

## Mr. Tkach flies to Illinois, addresses 3,600 brethren

CHICAGO, Ill. — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach addressed more than 3,600 brethren assembled in the Auditorium Theatre here March 29, according to Michael Swagerty, pastor of the Chicago North and Northwest churches.

Brethren from 14 churches in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, some traveling as many as 200 miles, heard the pastor general ask whether they were grounded in Jesus Christ and God's Church or rooted in Satan's world and its ways. Services began at 1 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST).

### Third church visit

Making his third church visit as pastor general, Mr. Tkach began the trip at 10 a.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST), from the Burbank, Calif., airport.

Aboard the Church's G-III jet with him when he landed at Midway Airport in Chicago were evangelist Harold Jackson and his wife, Helen; Joseph Locke, one of Mr. Tkach's personal assistants; Mr. Tkach's son, Joseph Jr., his son's wife, Tamara, and Mr. Tkach's grandson Joseph III (who boarded the plane in Phoenix, Ariz.); Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant; Joan Maher, secretary to evangelist Ellis La Ravia; Julie Stocker, secretary to David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing and Public Relations; and Richard Ritenbaugh, a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College and an employee of Church Administration.

After a sermonette by Mr. Tkach Jr., Corine Burkette of the Chicago Northwest congregation performed

special music, a piece titled "If With All Your Heart."

John Ritenbaugh, pastor of the Hammond and Michigan City, Ind., churches, presented a piece of Steuben crystal to Mr. Tkach on behalf of the Chicago area churches.

After services ended at 3 p.m., CST, Mr. Tkach met with brethren in the auditorium for about an hour.

### Ministerial meeting

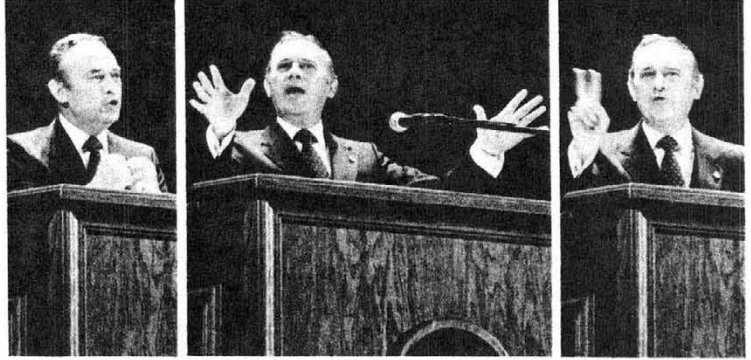
He then went to the Americana Congress Hotel across the street, where ministers and wives gathered in the Florentine Room for a ministerial meeting.

The pastor general addressed the group for about 45 minutes. After the talk the group was served refreshments and Mr. Tkach visited with ministers and wives for about an hour.

Mr. Tkach, who lived in Chicago before moving to Pasadena in 1966, spent the evening visiting family and friends.

A crew from Media Services in Pasadena, including Larry Omasta, director of Media Services; and John Halford, associate producer; videotaped services and the ministerial meeting. The crew visited and videotaped areas important to Mr. Tkach's personal history in Chicago, Sunday, March 30.

Mr. Tkach and his traveling group left Chicago at 3 p.m.



**HOMECOMING SERMON** — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach addresses more than 3,600 brethren from three states March 29 in his hometown of Chicago, Ill. The Chicago visit was Mr. Tkach's third church visit as pastor general. [Photos by Joseph Jacoby]

## Speaks with Soviet, Chinese consuls general

# Pastor general meets diplomats

**By Gene H. Hogberg**  
PASADENA — Within the space of a week, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach met with the chief West Coast political envoys of the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

Friday, March 21, Mr. Tkach attended a Los Angeles World Affairs Council luncheon at the new Sheraton Grande Hotel in Los Angeles, Calif. The guest of honor was Valentin M. Kamenev, Soviet con-

sul general in San Francisco, Calif., who delivered an address giving his nation's perspective on Soviet-American relations (see "World-watch," page 2).

In a reception before the meeting Mr. Tkach met Mr. Kamenev and exchanged a few words with him in Russian. Mr. Kamenev was familiar with some work of the Ambassador Foundation, which is sponsoring the West Coast performances of the Kirov Ballet of Leningrad in late May.

