

Herbert W. Armstrong dies at 93

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — Family and Church members, dignitaries and representatives of national governments paid their last respects to Herbert W. Armstrong, 93, at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, Calif., Jan. 19. About 4,700 were in attendance.

Mr. Armstrong, apostle and pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God, editor in chief of the Church's publications and founder of Ambassador College and the Ambassador Foundation, died at 5:59 a.m., Jan. 16, while resting in the bedroom chair of his late wife, Loma.

Jan. 7, Mr. Armstrong called a combined meeting of the Advisory Council of Elders and board members of affiliated [Church] organizations, according to a press release from the Church's Legal Office. Also present was Ralph K. Helge, the Church's legal counsel.

Evangelist Joseph W. Tkach and Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's executive aide, were with Mr. Armstrong in his home during the meeting. To avoid any contagion to Mr. Armstrong, other board members met in the executive boardroom on the fourth floor of the Hall of Administration and communicated by telephone conference hookup, according to Mr. Helge.

"As was customary, Mr. Armstrong opened the meeting with prayer," Mr. Helge said. "The tone of Mr. Armstrong's prayer was deeply moving to all the men as he stated he felt that the time was approaching 'to pass the baton.'"

Mr. Armstrong then designated Mr. Tkach, director of Church Ad-

ministration, to be his successor to the office and title of pastor general of the Church and to the other offices, titles and authority held by Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Tkach would assume the various offices and titles in the event of Mr. Armstrong's death.

Mr. Armstrong announced that he was appointing Mr. Tkach to the office and title of deputy pastor general of the Church and its affiliated organizations, said Mr. Helge.

Personally designating a successor, said Mr. Armstrong, would aid in preserving the unity that exists in God's Church and prevent some from falling away.

Mr. Armstrong said his designation was made after "much prayer, reflection and counsel" with many council members. Board members unanimously endorsed Mr. Armstrong's designation, said Mr. Helge.

"In closing, Mr. Armstrong beseeched the members of the Church and its co-workers not to give way to the wiles and deceitful tactics of Satan, but rather to remain faithful to the Body of Christ as represented by the successor he had designated," said Mr. Helge.

In his last co-worker letter Jan. 10, Mr. Armstrong wrote: "This is my first letter to you in 1986, and could very well be my last... It may be that the Work God has given me to do is complete, but not the Work of God's Church, which will be faithfully doing God's Work till Christ, the True Head of the Church, returns."

Mr. Armstrong then announced the appointment of Mr. Tkach as deputy pastor general, to succeed

Mr. Armstrong in the event of his death.

Mr. Armstrong closed his final letter: "Praise and thank God, and pray for his Work. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for your prayers for me personally. In deep gratitude and love, in Jesus' name, Herbert W. Armstrong."

Letters to co-workers, ministry

In a Jan. 16 co-worker letter Mr. Tkach said, "I am deeply saddened to have to inform you that Herbert W. Armstrong's illness has ended in the manner least expected by all of us."

"In the next second of his consciousness he will awake in the first resurrection, completely healed, not in the corruptible body of this mortal flesh, but as an immortal spirit-composed body, in glory in God's eternal kingdom!"

Mr. Tkach explained how Mr. Armstrong completed, with God's help, "his most powerful and effective book, *Mystery of the Ages*." This crowning achievement came after a half century of articles, letters, booklets, books, sermons and broadcasts, preaching and teaching the truth of God's plan for mankind, of the glorious and radiant future that is the ultimate destiny of humanity.

In the letter Mr. Tkach told brethren: "The greatest tribute we can give Mr. Armstrong is to do the Work we've been called to... Let us carry on in FAITH. There is much yet to do!"

The same day, in a letter to the ministry, Mr. Tkach wrote: "God mercifully granted us what Mr. Armstrong considered several additional years of his leadership, to turn the Church around from the liberalized path it had strayed onto in the middle seventies. God used him powerfully to get the Church back on track."

"I am personally deeply sobered and humbled by the responsibilities God has placed on my shoulders," Mr. Tkach said.

Special forum

At 11:30 a.m., Jan. 16, Mr. Tkach conducted a forum for Church employees and Ambassador College students and faculty in the Ambassador Auditorium.



FUNERAL ADDRESS — Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, delivers the address at the funeral of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Jan. 19. About 4,700 attended the 2 p.m. memorial service at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, Calif. [Photo by Dexter H. Faulkner]

Mr. Tkach said that God granted Mr. Armstrong 93 "dynamic years of service and dedication." He said that though it was a sobering time, brethren should not grieve with worldly sorrow but continue pressing ahead in God's work.

"The greatest work yet lies ahead," he said. "Mr. Armstrong would have us focus our attentions now on bigger and greater things."

Quoting Psalm 116:15, Mr. Tkach exhorted those assembled to look at Mr. Armstrong's death as precious in God's sight.

"Jesus has promised us, 'I'll never leave you nor forsake you,' in Hebrews 13:5," the pastor general continued. "Now that is a promise that we can hang our hats on."

Jan. 18 Mr. Tkach addressed 3,553 brethren assembled for combined Sabbath services in the Ambassador Auditorium and other locations on the Ambassador College campus. The pastor general's message was transmitted simultaneously to 1,781 brethren from the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches assembled on the Big Sandy campus.

Details of Mr. Armstrong's funeral the next day were announced by Mr. Tkach.

Graveside events

Mr. Armstrong's body was taken to Turner & Stevens, C. Lewis Edwards Mortuary in Altadena. Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh directed funeral arrangements, with Roman Borek, Auditorium house manager, serving as coordinator.

Some of Mr. Armstrong's staff were seated separately, according to Mr. Borek. They were Rona Mar-

tin, Social Center director; Myrtle Horn, Pasadena Ambassador College women's guidance counselor; Mel Olinger, Mr. Armstrong's chauffeur; and Mr. Olinger's wife, Loretta.

"The casket was brought to the grave site in a hearse surrounded by an honor guard of Ambassador student leaders, led by Paul Bennett and Anthony Marcinelli, the student body presidents of the Pasadena and Big Sandy colleges," said Mr. Borek. "We didn't want Mr. Armstrong's body brought to the grave site alone."

"Mr. Armstrong probably had the most dignified funeral service of any of the apostles," Mr. Borek added.

"The entire Advisory Council of Elders were pallbearers," he said. "The lineup was chosen by Mr. Tkach." At 1:58 p.m. the hearse was opened, and the coffin was removed.

On one side of the coffin, led by Mr. Tkach, were Mr. Dean and evangelists Ellis La Ravia, Leroy Neff, Raymond McNair, Richard Ames and Richard Rice. Following Mr. Hoeh on the other side were evangelists Dibar Apartian, Harold Jackson, Roderick Meredith, Norman Smith and Leon Walker and Mr. Helge. Evangelist Dean Blackwell walked between Mr. Rice and Mr. Helge.

The casket was carried to the grave site by Mr. Dean, Mr. Apartian, Mr. La Ravia, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Neff, Mr. Meredith, Mr. McNair and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Armstrong's casket, made of solid mahogany and weighing up (See MR. ARMSTRONG, page 12)

Tribute to Mr. Armstrong

This issue of *The Worldwide News*, which was in progress at the time of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's death, includes year-end reports from each of the Church's regional directors and some Pasadena departments. The reports include accomplishments in 1985, goals for 1986 and specific areas of concern about which brethren should pray.

The Feb. 10 *Worldwide News* will be a 12-page full-color tribute to Mr. Armstrong. This special issue will feature historical articles and photographs, milestones in Mr. Armstrong's life and condolences from world leaders.



HONOR GUARD — An honor guard of 23 Ambassador College student leaders flanks the hearse carrying Mr. Armstrong's body to the grave site. [Photo by Dexter H. Faulkner]

1986: year of crisis in world economics

PASADENA — According to a newsletter we receive in the News Bureau, 1986 is likely to bring considerable uncertainty largely "because a deteriorating economic picture will tend to increase political and social tensions."

A true assessment — but it lacks the impact and urgency that should have been expressed.

To examine this burgeoning world economic crisis, I went to Mexicali, Mexico, to attend, as a press representative of *The Plain*

Truth, the Jan. 3 summit conference between Presidents Ronald Reagan of the United States and Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico. My son Neal accompanied me, representing *Youth 86*.

President Reagan and his host — the two men get along well together, easing tensions across the border — discussed issues ranging from trade and investment to drug traffic problems and environmental issues.

But topic No. 1 was how to help Mexico cope with its foreign debt,

approaching \$100 billion. Only Brazil, with \$103 billion, tops Mexico among developing nations. How did Mexico get into such a bind in only 15 years? (At the beginning of the 1970s Mexico owed only \$4 billion.)

It goes back to the rapid rise in Middle East oil prices in the after-

thoughts that Washington would do its best to put together enough new borrowing — \$4 billion in loans — to service Mexico's debts so that it wouldn't go into default.

U.S. banks have little choice but to throw in more funds to keep the old loans afloat. Mexico, in effect, holds several giant banks hostage.

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



math of the 1973-74 partial oil embargo, coupled with the discovery of vast petroleum reserves in Mexico.

Flush with Arab oil money, international bankers fell over one another to lend funds to what seemed to be promising projects in the developing world. For Mexico, oil in the ground seemed to be sound collateral, given the steady rise in oil prices. Mexico borrowed heavily against that collateral.

Then came the downward spiral in oil prices, which continues to this day. Each one-dollar drop in the price of a barrel of oil costs Mexico more than \$500 million annually in export income. With oil prices on the skids, the value of the peso dropped sharply in 1982 and continues to slide.

During the Mexicali summit U.S. officials assured Mexican au-

The Oct. 1 *Wall Street Journal* reported: "As Mexicans are fond of pointing out: 'Mexico can make Bank of America disappear; Bank of America can't make Mexico disappear.' BankAmerica Corp. and sev-



MEXICALI SUMMIT — President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico, far right, escorts his guest, U.S. President Ronald Reagan, from speakers stand in front of the state executive building in Mexicali, Mexico. The two leaders met for a summit conference Jan. 3. (Photo by Gene H. Hogberg)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

'If God be for us...'

The phones began ringing before 8 a.m. We had little chance to cope with our pain before we were thrust into the incredible number of things that had to be done.

"Can you confirm that Mr. Armstrong died at 6 a.m.?" I had just been informed of Mr. Armstrong's death myself, and I was in no mood to answer the phone calls. But that, along with many other things, had to be done and immediately.

"It's already on the radio," someone said.

Staff members stood in groups here and there, talking quietly. Soon they would have to go to their desks and force themselves to concentrate.

Ministers and brethren notified

Brethren had to be told. A member and co-worker letter was sent down from Mr. Joseph Tkach to be printed and sent out the same day.

Ministers worldwide had to be notified. I hurried to Mr. Tkach's office to lend a hand. Telephone calls were made and faxes sent. There was no way we could beat the news media, of course.

An all-employee meeting was called for 11:30 a.m. in the Ambassador Auditorium for Mr. Tkach to make the sad announcement officially. Sobered employees listened to his encouragement to carry on the legacy left us by Mr. Armstrong.

Jan. 16, 1986, was not an easy day.

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Timothy 4:6-8).

Just as the apostle Paul, Mr. Armstrong has it made. He has faithfully endured to the end.

Mr. Armstrong never retired

He never retired, you know. In spite of his failing eyesight and hearing, the angina attacks, his susceptibility to respiratory diseases, he continued on fulfilling his commission. Even since last year's Feast of Tabernacles, when he became so ill he couldn't return to his office, he worked out of his home as much as his health allowed.

Though he at the last had to dictate his member and co-worker letters and have them read back to him, he continued right on leading the way, encouraging and inspiring us to produce even more.

Only death could stop him. His work is over. God has finally allowed him to rest.

But, brethren, our work is not over! We have not yet finished fighting the good fight or finished our course or kept the faith to the end. We still have to prove to God that we will carry on just as strongly as Mr. Armstrong did to bring God's warning message to this dying world.

Jesus Christ has commissioned this Church and promised to be with it always, to the end, not just of Mr. Armstrong's life, but to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). The Head of this Church, Jesus Christ, expects us to go right on full speed ahead to complete His work.

The responsibility lies heavy

upon us. We must not falter.

We are working on a special tribute issue of *The Worldwide News* to honor Mr. Armstrong. This 12-page full-color edition, featuring articles written by Pastor General Joseph Tkach and evangelists and long-time associates of Mr. Armstrong, will be published Feb. 10.

In the other publications we will also have special tributes in the next few months. In *The Good News* we plan a special issue in May featuring Mr. Armstrong on the cover, with photographs showing him bringing the Gospel message to the world.

Evangelist Dibar Apatian has written a memorial article for the *May Plain Truth*, which will accompany Mr. Tkach's first "Personal" in that magazine. In *Youth 86* we plan to reprint the portrait of Mr. Armstrong that was featured on the first cover of *Youth 81*. A special five-page section will focus on his special relationship with young people.

Goals are the same

And, then, brethren, we are going ahead to do God's work. We cannot stand still.

No matter what we face in the future (and God's Word shows us that we will have persecution), our goals are the same. "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22).

God's Church will never stop growing. Responsibilities may change, but one thing will never change, our commission is to the end — until Christ's return.

So let's gird up our loins, and prepare ourselves like good soldiers, to follow and support Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach as he goes forward to carry out the many responsibilities Jesus Christ, the Head of this Church, has laid upon him.

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? ... For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:31, 38-39).

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Europe's year of violence

BOREHAMWOOD, England — The new Roman year is an artificial point when we traditionally survey the year that was and the year before us.

Last year was no banner year. As a Dec. 29 *Observer* editorial pointed out, "Even an optimist must concede that there are many problems which found no solution during 1985 and remain to haunt us during 1986."

