American cities last year. "These people have been very responsive," said Mr. Walker.

"And several have been baptized during this past year who first began to attend these lectures in late 1982 or early 1983. I think this clearly

shows the effectiveness of these lectures," he said.

United Kingdom, Scandinavia, the Middle East and West Africa

"We have a very fine team of dedicated, able and intelligent people in the United Kingdom who are doing a very good work," said evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the Church in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

Twenty-seven full-time and three part-time employees work at the Borehamwood, England, Office. Last year the office processed more than 380,000 letters.

Twenty-two full-time ministers serve 2,430 Church members who attend 41 congregations throughout the United Kingdom. Baptisms rose 10 percent in 1984, while membership grew by 6 percent, Mr. Brown said. Total weekly church attendance exceeds 3,500.

In 1984 *Plain Truth* newsstand circulation in Britain grew by 62.5 percent. About 130,000 newsstand copies are distributed every month in the United Kingdom, said the regional director. More than 90,000 were added to the subscription list, and *Plain Truth* subscriber circulation was more than 157,000 in December, 1984, an increase of 52.8 percent and the highest ever.

In Scandinavia, *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Norwegian *Plain Truth*) is sent to more than 22,000 subscribers. Another 12,500 in Scandinavia take the English-language *Plain Truth*.

In Scandinavia the Church is regarded as being fundamental and conservative. "It goes against the grain of many Scandinavians, who tend to be very liberal, very liberated, with a very high standard of living," Mr. Brown said. "Like many Europeans they don't think they need God."

Mr. Brown said the office receives more than 10,000 requests for subscriptions each year from East and West Africa. Since the office can only add 10,000 in Africa to the subscription list each year, the rest are put on a waiting list.

"The help that they're getting from the work and the Church is really changing people's lives there," he added.

About 30 people attend a Bible study in Tororo, Uganda, conducted by Church pastor Owen Willis.

In Ghana, Church members operate a farm project, which is instrumental in providing food through periods of shortage.

The Nigerian brethren who attend the Lagos church are "urbanized Africans who are well-educated in the English system," Mr. Brown said. "These are people... who are educated, who can read, who can understand English, and probably... speak three or four dialects." This is true for all our brethren in East and West Africa.

The office also administers an area from Greece, Yugoslavia and Albania around the east Mediterranean Sea, through North Africa and down into the Saudi Arabian gulf states. There are 36 baptized members in this area.

The 100 million people in the Saudi Arabian gulf states are 98 percent Moslem, said Mr. Brown. Yet *Plain Truth* circulation in 21 Mideast nations is more than 12,600 and is growing.

Mr. Brown said that every foreign-language edition of *The Plain Truth* is now printed at the formerly Church-owned Ambassador Press, which was sold to Alabaster Passmore in 1981. As of January the press prints just less than 1.2 million copies monthly.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



ISLAND NIGHT — Dressed in traditional silks, madras and lace, Paris, France, brethren who originate from the French West Indies perform traditional dances and songs at a Jan. 5 social in Paris.

Brethren attend dance, inventory, fair, picnic

Dec. 29 the Young Ambassadors from Big Sandy Ambassador College performed for **BEAUMONT**, Tex., and **LAKE CHARLES**, La., brethren in the Habibi Temple, where Sabbath services take place in Lake Charles.

Martin Yale, a Big Sandy local elder and Ambassador College faculty member, gave the sermonette, and Russell Duke, a Big Sandy preaching elder and a college speech and music instructor, gave a sermon on meditation.

After a potluck the Young Ambassadors began their show with a medley of songs from the '20s through the '50s. The second part of the show included solos, duets and songs by the entire group about friendships.

Big Beak was missed, but Big Leap, dressed in green, appeared, gladdening the faces of children and adults. After the show brethren expressed thanks to director Mr. Duke, his wife, Phyllis, the pianist, and the Young Ambassadors.

An annual **GRANDE PRAIRIE**, Alta., moose barbecue began at 1 p.m. Dec. 25 without a moose, because area hunters couldn't fine one. Nevertheless, indoors, YOU members and adults played whist, crokinole (a board game) and shuffleboard, and children played games and won prizes. No outdoor activities took place because of cold temperatures.

A buffet of barbecued lamb, beef, baked potatoes, vegetables, salads and desserts was served. Afterward prizes for the tournaments were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belamy for winning in whist, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wagar, crokinole; and Michael Richter, shuffleboard.

Adolf Dietlerle was master of ceremonies for an evening talent show, featuring skits, songs and instrumentals. The event wound up with dancing to live music. More than 120 attended.

EUGENE, Ore., members attended a family social Jan. 5 at the Adams Elementary School, organized by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scruggs and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Skinko. Brethren ate a potluck, learned dance steps from Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Jankowski and listened to music by a band composed of Clyde Diller, Ardyce Makinson, Dick Case, Glenn Harmon Sr. and Loren Cowan.

A barbershop quartet featured Mr. Scruggs, Rod Chambers, Dean Northup and Mr. Harmon, a local church elder. Delbert Langdon sang and played guitar, and Mr. Scruggs played the banjo.

The group then moved to a gymnasium, where four teams took part in a question-and-answer game.

A **BRIDGETOWN**, Barbados, beach picnic was conducted at Greaves End Beach outside the Bar-

bados Hilton Hotel Dec. 25. Thirty-two YOU members shared a potluck under sunny skies. A treasure hunt was organized by YOU member Aundra Hobbs, and Melanie Holland found the treasure.

The picnic was supervised by YOU coordinator Osmonde Douglas, assisted by Palm Sergeant, a YOU advisory counselor.

Singles meet for dinners, lectures, parties

Thirty-nine singles from eight churches in the **PHILIPPINES** gathered for an end-of-year singles camp at Rizal Beach Resort in Gubat, Philippines, Dec. 28 to Jan. 1.

Activities during the camp included an acquaintance party, singing around a bonfire, swimming, fishing, outdoor games, an Old West dance night and a talent show.

Rain canceled some activities, but indoor lectures centered on the purpose of the singles camp, what men and women should know about the opposite sex, and dress and grooming.

A Friday night Bible study was conducted Dec. 28, morning Sabbath services took place the next day and an afternoon lecture and kaffeeklatsch followed.

Camp director Medardo Maninang, pastor of the Daet and Naga, Philippines, churches, was assisted by Dionisio Catchillan, pastor of the Legazpi and Sorsogon, Philippines, churches. The singles sent a card to Mr. Maninang after the camp, thanking him for the opportunity.

Singles from **KNOXVILLE** and **CROSSVILLE**, Tenn., were hosts for a singles weekend Jan. 4 to 6 at Fall Creek Falls State Park, with more than 100 people from more than 10 church areas.

Weekend activities began Friday evening, Jan. 4, with a potluck and welcome by pastor John Comino. The next day's sermon was given by James Lichtenstein, associate pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches, emphasizing what the right priorities of singles should be.

A dinner and dance with a Mexican theme took place that evening. Sunday, Jan. 6, the group explored the park and hiked to scenic waterfalls.

After Sabbath services Jan. 5 a Bible study was conducted for the **RESEDA**, Calif., singles by Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Reseda and Glendale, Calif., churches. He spoke on proper attitudes and guidelines for dating and the importance of spiritual growth before marriage in the areas of Bible study, prayer and service in the Church.

That evening 46 singles gathered

at the home of Ray and Fran Tabladillo. They were greeted at the door and escorted to tables for a dinner complete with champagne, candlelight and soft music. The meal was catered by Charlotte Spielberger and Elaine Vernon.

After dessert and coffee the tables were removed and the area was transformed into a dance floor where couples danced to music from the '50s.

The first game night of the **UNION**, N.J., singles club took place Dec. 29 with an attendance of 84.