Mr. Tkach was accompanied to the reception and luncheon by evangelists Ellis La Ravia, Leroy Neff and Dibar Apartian; personal aides Michael Feazell, Aaron Dean and Joseph Locke; David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing and Public Relations; Dexter Faulkner, editor

of the Church's publications; and Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor.

Thursday afternoon, March 27, Consul General and Mrs. Tang Shubei of the People's Republic of China paid a visit to Mr. Tkach. The consul general's office, like that of his Soviet counterpart, is in San Francisco.

Mr. Tang's visit was essentially a courtesy call. He met the new pastor general, and the two assured each other that the cultural and educational links between the People's Republic and Ambassador Foundation will continue as they did before the death of Herbert W. Armstrong.

Accompanying Mr. Tkach for the meeting in the pastor general's (See **DIPLOMATS**, page 3)



**CHINESE DIPLOMAT** — Consul General Tang Shubei of the People's Republic of China (left) and Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach examine a bronze etching of the Ambassador Auditorium March 27. Mr. Tkach and Church officials met with the consul general in Mr. Tkach's office in the Hall of Administration. [Photo by Warren Watson]

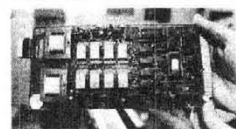
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## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,  
How merciful God is! What great compassion God has poured out upon us.

Have you ever stopped to think about what God has done for each of us?

As we keep the Passover and observe the Days of Unleavened Bread each year, we should rehearse ever more meaningfully the tremendous value and supreme import of the shed blood and broken body of Jesus Christ.

We call Jesus our Savior. We call Him the Captain of our salvation. But what is it that He is saving us from? Why do we need salvation?

God tells us that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Jesus Christ paid that penalty for us. But sin carries other penalties as well. Unhappy, unfulfilled lives, broken marriages, children with missing or part-time parents, war, terrorism, crime, poverty, disease, starvation — all a part of the here and now penalty of broken law.

The apostle Paul speaks of slavery to sin (Romans 6:6). Peter speaks of the "corruption that is in the world through lust" (II Peter 1:4, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

What great mercy God has extended to us to open our minds to the way out of the disastrous results of life without Him! And a way out for suffering humanity as well. The time is coming when the whole world will be delivered, even as God has begun delivering us now.

We will have a part in bringing about that deliverance after Jesus returns and establishes the Kingdom of God on earth. At that time we will serve Him as not only begetten, but literally born sons of God! We will be directly involved in bringing permanent solutions to the bewildering age-old problems of humanity cut off from God.

We have the unfathomable blessing now of being able to enjoy the fruit of His Holy Spirit. As we submit to God's rule in our lives, allowing His Spirit to lead

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# Bridging the chasm toward perfect peace

PASADENA — A number of us accompanied Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach to hear a March 6 luncheon address by the 37th President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon. Mr. Nixon spoke before the Los Angeles, Calif., World Affairs Council (see *Worldwide News*, March 24).

Two weeks later, Valentin M. Kamenev, the Soviet consul general in San Francisco, Calif., addressed the same organization. Again, individuals representing the Ambassador Foundation were in attendance, led by Mr. Tkach. I was privileged once again to be present.

The two speeches reminded me of my first visit to the Soviet Union, in 1974. My most vivid overall impression at that time was that I had visited another planet, because the two nations, the United States and the Soviet Union, operate according to such radically different philosophies.

The addresses by Mr. Nixon and Mr. Kamenev reflect this vast ideological gulf that separates the two superpowers, and the mutually exclusive perspective each has toward world conditions and what the future is to bring.

Their speeches, furthermore, held little hope that these sharp differences can be bridged in this day and age.

## 'Ground rules' for competition

One of the two giants, the Soviet Union, seeks steadily but cautiously to expand its power and influence around the globe, searching out opportunities, especially in the peripheral Third World regions.

The other, the United States, finds itself continually in defense of its shrinking influence, often outmaneuvered by its adversary, which has cleverly perfected the policy of supporting unconventional wars of "national liberation."

This strategic struggle for power goes on at many, often ill-defined and shifting fronts around the world. Yet neither superpower wants to see this competition escalate into a direct nuclear confrontation, which could threaten all mankind.