Year of violence

Europe '85 was yet another year

Letters TO THE EDITOR

'Children's Corner'

Thank you so much for the gem of truth in the "Children's Corner" in the Nov. 4, 1985, issue of the *WN*. Many people might have skipped that article thinking it not applicable because of not having little children. That article though had the simple answer to continuing the Feast spirit: He that is of a merry heart has a continual feast. Fantastic.

Joyce Brown
West Hartford, Conn.

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Third-tithe blessings

I'd like to write and share with you all the blessings God has given me during my third tithe year.

My year started out roughly on the financial and job side...

Yet God was faithful and the blessings came. I learned more about myself through that trial and through Graduate Spokesman Club.

Things turned around and the blessings came. Since May I have received a \$1,350 raise and a promotion with another raise of \$4,200 with another \$2,000 expected in April '86. I was able to marry and now have a great wife and two fine kids. Our wedding and honeymoon were totally paid for... I was also able to buy a cozy two-bedroom house with a mortgage 2 percentage points below the going rate...

What great blessings God has given me. I know I'm not worthy of it. I have so much to be thankful for.

Name withheld

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Appreciates 'Updates'

Thank you so much for the information on the work around the world in (See LETTERS, page 11)

eral other large bank holding companies [six were listed] have loans in Mexico equivalent to over half their shareholder equity."

A corollary to Mexico's dilemma — and that of the exposed banks — is that as much, or more, money flees Mexico every year as is needed to refinance its foreign debt.

Wealthy Mexicans have lost so much confidence in the country's future that money is pouring out of the country — an estimated \$5 billion in 1985 — seeking safer havens elsewhere, especially in the United States.

The Mexican situation illustrates just one aspect of the colossal worldwide debt crisis. Harold Evans, editorial director of *U.S. News & World Report*, wrote in the magazine's Jan. 20 issue:

"Fifteen countries, 10 of them in Latin America, owe \$427 billion to banks and governments; U.S. banks are owed \$94 billion..."

"If Argentina, Mexico and Brazil merely missed one year's payment, it would be a loss of \$8 billion — but (See *ECONOMICS*, page 11)

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THE PASSING OF THE BATON

By Jeff Zhorne and Michael Snyder

PASADENA — "God doesn't intend me to fill the shoes of Herbert W. Armstrong, but to walk in the walk that he has set for us, to follow his example," said Joseph William Tkach, 59, who succeeded Mr. Armstrong as pastor general of the Church, after Mr. Armstrong died Jan. 16.

Mr. Tkach, speaking the same day in the Ambassador Auditorium at an 11:30 a.m. forum for Church employees and Ambassador College students and faculty, added: "I'm here to follow the example that he has set for every one of us. So I look to you now to give me the same kind of cooperation, the same kind of relationship and enjoyment with one another."

David Hulme, Church spokesman and director of Media Purchasing, commented at a news conference that afternoon why Mr. Tkach was made pastor general. He said that Mr. Tkach, as director of Church Administration, "demonstrated the right attitude, which comes from the Spirit of God."

History in God's Church

March 1 marks 29 years as a baptized member of God's Church for Mr. Tkach. The pastor general was baptized in 1957 in Chicago, Ill., by Dean Blackwell, now an evangelist, and assisted Mr. Blackwell in the Chicago churches.

Mr. Tkach was ordained a deacon Jan. 7, 1961, by Mr. Blackwell, and a local elder June 3, 1963, by evangelist Roderick Meredith.

The pastor general established churches in South Bend, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, Ind.; Rockford and Peoria, Ill.; Davenport, Iowa; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Cincinnati, Ohio; and St. Louis, Mo.

In 1966 Mr. Tkach entered Pasadena Ambassador College, where he attended for three years before being assigned to serve with Mr. Meredith in the Los Angeles, Calif., church.

He pastored the San Marino, Calif., A.M. and P.M. congregations from 1971 to 1974, when he was raised in rank to preaching elder.

Meanwhile in 1970 he began working in Ministerial Services in third title administration and the emergency fund.

After assisting Clint Zimmerman, now Auditorium A.M. pastor, in the San Gabriel Valley, Calif., A.M. church, Mr. Tkach assisted evangelist Herman Hoeh in the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. congregation from 1976 to 1979.

Mr. Tkach was named director of Ministerial Services (now Church Administration) in July, 1979. That same year, Mr. Armstrong ordained Mr. Tkach an evangelist and named him associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, pastored by Mr. Armstrong.

A personal assistant to Mr. Armstrong, he served throughout the Church's receivership crisis in 1979.

The next year Mr. Tkach was named a member of the U.S. Festival Coordinating Team.

In March, 1981, Mr. Armstrong appointed Mr. Tkach to the Advisory Council of Elders.

Early life

Before coming into God's Church, Mr. Tkach served in the U.S. Navy, receiving a certificate in basic engineering in 1945.

He then attended the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, studying industrial management, industrial safety and human factors in industry.

In 1950 Mr. Tkach was hired by Hupp Aviation, where he worked in the apprentice program. Before resigning in 1963 to serve in the ministry, he advanced to supervisor and



HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG



JOSEPH W. TKACH

obtained journeyman credentials. He was once fired by Hupp Aviation for keeping the Sabbath, an incident he described to the combined Pasadena churches Jan. 18:

"I was threatened if I didn't come in on that Sabbath for a special meeting that I would be fired." Mr. Tkach recalled. "Upon coming home from Church services there was a telegram waiting for me stating that I was fired."

"Monday morning I received a telephone call from the personnel manager saying, 'Management would like you to come in immediately, as fast as you can get here.'"

"I didn't know what to expect," the pastor general continued. "But after arriving at the plant, out in the parking lot there were almost 2,000 people milling around on a wildcat strike because they heard that I was fired."

"You see, we serve a God who fights our battles for us. My job was given back to me."

March 31, 1951, he married Elaine Apostolos, a native of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Tkach have a son and two daughters. Joseph Jr., 34, a 1973 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, is a local church

elder in the Phoenix, Ariz., West church; Tanya, 32, is the wife of Douglas Horchak, pastor of the Glendora, Calif., church; and Jennifer, 29, is the wife of Paul Butler. They are members who attend the Hobart, Tasmania, church.

"We have all been taught and trained by a trainer of men," Mr. Tkach exhorted brethren Jan. 18. "He has taught us the importance of why we were called. We are here to be taught and to be trained. Now is not the time to throw up our hands and to quit. Now is not the time to go fishing as the disciples did."

"However, now is the time to stand up and be counted to do God's work to which we have been called, to perform a duty collectively. Remember this is our life. Our very salvation could be at stake."

"So as the chapters are increased in the living book of Acts, there should be no gaps, but merely a marker of faithfulness to help us start from the spot Mr. Armstrong left off. This is the responsibility that we have, the legacy that has been left to us, to carry on with the work. We have an awesome responsibility."

Conference builds unity, says new pastor general

By Joseph Tkach
Pastor general

PASADENA — The keynote for the regional directors conference is unity. I don't think we put enough emphasis on that particular point — unity in God's work.

This article is taken from Pastor General Joseph Tkach's comments at the November regional directors conference. Reports from the regional directors begin on page 4.

Teamwork is good and it serves a purpose, but our relationship here in the work of God and as the servants of God goes beyond teamwork. We are much closer in relationship than what teamwork expresses as far as the world's standards are concerned.

We are brothers and sisters in

Christ, regardless of what country, what area of the world, we represent. We should all be working together in accomplishing the great commission that God has given to us in preaching the Gospel.

That is what should be uppermost in our minds, working together in God's work in peace and harmony and in the kind of unity that, as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong said, we have now as never before.

Maintaining standards

We're going to maintain the standards that Mr. Armstrong established. The fruits speak for themselves. The work has been extremely successful. And all of us sitting here are the result of Mr. Armstrong's labor of love.

In this conference we will discuss work expansion, growth and development, cost effectiveness, exercising proper stewardship principles and fulfilling the great commission.

So we have an awesome responsibility that requires total cooperation, working together as one body collectively, moving with the tide of God's great work. God expects us as His stewards to be efficient and effective, cost effective in all areas of our responsibilities, making the dollar go as far as it can go.

Doors opening

This work is growing by leaps and bounds. New doors are being opened as never before. We anticipate that we'll have more than 15,000 new visit requests in 1985 in the United States alone. That is a 135 percent increase over the past five years.

We have 317 field ministers employed by the Church worldwide. Two of these are only part-time. This is 20 fewer than 1975, when Church attendance was 20 percent lower. And members account for 85 percent of Church income.

When you leave, remember to keep the faith. And let God use us as tools and instruments to carry out His will and not our own.



ADVISORY COUNCIL — Members of the Advisory Council of Elders are photographed with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, Jan. 19. They are (front row, from left): Dean Blackwell, Leroy Neff, Aaron Dean, Mr. Tkach, Herman Hoeh, Raymond McNair and Roderick Meredith. Back row, from left: Ellis La Ravia, Leon Walker, Richard Rice, Dibar Apartian, Harold Jackson, Richard Ames, legal counsel Ralph Helge and Norman Smith. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Australian Office

Burleigh Heads, Australia



ROBERT AND SANDRA MORTON

By Robert G. Morton
Regional director

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Following the growth experienced in Australia and Asia in 1984, last year was a year of consolidation. Nevertheless growth continued in most areas of the work because of programs instituted the previous year.

Noteworthy events in 1985 included excellent results from the library waiting-room program, the 100 percent increase in response to the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* telecast because of the newly installed Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines, and placement of lighted news-

stand displays in major Australian airports.

This year is to be one of further consolidation. It is anticipated that several major factors will heavily influence our 1986 budget, including a substantial devaluation of the Australian dollar and an expected increase in the annual inflation rate to 8 percent.

In media, mainly for budgetary reasons, in 1986 we will prune the number of television stations airing *The World Tomorrow*. Those stations with the highest cost-per-response covering the smallest population centers and the smallest percentage of the *Plain Truth* list will be dropped. By reducing the coverage of the population by only 14 percent we will save 40 percent of the money we would otherwise use on television.

By careful use of the remaining 60 percent of our television budget we will still cover around 82 percent of the population of Australia.

Some of the difficulties experienced in preaching the Gospel include the cost of shipping and postage, the time delay in delivering the Church publications to subscribers, residence and travel restrictions for ministers and the high cost of travel. Also, English is often a second language for our Asian readers, many of whom come from

diverse religious backgrounds such as Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism and ancestor worship.

We also have members in remote areas. Several live on the troubled Thailand-Burma border, while others are scattered throughout the island nations of the Pacific. Usually they are visited once a year by a minister from Australia.

Observing God's Sabbath is a major test for many members in Asia, especially in India. Most Indians work a six-day week with only Sunday off. Often members must take time off without pay on Saturdays or have the time deducted from their annual leave. Some have lost their jobs, while others have been under an almost permanent threat of being terminated.

In 1985 the Indian government under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi decided that government employees will work only five days a week. Since many of our members work for the government or government agencies, this decision in June was a major milestone as God mercifully lifted the trial off them. The government decision sets the standard for private industry, but many members will face Sabbath trials until the five-day week becomes more widely accepted.

Another trial faced by some members in Southeast Asia is com-

pulsory military training. Several young men face severe problems including possible imprisonment as their countries do not recognize conscientious objection as a valid reason for not doing military service. They would be grateful for the prayers of God's people worldwide, as would our members living on the Thailand-Burmese border. Because of the military conflict in the area, they face severe hardships including shortages of food. Our members in Sri Lanka also face serious problems because of terrorism.

Lastly, we encourage members to

pray that God will continue to provide finances for the Gospel to be preached in Southeast Asia.

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Churches:	46
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Local church elders:	29
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REGIONAL OFFICE IN BURLEIGH HEADS, AUSTRALIA

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FRANK AND SHARON BROWN

By Frank Brown
Regional director

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Some 650 million people live in the 11 million square miles of territory served by the British Regional Office.

Our main goal of 1986 is to maintain 1985 levels of activity, especially in magazine circulation. This is dependent on income, and prayers

of the brethren would be appreciated.

The *Plain Truth* file in the United Kingdom, which dropped to 96,860 subscribers after an extensive renewal program, has now been built back up to 157,000 copies each issue. With 110,000 copies on the newsstands each issue, total circulation in the United Kingdom is 267,000.

In Scandinavia, the door of cable television opened in Oslo, Norway, in May. *World Tomorrow* programs with Norwegian subtitles are aired on Sundays, and that's unusual because ordinarily there is no Norwegian television on Sunday.

This year television in Denmark and cable television in Britain may become available. Please pray that the right people will be favorable to us as we pursue this goal and for the income to finance the expansion God is making possible in this area.

We have members scattered all over Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates. And they're mostly expatriates, transit members. Few if any

of them are Arabs.

It's difficult to get in to visit the people in Muslim countries. They don't allow any wine in the countries, especially in Saudi Arabia, so it's difficult for members to keep the Passover. They often have to go out of the country to keep it.

A lifting of postal restrictions and a heightened interest in Christianity in Iran account for considerable growth in the *Plain Truth* file.

People in the Middle East read *The Plain Truth* in English. Ninety-nine percent of the population is Muslim, yet circulation there is really taking off. So is *Good News* circulation.

A variety of problems exist in the region administered by the British Office. Freedom of religion is allowed in almost every case, although public response is mixed, ranging from apathy in the affluent European areas to great enthusiasm in the Third World.

In Uganda, constant turmoil prevents freedom of activity. A military coup there brought fighting

and bloodshed, but things seem to have settled down now into an uneasy truce. Brethren always attend meetings arranged by the Church, when it's possible to have them.

In Nigeria, economic collapse and high costs, including a 500 percent increase in postage, meant that we couldn't respond to requests for booklets or literature. We are still seeking registration of the Church in Cameroon, so regular meetings can be conducted in English and French.