Activities began after morning Sabbath services with a luncheon of sandwiches, salads, fruits, desserts and beverages. Popcorn was served later.

Ronald Robinson, a local church elder and director of the singles club in Union, gave a lecture covering four areas: the need to build friendship, purposes of dating, basic human needs and the need to appreciate differences in others.

John Stonik then gave a slide presentation about his Feast of Tabernacles trip to China. The evening continued with table games.

About 70 singles from four states attended a singles dinner and dance Dec. 29 at the downtown Hilton Hotel in **RALEIGH**, N.C. The states represented were North and South Carolina, Virginia and New York.

Card games and table games were played throughout the evening. Ideas and plans for future activities and projects were discussed.

Ruel H. Guerrero, Mary Carr and Ann Brackett, Marion Baer and Teresa Stout, Rosie Little and Victor Sits, Harlan Brown, Tina Suskalo and Pam Fasthorse.



SINGLES CAMP — Filipino singles splash in the Pacific Ocean during a singles camp Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 in Gubat, Philippines.

Parisians stage island night

About one third of the **PARIS**, France, church is composed of members originating from the islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe in the French West Indies. These brethren gave of their tradition and cultural heritage at an evening of dance, music and cuisine Jan. 5.

The Paris hall was transformed into a tropical setting under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Jocelyn

Eniona. Dinner, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Emile Alcindor's team, was served buffet-style. Each course was described in detail so that all could appreciate the harmony of exotic spices and aromas.

Punctuating the meal, dancers and singers, led by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rascar, displayed the red and yellow silks, madras and lace of authentic Creole dress.

The audience joined in on familiar refrains and to dance the rhythmic beguine and mazurka. Poetry written in island dialect was recited, inviting metropolitan ears to walk barefoot along warm, sandy beaches and stroll in gently lapping waves of the sea.

The group worked for a month organizing the project, coordinated by Raymond Bessard and Marlene Sinamal. *Marsha Sabin.*

200 new 'PT' outlets open in New York

More than 200 new *Plain Truth* outlets have been opened in New York since July, thanks to the work of three women in the **BUFFALO**, N.Y., **SOUTH** church.

These women, Joan Guilmain, Cheryl Bayer and Jan Dalrymple, made plans to cover parts of New York using a deer-hunting map. They opened 12 out of 13 possible outlets the first day; 15 out of 17 a few days later; 17 out of 19 the next week; and then 25 out of 30.

The women visited 57 towns in two counties and placed 4,551 magazines in new locations. *Ed Kowalczyk.*

Clubs share tour, brunch, ladies night

GREENVILLE, S.C., Spokesman Club members toured the facilities of television station WSPA in Spartanburg, S.C., Dec. 30. Graduate member Ray Tedder, a news reporter for WSPA, conducted the tour.

Club members were surprised to learn how much behind-the-scenes preparation and teamwork is required to produce a television program. After the tour members met at the home of Chris Beam, associate pastor of the Asheville, N.C., and Greenville churches, for an afternoon of refreshments.

SEDRO-WOLLEY, Wash., Spokesman Club members were hosts to a Sunday brunch and entertainment program Jan. 13 for their wives at the Top of the Hill seniors club. About 60 people attended. Spokesman Club members cooked and served the meal and provided entertainment.

The group was served scrambled eggs, turkey ham, buckwheat pancakes with butter and maple syrup, orange juice, apple juice, fruit, coffee and teas. The menu and food service were organized by Dennis Korthis.

Mary Reisdorff arranged the table decorations, which included flowers, a collection of pepper mills, miniature wishing wells and clay pottery.

Following the meal was an entertainment show organized by Ray Johnson. Chuck Owen, Spokesman Club president, was master of ceremonies.

Mr. Johnson performed a piano solo, Doug Patten presented a humorous reading, Gunnar and Ruth Abrahamson performed a Norwegian folk dance called the hambo and Bill Englander, dressed as a court jester, gave a comical routine, including jokes, tricks and other antics.

Larry Skonord then led a group sing-along singing old favorites such as "Bicycle Built for Two," "Moonlight Bay" and "The Band Played On."

Twenty **EVERETT**, Wash., Spokesman Club members were joined by 16 guests ranging from age 8 to 23 at a father-and-child meeting Dec. 27. Topicsmaster Bill Zimmerman asked questions such as "What do you like about your parents?"

The young people heard speeches on parents, arguments, hobbies, obedience and career planning. The guests found out what members do at clubs and shared refreshments with them.

Chris Beam, Bill Englander and Ken Emerson.

Brethren

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brethren played racquetball, wallyball (similar to volleyball) and board games and watched movies.

Two courts were reserved for children's and adult wallyball, and the remaining nine courts were for racquetball. Shower rooms, saunas, jacuzzis and a lounge were available. Mike Correiro contacted the facility a month earlier and coordinated the social.

The first country fair of the HUNTINGTON, W. Va., and PAINTSVILLE, Ky., churches took place Jan. 6 in Huntington. Fairgoers played midway games at 10 booths designed and built by the members. They ate at a country kitchen and bought dry goods in a country store.

Don Hussell and Cal Roach won first prize for the best booth with their Pleasant Valley Country Club miniature golf game. Bonnie Sargent took first in a cake-baking contest with her Grandmother's Patchwork Quilt cake. Bonnie Klein's banana split pie won the pie-baking contest.

A talent show and an auction of the cake- and pie-contest entries ended the day's festivities.

Dec. 29 the SUDBURY and NORTH BAY, Ont., churches conducted a combined Olde Tyme social in honor of the senior citizens at the W. J. Fricker Senior Public School in North Bay.

After sunset brethren ate a meal with background music from the '30s to the early '50s. YOU members served spaghetti to the senior citizens, guests of honor, then to the entire group.

Silent movies were shown before a talent show that featured ages 5 to 75. Between acts Bob Brown gave a history on each special guest. A dance session was led by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Bellaire to the big band sounds of the '40s.

After Sabbath services Dec. 29, KITCHENER, Ont., brethren dined

and danced in a winter wonderland, with snowflakes sparkling overhead and candles and evergreen boughs adorning the dinner tables.

While a fire crackled in the fireplace, brethren ate a formal dinner of roast chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli with cheese, salad and ice-cream parfaits. A professional disc jockey provided dance music.

Ron Wagler, George DeVlugt Jr. and Murray Spencer led children in songs and dances. Pat Doyle and Rick DeCarufel accompanied on guitar. Children also watched video movies.

Jan. 8, 80 volunteers from the BROOKLYN and QUEENS, N.Y., churches helped Time Square Stores, an area chain, take inventory.

Robert Bragg, associate pastor of the Brooklyn and Queens churches, aided in supervising the group's duties, which included totaling and tallying the items in each department.

The church group made up the majority of workers, and the proceeds from the activity went to the local church fund.

NOTTINGHAM, England, brethren staged a social and dance Dec. 22 at the West Bridgeford Pavilion for visitors from Bricket Wood, Hull, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, Gloucester and Bristol, England.

A meal prepared by Marlene Cliff and other church women was served to the group, and the Ambassador Dance Band, led by Mike Shannon and featuring vocalist Mike Hurst, provided music for the evening. Children were entertained by Allen Wallwin and Jill Gale.

The evening provided an opportunity for brethren to meet new friends and visit old ones.

Sheryl Malone, Wes and Fran Penner, Tim and Lin Rhay, Lydon Roger Callender, Ray Blouin, Jim Ross, Paul Gauthier, Marnie Hills, Rebekah M. Challenger and Ron McLaren.

Teams play basketball in Texas, Wisconsin

More than 1,100 members from 16 church areas in five states gathered in AMARILLO, Tex., for the 11th annual supertournament and district family weekend Dec. 21 to 24.