In his address Mr. Nixon outlined what he felt should be the "ground rules" for America in conducting this stressful war of ideas with its adversary. "What is needed in our relations with the Soviet Union," he said, "is not a new spirit or a new at-

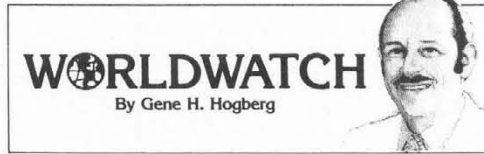
mosphere, but a new realism."

"Our differences are not due to a lack of understanding... [or] to personalities," Mr. Nixon said.

"Our policy," the 37th President continued, "should be based not on the soft illusion of mutual affection, but the hard reality of mutual respect. Russians and Americans can

does not mean affection.

"Most pundits in Geneva asked the wrong question: Did President Reagan and Gorbachev like each other? The far more important question is: Did they respect each other? Affection between allies is useful. Respect between adversaries is indispensable."



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

be friends. But the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union can never be friends, but we cannot afford to be enemies.

"As [Soviet leader Mikhail] Gorbachev pointedly observed in his Geneva press conference [at last autumn's summit], the Russians are not simpletons. The Russian people are a great people. The Soviet Union is a military superpower. The Soviet government, therefore, deserves our respect. But respect

Then Mr. Nixon addressed the grim reality of the ideological gulf separating the two superpowers.

"We should honestly recognize our differences and not try to gloss them over. We don't like their system. They don't like ours. We have profound differences, some of which will never be settled.

"We have one major common interest — to avoid war over our differences. The goal of our diplomacy, therefore, should be limited one: to resolve differences where possible, and where that is impossible, to develop rules of engagement for living with our differences



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## Too much or too little?

Are you able to read every article in all of the Church's publications each month? If your answer is no you're probably not in the minority!

One of the most frequent questions my wife, Shirley, and I are asked when visiting church areas is: "How do you do it? I just can't find the time to read everything the Church prints each month."

Reading the Church's publications is part of our education. The late Herbert W. Armstrong warned us many times from the pulpit: "Brethren, there isn't much more time to go. And we're students, we're studying, we're into the time of final exams coming up. Are you going to pass the grade and qualify for the Kingdom? Ask yourself that question, every one of you." And Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach is carrying on that exhortation.

Reading *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* and *Youth 86* is a vital part of our education. It goes hand in hand with our daily Bible study. Reading the publications should stimulate us to study more about the subject in God's Word.

Most in God's Church have more to do than they can get done. There is not enough time to complete correspondence, return telephone calls, write memos and reports, meet deadlines and attend meetings. There are not enough hours in a normal day to cook three meals, clean the house, wash and dry clothes, rock the baby, attend church activities, be involved in fund raisers, answer letters, pay bills, drive a son or daughter to a youth activity.

Combine the business and family responsibilities and people are going to be over-scheduled and feel overwhelmed.

### Where does the time go?

You might ask yourself, "What do I do with my week?"

Have you ever figured out how you actually spend your time? You'd probably be astonished to learn how much time you spend doing nonimportant things. See for yourself. Then you can analyze in

what ways you can be more effective. I think you will be surprised. I know I was.

Many years ago several of us students complained that we just couldn't find time to keep up on all our class reading, so evangelist Herman L. Hoeh gave us an assignment. The assignment worked for me then and still does today.

Perhaps you could benefit from the assignment: Make a one-week time chart, divided along the top into days of the week and along the side into half-hour time slots, beginning with the time you wake up and finishing with the time you fall asleep. Then, for one week, follow yourself around, noting what you are doing at a particular time of the day.

When the week is over, you should have a pretty accurate idea of how you spend your time.

Then you need to ask yourself some important questions: How did I waste my (or other people's) time? How can I reduce this? Your answers can enable you to plan your week more effectively, eliminating wasteful habits that you may not have seen before.

Time for planning must be included in your schedule. The less spare time you have, the more important it is to plan your time carefully. If you fail to plan, you'll gain little time in your day, and you'll waste far more than you've gained. You'll constantly be distracted instead of handling your needs in a planned, organized fashion.

We could all use 10 extra minutes every hour. You can have at least that much if you organize an overall plan for that day's priorities, building in flexibility to handle those little crises.