Because of a lack of funds, *Plain Truth* circulation in East and West Africa will drop from 55,000 to 9,000. A waiting list for the magazine contains 10,000 names.

There are many people in Africa who have read the magazine for many years but haven't written for literature. They haven't become co-workers or donors, simply because they can't afford to.

The pruning in some areas should give the Church's work greater strength in coming years.

We have Bible studies that meet

occasionally in Greece and Malta. In the Middle East we have 14 scattered members. About 12 attend a Bible study in Jerusalem, conducted by Raymond Clore, a local church elder.

Brethren should pray for the protection of all God's ministers, especially in hazardous areas, and for the continuing success of the farm program in Ghana.

Overall God's people are dedicated, converted and prepared to overcome virtually any obstacle to attend Sabbath services and Bible studies.

Members served:	2,977
Churches:	55
Outlying Bible studies:	12
Full-time ministers:	27
Local church elders:	34
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	413,462
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	29,848
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	4,594
Countries served:	58

Canadian Office

Vancouver, B.C.



COLIN AND MARGARET ADAIR

By Colin Adair
Regional director

VANCOUVER, B.C. — We are

looking at 1986 as a kind of a holding time.

Goals for 1986 include maintaining an income increase sufficient to supply \$4 million (Canadian) in subsidies to international areas. The subsidy represents 20.6 percent of expenses. Plans are to maintain *Plain Truth* circulation at 1985 levels through more direct-mail campaigns. This would offset decreases in circulation from renewals.

Canadian income in 1985 was about \$17,355,000 (Canadian), up about 8.8 percent from 1984.

Media growth should remain constant, and newsstand outlets will increase as pastors seek them. Possible outlets at Expo 86 here should increase newsstand circulation from May through October. Last year a

Protestant minister requested a newsstand for his church.

To expand the *Youth 86* circulation, copies are placed on the middle tier of three-tier *Plain Truth* newsstands in Vancouver and Montreal, Que. In 1986 plans are to distribute about 1,000 magazines each month in other major cities.

Church attendance increased about 3.7 percent in 1985, baptized members by 3.8 percent and Festival attendance by 7.1 percent.

The first all-Canada ministerial conference since 1980 took place in Banff, Alta., May 13 to 16.

Tornadoes swept through Ontario in May, but no brethren suffered damage or injury. Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan suffered drought in early summer causing stunted

wheat crops. Farmers, including some members, were affected.

Unemployment is about 10.4 percent and is not expected to change much. Inflation is about 4 percent.

Except for the west coast, Canada experiences harsh winters beginning in October and ending in April or May. Extreme cold weather on the prairies makes traveling difficult, and ministers carry survival kits in case they are stranded in a blizzard. Weather sometimes affects church attendance.

Problems in the Canadian churches, as elsewhere in the Western world, are in marriage and family life. Society is placing greater pressure on the teenagers as well.

Brethren are asked to pray for

continued increase in income so Canada can continue to subsidize international areas; for new classification in postal rates to favor *The Plain Truth*, because postal rates are high; and for more doors to open for newsstands, especially in airports.

Members:	6,958
Churches:	74
Outlying Bible studies:	1
Full-time ministers:	62
Local church elders:	42
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	1,225,000
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	47,955
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	29,779
Countries served:	1

Caribbean Office

San Juan, Puerto Rico



STAN AND MILLICENT BASS

By Stan Bass
Regional director
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The

work in the Caribbean was built by radio. The *World Tomorrow* broadcast was first aired in the Caribbean in the early '60s.

The *World Tomorrow* was aired on nine stations in the Caribbean in 1985. We went off JBC Television in Jamaica because the station wanted too much money. It was a blessing in disguise because the station produced more responses than our minister could keep up with.

Response also affected the *Plain Truth* budget. Jamaica and Guyana constitute more than half of the *Plain Truth* subscription list for the Caribbean, but because of currency restrictions those areas cannot contribute to publishing expenses of the magazine.

Some countries have only one

television station. Having a monopoly means they can charge whatever they wish. Cost-per-response on some stations is extremely high, and we would like to divert some money from television into print media, something that has not been done in this area before.

The decision to cut *The Plain Truth* to 32 pages means that we can send the magazine to more people for the same amount of money.

Evangelist Leroy Neff, and his wife, Maxine, visited Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Puerto Rico in 1985. We made a videotape and sent Mr. Neff's sermon to several other churches.

In Trinidad the Church received an unfavorable response to a petition to be considered a tax-exempt

entity. If we are turned down totally, the Church could be charged for back taxes for the years since the Church was incorporated. Since the reserves were high in Trinidad, the taxes could be high.

Another matter in Trinidad is that two disfellowshipped members are suing the Church for the return of their tithes.

In Guyana the quality of life has declined. The brethren there, although positive and better off than average, need our prayers. We are helping them financially and sending food in, but there are many restrictions on doing this.

Brethren in Grenada are certainly recovering from the problems they had under the Marxist government, which the United

States toppled in 1983.

No new congregations are planned for 1986, but we would like the Kingstown, St. Vincent, church to meet twice a month instead of once. We would like to have a Summer Educational Program in the Caribbean. Each year the office helps several youths travel to the SEP in Orr, Minn., but it would be better to have a site here.

Members:	1,067
Churches:	13
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	53,875
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	10,513
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	5,477

Dutch Office

Nieuwegein, Netherlands



BRAM AND GEERTRUIDA de BREE

By Bram de Bree
Regional director

NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands — The publication of Mr. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* in Dutch was the most noteworthy achievement in the Netherlands's Regional Office in 1985. Ten thousand copies were sent out within two months in response to an offer in a semiannual letter — the largest number of booklets sent out in a two month period.

The Netherlands is blessed with an excellent road and public transportation system, making it possible

for all brethren in the four Dutch-language churches to attend services every Sabbath. Few members are unemployed, even though nationwide unemployment is 12 percent.

The Netherlands also enjoys freedom of religion and the press although the government controls television. The Netherlands has more cable television per capita than any other nation in Europe, but the government does not allow foreign programs with Dutch subtitles. There are no television possibilities for *The World Tomorrow*.

English-language copies of *Mys-*

tery of the Ages were distributed at the Feast of Tabernacles. About 50 percent of the Dutch brethren read English. *Mystery of the Ages* should be published in Dutch in 1986 or 1987.

Personal correspondence dropped slightly in 1985, perhaps because many find their questions answered by *The Good News*, which was offered to *Plain Truth* subscribers who renewed twice.

In 1986 we would like to maintain *De Echte Waarheid* (Dutch *Plain Truth*) circulation at 60,000 and increase international *Good News* circulation to 12,000.

The prayers of God's people would be appreciated toward the opening up of Dutch television stations for *The World Tomorrow*.

Members served:	332
Churches:	4
Full-time ministers:	1
Local church elders:	1
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	54,762
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	7,725
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	50
Countries served:	2

French Office

Pasadena



DIBAR AND SHIRLEY APARTIAN

By Dibar Apartian
Regional director

PASADENA — For the last several years we've been stymied in our efforts to find the ministers and the

appropriate visas to pastor a sizable number of brethren in Haiti, Cameroon and Zaire. This amounts to five churches without pastors. We need a breakthrough in resolving these problems.

Bernard Andrist, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel, Switzerland, churches, will go to Africa and work with the brethren in Zaire, Cameroon and Ivory Coast if he can obtain a visa.

The church in Haiti is small but has experienced tremendous growth. In Pasadena we process as many as 100 to 150 letters a week from Haiti.

The French Department shares about every country we serve with someone else, except for France. Belgium is shared with the Dutch Office; Switzerland is shared with the German Office; Quebec is

shared with the Canadian Office; and West Africa is shared with the English Office. The poor exchange rate of the French franc against the dollar is a tremendous handicap.

Last year saw a 31.2 percent increase in *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) circulation and a 134.5 percent increase in *La Bonne Nouvelle du Monde a Venir* (French *Good News*) circulation.

Of the 95,987 *Pure Verite* subscribers added in 1985, 43.25 percent were attracted by direct mail, the first year direct mail was used in France and Switzerland. In Switzerland, a difficult country in which to increase circulation, *Pure Verite* circulation increased 101.4 percent from direct mail.

Goals for 1986 include continued expansion of the French *Good News* subscriber list, increased

growth of *La Pure Verite* in France, Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg, two direct-mail campaigns near the end of the year and the establishment of an easel card-holder program in Europe.

This year the French Department here hopes to receive a Bedford typesetting terminal, which would allow us to do our own typesetting and take some of the load off Pasadena Publishing Services. This will give us greater flexibility in editing.

We are watching events surrounding the planned creation of private television channels in France. Television in France, Belgium and Switzerland is government controlled, and the Church cannot buy time. The two weekly telecasts on Radio Television Luxembourg and Tele-Monte-Carlo are

producing good results even though they are aired late at night. Radio Luxembourg is also producing good results.

Healings in the French area included a member in Canada who was healed after being diagnosed as having glaucoma and a severely degenerated cornea.

Members:	1,475
Churches:	26
Full-time ministers:	22
Full-time ministerial trainees:	2
Local church elders:	4
French <i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	195,948
French <i>Good News</i> circulation:	33,763
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	350
Countries served:	38

German Office

Bonn, West Germany



FRANK AND ESTHER SCHNEE

By Frank Schnee
Regional director

BONN, West Germany — God's work in the German language started about 1960 when *The World Tomorrow* was broadcast over Radio Luxembourg, making this our 25th anniversary.

One of the most noteworthy achievements of the office in 1985 was the installation of the Bedford Meteor 3000 typesetting and pagination work station.

The Bedford system will allow us to do magazine input and pagination here in Bonn. The next step is to link the Bedford system with our

office computer, and we look forward to going on-line with Pasadena in 1986.

After several years of good financial growth, we only had a 2.5 percent increase for 1985. This has slowed us down in doing the work in the German-speaking areas. We need prayers for God's intervention in this area.

Our main vehicle for doing God's work in the German language is *The Plain Truth*, in German, *Klar & Wahr*.

The major booklets are translated into German, and we sent out 135,000 through October.

Results from our pilot newsstand program are positive and show that we can greatly expand the program if funds permit. It is hoped that a television market for a German-language telecast will open up by the end of this year.

The German Office conducts a limited work in the socialist bloc countries. East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland close their borders to ideological and religious influence from the West, but God has opened the door for us to have the Feast of Tabernacles in Czechoslovakia and Poland. Please pray that God would open the door

farther to do a greater work in socialist countries.

We're experiencing growth each year; 1985 was profitable, and we expect 1986 to be even better.

Members:	521
Churches:	14
Full-time ministers:	7
Local church elders:	1
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	88,000
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	24,000
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	350
Countries served:	4

Italian Office

Pasadena



CARN AND JOYCE CATHERWOOD

By **Carn Catherwood**
Regional director

PASADENA — God's work in Italy is a fascinating experience. It is always interesting and never dull. And we have certainly seen God intervene countless times to keep the door in Italy wide open.

Doors open quite quickly in Italy

right now, and the country is ripe for our involvement. Many people are listening to us.

With the third year of *La Pura Verita* (Italian *Plain Truth*) has come a great deal of growth. In 1984 we had 37 co-workers; now we have more than 70. We hope we can rise from the present level of about 85,000 subscribers to about 90,000 subscribers by the end of 1986.

Ninety-two percent of the circulation goes into Italy, with Switzerland receiving almost 3 percent. The other 5 percent goes into 93 other countries.

Our five advertisements in *Reader's Digest* have given us 42 percent of our growth. Nothing has been cheaper than *Reader's Digest* ads as far as cost per response. After one year about 52 percent renew their *Pura Verita* subscriptions, and for Italy that is quite high.

In 1986 we plan to insert another ad in *Reader's Digest* and do more direct-mail campaigns. Di-

rect mail is new in Italy.

Almost one half of our visit and baptism requests come from television. We are on two networks in Italy that bring good response. One is Tele-Monte-Carlo, an Italian station in Monaco that is beamed into Italy. The other is Retequattro, the leading independent national network covering all of Italy.

When Tele-Monte-Carlo was the only station we were on, monthly responses stood around 300. With Retequattro we get combined responses of almost 1,000 a month.

Before the broadcast first aired on Retequattro in June, the station owner gave us a free airing. It so happened that Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi had his set on and later called the station owner, an old friend of his, and gave his impressions.

In July we assigned then-ministerial trainee, Michael Caputo, to the area to serve the brethren and conduct visiting tours.

God blessed our efforts. Mr. Caputo was ordained a full-time local elder at the Feast of Tabernacles in Fuggi, Italy. Three new congregations were established, in Rome, Milan and Catania, Italy, with a combined attendance of about 100.

Mr. Caputo is working with about 70 new people, 40 of whom are prospective members. We have a backlog of about 100 visit requests, with 10 to 15 requests coming in each month.

By the end of October we had received more than 71,000 pieces of mail in Pasadena. That represents a 56 percent increase over the same period last year.

But the number of co-workers has not shot up in Italy, because Catholics, who comprise about 95 percent of the country, are not tithing. Most Catholics have not heard of tithing. When they find a church or a work they would like to support, it doesn't occur to most former Catholics to tithe.

Italy, being an elongated boot-shaped peninsula, presents many geographical challenges. One may be passing through semi-arid rolling hills surrounded by olive groves one day, then sliding on an icy road that winds through a narrow mountain pass in the high Alps the next day.

We ask that brethren pray for a continual open door in Italy. So far the political climate there allows us to work relatively unhindered. We need much wisdom and guidance from God so we may help direct His work in Italy as He wills.