The educational portion of the weekend, which has become the cornerstone, began Friday evening, Dec. 21, with a Bible study conducted by Gregory Sargent, pastor of the San Antonio and Uvalde, Tex., churches, and a YOU Bible study on sportsmanship presented by James Petty, athletic director and instructor at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Sabbath morning, Dec. 22, two adult seminars on the family and parenting were given by Walter Dickinson Jr., pastor of the Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M., churches.

Seminars were also conducted for the YOU, and YES members attended a class. The seminars were on sportsmanship, by Mr. Petty; team leadership in the world tomorrow, Kelly Barfield, pastor of the Liberal and Scott City, Kan., churches; preparing for college, James O'Brien, pastor of the Amarillo church; angels, David Dobson, pastor of the Lubbock, Tex., and Roswell, N.M., churches; ideas for YOU groups, Dennis Johnson, pastor of the El Paso, Tex., and Las Cruces, N.M., churches; and music, Gary Pendergraft, pastor of the Durango and Alamosa, Colo., churches.

Keith Walden, pastor of the Midland, Tex., and Hobbs, N.M., churches, gave the Sabbath sermon, contrasting the world's reaction to competitive sports and the appropriate Christian approach.

After services Mr. Petty offered two more seminars. He quoted from an article by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, pointing to Mr. Armstrong's keen understanding of the role of sports in education and its character-building potential. Mr. Petty also stressed the responsibility

of coaches using competition to teach right principles.

Eighty teams participated in more than 120 basketball and volleyball games, beginning Saturday evening and continuing through Monday, Dec. 24. Area officials refereed the games.

Trophies were awarded as follows: women's volleyball, first place, Durango, and second place, Lubbock I; YOU girls volleyball, Midland, first, and Denver, Colo., II, second; mixed adult recreational volleyball, Hobbs I, first, and Midland, second; mixed adult intermediate volleyball, Lubbock, first, Denver IV, second; mixed adult power volleyball, Durango I, first, Denver I, second.

Peewee boys basketball, San Antonio, first, Amarillo, second; peewee girls basketball, Lubbock, first, San Antonio, second; YOU girls basketball, Denison, Tex., first, Midland, second; YOU boys basketball, San Antonio II, first, Denver I,

second; men's basketball, Dallas, Tex., I, first, Denver I, second; cheerleaders, Denver I, first, San Antonio, second.

The overall sportsmanship trophy was presented to the Lubbock team and coaches.

KENOSHA, Wis., was site for an invitational basketball tournament Dec. 29 and 30, with 42 teams attending from Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Winners were determined by combining each team's tournament score with its sportsmanship score, which was evaluated by referees and scorekeepers.

Basketball winners were Wausau, Wis., in the men's A division; Flint and Lansing, Mich., men's B; West Bend, Wis., boys A; Lansing, boys B; and Waukesha, Wis., women.

About 80 percent of the Kenosha church was involved in planning the tournament, with many brethren opening their homes to visitors.

Joel Olson and Connie McClure.

Groups go on three-day trips

Thirty BUFFALO, N.Y., NORTH singles gathered for a first-ever three-day camp-out at Allegany State Park, along western New York's southern tier, bordering Pennsylvania, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1.

Along the Beehunter Trail five cabins were occupied by 30 people. Captains were Peter Klein, Richard Alex and Richard Ferguson, Vikki Engleka, Gloria Przybyl and Gale Kochanoff. Mr. Klein led a hike along the trail ridge.

A meal of salads, hot chili and desserts made by the "ladies of cabin No. 6" (Miss Kochanoff, Marie Tylenda, Virginia Bragg, Peg McCann, Dolores Timm and Kathryn Miller) awaited the hikers. Dinners were supervised by Shirley Briedenstein and others.

Evenings were spent playing games and stargazing. Firewood officer Larry Kelly, aided by cabin No. 13, stocked cabins with wood.

Monday morning, Dec. 31, the singles awakened to a frost that gave the valley a crystalline appearance. After breakfast a hayride wound through the center of the park. Dairy farmer Bob Phair of Arcade, N.Y., provided a wagon and two horses.

Scenic vistas and five white-tailed deer were attractions on the trip. Ross Elliott on guitar led the riders in a sing-along. Back at camp, the group shared a dinner of corn chow-

der and fire-roasted hot dogs. A final hike at Science Lake provided a crowning touch to the winter experience.

Forty-nine SAN FRANCISCO and PLEASANTON, Calif., YOU members and parents braved a three-day trip to the snow-laden slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Dec. 30.

The lodge that housed the group is outside Soda Springs, Calif., at more than 7,000 feet (2,100 meters) elevation and near Squaw Valley, Calif.

Days were filled with bright sunshine, few clouds and little wind, allowing opportunities for tubing down the slopes of hills, throwing snowballs and building snowmen. A few skied at a resort.

The lodge provided hot apple cider and hot cocoa, and evenings were spent munching popcorn and playing cards and other games.

A three-day outing at Lee Canyon, north of Las Vegas, Nev., was attended by brethren from KINGMAN, Ariz., and LAS VEGAS. More than 7 feet of snow provided a spectacular setting amidst cabins and a rustic clubhouse.

Friday evening, Dec. 21, brethren watched *Behind the Work — the Hearts of the Children*, and before Sabbath services the next day they watched the 1984 Young Ambassadors Festival film, *Ed Kofol*, a deacon in the Las Vegas church, gave the sermonette, and Ernest Prociw, a Kingman local church elder, gave a sermon on honesty.

After dinner that evening brethren played table tennis and table games. A high point of the evening was a puppet show by Mr. Prociw. Johnny Paul gave a surprise sleight of hand performance.

Sunday, Dec. 23, brethren shared a potluck and cleaned up, and children played in the snow.

Thirty-five teens, nine chaperons and three preteens from the ORLANDO, Fla., church took part in a YOU camp-out Dec. 28 to 30 at Hontoon Island State Park near DeLand, Fla. Temperatures were in the 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 31 Celsius).

The group attended a Friday night Bible study, Dec. 28, with slides of China shown by Mr. and Mrs. Frosty Devor.

At Sabbath services the next day, the film *Behind the Work — the Hearts of the Children* was shown. Saturday evening, Dec. 29, a bonfire weiner roast was followed by songs and a dance contest where adults challenged teens.

The next day, after a breakfast of "Egg McMinnenez" served by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jimenez, the group participated in a treasure hunt.

Val Matuszkiewicz, Allen Olson, Lyndon B. Graves and Rachel Gordon.

Areas celebrate conclusion of fund raisers

Brethren of the MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., NORTH church dined on catered chicken after Sabbath services Jan. 12 to commemorate the conclusion of an annual fund-raising project, based on the parable of the pounds. Proceeds from the project exceeded \$7,500.

At the beginning of 1984, each head of household was given \$5 from church funds. Instructions were to "do business with" (to increase) the money, much like the nobleman in Luke 19:13.

At the end of last year, members returned the original "pound" plus any increase gained, along with a re-

port explaining how they earned the increase and spiritual lessons they learned. The reports were read in services Jan. 12 by Larry Walker, pastor of the Minneapolis North and St. Cloud, Minn., churches.

Members celebrated the project's completion Jan. 12, with a catered chicken dinner served by Mr. Walker, elders and deacons. For dessert, brethren ate pound cakes decorated with "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

PIKEVILLE, Ky., brethren were hosts to a victory dance at the Perry Cline Community Center Dec. 29, in celebration of the church's fund raising during 1984. Music for the evening was provided by Martin Express, a band composed of four brothers from Hazard, Ky.