There is an old proverb, "One has to spend money to make money." Likewise, "One must spend time in order to save time."

### Here's help

If you are having a hard time keeping up with reading the Church's publications, here are some suggestions and ideas to consider:

- Set a reading goal, perhaps at least one article a day. On the average each of the three magazines has 10 articles each issue. That's 30 articles a month.

- The day you receive a publication, look it over. See which articles deal with subjects that could expand your Bible study. Study them as part of your daily Bible study.

- Set aside a half hour each day for reading Church publications — magazines, *The Worldwide News*, books or booklets. If you run out of new material, go over some older booklets. It's a great review.

- Husbands and wives — take turns reading to each other while one is doing some household chores.

- Read while waiting for appointments, in self-service laundries or on mass transportation.

- Have a family member read articles en route to Sabbath services — discuss the articles going home.

- Take a couple of hours on the Sabbath to go over the publications with your family, friends or roommates. Take turns reading out loud.

- What about an hour on Sunday to go over the Bible Correspondence Course with the whole family? It's an effective way for parents to review and teach.

- Cut back your sleeping time by one-half hour a night. This will give you an extra 182.5 hours a year. The real benefit is that you can go to sleep with God's truth on your mind.

- Don't jeopardize your health, of course. Always try to get the amount of sleep you personally need to maintain good health!

- Turn off the television and radio.

- If you can't read all the articles in one month don't feel guilty. Guilt only compounds the problem. Be positive and work at it. Ask God to help you select the articles that you need most to grow and overcome. He can also help you find more time for Bible study and prayer. Ask Him.

- Let me pass along a trick to reading faster. Use your fingertip as a visual guide. Move it smoothly under the line of text. As you speed up your finger, your eyes will follow. Most unnecessary back-skipping will be eliminated. It has been proven that the average speed gain is 50 percent, with no loss of comprehension. Try it.

The main thing is to redeem the time God has given you to prepare yourself to be a well-grounded teacher. Organize your time or you will waste it. There will be no time to "crum for the exam" later on.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Sweden: a nation mourns its fallen prime minister

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — As I write from the Foreign Ministry press center here, it is clear that Sweden is dumbstruck, full of mourning over the assassination of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

Even though we in God's Church know that "it is appointed for men to die once" (Hebrews 9:27, Revised Authorized Version), the cold-blooded murder of a leading world figure rattles one's emotions.

Here in Sweden public demonstrations of grief are widespread. A minute of silence in memory of the prime minister was observed nationwide March 10. Sweden's trains came to a stop, and people climbed out of their automobiles to stand respectfully in silence. Industrial workers shed their hard hats out of respect for their fallen leader.

All of Scandinavia is affected by the violent death. A torchlight parade in Oslo, Norway, marked Mr. Palme's untimely end.

A controversial man, Mr. Palme was often at odds with the West. His tempestuous politics included angering the United States by linking the 1972 bombing of North Vietnam to the genocide spawned by Nazi Germany in World War II.

The American publication *National Review* said of Mr. Palme: "In 1968, he marched in an anti-American demonstration with Hanoi's ambassador to Stockholm. Four years later, as prime minister, he compared the 'Christmas bombings' to [the concentration camps of] Treblinka and Lidice. He greatly admired [Cuban President] Fidel Castro."

Clearly Mr. Palme followed his own course in Swedish foreign policy. But in all fairness to Mr. Palme's views, consider that he verbally condemned the 1968 Soviet

rather than dying over them."

### Soviet representative's views

In his speech and in a press conference beforehand, Consul General Kamenev outlined some of the basic differences between his government and that of the United States on the fundamental issues of today.

As expected, Mr. Kamenev was critical of President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (an antimissile defensive system in space). He referred to Afghan resistance forces fighting Soviet units in Afghanistan as "local contras," borrowing a phrase referring to U.S.-supported guerrilla forces in Nicaragua.

He denied as "groundless accusation" U.S. charges that the Soviets were attempting to secure a military foothold in Central America. He said his nation rejects terrorism "in principle."

In his lone reference to Mr. Nixon's address two weeks previously, Mr. Kamenev said, "I strongly disagree on many points, but I agree on this: that our two nations cannot afford to be enemies."