Members served:	35
Churches:	3
Full-time ministers:	1
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	86,235
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	8
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	4
Countries served:	2

New Zealand Office

Auckland, New Zealand



PETER AND KAREN NATHAN

By **Peter Nathan**
Regional director

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — More than 1 in every 100 households in New Zealand received copies of Mr. Armstrong's book *Mystery of the Ages*. More than 10,000 copies were mailed to Church members and co-workers, and subscribers to *The Plain Truth*

and *Good News* who requested a copy.

The South Pacific region administered by the Auckland Office consists of about 30,000 islands across 80 million square kilometers (about 49.6 million square miles). Some members live as far as 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) from their nearest brethren. A minister visits these areas once or twice a year.

Evangelist Dean Blackwell visited the region for six weeks in July and August. He spent 19 days in Tonga and eight days in Fiji conducting classes for ministers and wives there, homiletics classes for some men and daily Bible studies for the brethren. Mr. Blackwell flew to Auckland for seven days of meetings and classes at a ministerial conference for New Zealand ministers.

Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse and David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, and his wife, Robin, attended an earlier ministerial conference in January.

For the first time we sent a local elder, Neville Fraser, and his wife, Carol, to Ambassador College. We also brought Brian Gray, an Ambassador College student, back to help set up an accounting package on the IBM personal computer we installed in 1984. Greg Achtemichuk, a 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, was also hired to help in the office.

In mid-1984 the government devalued the New Zealand dollar by 20 percent. The office felt the full impact of that devaluation in 1985. After several years of a wage and price freeze, the government removed restrictions, which caused inflation to rise to about 15 to 16 percent.

Goals for 1986 include maintaining *Plain Truth* circulation at the current level. About 1 in 15 households receives *The Plain Truth*. New Zealand's two television channels are government owned and will not air commercial religious programs. Negotiations are under way

for the establishment of a private station, which could air the broadcast. Progress is slow, and without God's intervention it would be two years before it goes on the air.

We have a lighted display at Auckland International Airport, but we cannot dispense magazines there. We have submitted an application, which would allow us to distribute *The Plain Truth* early in 1986.

The government plans to introduce a tax that could cost the Church about \$100,000 each year. This tax will lower personal taxation rates, so it should provide relief for the brethren.

In Tonga Sunday observance is enforced, and all work is prohibited that day. Brethren seen working or making noise can be sent to jail. Tonga's only television station carries *The World Tomorrow*, and the king of Tonga sometimes watches *The Plain Truth*.

Four tropical cyclones threat-

ened the Pacific Islands between January and March, 1985. The first struck in Fiji and Vanuatu, leaving 25 dead and 30,000 homeless. God protected his people. Every house in Santo, Vanuatu, was damaged except for one belonging to Church members. In Fiji, the homes of two Church families were destroyed, but both were company-owned houses.

After prayers from the brethren the other three cyclones veered away from the islands.

Members:	727
Churches:	15
Outlying Bible studies:	3
Full-time ministers:	8
Local church elders:	8
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	76,000
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	7,800
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	1,350
Countries served:	10

Philippine Office

Manila, Philippines



GUY AND HELEN AMES

By **Guy Ames**
Regional director

MANILA, Philippines — Last year was one of unity, harmony and peace in the Church in the Philippines.

The Ministerial Education Program (MEP) conducted by evangelist Dean Blackwell in Baguio was the high point of the year in the Philippines. The nine-month program brought Ambassador College classes to the entire Philippine min-

istry and brought nine men into the ministry and helped 10 to be raised in rank. (Mr. Blackwell returned to Pasadena in January.)

For the first time in the history of the Church in the Philippines, four ministers were raised to pastor rank Dec. 31, by Mr. Blackwell and myself.

The Philippine economy is still going down, and the communist insurgency is rising. Many provinces are dangerous for ministers who drive vehicles similar to those that belong to government agencies or forces.

The government maintains the stability the Church needs, despite what the American media say about it.

Some members live in areas where it is not wise to travel, so contact is maintained at services and other activities.

Visits in some remote areas must be made in the dry season because typhoons make roads and tracks impassable in the wet season. Not all members can meet every Sabbath, but that is a goal for the future.

Co-workers contributed 16.5

percent of Church income and donors 8.5 percent, an all-time high. The brethren have prayed for more donors and co-workers for the past several years, since members are giving about all they can. The members contributed 75 percent of the income, down from 90 to 95 percent in the past. In spite of the economy, God is blessing His people and they are doing their part.

Some ministers had difficulties obtaining visas to attend the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena. The United States Embassy is cautious about granting visitors visas since many do not return home. Favor was granted after we met with the embassy staff. All ministers and trainees were granted visas automatically on a group basis when the Church's integrity was proven.

A powerful typhoon threatened Manila after the Feast, but as it struck land it inexplicably split in two going to the north and south of the city, sparing the area of most intense population from devastation. Provinces north of Manila were most severely hit but members gen-

erally escaped major destruction.

A fairly strong earthquake and a series of aftershocks hit near Baguio in April while the MEP classes were in session. Although frightening it did not seriously affect members or the ministers at the program. Damage was not severe.

On the night after Atonement a young man who grew up in the Church and had not yet been baptized was stabbed to death near his home. Around the same time a new member on a southern island was kidnapped and murdered. The kidnapers thought he was in cahoots with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. His wife is a prospective member.

In January one of the church pastors and his wife were involved in a vehicular accident caused by a pedestrian. God's intervention turned a potentially fatal accident into one in which injuries they sustained were quickly healed without lasting problems.

In 1986 we plan to use the knowledge gained from the MEP by increasing the frequency of Sabbath services and Bible studies,

expanding pastorates and establishing new churches.

Little media growth is anticipated during 1986 because of budgetary constraints. Present outlets for the *World Tomorrow* telecast will be maintained. No advertising or newsstand programs are planned.

We ask brethren to pray that the economy will improve so God's work may continue to grow and gain the increased support of more co-workers. An improved economy would alleviate an unemployment problem in the Church and should help the insurgency problem as well.

Members served:	1,902
Churches:	38
Outlying Bible studies:	5
Full-time ministers:	36
Local church elders:	29
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	115,116
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	16,737
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	6,894
Countries served:	5

South African Office Cape Town, South Africa



ROY AND TINE MCCARTHY

By Roy McCarthy
Regional director
CAPE TOWN, South Africa — God's work in southern Africa was established March 18, 1963, when evangelist Gerald Waterhouse raised up the regional office. Today

the office serves an area with 47 million inhabitants including South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia (South-West Africa), Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Last year was a trying one for our men called up for national military service. They all were granted exemption from the military, but they have to do community service.

Problems arose about Sabbath keeping and time off to observe the Holy Days until Sydney Hull, pastor of the Bloemfontein and Klerksdorp, South Africa, churches, got exemption from the Board of Religious Objectors.

In 1984 we added a phenomenal 170,000 new *Plain Truth* subscribers, and as of early November of 1985 we have added another 134,000. More than half the new subscribers in 1985 came from five advertisements in *Reader's Digest*.

We sent out 110,000 direct-mail letters in January, 1985, and received 8,000 responses. And we have just mailed another 50,000.

Because of government controls, we have had minimal radio and television exposure to *The World Tomorrow*.

Our year-to-date income shows a 12.9 percent increase. Owing to the depressed economy, unemployment and the falling value of our currency, donations have dropped off somewhat.

We have had three hikes in petrol (gasoline) prices this year. It has gone up 67 percent. That is mainly because of the low dollar-rand exchange rate. In the past three years the rand has dropped from \$1.31 to 36 cents.

We have had a drought in large areas of South Africa and Zimbabwe during the past three or four years. Importation of grain and

maize was necessary.

There is much political unrest, mainly in the black township areas. Not too many white people are affected by it, but from time to time they experience a mine here, a petrol bomb there and overturned vehicles here and there.

The unrest restricts ministers visiting brethren in certain isolated areas. Uncertain access to and from nonwhite townships hinders brethren in attending evening Bible studies. Our ministers and members have all been protected.

Please pray for the ministry and brethren, especially the black, colored (mixed-race) and Indian members in the townships and that economic sanctions will not hinder the Church's work. A stable government will ensure a climate in which we can fulfill God's commission.

We also ask prayers for government approval to move William

Whitaker to Zimbabwe, where the brethren are waiting for a minister. Another manpower need is in Mauritius, where we need a minister to serve the 57 members there.

In the midst of the problems in southern Africa is God's work, the embryo of God's Kingdom. We have to witness to the world, and we feel we are doing that effectively with God's help.

Members:	1,603
Churches:	16
Outlying Bible studies:	7
Full-time ministers:	15
Local church elders:	8
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	319,172
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	19,632
<i>Youth 86</i> circulation:	6,600
Countries served:	13

Spanish Office

Pasadena



LEON AND REBA WALKER

By Leon Walker
Regional director
PASADENA — The regional of-

ice's most noteworthy achievement in 1985 was successful *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures in Latin America.

In the past three years between 200 and 250 new people who went to the lectures attend Sabbath services, and between 50 and 75 have been baptized.

Last year 22 lectures were conducted in 18 cities in 12 countries. More than 65 percent of the 4,259 in attendance were new people. For 1986 we have scheduled lectures in at least 20 cities in 13 countries.

Reader's Digest accounts for a surge in *Pura Verdad* subscribers. In 1986 we anticipate about 30,000 new subscribers from *Reader's Digest* advertisements that are sched-

uled for eight countries.

Since many *Pura Verdad* subscribers do not renew, we must add many new subscribers to maintain our current total. About 80,000 new subscribers will be added in 1986.

Political problems are extant. Several countries are terrorized by guerrilla activity or other kinds of political and civil unrest. Assassinations, bombings and terrorism in general are increasing throughout Latin America.

Other problems are inflation, currency devaluations and unemployment, which are on the increase in Latin America. God has blessed the members throughout the region, but prayers on their behalf would be appreciated.

Latin American geography plays a significant role in terms of traveling and visiting brethren. The areas administered by the ministry are large. The terrain is, for the most part, rugged and mountainous; roads are poor.

The Spanish Department is trying to resolve a problem of slow service in mailing Church literature from Britain to Latin America.

The earthquakes in Chile in March and Mexico in September caused slight problems for our members there. But none were injured, and property damage was not great.

Two members' homes were destroyed in Chile, but they were rebuilt. God certainly protected His people during this time.

The eruption of the volcano and subsequent mudslide in Colombia Nov. 13 that wiped the town of Armero off the face of the earth affected none of our members, since none live there.

Members:	1,164
Churches:	23
Outlying Bible studies:	10
Full-time ministers:	20
Local church elders:	1
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation:	205,000
<i>Good News</i> circulation:	11,000
<i>Youth 86</i> (English) circulation:	168
Countries served:	21

A look into 1986

MPC records greatest harvest

By Richard Rice
Mail Processing director
PASADENA — The year of 1985 was, without doubt, the greatest time of harvest that the work has experienced in this age. Records were established by wide margins in nearly every category of mail and phone calls.

Here are some milestones of the past year in the United States:

- The Mail Processing Center (MPC) received 6.7 million pieces of mail. This is 37 percent more than 1984. Other mail receiving records included most mail received in one month (1.1 million pieces in December) and the highest weekend count (173,000 letters).

- Operators answered 1.1 million phone calls on our Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines, 42 percent over last year's total. Seventy-eight percent of the calls received in 1985 (855,000) were in response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast. Records were also set for highest monthly call total (139,000 in December) and highest weekend (26,020).

- MPC added 2.1 million new names to the work's address files. This is 25.3 percent more than last year's total of 1.7 million.

- Our terminals section processed a record 1.2 million pieces of mail in the month of December. This included a one-day record of 300,000 pieces Dec. 17.

- Worldwide circulation figures for the work's three magazines all reached record levels. They were as follows: *Plain Truth* (8.4 million), *Good News* (828,000), *Youth* magazine (224,000).

- More than 27,800 new co-workers were added in 1985. This is 12 percent over last year.

- The work sent out 85.9 million publications (magazines, booklets, letters, lessons), 15.8 percent more than last year. Of that figure the postal center mailed 31.2 million of the publications. This was a 19 percent increase over the previous year.

- More than 750,000 copies of *Mystery of the Ages* were requested or distributed, as well as 640,000 copies of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. These are the two highest counts for distribution of any book or booklet within a year.

- MPC mailed 8.4 million letters from the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in 1985, which is 1.1 million more than in 1984.

- MPC mailed 2.9 million semi-annual letters in the fall, which is the largest single letter mailing in the work's history.

- Mr. Armstrong's letter offering *Mystery of the Ages* to *Good News* readers brought in a 46 percent response, an all-time record for mailings to regular subscribers.

Looking ahead to 1986 we expect this high level of growth to continue

for the first few months. However, as budget cutbacks take effect, our overall rate of growth should diminish. According to plans, the newstand program will be reduced somewhat, response cards will not appear in some publications and fewer pieces of literature will be advertised. These cuts will reduce the

amount of incoming mail.

As to WATS calls, we expect to see a different picture. Although the telecast has been canceled on some lower producing television stations, better time slots were purchased on others. Therefore, our WATS calls should remain high and may even increase. We do not expect a major drop in our work load.

One of our most important challenges for 1986 will be transferring the Big Sandy WATS operation back to Pasadena. Plans call for converting the 95 lines in Big Sandy to

in-home operator lines. This transfer will be done in stages — moving 20 lines at a time — and will be completed by the end of May. This move will open up new opportunities for Church members around the nation to participate in the in-home program.

We have trained 165 in-home operators in the Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla., area. Similar training sessions will take place in Dallas and Fort Worth, Tex. We hope to continue expanding this program into many other U.S. cities as the need arises.

Gospel preached through electronic, print media

1985: year of media expansion

By David Hulme
Director, Media Purchasing
PASADENA — Nineteen eighty-five was a year when God's Church used expanded and improved opportunities in television and print media to preach Christ's Gospel in diverse areas.