Monetary awards were presented in adult and junior divisions. In each division first place received \$100; second, \$75; and third, \$50. Felix Heimberg, pastor of the Hazard and

Pikeville churches, presented the awards.

In the adult division first place went to Robert Hunt, a Pikeville local church elder; second, Walker Kidd; and third, Donnie Justice, who was responsible for organizing fund raising.

In the junior division first place was awarded to Rene Matney; second, Priscilla Taylor; and third, Terry Lee Blankenship.

Alonzo Gjessvold and Debby Bailey.

YOU shares Victorian Ball in Alaska

Ladies in elegant gowns and gentlemen with starched white collars presented tickets to gain entrance to the YOU Victorian Ball Jan. 12 in ANCHORAGE, Alaska.

The guests, consisting of YOU members and their parents from the entire state of Alaska, were ushered into a ballroom of tables set with formal dinner service, place cards and soft candlelight. A meal of salad, chicken Kiev, stuffed tomatoes, potatoes, cranberry spritzer and cherries jubilee was prepared by Mark Linden and Leonard Ruesch of Anchorage and served by church elders.

In keeping with the Victorian theme, guests were treated to a half hour of chamber music with selections by a professional flute, cello and violin trio.

Afterward the group danced to an assortment of music until just before midnight. Linda Orchard.

First Sabbath on St. Vincent

Fifty-one brethren attended the first Sabbath service conducted in KINGSTOWN, on the island of St. Vincent, Jan. 12. Brethren from St. Vincent, Bequia and Mustique Island met at the Union House in Kingstown, capital of St. Vincent.

The song service, sermonette, announcements, sermon and opening and closing prayers were led and given by Arnold Hampton, pastor of the Bridgetown, Barbados; Castries, St. Lucia; and Kingstown churches.

After services a potluck dinner took place, and brethren played games, fellowshiped or sang along with a Young Ambassadors tape. Ann Hampton.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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say that your magazine sent me day!

R. Carlier
Surrey, England
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Thanks for the issues of *Plain Truth*. I take *The Plain Truth* everywhere I go (even to the top of Mt. Hood [see photo below]), and I share each copy with my spiritual friends.

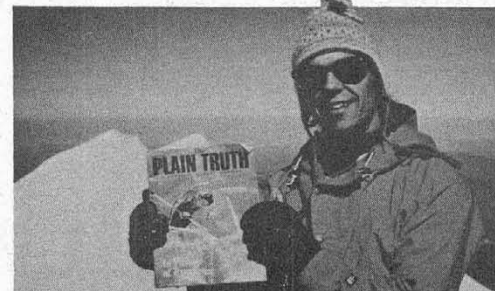
Robert R. Davis Jr.
Portland, Ore.

Abortion sermon

This past Sabbath we listened to your [Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's] taped sermon on the value of human life. We were very pleased to hear you speak out so powerfully on one of the major sins in this land today.

It is our sincere prayer and hope that God Almighty and the Living Jesus Christ will continue to give you the spiritual power you need to continue to cry aloud and spare not, and to show both the Houses of Israel as well as the whole world, their sins. May God grant you the needed strength, conviction and continued dedication to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Okaya-Jones
Miami, Fla.



READER DISPLAYS 'PLAIN TRUTH' ON TOP OF MT. HOOD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER, Andy R. and Elizabeth (Brown), of Uvalde, Tex., boy, Brandon Andrew Leslie, Jan. 13, 8:34 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ALLEN, Richard and Dee Dee (Wells), of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Amy Letitia, Dec. 29, 7:16 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

AMES, Dean and Tracy (Muxson), of Big Sandy, boy, Gregory Ryan, Jan. 10, 8:45 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BERNON, France and Ghislaine (Bernon), of Mauritius, girl, Colette Rachel, May 2, 1984, 10:30 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BOWLING, Ted and Jackie (Woods), of Portland, Ore., girl, Jennifer LeAnn, Jan. 19, 11:19 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BRACE, Robin and Katynia (Connell), of Cardiff, Wales, girl, Hannah Jaime, Jan. 7, 12:40 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BRADLEY, Hezekiah and Patricia (Autry), of Asheville, N.C., boy, Marcus Andrew, Oct. 29, 9:38 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

CARLSON, Brian and Freda (Johnson), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Cara Annette, Jan. 10, 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

CHRISTIE, Jim and Cheryl (Albert), of Wetaskiwin, Alta., girl, Vanessa Yvonne, Dec. 24, 10:03 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DAIS, Frank and Kathy (Reed), of Green Bay, Wis., girl, Jennifer Kathleen, Jan. 14, 3:01 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DONAGHEY, Ray and Denise (Woodward), of North Bay, Ont., boy, Ian Christopher, Jan. 5, 3:40 p.m., 6 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

EDWARDS, Norman and Marleen (Pittman), of Pasadena, boy, Joel Benjamin, Jan. 16, 6:01 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

FARNON, Paul and Christine (Henville), of Abbotford, B.C., girl, Emily Jacqueline, Jan. 16, 8:15 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

GAUKLER, David and Kathy (Stodola), of Fargo, N.D., boy, Stephen Michael, Dec. 20, 1:44 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

GOFF, Mark and Phyllis (King), of Asheville, N.C., boy, Levi Trent, Nov. 2, 3 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAINES, Steve and Deborah (Fulmer), of Westington, Kan., girl, Wendy Michelle, Sept. 29, 2:50 a.m., 11 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

HAMILTON, Tom and Lydia (Darnell), of Shreveport, La., girl, Jessica Roxanne, Dec. 22, 2:15 p.m., 9 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

HILLER, John and Linda (Gross), of Omaha, Neb., boy, Jacob Francis, Jan. 7, 10:59 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOCHSTETLER, Moses and June (Van Netti), of Enkhar, Ind., boy, Edward Alan, Nov. 9, 10:23 p.m., 3 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOGAN, Donald and Laurelle (Joffron), of Lafayette, La., boy, Robert Samuel, Nov. 16, 7:19 p.m., 5 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

JACOUES, John and Ann (Goff), of Asheville, N.C., boy, Michael John, Dec. 7, 4 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

JEDAMSKI, Ralph and Cheryl (Reynolds), of Cantonvale, Ill., girl, Victoria, Dec. 23, 8:43 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

KERR, Frazer and Robyn (Thorburn), of Dunedin, New Zealand, boy, Daniel James, Dec. 23, 1:45 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

KIMMONS, Von and Erlena (Smith), of Century, Fla., boy, Eli Daniel, Aug. 5, 9:48 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

KING, Gary and Deborah (Moseby), of Victoria, Tex., girl, Amanda Brienne, Aug. 28, 1:10 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KÖHNEMANN, Ed and Angie (Bohnsack), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Nathan Paul, Jan. 1, 5:08 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KOSEL, William and Charlene (Broderesen), of Williams, Minn., boy, Daniel Gene, Dec. 19, 6:52 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KURTZ, Gideon and Sharon (Schoonover), of Denver, Colo., girl, Kristen Marie, Jan. 10, 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LAGEE, Dennis and John (Afaifi), of Sioux Falls, S.D., boy, Jonathan Mitchell, Dec. 11, 10:12 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MALM, Ken and Dorothy (Schnitzer), of Long Island, N.Y., boy, Charles Francis, Dec. 19, 4:28 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys.

MOTAL, Daniel and Carolyn (Lange), of Temple, Tex., girl, Heather Leah, Jan. 4, 12:37 p.m., 4 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, first child.