What he means, of course, is face-to-face enemies in an all-out direct war. And the Bible, furthermore, nowhere indicates the two nations will come to such a state of conflict. But the competition will continue unabated at a level lower for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Nixon had addressed much of the substance of his remarks in his

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invasion of Czechoslovakia. He followed his verbal attack with action, helping Czech refugees flee to Sweden.

No lover of Soviet-brand communism, Mr. Palme maintained a large defense budget for Sweden. A national wariness of the Soviet Union lives on in Sweden.

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# Director conducts conference for ministers, wives in Australia

By Michael A. Snyder and John Curry

PASADENA — Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, and his wife, Judy, returned to Church headquarters here March 19 after a 15-day tour of Australia and New Zealand.

### Ministerial conference

"The primary purpose of the trip was to participate — as the direct representative of Mr. Joseph Tkach and Church headquarters — in a ministerial conference for ministers and wives working in Australia and Asia," Mr. Salyer said in a March 26 interview with *The Worldwide News*. The Salyers also visited the New Zealand Regional Office in Auckland before returning to Pasadena.

John Curry, a former *Worldwide News* staff writer, works in the Australian Regional Office.

"I was very pleased with the outcome of the meetings," Mr. Salyer said.

More than 80 ministers, wives and regional office personnel from Australia, India, Sri Lanka and

Malaysia attended the March 9 to 14 conference, including regional director Robert Morton and his wife, Sandra. The six-day conference took place at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp on the shores of Lake Moogerah in Queensland.

"I can confidently say that this conference was very profitable," Mr. Morton said in a telephone interview with *The Worldwide News*. "The ministers and wives greatly appreciated the strong direction from headquarters and the opportunity to talk personally with Mr. Salyer."

"The conference confirmed our confidence in the strong leadership from Church headquarters," he continued.

### Church authority

"The primary topics I addressed were Church government and liberalism, which are really topics the whole Church needs to understand," Mr. Salyer said.

"Liberalism is based on self-government, by not coming under the authority of God's government, and instead insisting on your own way apart from God," Mr. Salyer explained.

"I stressed to the men and their wives that there must continue to be positive two-way communication from the ministry through the regional office and regional director, through Church Administration in Pasadena up to the pastor general, Mr. Joseph Tkach."

"All ministers and Church members need to remember that we must all speak with one voice based on what the pastor general says and does as he follows what Jesus Christ leads him to understand," Mr. Salyer continued.

During the six-day conference in the SEP staff lounge, various sporting activities were organized "so the ministers and wives could get a little exercise," Mr. Morton said. Activities included basketball, golf, volleyball and aerobic dance.

"We also had a couple of barbecues, which also promoted a spirit of unity and fellowship," said Mr. Morton.

"The hospitality shown us in Australia was simply outstanding," Mr. Salyer said. "I look forward to my next visit 'down under.'"

Mr. Morton said that brethren living in the area surrounding the camp volunteered to cater for the conference. "They did an excellent job," the regional director said.

Mr. Salyer delivered the main sermon at combined services of the southeast Queensland churches in Brisbane March 8, and spoke at services in Sydney and Melbourne March 15. He was accompanied by the services by Mr. Morton, William Winner of Church Administration in Australia, and William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne East church.

The Salyers stopped in Auckland March 17 en route to Pasadena.

"After touring the New Zealand Regional Office, we enjoyed a fine lunch prepared by office employees," Mr. Salyer said. "Following lunch we gathered in Mr. [Peter] Nathan's office to visit and discuss God's work worldwide."

Mr. Nathan is regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific.



**SOVIET DIPLOMAT** — Pictured are Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and Valentin M. Kamenev (right), Soviet consul general in San Francisco, Calif. Mr. Tkach met Consul General Kamenev March 21 at a reception before the Soviet diplomat delivered an address to the Los Angeles, Calif., World Affairs Council. During their meeting Mr. Tkach exchanged a few words in Russian with the diplomat. (Photo by Dexter H. Faulkner)

## Diplomats

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office were Mr. La Ravia, Mr. Fezell, Mr. Dean, Mr. Hulme, Mr. Locke, Mr. Hogberg and John Halford of Media Services.

Larry Omasta, director of Media Services, along with two cameramen, were on hand to videotape the 45-minute meeting.