Television

In 1985 additional time slots and better airing times were added for the *World Tomorrow* program. WOR, WTBS and WGN in the United States improved or added airing time, which prompted record response. These stations are distributed by satellite and cable throughout the United States.

Airing on 382 television stations and 36 radio outlets worldwide, *The*

World Tomorrow became the No. 1 program in the United States in terms of the number of markets reached. We didn't set out to become No. 1 — God opened the doors and we walked through them.

In Italy the addition of station Retequattro produced a tremendous number of responses. We acquired a number of new stations in the Caribbean during 1985 and more are possible.

The Church began broadcasting *The World Tomorrow* in Japan through a television cable service that provides programing for 26 of Tokyo's leading hotels.

Perhaps the most exciting potential for future growth is in the United Kingdom and the European continent. If we can get cable broad-

casting going in Britain, it could help pave the way for other European countries to also accept the *World Tomorrow* program. The Netherlands may also come on-line sometime in 1986.

Commercial television in Denmark is a possibility as well. An opportunity for an English-language television program in Finland may also open up during 1986.

A bill authorizing cable television in Israel was considered by the Israeli parliament. We have closely watched this development for the past four years.

Print media

Media Purchasing also helps coordinate the buying and placement (See MEDIA, page 8)

German Office releases plans for Festival in Czechoslovakia

BONN, West Germany — The regional office here released information for the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles in Brno, Czechoslovakia.

In 1978 God opened the door for the Fall Festival in Czechoslovakia, mainly as a site for East German brethren.

However, the eight Festivals in Czechoslovakia have shown another reason for keeping the Feast there. Brethren have let their lights shine and been witnesses in a country where the Church otherwise cannot work.

Czech officials said the Festival proves that people of different nations and races can live together in harmony.

Services will again take place in the four-star Hotel Voronez, where everyone will stay. Rooms are equipped with showers and baths, and the hotel has a swimming pool and sauna.

Services will alternate daily between English and German. Simultaneous translations will be provided on wireless infrared equipment.

Activities for all age groups range from dinners at a hunting lodge and wine cellar to a folklore evening with Moravian folk dances, a formal dance and an afternoon visit to limestone caverns or the Pernstein fortress built in the 13th century.

The itinerary includes a games afternoon for children and YOU members, and a hike through the

woods outside Brno for a barbecue.

The Festival package price for nine nights lodging, breakfast and lunch each day and two dinner activities will be about \$450 a person for adults and \$250 for children 3 to 13.

Several package tours are available:

(1) The deluxe sight-seeing bus tour starts Oct. 14 in West Germany in Frankfurt and continues to Nuremberg and Munich, on to the Austrian cities of Salzburg and Vienna, arriving in Brno. After the Feast the trip will return through the Czech capital of Prague and finish Oct. 27 in Frankfurt.

The price, including travel, lodging, breakfast, lunch and sight-seeing, is about \$300.

(2) An overnight train and bus tour will leave from Frankfurt Oct. 16 for Brno and return to Frankfurt Oct. 26 with a half day of sight-seeing in Vienna. Cost is about \$150.

(3) Bus transfer from Vienna to Brno Oct. 17, returning to Vienna Oct. 26, will cost \$35.

(4) The Imperial Prague Tour includes two nights in Prague, sight-seeing, a private concert in the Imperial Wallenstein Palais, a formal dinner at the Chamber of Commerce Palais, transfer by bus to Brno and back to Prague.

The tour will start Oct. 15 in Prague and return to Prague Oct. 26. The price is \$180, not including air fare to Prague.

Round-trip air fares from Frankfurt to Prague are being negotiated. Detailed information will be included with application forms sent out in February.

U.S. and Canadian transfers should immediately write for applications to the Festival Office, FOT Brno, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or call toll free 1-800-423-4444.

Other transfers please write by airmail to Ambassador College, FOT Brno, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, D-5300 Bonn 1, West Germany, or call 49-228-260050.



FEAST TOURS — The German Office announced four package tours for the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles in Brno, Czechoslovakia. The tours begin in Frankfurt, West Germany; Vienna, Austria; and Prague, Czechoslovakia. [Map by Ronald Grove]

Teamwork makes it possible

Publishing recaps '85 growth

By Ray Wright
Publishing director

PASADENA — Throughout the history of the Philadelphia era of God's Church, the printing press has served as a major medium for preaching Christ's Gospel.

The Church publishes *The Plain Truth* in seven languages, using seven printing facilities worldwide. By combining available printing technology with committed service from Church employees, the Church accomplishes every month what other publishers would con-

sider difficult to impossible.

The *Plain Truth* newsstand program accomplishes with three full-time employees what our research indicates would take between 25 to 40 people in the printing industry.

Each month more than three million newsstand *Plain Truths* are distributed worldwide. This is possible because of the unselfish efforts of more than 12,000 brethren helping to secure, stock and place newsstands for the magazine.

The Plain Truth itself is a major testimony to worldwide cooperation and unity evident in the Church. Brethren traveling abroad have probably noticed the similarities between American and international editions of major publications such as *Newsweek* and *Time*. Yet these publications have not achieved the degree of international compatibility that the Church's publications have.

Because of occasional faulty research and breakdowns in teamwork some of these international publications scrap and reprint major sections and sometimes an entire edition of a publication.

By working together as a team God's Church avoids these excessive expenditures.

Book sales and reviews of *Mystery of the Ages* made during 1985 were considered exceptional. A national advertising campaign conducted in the late summer and early fall propelled the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong into a position of prominence as a major author in the United States.

Before Mr. Armstrong's death several publishing houses approached the Church about rights to publish and distribute other books authored by Mr. Armstrong.

Plain Truth circulation continues to expand, with emphasis on developing an audience that appreciates and responds to the message it carries.

In comparison, consider that 20 percent of first-time subscribers renewed their *Plain Truth* subscriptions in 1980. About 65 percent of those who had previously renewed continued their subscriptions.

In 1985 first-time renewals were 43 percent, and 75 percent for those who had already renewed at least once.

Good News subscriptions increased 490 percent over 1980 and subscribers to the *Youth* magazine increased 938 percent since the magazine began in 1981.

Treasurer surveys coming year, areas under Financial Services

By Leroy Neff
Treasurer

PASADENA — It should be evident that the Church did much more in preaching the Gospel in

1985 than it did in 1972.

What may not be as evident is that it was done with less buying power. *Plain Truth* circulation and the number of television stations airing *The World Tomorrow* increased greatly, to mention two major areas of growth.

During this period, the actual dollar amount increased by about 150 percent, but when inflation figures or the U.S. Consumer Price Index is used for comparison, there was not quite as much purchasing power in 1985 as 1972. God willing, we expect the income in 1986 to increase at least 7 percent and have more purchasing power than in 1972.

The current 1986 budget will be the same as 1985 for all departments, with two exceptions. Funds for booklet printing will be increased, and for the last half of the year we expect to increase the amount for Church Administration so more ministers can be hired.

The Financial Services area includes Accounting, Cash Management, Data Processing, Personnel, Insurance and Purchasing. Following are reports from these areas.

Data Processing

In June a new IBM 4381 computer was installed. The new computer has greater processing power. Additional files are now stored on disk for immediate processing by the international mail center, providing better service for the regional offices.

Accounting and Cash Management

The Accounting and Data Processing departments are developing a computerized accounting and budgeting system that will run on an IBM personal computer. It is hoped this will standardize proce-

dures worldwide.

With changes in our computer programs, we have daily account balances for all bank accounts as well as for income and expenditures for each department. This (See **TREASURER**, page 11)

Violence

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caused two deaths. Firemen were attacked trying to save burning buildings.

Summing up — 1985 was a year of horrific violence in Europe. All this is not to mention a bad year for drugs, divorce, rape, pornography, child abuse and other social problems that plague Western nations.

Individual concern

The Dec. 29 *German Tribune* pointed out in its review of the book *German Chancellors from Bismarck to Schmidt* that "history is impossible without people, and... a handful of individuals can indeed influence the course of events at turning points in history."

This influence can be good or evil. Solomon said that even one sinner can destroy much good (Ecclesiastes 9:18). Witness Charles Darwin, Adolf Hitler, Vladimir Lenin, Karl Marx and Joseph Stalin. Each of these men effected great changes in civilization — changes that have haunted mankind.

But the converse is also true. Just one man — or one woman — can accomplish a great deal of good even in today's chaotic and troubled world. Jesus Christ is, of course, No. 1 in that category. It was by Himself that He purged our sins (Hebrews 1:3).

Anciently, at times, God was willing to pardon the sins of a whole

city if He could find one righteous man in its environs. Notice what Jeremiah wrote: "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem... and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it" (Jeremiah 5:1).

Our Creator has at times sought for such a man and failed to find him. Ezekiel records God's thoughts on the matter. "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" (Ezekiel 22:30).

But God found Noah in the pre-Flood world. Later He found Moses. Then Elijah. And today God has found His own work lest He should smite the earth with utter destruction (Malachi 4:6).

But on the more mundane level of this world's affairs, only a few have stepped into the gap. Princess Anne is one.

Her work for the Save the Children Fund wins praise and respect in many quarters around the world. She travels in Third World countries, communicating effectively with people of different ages, races, cultures and languages. She is not afraid of dust and discomfort.

Princess Anne has been called the royal family workaholic. Certainly touring the down-trodden areas of countries like Bangladesh and India is no picnic. One newspaper wrote of her "dedication, energy and self-

lessness of a royal order."

Terry Waite is an unordained special envoy to the archbishop of Canterbury. Mr. Waite, describing his mission to Geoffrey Wansell of the *Telegraph Sunday Magazine*, said, "The ability to establish personal relationships is crucial to solving problems in many parts of the world that seem beyond solution" (Dec. 22).

Mr. Waite has risked his life trying to obtain the release of British and American hostages from terrorists. In another role as adviser to the archbishop of Uganda in the late '60s, he once found himself staring down a gun barrel during Idi Amin's dangerous regime.

We could also mention the courage of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Likewise Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald of the Irish Republic. They put forward — amid constant and continuing criticism — a modest first step, in their judgment, to ending the complex problems of Northern Ireland. And in 1985 rock stars tried to help feed starving Africans.

The lead editorial in last year's final edition of *The Observer* described 1985 as the year "When the World Began to Come Together." We know this is a too optimistic view. Modern man simply does not know the true way to peace.

But if some people help others — albeit on a temporary basis — we should be thankful even if they are mere traces of humanity in a sick and dying world.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Areas sponsor activities

Twenty-seven children from the COLUMBIA, S.C., church attended a circus party Dec. 8 at the Local Pipe Fitters Union Hall.

Parents and Carlos Nieto, pastor of the Augusta, Ga., and Columbia churches, watched as the children tried their skills at games. Under a tent made from streamers and balloons, the group watched circus acts and played Bible charades and other games. The party concluded with refreshments.

The BOISE, Idaho, Half-Century Club sponsored a family dance for the Ontario, Ore., and Boise churches Dec. 29. Recorded dance music from the 1940s through the 1960s was provided for about 120 who attended the event.

Women of the CHICAGO, Ill., SOUTHSIDE church arranged a Thanksgiving display in front of the lectern at Sabbath services Nov. 23.

The display included produce, fruits, canned and packaged goods, juices, wines and turkeys, and was distributed to needy widows and brethren during the Thanksgiving season.

The PASADENA Imperial P.M. church participated in a Hawaiian social Dec. 25. The activity began at 1 p.m. with a potluck meal featuring a variety of Hawaiian foods and guava punch.

After the meal brethren danced to live Hawaiian music played by a band composed of Imperial P.M. members. Desserts were served during the dance. Movies were shown for the children.

Brethren wore Hawaiian-style attire, and decorations included Mount Imperial, a papier-mache volcano that emitted steam throughout the afternoon and erupted every 25 minutes, palm trees, tropical plants and paper flowers. Slides of Hawaii were shown continuously.

"I very much appreciate the tremendous support and participation by so many members in making this event successful," said Dennis Van Deventer, church pastor. The activity ended at 5 p.m.

Volleyball meet conducted

The HAMILTON and ST. CATHARINES, Ont. churches were hosts for the eighth annual Ontario YOU regional volleyball weekend Dec. 21 and 22.

Seven hundred eleven attended Sabbath services in Hamilton. Daniel Fuller, assistant pastor of the two churches, gave a sermonette about using the weekend to build lasting friendships. Gino Borcan, a Hamilton YOU member, performed a piano solo for special music, and the sermon was given by John Adams, pastor of the Ottawa, Ont., church and YOU coordinator. Mr. Adams spoke about the consequences of premarital sex and the rewards of waiting for marriage.

After services a dinner of turkey, meat loaf, salads and desserts was served. Later brethren watched a film about volleyball and danced.

Sunday 16 junior and 15 senior teams participated in the volleyball tournament at Lester B. Pearson High School in Burlington, Ont.

After 65 games and play-offs Toronto, Ont., West A took first, and Toronto West B placed second. In the junior division first place went to Toronto East A, and Barrie, Ont., placed second. Edward R. Martin.

The TACOMA, Wash., church conducted its annual variety show Saturday evening, Dec. 7. The 2½-hour show featured music, dancing and laughter.

Dana Vinson was master of ceremonies for the show, which took place at the Spanaway Lake High School theater. Eight inches of snow prevented anyone from arriving early to arrange the stage with props or decorations. Gary Pate served as stage director.

Saturday evening, Dec. 14, MISSOULA, Mont., brethren ate a meal of chili and roast deer. A whole deer was roasted by an area bakery for the occasion.

Before the meal pies and cakes provided by YOU members were auctioned to raise money for YOU activities. Spokesman Club members took turns acting as auctioneer.

Arts and crafts made by Church members were on display during the evening. The activity concluded with a variety show, which included vocal and instrumental selections and skits.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., brethren raised more than \$6,300 in an annual fall yard sale Dec. 1 and 2 on Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park, Fla.