PETTY, Gary and Kim (Kelley), of Longview, Tex., girl, Jennifer Lynn, Jan. 8, 8:52 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

REYNOLDS, Ron and Judy (Kiefer), of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Warren Dean, Oct. 18, 8:38 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

RICHARDS, John and LeeAnn (Menciewicz), of Plymouth, Ind., boy, Michael Collin, Dec. 8, 1:25 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

ROCKWELL, C. Kenneth and Vivian (Burnette), of Jefferson, Pa., girl, Rebekah Rachel, Jan. 14, 1:45 p.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

SALMON, Arthur and Linda (Ballou), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Kristen Rachel, Oct. 9, 6:32 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SNITKER, Larry and Linda (Lisson), of Prescott, Ariz., boy, Nathan Michael, Dec. 18, 10:12 p.m., 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

SPENCE, Steven and Linda (Lane), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Jaime Erin, Oct. 30, 12:34 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TOLLIN, Curtis and Patti (Curie), of Austin, Tex., girl, Andrea DeLynn, Dec. 4, 11:44 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

TRIVETT, Ellis and Sandra (Wineberger), of Champaign, Ill., boy, Joshua M., Oct. 28, 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys.

TURGEON, Michel and Elisabeth (Serom), of Montreal, Que., boy, Olivier, Oct. 5, 7:40 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

VAN SCHUYVER, Jim and Glinda (Marie), of Houston, Tex., girl, Misty Rachelle, Dec. 25, 4:41 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VERDUN, Randy and Jelene (Doucet), of New Orleans, La., boy, Aaron David, Jan. 17, 8:29 a.m., 7

pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

WAIKANEN, Leo and Silvia (Froschin), of Denver, Colo., girl, Laura Lee, Dec. 28, 5:20 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WALLACE, Michael and Bonnie (Ewer), of Pasadena, girl, Jessica Lynn, Jan. 25, 4:36 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

WHITE, Charles and Sandra (Kraft), of Denver, Colo., boy, Daniel Jacob, Jan. 24, 7:06 p.m., 6 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

WITT, Steve and Terri (Westlich), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Jeremy Steven, Nov. 26, 7:57 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ZIMMERMAN, Steven and Denise (Thorn), of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, Ryan Steven, Jan. 3, 12:50 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin R. Root of St. Paul, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Stahl of Belle Vernon, Pa., are happy to announce the engagement of their fraternal children, Maria Catherine and Barry Jean. Maria is a 1984 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate employed in the Church's Editorial Department. Barry is a Pasadena Ambassador College senior. An Aug. 11 wedding is planned in Minnesota.

Robin L. Shomis and William P. Rogers of the Lansing, Mich., church are pleased to announce their engagement. A March 16 wedding is planned. Mr. Rogers is a 1984 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College and is the son of members Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers of Lennon, Mich. The couple plan to reside in Flint, Mich.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL H. METZ
Debra Ann Newsome, daughter of Sylvia and Calvin Mattox of Appling, Ga., and Daniel Hugh Metz, son of Betty and Glenn Metz of Kankakee, Ill., were united in marriage Oct. 7 in Pasadena. The matron of honor was Arlene Herron Bergstrom, cousin of the bride, and Timothy Wilson served as the best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.

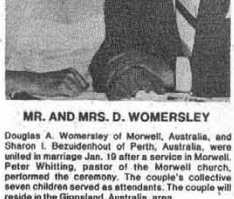
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MR. AND MRS. BRETT EBRICHT
Terry Lynn Walter, daughter of Virgil and Billie Walter of Greensburg, Ohio, and Brett Jay Ebricht, son of Marvin and Colleen Ebricht of Saratoga, Calif., were married Nov. 25 in Big Sandy. The ceremony was performed by Hal Baird, associate pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches. The matron of honor was Linda (Morris) Daniels, and Rick Kabat was the best man. The bride and groom are 1984 Big Sandy Ambassador College graduates and reside in Big Sandy.



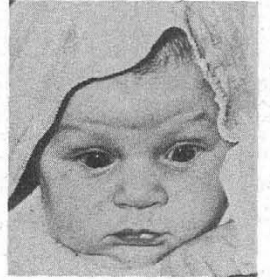
MR. AND MRS. HARTMUT HANGERT
Anette Stich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Stich and Hartmut Hanger were united in marriage Oct. 7 in Lockstedt, West Germany. The ceremony was performed by Paul Kieffer, pastor of the Hamburg, Hannover and Berlin, West Germany, churches. Eva Kernutt was the maid of honor, and Norbert Klus was the best man.



MR. AND MRS. D. WOMERSLEY
Douglas A. Womersley of Morwell, Australia, and Sharon I. Bezudenout of Perth, Australia, were united in marriage Jan. 19 after a service in Morwell. Peter Whitting, pastor of the Morwell church, performed the ceremony. The couple's collective seven children served as attendants. The couple will reside in the Gippsland, Australia, area.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Etienne Daniel Jasmin, son of Andre and Cecinthe Jasmin of Montreal, Que.

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Stephens of Revelstoke, B.C., and Stephen Neil Doucet, son of Nelson and Janora Doucet of Pasadena, were united in marriage Jan. 9 in the Pasadena Ambassador College Recital Hall. Tracy Williams was the maid of honor, and Anthony Rice was the best man. Gary Antion, associate professor of theology at Pasadena Ambassador College, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Pasadena.



ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary to my darling husband. Thank you for changing my life and for 14 years of love. I love you Mark. Love, Esther.

To Mom and Dad, Gene and Joyce Young of Melbourne, Fla. Happy 21st anniversary, Feb. 27. Thanks for being the greatest parents. We love you! Your kids, Brian, Tammy, Kevin, Michele and Debbie.

Happy 8th anniversary, Feb. 20, to my sweetheart and best friend, Love, Linda.

Weddings

Made of Gold

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Members of the Sixty Plus Club here honored Clarence and Susie Ferguson on their 50th wedding anniversary with cake, a gift and hearty congratulations.

The Fergusons were married Dec. 22, 1934, in Birch Tree, Mo. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were baptized in 1958 by evangelist Dean Blackwell, and were two of the original members of the Springfield congregation.

church elder in the spring of 1984. Mr. Daley was born in Oconomowoc, Wis., and worked for Oconomowoc Utilities since 1971.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Diane Breen, Joan Jacek and Kathy; a son, Richard; and seven grandchildren; all in God's Church.

Funeral services were conducted by Joel Lillengren, pastor of the Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis., churches.

GOBLES, Mich. — Carl O. Anglin, 78, died Nov. 14 of a stroke. He has been a member since 1973.

Mr. Anglin is survived by his wife, Alice, and a son, Michael, who attend the Kalamazoo, Mich., church.

Lambert Greer, pastor of the Kalamazoo and Coldwater, Mich., churches, conducted funeral services Nov. 16 at the D.L. Miller Funeral Home in Gobles.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Gladys Welborn Moore, 76, of Durham, N.C., died Dec. 29 after several months of failing health. She was baptized in 1972.

Mrs. Moore is survived by a brother, Robert E. Welborn, and a sister, Lillie Wynne of Franklinton, N.C.

A graveside service was conducted Dec. 31 by Michael Booz, pastor of the Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., churches.

Jekyll Island, Ga., in 1963. He was active in hydroponic gardening and auto mechanics.

Mr. Bastian is survived by his wife, Betty, a son, Jonathan, and a daughter, Susan, all of Calgary; a son, Stephen, and his wife, Ann, of Washington, D.C.; a brother, Douglas, of South Williamsport; and his father, Clyde Emerson Bastian Sr. of South Williamsport, and a sister, Margaret, and her husband, Lewis Hoffman of Allentown, Pa., who attend services in Bethlehem, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted by Trevor Cherry, associate pastor of the Calgary North and South churches.

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont. — Nellie Doris Glenn, 94, died Jan. 4 of a stroke. She was baptized in 1973 and attended services in Peterborough, Ont.