The conversation among Consul General Tang, Mr. Tkach and other foundation personnel was wide-ranging and at times spirited. In addition to summarizing the relations between China and the foundation, the participants discussed at some length current trends in China, especially the success of the nation's agricultural reforms.

The People's Republic, Mr. Tang noted, has about 22 percent of the world's population, but only 7 percent of the earth's arable land. Yet, largely because of new agricultural policies stressing individual initiative and freer market conditions, China now not only grows enough food to feed its own people, but produces considerable quantities for export. Interestingly enough, a major customer, said the consul general, is the Soviet Union, which has yet to initiate significant agricultural reforms.

For the late afternoon meeting, the Ambassador College Food Service Department supplied tea and a variety of English pastries, the latter produced under the direction of Ambassador graduate Terry Wiclawski.



**MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE** — Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, addresses ministers and wives during the March 9 to 14 Australian ministerial conference. (Photo by John Curry)

## PERSONAL

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us, we can experience the "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23) that are the product or fruit of that Spirit.

These fruits describe God's "divine nature" mentioned by the apostle Peter in II Peter 1:4. God says "against such there is no law."

These are the *opposite* of the natural inclination of our human minds. They are the opposite of the way of *rebellion* chosen and followed by the devil and with which he has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12:9).

There is indeed a vast gulf between God's way of give and the devil's way of get. God's way is based on what He is — LOVE. The devil's way is based on what he is — a rebel.

This vital lesson must be burned into our minds so that we never forget it for all eternity. God wants us to understand the difference!

We must choose the way God has commanded — the way that leads to *life* (Deuteronomy 30:19). And for all eternity we will never turn back from that way nor compromise with it.

We will know what the fruit of

sin is because we have seen it, experienced it, suffered it and been redeemed and delivered from it! We will never go back to it!

God has commanded His people to keep the Passover each year. At that time, we are deeply reminded of the enormous sacrifice of Jesus Christ's own life, after He suffered great pain through horrible beating. And, through the foot-washing service, we are reminded of the kind of life God has called us to live — one of humble submission to Him, motivated by godly love, rather than by natural selfish interests.

Then, for seven days, we symbolize *coming out of sin*, having removed physical leaven, symbolizing the vanity, or worthlessness, of living the devil's way of self-glory, self-aggrandizement, self-desire, self-will and the preservation of that selfish life at all costs.

God has shown us how to avoid the natural consequences of sin by obeying Him. He has shown us the way to avoid the emotional devastation of unresolved guilt by *believing* that He forgives us upon repentance, applying Jesus' payment of sin's death penalty in our stead.

God has truly saved us from a fate worse than death, as well as from death itself. Can you imagine eternal life in this present physical form, or in this present

evil world, subject to the evils and suffering brought on by the way man lives in rebellion against God's holy, just and good law?

Yes, the perfect Jesus Christ is indeed the Captain of our salvation! And as our High Priest, elder Brother, Master and King, He leads the way to unparalleled happiness forever!

In fact He is the Way! He says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Fa-

ther except through Me" (John 14:6). Let's rededicate ourselves to following that way — and let's rejoice in the magnificent plan of redemption and salvation God has extended now to us and eventually to all humanity!

Thank you again for your continuing diligent prayers for God's Work. The *World Tomorrow* program is breaking all records. The programs titled *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday*, and *The Truth About*

*Easter* resulted in outstanding responses of 28,154 and 31,853 weekend calls respectively on the U.S. Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines!

I'm sure your pastors are sharing this as well as other pertinent news with you from the "Pastor General's Report to the Ministry" during Sabbath services and Bible studies. Never forget how important your prayers are for every phase of God's Work, and how much they mean to God, as I've written you before.

I have deeply appreciated the warm and inspiring reception God's people have given me in Phoenix, Ariz., Big Sandy and most recently in Chicago, Ill.

I mentioned to the ministry what an inspiring sight it is to look over such a joy-filled, enthusiastic group of God's elect on these visits. I look forward to seeing more of you in the months ahead.

Thank you for your prayers for me. I surely need them. And be sure to be praying earnestly for one another. This is a special time for self-examination and recommitment to overcoming and to the great calling God has given us.