Items for sale were collected from members, friends and neighbors. The sale, which involved almost all of the congregation, was coordinated by Lavene Vorel.

Clifton Stringfield, Michelle Mickelson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNeal, Kerri Miles, Susan Carmichael, Bill Quillen and Lavene L. Vorel.

Club members share events

The GOLD COAST, Australia, Spokesman and Graduate Club concluded its 1985 activities with a ladies night Dec. 8 at the Tudor Rose restaurant.

A three-course meal was followed by tabletopics and five speeches. Rodney King, Gold Coast pastor and club director, gave an evaluation and presented graduation certificates to four men.

Robert Morton, Australian regional director, stressed the importance of Spokesman Club for the growth of men in God's Church.

JOHORE BAHRU, Malaysia, Spokesman Club members and their families took part in a social in Singapore at the East Coast Parkway Dec. 22.

Women provided home cooking, and activities included volleyball and games for the children.

A combined meeting of the KITCHENER, Ont., Spokesman and Graduate clubs and guests took place at the Valhalla Inn in

Study, social offered for singles

Singles of the JOPLIN, Mo., church attended a potluck lunch and Bible study Nov. 30. After the meal they listened to a tape from Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Singles who attend the HALLFAX, N.S., church participated in a skating and games social Saturday evening, Dec. 14.

The women prepared a chili dinner and desserts, which were served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fudge. After the meal some went skating, while others stayed to play board and card games.

Grace Daniels and C. Myers.



ANNIVERSARY — Rodney Dean, pastor of the Brisbane North and Caboolture, Australia, churches, and his wife, Vicki (right front), join brethren in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Caboolture church Dec. 7. [Photo by Darlene Gunders]

Churches mark 10th anniversaries

Brethren celebrated the 10th anniversary of the SARNIA, Ont., church Dec. 7.

Keith Stoner, a local church elder, gave the sermonette. Francis Ricchi, who pastored the Sarnia church from 1976 to 1979 and now pastors the Windsor, Ont., church, gave the sermon.

Tea was served to about 130 brethren and visitors, and pictures on display showed church activities in the last 10 years.

About 200 brethren celebrated

Kitchener Dec. 15.

Women received corsages when they arrived, and wine and cheese were served.

Topicsmaster was Tony Stryker, and Rick Stryker was toastmaster. Speakers were Geoff Shannon, (See CLUB, page 11)

Choral groups perform

The CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., adult choir, directed by Thomas Hammett, combined with singers from 15 churches for a rehearsal Dec. 8.

This was the first of four rehearsals in preparation for an April 27 performance of Johannes Brahms' *German Requiem*. The *Requiem* is a choral masterwork that incorporates biblical texts relating to the resurrection.

The BAKERSFIELD, Calif., church was host for the Pasadena Ambassador College Chorale Dec. 13 to 15.

The chorale, accompanied by director John Schroeder and members of the Ambassador Chamber Orchestra, arrived by bus Dec. 13 and stayed with area Church members.

The chorale performed special Sabbath music at services Dec. 14, and evangelist Richard Ames, di-

Club visits nuclear plant

Spokesman Club members from the GREENVILLE, S.C., church participated in a father-and-son outing Dec. 29. After an abbreviated meeting, the club members and their sons toured the Duke Power Company's Oconee nuclear power plant, one of the largest plants of its type in the United States.

The company provided a guided tour of their nuclear operator train-

ing facility, where the group saw a control simulator. More than 250 catastrophes can be simulated so that all plant operators can handle emergencies.

The group also toured the plant's visitor information center and were shown how electricity is generated from coal, hydroelectric, solar, geothermal and nuclear energy. A question-and-answer session followed. Al Cleveland.

A YOU family weekend took place in KEWASKUM, Wis., Dec. 7 and 8. Families from the Milwaukee, Kenosha, West Bend, Appleton, Green Bay, Madison, Wisconsin Dells, Waukesha and Wausau, Wis., and Rockford, Ill., churches attended.

After Sabbath services teens played Bible baseball with questions from the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's book *Mystery of the Ages*. Later a live band played

polka and square dance music.

Sunday, 25 teams, composed of 200 YOU members, took part in the District 41 YOU volleyball tournament. Wisconsin Dells took first place in the coed division I; Wausau placed second; and Madison was third. In the girls division Wisconsin Dells took first; West Bend, second; and Waukesha, third.

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More than 500 YOU members from 35 churches in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana attended the event. The theme for the dance was "Snowflake Enchantment."

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show and a baking contest. An anniversary cake baked by Mrs. Pat Walters was cut, and a sing-along was led by Phil Regazzoli Jr., with piano accompaniment by Doreen Regazzoli, Alice Neilson and Daphne Affleck.

Janet E. Pray and Daphne Affleck and Trish Hughes.

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Youths explore cave system

Nine senior YOU boys from CALGARY, Alta., explored a 200-foot cave system in the Rocky Mountains Dec. 15.

The group was led by a Caving Society geologist and another experienced guide. They were accompanied by Graeme Marshall, pastor of the Calgary North and South churches, and Eric Bartlett and Frank Racicot, Calgary Church members.

The group hiked 20 minutes to an ice-crystal cave. The explorers used wire ladders, safety ropes and hard hats with lamps, and maneuvered through holes, down vertical drops and along narrow ledges to a watery grotto. They were in the caves for about 4½ hours.

Before returning home, the group treated their guides to dinner. Todd Kuipers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDERSON, David and Darlene (Smith), of Los Alamitos, N.M., boy, Colin David, Dec. 25, 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

BARBEE, Jim and Norene (Hyde), of Topeka, Kan., boy, Trevor Owen, Dec. 9, 7:29 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BASS, John and Olivia (Skipper), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, David Nathaniel, Nov. 23, 7:50 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

BILLINGS, Barry and Gail (Burris), of Memphis, Tenn., boy, Joshua Forrest, Nov. 1, 6:18 a.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BROSKI, Lawrence and Sharon (Matrychuk), of Edmond, Okla., boy, Stuart Daniel, Dec. 18, 4:12 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

CRABTREE, Alan and Debbie (Blackman), of Des Moines, Iowa, girl, Tammy Lee, Oct. 23, 3 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CULLEN, Robert and Vivian (Hagan), of Montpelier, Vt., girl, Jessica Naomi, Nov. 12, 8:13 a.m., 7 pounds 2½ ounces, first child.

DANIEL, Allen and Rita (Northeast), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Rachel Ann Estine, Nov. 1, 1:37 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

DAY, Jim and Ellen (Haley), of Medford, Ore., boy, Jeremy Scott, Dec. 7, 12:26 p.m., 12 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

DEAL, Thomas and Julie (Weaver), of Portland, Ore., girl, Katherine Ann, Dec. 16, 11:46 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

DUPLAN, Richard and Norma (Richardson), of Fredrick, N.B., girl, Elizabeth Margaret, Dec. 5, 9:03 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

FRIESEN, John and Monique (Girardin), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Darlene Monique, Nov. 30, 5:50 a.m., 7 pounds 5½ ounces, first child.

GAYHEART, Lester Jr. and Sheila (Parrington), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Matthew David, Sept. 3, 8 a.m., 5 pounds 2½ ounces, first child.

GREENLAW, Ed and Lynelle (Porter), of Bangor, Maine, boy, Anthony Jordan, Nov. 8, 4:41 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys.

HARSANJE, Robert and Kathleen (Diemer), of Toledo, Ohio, boy, Joseph Andrew, Nov. 26, 6:22 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JONES, Fred and Gloria (Pikney), of Baltimore, Md., boy, Jason Eric, Sept. 29, 2:43 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KOSTURA, Emery and Dolores (Pfaff), of Oradell, Pa., girl, Kristie Marie, Nov. 23, 12:40 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LAMM, Gary and Debby (Swan), of Belle Vernon, Pa., boy, Aaron Steven, Nov. 13, 11:12 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

MALCHOW, John and Dorane (Balcher), of Salem, Ore., girl, Taitria Sharrine, Dec. 20, 4 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

MASCOLO, Jerry and Dorothy (Scarri), of Elmont, N.Y., boy, Moses, Oct. 11, 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 4 boys.

MAVIS, Terry and Cathy (Beres), of Toledo, Ohio, boy, Tyson Eugene, Dec. 28, 4:27 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MAXWELL, John and Rebecca (Pittilo), of Asheville, N.C., girl, Leslie Erin, Dec. 21, 5:35 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

MCDUGALL, Greg and Vera (Reger), of Saskatoon, Sask., girl, Cara Jaisana, Nov. 12, 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MERTZ, Mitchell and Roseanna (Kirkley), of Ludington, Mich., boy, Justin Paul, Nov. 27, 2:30 p.m., 7 pounds 8½ ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

MILLER, Jim and Erin (McCrahan), of Wheeling, W.Va., girl, Brittany Elizabeth, Oct. 16, 2 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ROSCHIELLI, Donald and Dianne (Angus), of Roanoke, Va., girl, Julia Pearl, Dec. 26, 4:59 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

SAXON, William and Beverly (Hix), of Natchez, Miss., boy, Trevor Jason, Dec. 20, 8:29 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SAXTON, Loren and Margi (Deness), of Augusta, Ga., girl, Lyola Taryn, Aug. 17, 10:45 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

SHANK, Donald and Billie (Erdmann), of Elkhart, Ind., boy, Andrew Jon, Dec. 10, 5:26 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

SPELL, Paul and Jan (Cheney), of Peoria, Ill., girl, Sarah Anne, Dec. 18, 8:25 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

STEWART, Michael and Sue (Orr), of Houston, Tex., girl, Kristen Michelle, Nov. 1, 12:25 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

TETART, Kenneth and Josephette (Schnee), of Regina, Sask., girl, Larina Mae, Dec. 7, 12:07 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

VALLET, Jeff and Debbie (Nelson), of Logan, W.Va., boy, Calister Jeremy, Dec. 3, 3:27 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

VOYDA, David and Sandi (Ronnau), of Okatoka, Minn., girl, Kate Lynn, Dec. 18, 6:04 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 girls.

WALKER, Thomas K. Jr. and Theresa (Jackson), of Boonville, Ill., girl, Lauren Ashley, Nov. 17, 6:05 p.m., 7 pounds 5½ ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILLEY, Charles and Kathy (Abrams), of Concord, N.H., boy, Andrew John, Sept. 7, 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WOODALL, Michael and Laura (Cornelson), of Red Bluff, Calif., boy, Jonathan Garrett, Nov. 20, 4:08 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

YOUNTS, Thomas and Sharon (Neidhardt), of Grand Rapids, Mich., boy, Scott Alan, Nov. 15, 4:05 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ZIMMERMAN, Galen and Janet (Hies), of Yankton, S.D., girl, Megan Marie, Nov. 23, 6:45 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. David Groom of Sundra, Alta., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley Dale to Kelly Alan Marchant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Marchant of Millet, Alta. An April 6 wedding is planned.

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WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. GERARD LANDRETH

Auditorium P.M. church, performed the ceremony on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. Andrea Kearney was maid of honor, and Ross Coulson was best man. The couple reside in Maryland.

Marion Lynn Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Johnson of Smithfield, N.C., and Allen Jay "Lannie" Berg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Berg of Pasadena, were united in marriage Sept. 21. Kay Johnson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ralph Holyfield was best man. The ceremony was performed by Michael Booze, pastor of the Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C. churches. The bride and groom are 1985 graduates of Big Spring Ambassador College and reside in Cary, N.C.



MR. AND MRS. J. STONEMAN JR.

Pamela Sue Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billie E. Johnson of Mooresville, Ind., and James Curtis Stoneman Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Stoneman of Lebanon, Tenn., were united in marriage July 14 in Palm Beach, Fla. The ceremony was performed by Craig Bachelder, pastor of the Port St. Lucie and Cocoa, Fla. churches. Melissa Johnson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple will reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. BEAU TARKINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Wilson of Sparta, Ill., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Anita to Beau Tarkington. The event took place May 27 on the grounds of Cypress Wood, home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Tarkington, in Galesburg, Mo. Clyde Kilough, pastor of the Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Jonesboro, Ark. churches, performed the ceremony. The bride's sister Angela was maid of honor, and the groom's brother William was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena and work for Ambassador College.



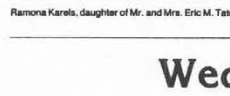
MR. AND MRS. RANDY LABRIER

Dawn Rene Cantu, daughter of Lucy Cantu of West Covina, Calif., and Randy Lee LaBrier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl LaBrier of Pasadena, were united in marriage Dec. 15 at the Glendora, Calif., Masonic Lodge. The ceremony was performed by Cam Catherwood, regional director for the Church in Italian-speaking areas. Lance Haupt was best man, and Susan Sanchez was maid of honor. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. LEONARD GRIFFITH

Patsy Elaine Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Klein Sr. of Huntington, W. Va., and Leonard Dwayne Griffith, son of Lloyd and James Griffith of Conda, Ky., were united in marriage June 15 at the Red Man Lodge in Huntington. The ceremony was performed by Felix Henberg, pastor of the Hazard and Pikeville, Ky. churches. Best man was Percy Ekins, and matron of honor was Janet Hotschuh. The couple attend the Hazard church.



MR. AND MRS. CLAUDE JOLLS

The Jolles were married Dec. 25, 1935, in Las Vegas, Nev. "I tell people I hit the jackpot in Las Vegas 50 years ago," Mr. Jolls said.



MR. AND MRS. RAY GOBLE

Ellie Ray Goble and Delores Cline were united in marriage Nov. 16 in Paintsville, Ky. The ceremony was performed by Rodney McGowan, pastor of the Huntington, W. Va., and Paintsville churches. This was the first wedding within the Paintsville congregation. The couple reside in Debar, Ky.