Born in Folkestone, England, she came to Canada as a war bride and lived in Campbellford for the past 65 years. Mrs. Glenn had eight children, 24 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Glenn was active, and jumped rope in her kitchen for exercise until 91.

WAUKESHA, Wis. — Cyril D. Daley, 53, a local church elder here, died Dec. 11 of complications from cancer. He was baptized with his wife, Audrey, in August, 1971, and ordained a local

Obituaries

NEW IBERIA, La. — Revah Prince, 80, a member since 1968, died Jan. 7 after suffering a stroke a few days earlier.

Mrs. Prince attended the Lafayette, La., church. She is survived by nine of her 11 children (six sons and three daughters), one of whom, Elaine Faulsticher, is a member; 33 grandchildren; and 50 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Raymond R. Hileman, 57, a member since April 7, 1963, died Sept. 16 of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Hileman is survived by his wife, Joan, a daughter, Susan, and a granddaughter, Heather.

Funeral services were conducted by David Orban, pastor of the Pittsburgh, Beaver Valley and McKeesport, Pa., churches.

CALGARY, Alta. — Clyde Emerson Bastian Jr., 58, was killed here in an automobile accident Jan. 16.

Mr. Bastian was born in South Williamsport, Pa., and was baptized in

Ministers

(Continued from page 5) and very strong," he said.

Martinique

In Martinique, average church attendance is about 300, with about 145 baptized members. Mr. Dubois describes the members as "generous, teachable and kind."

The church meets in its own hall, built by the members. The dedication of the main room of the hall took place in December along with the 20th anniversary celebration of the Fort-de-France

church (W/N, Dec. 24).

Most of the brethren in Martinique are farmers, civil servants or workers. "In Martinique, as in every country, we have unemployment, but the brethren have work. Those who don't are mostly young people who are living at home with their parents, so it is a minor problem," said Mr. Dubois.

There is also a movement to claim independence from France, "but it is relatively calm. It is not such an important issue as in Guadeloupe," Mr. Dubois said.

As in Guadeloupe, no public transportation runs after 7 p.m. Brethren who live far away must leave immedi-

ately after services.

There are 1,300 *La Pure Verite* subscribers in Martinique. Mr. Dubois conducted three Bible lectures for subscribers since the Feast of Tabernacles. Five prospective members have been the result. "The meetings are necessary," he said, "because many people know the broadcast, but don't know there is a church."

Haiti

Forty-nine attend Church in Haiti. Twenty-one of those are baptized, and most of them are young, according to Mr. Jove. The average age of the members in Haiti is about

24. In addition to weekly services a Bible study takes place each Friday.

Sermons are tapes received from headquarters or from visiting ministers. Sermonettes are articles translated from *The Worldwide News* or *The Good News* into Creole, a French dialect, the major language of the country.

Brethren meet in Port-au-Prince in a rented hall obtained about two years ago. The Church office is in the same building.

Mr. Jove receives *Le Monde Avenir* tapes from Mr. Apartian and delivers them to the radio stations.

Most learn about the Church in Haiti through *La Pure Verite*. A newsstand is set up in the office, and another is at a Fox Photo studio. There are 1,426 subscribers to *La Pure Verite* in Haiti.

Prospective members visit Mr. Jove first. Mr. Jove informs Mr.

Apartian, who arranges for a minister to visit. Mr. Jove is assisted by Joseph Franklin, a member who attends the Port-au-Prince church.

About 50 percent of the brethren in Haiti are unemployed, according to Mr. Jove.

Haitian brethren work as mechanics, public employees, farming technicians, factory workers and teachers. In the country some crops are suffering from drought. But "most of the brethren live in town where they are not as directly affected," said Mr. Jove.

"Religious freedom is quite good in Haiti. The only problem is that many employers want their workers to work on the Sabbath, which can cost many jobs," Mr. Jove said.

Brethren bring snacks and fellowship after services each week and on Holy Days they go on outings as a group, sometimes to a restaurant or to a beach.

French

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don't have unity in culture. It's critically important that we be all things to all men," the evangelist explained, referring to I Corinthians 9:22. "The people living in Paris are far different in how they must be approached than the people living in the West Indies."

To achieve unity in preaching the Gospel in French-speaking areas, Mr. Apartian spends much of his time editing French translations of Church literature.

"In addition to reviewing and editing every single article and piece of literature, each month I write an article for *La Pure Verite* and the *French Good News*," he explained. "A few years back Mr. Armstrong reminded me that I was answerable to God for making His truth clear and easy to understand in the French publications, and I have never forgotten that."

He said that the Church uses "ex-

cellent translators, but we must make sure that we are all speaking the same thing in doctrine and have a strong, consistent editorial style."

Mr. Apartian also records two new broadcasts each week for the French *World Tomorrow* broadcast and makes sure that the French subtitles for Mr. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* telecast "have the right meaning and tempo."

"Preparing the subtitles is often difficult," the evangelist said. "We must take the time to make sure we have a good flow and that the subtitles keep pace with what Mr. Armstrong is talking about."

He added that if the subtitles don't appear to match what Mr. Armstrong is saying in both tempo and content, people who speak French and English may become confused.

"One of the principal things that makes this much easier is the fact that we have our regional office here in Pasadena," Mr. Apartian said. "With our central location we can use the Church's studios to record radio broadcasts, develop subtitles

and utilize the Publishing [Services] prepress operation for the French publications."

Prayer list

The evangelist said an unfavorable exchange rate for the French franc "is the biggest problem we must deal with today." He said that 4.5 French francs could be exchanged for one dollar in 1980. Today, a dollar is worth 10 francs.

To compensate for this, the French Department switched its printing operation to England, where the exchange rate between the English pound and French franc is more favorable.

"If people want something to pray about, tell them that we would appreciate it if they would pray that this economic situation would stabilize and that we would regain some of the value of the franc," the evangelist said.

"Also, people could pray for freedom to preach the Gospel and that the Church would be recognized as a legitimate institution in Africa. We cannot buy broadcast time because of government restrictions in many French-speaking areas."

"We also need more European and African young people to be able to come to Ambassador College for training. We need more manpower, but we especially need natives that can return to their land without needing visas."

"But," Mr. Apartian concluded, "with God all things are possible. And now He is helping us grow."

Quebec

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A few hours north of Sherbrooke lies Quebec City, the provincial capital, and Trois-Rivieres, pastored by Robert Scott, with his wife, Eloise. Almost 170 brethren attend both churches, which meet weekly.

When Mr. Scott visits Sept-Iles, Que., he drives for eight hours to see a member and prospective member, then flies for another half hour to visit another prospective member.

"It's very exciting; we've had 14 baptisms in the past two months," said Mr. Scott. "For Canada that's very good growth. In Quebec City, regular attendance is up 25 percent."

To promote worldwide unity, Mr. Scott sometimes presents slide shows of Burma, Haiti, Thailand and Jordan. "We try to show the brethren what's going on elsewhere in God's work," he said.

In Trois-Rivieres 75 people attended a *Plain Truth* Bible lecture in November. As a result, two have counseled for baptism.

Largest city

In Montreal, Quebec's largest

city, with a population of about three million in the metropolitan area, Mr. Picard and his wife, Monique, serve more than 600 brethren in the North and South French-speaking churches and are assisted by three full-time ministers, a local church elder, six deacons and a deaconess, most of whom are bilingual.

Though unemployment climbed to almost 13 percent last year, only 2 to 3 percent of Church members are without work, Mr. Picard said. "We can see that God is really blessing His people," he said.

"French Canadians are eager to know the truth," Mr. Picard continued, "because that truth has been hidden by the Roman Catholics for so many years." More than 80,000 French Canadians subscribe to *La Pure Verite*.