MR. AND MRS. BILL MILLER

The Millers have three children and eight grandchildren. Their son, Ron, attends the Kansas City, Mo., East church.

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 Emilee McGee, daughter of Gene and Cynthia McGee of Gainesville, Fla.

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MR. AND MRS. STEVEN WOOD

of Houston, Tex., and Steven Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wood of El Dorado, Ark., were united in marriage Nov. 23. John Ogwyn, pastor of the Houston North church, performed the ceremony. Rebecca Bounds, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Dennis Bounds was best man. The couple live in Houston.

marriage Sept. 1. The ceremony was performed by Earl Williams, pastor of the Brooklyn North and South and Queens, N.Y. churches. Maid of honor was Ruthy Rio, sister of the groom, and best man was John Halloran. The couple reside in Queens.



MR. AND MRS. RANDALL RICKER

Marguerite Blanchard, daughter of Jeannette Blanchard of McMillan, Mich., and the late John Blanchard and Randall Ricker of Fort Wayne, Ind., were united in marriage Nov. 10 in Fort Wayne. The ceremony was performed by Darnie McChesley, pastor of the Fort Wayne church. Maid of honor was Anne Chwalicki, and the groom's brother Scott was best man. The couple reside in Fort Wayne.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Sam, the man I love and cherish: Thank you for a most wonderful and loving two years of marriage. I thank God who gave you to me. I love you now and forever. Beth.

To wonderful parents, Lowell Sr. and Jean Knowlton, (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 11)

Weddings Made of Gold

KINGMAN, Ariz. — Claude and Ruby Jolls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and Church members here Dec. 21.

Vegas and Kingman churches, presented the Jolles with a handmade card from the congregation and a framed certificate of congratulations from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan. Anniversary cake and hors d'oeuvres were served.

married Dec. 7, 1935, in Liberty, Mo. Mitchell Knapp, associate pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., North and Kansas City, Kan., South churches, presented the couple with a gift and dedicated a hymn to them at Sabbath services.



MR. AND MRS. CLAUDE JOLLS

The Jolles were married Dec. 25, 1935, in Las Vegas, Nev. "I tell people I hit the jackpot in Las Vegas 50 years ago," Mr. Jolls said.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolls moved to Kingman in 1958. Mrs. Jolls was baptized in 1964, and Mr. Jolls was baptized in 1965. The couple have one daughter, Rose Marie Deming, who attends the Prescott, Ariz., church, and six grandchildren, all of whom attend Church services.



MR. AND MRS. BILL MILLER

The Millers have three children and eight grandchildren. Their son, Ron, attends the Kansas City, Mo., East church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolls moved to Kingman in 1958. Mrs. Jolls was baptized in 1964, and Mr. Jolls was baptized in 1965. The couple have one daughter, Rose Marie Deming, who attends the Prescott, Ariz., church, and six grandchildren, all of whom attend Church services.

The Jessens were married Dec. 24, 1929 in Miller, S.D. Mrs. Jessen was baptized in 1966, and Mr. Jessen in 1969.

The Jessens have four sons, one daughter, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Bill and Charlotte Miller celebrated their 50th anniversary Dec. 7. The Millers were

Economics

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add the wind-chill factor. To keep to the legal ratio of capital to loans, the banks would have to cut lending by about \$160 billion. Money for jobs, homes and businesses would freeze."

Another worried expert is an energetic financier in New York, Felix Rohatyn. Looking at the world debt situation, Mr. Rohatyn exclaimed: "I am frightened and utterly baffled: We are getting into totally uncharted waters."

Flora Lewis wrote in the Dec. 12 *International Herald Tribune*: "The debts that are piling up can never be paid, except by renewed rampant inflation. For Mr. Rohatyn, the question isn't whether

this will happen, but when, just by pumping up the money supply to meet obligations or after a crash wipes them out.

"He calculates that Third World debt is now over \$1 trillion, U.S. government debt is \$2 trillion, U.S. corporate debt is \$1.5 trillion, and farm debt \$500 billion. Further, these borrowings are linked in the world financial system that is so interconnected and moves so fast that a serious breakdown anywhere could rip it all apart. Mr. Rohatyn smells 1928-29 fever in the air, and far too little attention to the warning signs while there is still time to head off disaster."

America's leverage shrinks

Making the situation worse is that the capacity of the United States to help is shrinking. America itself is deeply in debt — and going deeper all the time.

According to economist Walter E. Hoadley: "Our nation in one year — 1985 — added as much debt — \$1 trillion — as all the developing countries have accumulated in their total outstanding borrowings through the years... The U.S. is living beyond its means — on borrowed money and time."

The American economy, said Dr. Hoadley, could make it through 1986, but Americans, he added, should prepare nevertheless for the prospect of declining economic fortunes.

Members of God's Church were warned by the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to prepare to greatly reduce their standards of living.

The clouds over the horizon look ominous. America's ability to lend to other nations is threatened by the Gramm-Rudman bill (named after its two primary proponents, Senators Phil Gramm of Texas and Warren Rudman of New Hampshire). This legislation was designed to force the federal government, step-by-step, to achieve a balanced budget by 1991.

Gramm-Rudman tackles the budget deficit problem in a most

draconian manner: If by a certain deadline every year, Congress and the administration fail to agree on which spending programs are to be pared back to reach the reduced deficit level, an automatic formula is activated, slashing military spending by 50 percent and domestic spending programs by an equal amount in an arbitrary, across-the-board basis.

The legality of Gramm-Rudman is being challenged in court. If it passes, look out. The first cut, \$12 billion by March (whether by de-

sign or computer), should not be too difficult. But the prospect of a \$50 billion wrenching-down for fiscal 1987 is already causing a shock wave.

Since Social Security, interest on the federal debt and most anti-poverty programs are exempt, budgets for essential domestic programs such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, prisons and air traffic control will be hit hard. So will efforts to control drug traffic and patrol the nation's borders against the illegal alien invasion.

Treasurer

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shows us where we are in relation to current budgets and helps us predict our cash flow position in the future.

Personnel

The Personnel Office helped the Ambassador College administration and department managers to provide jobs for more than 97 percent of the Pasadena student body. The past level of 85 percent or less existed for at least a decade.

A concern of the Personnel Office is monitoring trends in court interpretation and subsequent enforcement of employment law. Most employment laws were origi-

nally based on common sense, but have become liberally biased favoring employees and being burdensome to employers.

Purchasing

Nineteen eighty-five was a successful year for the Purchasing Department. The buyers took part in a training program that improved the services they offer to the Church's departments.

The more experienced buyers concentrated on contract law and negotiation. This helps us protect the Church from possible legal problems. Studying negotiation improved our business relationships with vendors.

The fruits of our efforts are price reductions of several thousand dollars and better rela-

Aid packages for nations in financial distress will not escape the budget cutter's knife either, experts predict.

In concluding a series of six *Wall Street Journal* articles on Mexico's crisis — a crisis made worse by the devastating 1985 earthquake, which will take more than \$4 billion to recover from — the editor of the series wrote a capsule editorial titled "Mexico: At a Crossroads."

Not only Mexico, but the entire world community stands at this precarious point.

tionships with the departments we serve.

Insurance

Most are aware of the drastic increases in insurance costs suffered by both the public and private sectors. The Church did not escape, experiencing an increase of 45 percent more than the preceding year.

The increases the Church experienced bore no relationship to our losses. While we do have areas for improvement, under more favorable conditions we are considered a good insurable risk.

In conclusion, please pray that Financial Services will function smoothly and that it will not be affected by adverse conditions that might impede progress.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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enough detail that we in the field can pray for specific needs.

Thank you, too, for results reported on situations letting us know the prayers were heard and answered. I especially appreciated the news "Update" [Dec. 16] on conditions in El Salvador as having improved, plus jobs and safety for the brethren.

Susan Strawn
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Honoring commitments

Please permit me to refer to an article published in the November 18, 1985, issue of *The Worldwide News* on "Honoring Your Commitments" by pastor Rainer Salomaa of Kamloops and Salmon Arm, B.C., churches...

I found I very much needed this article which served as a reminder of exactly what I and other brethren in the churches are committed to. I can now see that promises made... even if it turns out to be extra inconvenient, we are bound to strive and keep them.

G.C. Iwejunwa
Lagos, Nigeria

Family

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bined Sabbath services Dec. 21 and master of ceremonies for the dance. This was Mr. Jutsum's fourth visit to the Northwest family weekend.

The **SPRINGFIELD, Mass.**, church was host to a YOU district family volleyball weekend Dec. 7 and 8.

Saturday evening more than 360 brethren from the New England states ate sloppy joes with cole slaw, squash and assorted desserts. After dinner, family novelty olympics were conducted.

The volleyball tournament began Sunday morning and continued in the afternoon. Doughnuts, muffins, coffee, juice and cider were available during the morning, and a lunch of soup, sandwiches, fruit, dessert and beverages was served.

The Albany, N.Y., team placed first in the tournament. Springfield was second and Concord, N.H., took third. The award for best attitude and team cooperation went to Portland and Bangor, Maine.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., YOU members attended a district family weekend in Fayetteville, Ark., Dec. 21 and 22.

At Sabbath services Dec. 21 the sermon was given by Frederick Kellers, pastor of the Searcy and Little Rock, Ark., churches. After a potluck meal, Vince Szymkowiak, pastor of the Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan., churches, gave a Bible study. A dance took place Saturday evening.

Sunday the Springfield girls took first place in a volleyball tournament.

A family weekend took place at the Holiday Inn in **WATER-TOWN, S.D.**, Dec. 21 and 22. Al-

most 300 brethren came from Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Minot and Dickinson, N.D., and Mobridge, Yankton, Sioux Falls and Watertown, S.D.

At Sabbath services Jeffrey Barnes, pastor of the Bismarck, Dickinson and Minot churches, and George Afeldt, pastor of the Sioux Falls, Watertown and Yankton churches, gave split sermons.

Saturday evening activities included a buffet dinner, the first round of the girls YOU district volleyball tournament, boys YOU basketball, children's movies, YES carnival games, table games, swimming and a family dance.

Sunday the Bismarck girls placed first in the volleyball tournament, and the Bismarck boys placed first in basketball.

Those who didn't attend the games participated in family bowling. After a noon meal of sloppy joes, activities included bowling, card games, swimming and fellowship at the Holiday Inn facilities.

Patricia Gauden, Harry Sluder, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Blanchard, Sarah Bradford and Ken Skorseth.

Club

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Rudy Roth, Martin Slaman, Rick Dubler and Ken Rock. The Most Effective Speech was given by Mr. Roth; Mr. Slaman and Mr. Shannon tied for the Most Improved Speaker cup; and the Most Helpful Evaluation cup went to George Carter.

Terry Johnson, club director and church pastor, encouraged members to prepare for club with their might (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

John Curry, Clement Lim and John Leitch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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who were married 34 years Jan. 12. You have given and shared a lot with your seven children. May we have the gift to show our love as you have to us. Happy anniversary Dad and Ma. Love, all of us.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLEY MOORE
Charley and Barbara Moore celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 8 in Girard, Ohio, at a dinner given by their children. Church members, relatives and friends attended. The Moores were married Dec. 17, 1960. Mr. Moore was baptized in 1972 and is a deacon; Mrs. Moore was baptized in 1973. The Moores have a son, Gregory, who attends the Youngstown, Ohio, church; two daughters, Paula and Christine Blount; and one granddaughter.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK ARCHER
At a get-acquainted social Dec. 14, Birmingham, England, brethren celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of Frank and Eunice Archer. It was also 10 years since Mr. Archer was ordained a deacon. After a toast by Melvin Rhodes, pastor of the Birmingham and Gloucester, England, and Cardiff and Carmarthen, Wales, churches, a cake made by Vera Monlock was cut. The Archers were married Dec. 17, 1960, in the Arden Hotel in Birmingham. They were the first couple to be married in the Birmingham congregation. The social continued with games and refreshments.

Attention Don and Janet in Eau Claire: Have a wonderful wedding anniversary Feb. 19. We love you. Don and Phyllis in Lubbock.

Congratulations Mom and Dad (Jerry and Nancy McCracken) on your 31st wedding anniversary (Dec. 18). With lots of love from Jerry, Nancy, Erin, Wayne and Elizabeth and your 11 grandchildren.

Barry Happy fifth anniversary Jan. 17. God has truly blessed me with a wonderful husband. Love, Helene.

The Spokane, Wash. and Couer d'Alene, Idaho, churches were hosts for a cake and coffee anniversary celebration Nov. 30 honoring three couples. Valden White, associate pastor and his wife, Stella, celebrated their 54th anniversary Nov. 2; Roger Foster, pastor, and his wife, Janice, celebrated their 25th anniversary Oct. 15; and Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches, and his wife, Corrie, celebrated their fourth anniversary Nov. 8.

Three hundred sixty attended the celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 25th anniversary of the Wichita, Kan., church will take place March 1 and 2. For information write to associate pastor Thomas Tullis, Box 17, Haysville, Kan., 67070. Because of space limitations only former Wichita brethren are encouraged to attend.

Obituaries

SMITHVILLE, Mo. — Earl R. Peterson, 86, died June 20. He has been a member of God's Church since 1975 and attended services in St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. Peterson was preceded in death by his wife, Etelle, in 1983.

Funeral services were conducted by Stanley McNeil, pastor of the Topeka, Kan., and St. Joseph churches.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Karen L. Fittje, 37, died Dec. 12. She has been a Church member since 1974.

Mrs. Fittje's husband, Gerry, preceded her in death March 17, 1984. She is survived by two daughters, Roberta and Tanya, and one son, Gerry.

MIAMI, Fla. — Nestor E. Houghtaling, 73, died Dec. 6. He kept the Sabbath all his life, was baptized in 1933 and received the laying on of hands in 1957.

Mr. Houghtaling is survived by his wife of 42 years, Evelyn; four children; seven grandchildren; and two brothers.

BOISE, Idaho — Tom R. Jamison, 22, died Dec. 11.

Mr. Jamison is survived by his parents, Denver and Beverly; three sisters; four brothers; and a grandmother, Helen Stockham; all of whom attend the Boise church.

Funeral services conducted by Lawson J. Tuck, pastor of the Baker and Ontario, Ore., and Boise churches, took place Dec. 16 in Boise.

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Emma Zatorsky, 66, died Dec. 17 after a long bout with cancer. She has been a member of God's Church since 1963.

Mrs. Zatorsky is survived by her husband, Michael, a member who attends the Washington church, and two daughters, Emma Clingerman and Shirley Crotti, both members who attend the Belle Vernon, Pa., church.

Funeral services were conducted by John Dobrith, pastor of the Washington and Belle Vernon churches.

MONROE, La. — Gladys Holland, 69, a Church member since 1978, died Dec. 6 in Hamburg, Ark.

Mrs. Holland is survived by four daughters, Elizabeth Pollock, a member who attends the Monroe church,

Blouelle Smith and Floyce and Charlene Holland.

Funeral services were conducted by John Knaack, assistant pastor of the Natchez, Miss., and Monroe and Alexandria, La., churches.

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Annie Boessenkool, 53, died Dec. 17 after a short illness.

Mrs. Boessenkool was baptized Pentecost, 1970. She attended Sabbath services in Pasadena until 1975 and then in Santa Rosa.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Frank, who is also a Church member; two daughters, Bonnie Bonaccorso and Janet, both Church members; one son, Arthur; and two grandchildren, Jessica and Justin Bonaccorso.

Graveside services were conducted Dec. 19 by Arthur Docken, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches.

BISMARCK, N.D. — Oliver Bjornjerg, 72, died Dec. 12 after a long fight against cancer. He has been a Church member since 1963 and attended the Bismarck church.

Mr. Bjornjerg is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 16 in Crosby, N.D., by Jeffrey Barnes, pastor of the Bismarck, Dickinson and Minot, N.D., churches. Burial was in Columbus, N.D.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Clara M. Albertson, 104, died Dec. 21, 15 days short of completing her 105th year.

Mrs. Albertson was baptized in 1967. She is survived by four daughters, two sons, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One daughter, Lucy Barnes, is a deaconess serving the Houston West church.

Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Betty Walker, 57, died unexpectedly at home in Lake Isabella, Calif., Dec. 1, of a heart attack.

Mrs. Walker was born in Hulett, Wyo., and lived many years in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. She attended the Glendale, Calif., church after she was baptized in 1980. She moved to Lake Isabella in 1982.

Mrs. Walker is survived by her husband, Randy, and a brother, William Tate of Palm Springs, Calif.

Funeral services were conducted by Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Glendale and Reseda, Calif., churches.

HAMILTON, Mont. — Bill Seifert, 93, died Dec. 8. He has been a Church member since 1981.

Mr. Seifert is survived by his wife, Emma, also a Church member; a son, Ray; a daughter, Sydney; three grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Bill Quillen, pastor of the Missoula and Kalispell, Mont., churches.

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

UPDATE

GUATEMALA CITY. Guatemala — **Rene Lopez**, the first Church member in Guatemala, died in an airplane crash on the Sabbath, Jan. 18. He was en route from here to Flores in northern Guatemala to give a Bible study and convey the news of Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** death.

According to a report in the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, the twin engine plane crashed and exploded in a jungle near the Santa Elena, Guatemala, airport. All 93 on board were killed.

Herbert Cisneros, pastor of the San Salvador, El Salvador, and Guatemala churches, was scheduled to visit the brethren in Flores, but asked Mr. Lopez to go in his place. Mr. Lopez assisted Mr. Cisneros in the Guatemala church and gave occasional sermons and sermons, according to evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas.

"Mr. Lopez will be greatly missed by the church in Guatemala," Mr. Walker said. "He was one of our leading members, much respected, very dedicated and willing to serve in any way."

Mr. Lopez is survived by his wife, **Nora**, and three children, **Ana**, 5, **Carlos**, 4, and **Nora**, 1.

"It certainly highlights the importance of praying for ministers and ministerial trainees around the world, especially when they are flying. Please pray that God will protect His people every-

where," Mr. Walker said.

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SANTIAGO, Chile — **Filidor Illesca**, 74, a local elder in the Temuco, Chile, church, died Jan. 6 after a two-month illness. He suffered liver and kidney failure brought on by gall bladder complications.

Mr. Illesca was born Oct. 10, 1911, in Collipulli, Chile. He has been a Church member since 1970, and was ordained a deacon in 1974 and a local elder in 1976. He served in the Santiago and Temuco churches.

"He held the church together there from 1974 to 1980 until we could send an Ambassador-trained man," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas. "He was a loyal, faithful, dedicated and very hard-working man."

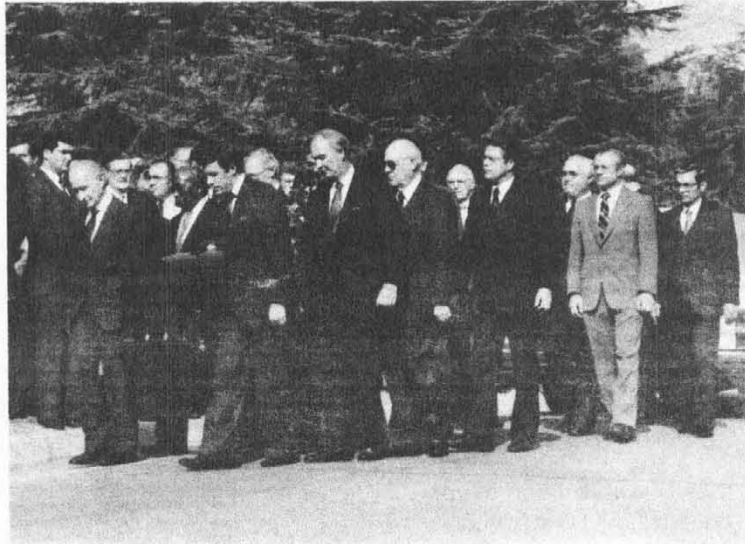
Mr. Illesca is survived by his wife, **Edith**. Funeral services were conducted Jan. 7 by **Mario Seiglie**, pastor of the Santiago church.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinances.

Maximo Fabricante, a deacon in the Daet, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder at Sabbath services Sept. 21.

Franklin Tomes, a deacon in the Bowling Green, Ky., church, was ordained a local church elder at Sabbath services Nov. 2.



PALLBEARERS — Members of the Advisory Council of Elders carry the mahogany casket containing Mr. Armstrong's body to the burial site. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Mr. Armstrong

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wards of 1,500 pounds, "is exactly the same as the one his wife was buried in in 1967," said John Kennedy, Auditorium P.M. assistant pastor.

Mr. Hoeh, who gave the funeral address, began by reading messages of condolence from Great Britain, Israel, Jordan, China, Japan, Thailand and Sri Lanka. Mr. Hoeh then extended condolences on behalf of the Church to the Armstrong family members.

(A list of condolences from dignitaries and world leaders will appear in a special issue of *The Worldwide News* Feb. 10.)

Funeral address

In his 24-minute address, Mr. Hoeh explained the background of God's work through Mr. Armstrong. "We often see only what is present and seldom understand fully the background and the development of the institutions that he founded," said Mr. Hoeh.

The evangelist traced the history of God's people to Abram in 1900 B.C.; Isaac, Jacob and Joseph; the children of Israel led by Moses, then Joshua; and Jesus Christ.

"The Church of God, founded in A.D. 31, continued in the Roman, Greek and Jewish world," said Mr. Hoeh. The persecuted Church wandered through Armenia, the Balkans and the Alpine regions of Europe into Britain at the close of the Middle Ages, he continued.

"In 1660 they came to the state, then colony, of Rhode Island, and from there they spread west. And it was in 1927 that Mr. Armstrong came to know and understand the small remnant of this Church."

Continuing, he said, "The Church of God was the primary instrument in this country to establish the conscientious objector status of those who sought to live in peace on either side in the Civil War."

"Through Mr. Armstrong's efforts on behalf of the Church of God in the Second World War and the Korean War, our membership has never slain or destroyed brethren on either side."

"It is our purpose in this January of 1986 to continue Mr. Armstrong's work, to assure our representatives who are here from many countries around the world that we will continue in our relationship and offer our services, as well as to reach those people whom God may directly call..."

Mr. Tkach concluded the service with the committal prayer.

The casket was placed into the ground at 4 p.m. Official witnesses were Mr. Tkach; Mr. Hoeh; Mr. Borek; Fred Stevens, manager of the Church's Accounting Department; and Robin Webber, an Auditorium P.M. associate pastor.

Mr. Armstrong's burial plot lies between his mother, **Eva Wright Armstrong** (1866-1961), and his wife, **Loma Dillon Armstrong** (1891-1967). Mr. Armstrong's son **Richard** (1928-1958), who died in an auto accident, is buried on the other side of Mrs. Loma Armstrong. None of the burial plots have headstones, only foot stones, said Mr. Borek.

In attendance at the service were Los Angeles, Calif., Mayor **Tom Bradley**; Pasadena Mayor **William Bogaard**; consul representatives from China, Japan and Thailand; six monks from the Wat Thai temple in Los Angeles; **Jack Andrews Jr.**, president of the Pasadena chapter of Rotary International; **Donald Mitchum**, president of **BBDO/West** (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn); **Robert Brennan**, vice president and manager of Western regional magazine sales for **R.R. Donnelley & Sons**, which prints *The Plain Truth*; **Chuck Johnson**, a Donnelley account executive; **Harvey Christen**, former vice president of Lockheed California; **John Kennedy**, a member of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra; and a number of other civic leaders.

After the services Mr. Bradley told *The Worldwide News*: "Herbert W. Armstrong was a great man, one who promoted peace and brotherhood throughout the world, was respected by all of us who knew him and has left a legacy not only in terms of the foundation but also the many friends he leaves behind around the world. He will be greatly missed."

Mr. Bogaard commented, "I want to express my deep sympathy for the loss of the great Herbert W. Armstrong, who has provided such strong and effective leadership in the values that our world needs today — goodwill, love, compassion and a willingness to recognize the eternal values that guide our entire civilization."

Sawat Yingyuad, representing Thailand, said, "According to His Majesty the King of Thailand, the death of Herbert W. Armstrong is a great loss not only for the people of Thailand but also for people around the world."

According to **Chen Shuyu**, representing China: "Mr. Herbert Armstrong has made a very great contri-

tribution to the cultural exchanges between China and the United States and has promoted mutual understanding and friendship between our two peoples. A lot of our cultural delegations sponsored by Ambassador Foundation have visited the United States and have been warmly received by the foundation. Those young children from the Shanghai and Kun Ming Children's Palaces will remember their Grandpa."

Jan. 24 the Church received a telegram from U.S. President **Ronald Reagan** and his wife, **Nancy**, that read: "To the congregation, Worldwide Church of God: Nancy and I join all those mourning the loss of Herbert W. Armstrong."

"As founder and leader of the Worldwide Church of God, Mr. Armstrong contributed to sharing the word of the Lord with his community and with people throughout the nation. You can take pride in his legacy. Our prayers are with you. God bless you."

Among the survivors who attended the services were Mr. Armstrong's son, **Garner Ted of Tyler**, and daughters, **Beverly Goff of La Canada-Flintridge, Calif.**, and **Dorothy Mattson of San Luis Obispo, Calif.** Mr. Armstrong is also survived by a sister, **Mary Edmondson**, 81, of **Portland, Ore.**, 10 grandchildren, three children and a niece

WATS Calls Reach 81,359

PASADENA — Telephone response to *A Tribute to Herbert W. Armstrong on the World Tomorrow* telecast more than tripled the previous record Jan. 25 and 26, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

Mr. Rice said the total of 81,359 calls "dwarfs all past weekends, and is comparable to the total amount of television response calls normally received in an entire month."

"We anticipated a record-breaking weekend, but the response went way beyond what we thought," said Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**. "That his final program brought such a great response is a tremendous tribute to Mr. Armstrong. This is also a clear encouragement to carry on God's work with greater determination and zeal."

Biblical Geography Study Tour of Israel

Purposes: To strengthen the iron bridge between the Church's work and Israel; to bring to Israel and Sinai, people who demonstrate that God's way is practiced in the world; and to learn more about the geographical setting of biblical events and modern problems of the Holy Land.

Description: A pretour program of taped lectures with slides and map work to bring into focus the relationship between the geographical setting and biblical events. A 22-day tour will include major biblical sites in Israel and Mt. Sinai.

Dates: May 27 to June 17, 1986

Cost: \$1,780 from Los Angeles, Calif.; \$1,725 from Dallas, Tex.; \$1,650 from Chicago, Ill.; \$1,500 from New York. Includes air fare, housing and touring, breakfast and dinner daily, 10 lunches, taxes and tips. Beverages, snacks and personal expenses are not included. Participants should allow \$100 to \$200 for personal expenses.

Eligibility: Applicants should be baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God (or receiving baptismal counseling) and in good health.

Application: Send requests to:
Richard Paige, Coordinator
Biblical Geography Study Tour
Ambassador College
Pasadena, Calif., 91129
Or call 818-304-6030

Deadline: Applications must be received by March 1.

Richard Paige, a preaching elder who teaches history of ancient Israel, biblical archaeology and historical geography of the Holy Land at Pasadena Ambassador College, will conduct the program. On-site explanations will be complemented by those given by Mr. Paige and licensed Israeli and Egyptian tour guides.

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