Mr. Armstrong's television program airs Sunday mornings, and radio CKVL-Montreal broadcasts *Le Monde Avenir* by Mr. Apartian Sundays. Mr. Armstrong is heard six days a week on CKO radio.

Three hundred new people attended *Plain Truth* Bible lectures in June, 1984, by Mr. Apartian. "About 10 are now attending services, and we are counseling two of them," Mr. Picard remarked. "That's good news."

Britain

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stopped after nearly two miles of the tunnel had been excavated. The project was revived in 1890, but to no avail. Attempts in 1906 and 1914 again proved fruitless.

The most recent revival was scrubbed in 1975 after Britain's Labor government, citing escalating costs, halted the project. Digging had progressed for a mile and a half at both the British and French entrances.

This time prospects for completing this historic link, which might take 10 years, look good. The Jan. 16 *Times* of London editorialized:

"A number of factors have come together to produce this change. The solution of Britain's budget problem in the Community has made Europe in general and M. Mitterrand in particular seem suddenly more attractive. The emphasis on creating a 'real common market' by removing obstacles to trade ends the idea of a direct link to the continent... with an obvious relevance."

"The persistence of high unemployment [has]... undeniably also lent a certain lustre to a project variously estimated as likely to provide fifty or even a hundred thousand jobs in the late 1980s..."

Even more important, according to the *Times* editor, is the symbolic importance of the channel link:

"The political symbolism of a project which would literally bind this country, not just to France but to the European continent, is something we should surely by now be able to welcome rather than shun."

In the past, the channel tunnel was more than merely shunned. It was viewed with a great deal of suspicion, if not apprehension. The country's top generals repeatedly vetoed the scheme as a peril to Britain's island security.

Thus, one channel tunnel project after another has fizzled down through the ages. But at last, Britain's protective moat looks as if it is about to be breached — though it

Britons today seem to worry.

Britain's fate

Britain in 1985 is a shadow of its former greatness. Today the British Empire is celebrated (or vilified as the case may be) only in films and on television.

In light of its shrinking capacity, Britain's only political salvation, its leaders surmise, is to bind itself more closely to the nations of Europe — some of them past enemies.

Failing to recognize the God-given source of its past wealth and glory, Britain — identified as Ephraim in Bible prophecy — was prophesied to turn not to God, but to other nations in Europe and elsewhere for economic help and political strength. These other nations will not be able to help (Hosea 5:13).

But the British will finally turn to God when their present dignified demise becomes a rout and deepens into a great national calamity.

"In their affliction," God says, "they will diligently seek Me" (verse 15, Revised Authorized Version). But unfortunately not until "one-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them" (Ezekiel 5:12, RAV).

Astounding as it may seem, hapless millions might be scattered and carried off into national captivity through the very tunnel Britain's military has warned in the past should not be built!

After a time of great tribulation (Matthew 24:21) national wealth and power will once again be restored to the British people. God has a special love for the British people, though the vast majority of them do not understand this yet.

"Is Ephraim My dear son? ... " God asks. "For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on Him," says the Lord (Jeremiah 31:20, RAV).

Spain

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ernment obtained... a ruling that any regime established with the aid of the armed forces that had fought against the United Nations would not be admitted to their organization.

"In August at Potsdam Stalin called on Britain and the U.S.A. actively to help the democratic forces in Spain. Churchill persuaded Stalin that it would be enough to state that the Big Three would not favour any Spanish application for membership" (*Spain*, page 254). Spain did not enter the United Nations until 1955.

Common Market

But, the long-running failure to enter the European Common Market has had perhaps a greater effect on national well-being than has international isolation.

For decades membership was impossible on grounds that Spain was not a democracy. Perhaps as a partial result the Spanish "economic miracle" did not get off the ground until at least 10 years after V-E (Victory in Europe) Day. But it did occur.

Economically speaking, Spain has crept up on the world. Veteran journalist Robert Graham wrote in *Spain — Change of a Nation*: "Between 1955 and 1975, accelerated economic growth irreversibly altered the face of the country. In these twenty years Spain ceased to be Europe's backward rural cousin. It emerged as the West's tenth industrial nation, making up for

much lost ground caused by the brutal interruption of the civil war" (page 277).

Gen. Franco's rule has been much maligned in many quarters. But give him credit on two points.

First, he played out a clever game with Adolf Hitler who desperately coveted Gibraltar. Mr. Hills explained: "In the best interests of his country he [Franco] had to keep Spain out of the war. Hitler needed Gibraltar, or rather the control of the Straits."

"Spain could not in honour allow foreign troops across her territory without being formally at war on the side of those troops; if Franco said 'yes' to Hitler, he would have led Spain into war against Britain; if he said 'no,' Hitler would deal with him... Franco kept on saying 'yes,' adding 'but...' in the same breath."

Gen. Franco was a stubborn but subtle negotiator. Unlike British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain (1937-40), he knew how to deal with Hitler. The Fuehrer himself was to say in exasperation, "I would rather have three or four molars out than meet that man again" (*Spain*, page 243). Nazi Germany did not capture or control Gibraltar.

Second, Gen. Franco is one of the few dictators in history to groom a qualified successor. As Mr. Graham wrote: "He was able to leave a stable succession. Few authoritarian rulers have done this" (*Spain — Change of a Nation*, page 23).

Monarchy restored

The Bourbon royal dynasty has been restored. King Juan Carlos assumed the long-vacated throne on

Gen. Franco's death in 1975. For nearly a half century Spain was without king or queen.

Gen. Franco was a monarchist at heart. He watched over Juan Carlos from boyhood — insisting that he be educated in Spain. Carefully groomed by Gen. Franco, the young man spent many years in preparation for kingship.

King Juan Carlos has overseen Spanish fortunes for 10 years now. (Spain is now ruled by a constitutional monarchy — a parliamentary democracy.)

Up to this writing, the King has been most successful. He has presided over two general elections (with two prime ministers) and ably coped with an attempted military coup.

The latter "was a remarkable personal achievement for King Juan Carlos, in a country with a strong vein of republicanism and where monarchy as an institution has hardly distinguished itself over the centuries" (*Spain — Change of a Nation*, page 3).

It looks at long last as if Spain and her Iberian partner, Portugal, will be admitted to the European Community, perhaps within the next two years. Some observers feel that Spain has lived far too long on the margin of Europe.

Whether its possible admission to the EC will prove profitable to the United States and Britain remains to be seen.

Gibraltar remains a thorny problem. The prophetic possibility that modern Iberia may, in the future, join a European military combine hostile to Anglo-American well-being fills one with a sense of foreboding.

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

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Nov. 12 semiannual letter brought in 261,597 responses and resulted in more than 10,000 new donors and 2,400 new co-workers, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

In December and January MPC received 224,000 requests for *The Plain Truth About Christmas*, offered in Mr. Armstrong's letter, said Wayne Pyle, an assistant to Mr. Rice.

In the Christmas booklet a two-page advertisement and reply card offered the booklet *Pagan Holidays — or God's Holy Days — Which?* In January MPC received 10,000 requests for that booklet.

"That's quite a spin-off," said Mr. Pyle. "Requests wiped out our inventory."

Responses to the semiannual letter are tabulated for 60 days after the letter is mailed and represent 95 percent of the total number of responses that will filter in. "Sometimes, though, we may not receive a reply until years later," said Mr. Pyle.

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Up to 8 inches of ice and freezing rain in parts of Alabama caused downed power lines, hazardous driving conditions and canceled Sabbath services in Huntsville and Florence, Ala., Feb. 2, according to pastor Jim Tuck.

"Fifty thousand homes were without electricity in the Huntsville area," said Mr. Tuck. "Some people were without electricity for up to five days and with very cold temperatures, below freezing."

One Lafayette, La., member family driving through the area

Europe

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Pure Verite readership.

In spite of unemployment plaguing Europe, most in God's Church are employed.

Mr. Kneller commented that a man in the Paris church works in an employment agency, "so generally we get them working pretty quickly."

Olivier Carion said that many have difficulty with employers concerning the Sabbath. "Belgium and France don't have the laws protecting religious freedom that the United States has. There's little brethren can do physically, so their chief defense is the power of prayer."

Schools in France generally have classes on Saturday, but Mr. Muir said, "Up to now... each situation has been worked out." He added, though, that this was a potential problem.

Gasoline is expensive in France and Belgium, which "requires brethren to allocate a large part of their budgets simply to attend services," said Jean Carion.

The French Office in Paris is an extension of the Pasadena-based office directed by Mr. Apertian, and serves French-speaking Europe except for Switzerland, according to Mr. Kneller.

Jeanne Simonin takes care of administrative, legal and financial matters; Marie Claude Bodot reads French mail; and Jean Chauvet processes the mail, filling literature requests and sending other mail to Pasadena.

called Mr. Tuck for assistance. "They said no motels were available and asked if we knew some brethren who they could stay with," said Mr. Tuck.

So Mr. Tuck called a member with a four-wheel-drive vehicle, who earlier offered his assistance, and he escorted the family to his home.

When the electricity went off, some brethren were without heat and "had to move temporarily out of their homes into other brethren's homes," Mr. Tuck related. "Those who had fireplaces or kerosene heaters roughed it."

No one was forced to go to a shelter provided by the county, he added. The brethren were able to work it out among themselves.

A Bible study Feb. 6 in Florence was also canceled, Mr. Tuck said.

"The basic thing is that everybody was able to make it one way or another," he added. "The brethren pulled together — I think that's the main thing. Everything is pretty much back to normal now."

Sabbath services were also canceled in Tupelo and Columbus, Miss., according to pastor Roger West. "We had a lot of sleet that froze" and accumulated into 5 inches of ice, he said.

"We had one lady in the Columbus area with power lines broken because of tree limbs. She was without electricity for five days. Her neighbor ran an extension cord to her house and gave her some electricity."

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

PASADENA — The Australian Office sent the following year-end report, excerpted below.

The work of God's Church in Australia and Asia was blessed with solid growth throughout 1984.

In Asia the *Plain Truth* subscription list recorded a healthy increase. Throughout the year 30,356 new readers were added, bringing the Asian subscription list to 55,651, a 59.9 percent increase over the previous year.

The newsstand program throughout Australia achieved encouraging results. In 1984 newsstand circulation increased 114.3 percent, from 70,000 to 150,000 copies a month. Three hundred sixty-five members stock 607 newsstand outlets.

In Malaysia 800 copies a month are distributed in a test program, while in Sri Lanka 3,000 copies are distributed each month on two newsstands.

In late December the office advertised its new Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line number for the first time on the *World Tomorrow* program in Brisbane. The office received 107 calls.

Australians seem to be in a transition stage between being a "write-in" society to becoming a "phone-in" society, and the WATS system there is still in the experimental stage.

The office has four WATS lines (known in Australia as the 008 Service). These lines were specially laid to the Gold Coast for the Church's use. The Church is the only area organization with this service.



SNOW IN TEXAS — Big Sandy Ambassador College freshmen (from left) Christina Charles from Lilitz, Pa.; Elizabeth Millard from Boise, Idaho; and Shirley Meints from Wymore, Neb.; pause in front of the iced-over swan sculpture on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus. Sabbath services were canceled in Big Sandy Feb. 2 for everyone except students. About 8 inches of snow fell. (Photo by Mike Bedford)

PASADENA — Officials of the American Merchant Marine Library Association (AMMLA) requested 500 copies of *The Plain Truth* to place in U.S. ship libraries, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

The AMMLA provides books and magazines to American merchant, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Military Sealift Command (MSC) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) vessels.

"This was totally unexpected — we didn't solicit this at all," said Boyd Leeson, U.S. circulation manager for *The Plain Truth*.

The AMMLA services ports in New York, N.Y.; Boston, Mass.; New Orleans, La.; San Francisco, Calif.; Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; and Seattle, Wash.

Shipping Services is shipping 200 copies to the New York office and plans to ship 50 copies

to each of the other U.S. offices, Mr. Leeson said.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand — John Croucher, pastor of the Auckland church, traveled to Fiji after two hurricanes struck there. With third-tithe funds he replenished supplies of Church members who suffered losses, according to Rex Morgan, a minister in

the New Zealand Office.

Both families whose homes were destroyed, as reported in the Feb. 4 *Worldwide News*, lived in company-owned homes. The walls of one house fell in a way that it sheltered the family's possessions from the wind and rain, Mr. Morgan said.

Brethren in Pasadena, alerted by Epeli Kanaimawi, a local church elder in the Suva, Fiji, church, who was in Pasadena for the Ministerial Refreshing Program, were asked to pray about the situation. A third hurricane, which was headed for the islands, disappeared.

A hurricane also passed through northern Vanuatu. On the island of Pentecost about 3,400 houses were destroyed. "Nearly all the houses in Santo town lost their roofs or were completely blown down — all around us," said William and Carmen Davies, Church members in Santo, in a letter to the New Zealand Office.

"Only our house, and our property (which is surrounded by a fence) was safe... People keep on asking us, 'Why was your area safe from the wind?'"

Brethren in Tonga were also protected. Hurricanes heading toward the island veered away without causing significant damage, Mr. Morgan said.

Applications available for '85 dig in Jerusalem

PASADENA — Applications are being accepted from Church members for the 1985 archaeological dig program in Jerusalem, Israel, according to Richard Paige, a Pasadena Ambassador College faculty member who supervises college and Church involvement in the project.

The program is scheduled for June 20 through August 1.

The purposes of the program are to strengthen the bridge that Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has constructed between the Church and leading citizens and institutions in Israel; to bring to Israel people who will demonstrate God's way of life; and to learn about the geographical setting of biblical events and modern problems of the Holy Land, according to Mr. Paige.

Applicants must be baptized members (or counseling for baptism) of the Worldwide Church of God, be in excellent physical condition and be between 19 and 30 years old. Six will be accepted. Thirty-four Ambassador College students were already selected.

The program will include lectures and field investigations in archaeology, biblical geography and Israeli society; work at the City of David Archaeological Excavation in Jerusalem for four weeks (6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., five days a week); a five-day tour of Israel, field trips to biblical sites and museums and a three-day trip along the Red Sea coast and through central Sinai to Mt. Sinai.

Participants will experience group living, requiring tolerance of individual differences, and individual respect. The cross-cultural experience requires flexibility and adaptability to cultural differences, Mr. Paige said.

Lectures and field trips will be conducted by Mr. Paige, who teaches history of ancient Israel and biblical archaeology at the college; Israeli archaeologists; graduate students in archaeology; other Israeli experts; and licensed Israeli or Egyptian guides.

Land cost for the program is \$1,250, not including airfare. The price includes housing and tour costs, three meals daily in Jerusalem and Sinai and full Israeli breakfasts

and dinners on the five-day tour.

Other travel costs and personal expenses (except laundry) are the responsibility of the individual. Participants should budget about \$200 for personal expenses. U.S. residents may deduct the cost of air fare plus \$990 of the land cost on their tax returns, according to Mr. Paige.

Air fare information can be obtained from a travel agent. Applicants should reserve flights before acceptance to ensure space, since bookings to and from Israel are in demand on these dates.

Requests for applications should be addressed to:

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Jerusalem
Ambassador College
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Or call Mr. Paige at 1-818-304-6030.

The deadline for applications is March 15.

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