Let's take it seriously, remembering the love He wants us to have for one another. Let the fruit of God's Spirit in us flow.

With deep love,  
Joseph W. Tkach

### Report from the Treasurer's Office

*Leroy Neff*

PASADENA — The first quarter of the year has now passed. We are pleased financially with the progress, but as always hope for even greater increases in the future.

Even though the actual increase for March is a little lower than a month ago, it is still above budget projections. Last year by this time, we had received considerable tithe-of-the-tithe contributions. But since the festivals occur later this year according to the Roman calendar, the letter concerning these contributions was sent out later.

The actual increase for March was 4 percent and for the year to date 8.3 percent. If the tithe-of-the-tithe amounts were deleted from last year's figure, the amounts would be 12.3 percent and 11.2 percent respectively. These last figures show a more realistic comparison between the years.

My next monthly report will be published after the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We are hoping that all the brethren will be prepared for generous Holy Day offerings. If so, we should be better prepared financially for the new doors that are opening to preach the Gospel in Europe.

# JERUSALEM 1986 FEAST SITE

Arrangements have been made to observe the Feast in Jerusalem, Israel, according to Richard Frankel, Festival coordinator. Brethren desiring to transfer should fill out the application form on this page, have it approved and signed by their pastor, and send it with a \$300 deposit to JMT Travel, 610 Haddonfield Rd., Cherry Hill, N.J., 08002, to the attention of Jan Schwait. Telephone numbers are 609-662-1133 or 215-563-3260.

Additional information, instructions and tour conditions will be sent by JMT Travel to those approved for transfer. The deposit will be refunded if the application is denied.

Applicants older than 65 and those who have physical disabilities must include a physician's statement certifying they are in good health and able to climb steps and walk long distances. These individuals must also name a traveling companion on the application form.

Listed below is a choice of two hotel plans, and the basic prices for the Feast (with no extensions). Included in the price is a direct round-trip air fare from New York, N.Y. (returning Oct. 26), or from Los Angeles, Calif., and Chicago, Ill. (returning Oct. 27). Each child age 2 to 18 must share parents' room to obtain prices quoted.

## Hotels

**Jerusalem Hilton** (where services will take place) — a deluxe tower hotel overlooking the Old and New Cities. Facilities include air conditioning, a swimming pool, tennis courts, health club, three restaurants, bar and lounge and a shopping arcade. The Oct. 15 overnight in Jordan is at the deluxe Amman Marriott Hotel. The adult land-only price (air fare not included) is \$790. Prices for children 2 to 18 available from travel agent.

Prices from New York (Oct. 14 to 26) are \$1,460 a person, double occupancy; \$280 single supplement; \$1,190 for each child age 12 to 18; \$960 for each child age 2 to 11. Prices from Chicago (Oct. 14 to 27) are \$1,664 a person, double occupancy; \$310 single supplement; \$1,399 for each child age 12 to 18; \$1,099 for each child age 2 to 11. Prices from Los Angeles (Oct. 14 to 27) are \$1,775 a person, double occupancy; \$310 single supplement; \$1,505 for each child age 12 to 18; \$1,170 for each child age 2 to 11.

**Jerusalem Sonesta** — a three-star hotel that is a five-minute walk from the Hilton (shuttle available to services). Facilities include air conditioning, a coffee shop and garden patio and a souvenir shop. The Oct. 15 overnight in Jordan is at the five-star Amman Inter-Continental Hotel. The adult land-only price (air fare not included) is \$590. Prices for children 2 to 18 available from travel agent.

Prices from New York are \$1,260 a person, double occupancy; \$170 single supplement; \$1,110 for each child age 12 to 18; \$880 for each child age 2 to 11. Prices from Chicago are \$1,465 a person, double occupancy; \$200 single supplement; \$1,315 for each child age 12 to 18; \$1,020 for each child age 2 to 11. Prices from Los Angeles are \$1,575 a person, double occupancy; \$200 single supplement; \$1,425 for each child age 12 to 18; \$1,090 for each child age 2 to 11.

Prices include transfers between airport, hotels and bridge at border between Israel and Jordan; hotels; full breakfast daily; 10 dinners (11 for passengers from Los Angeles and Chicago); four lunches (five for passengers from Los Angeles and Chicago); qualified guides; entrance fees to scheduled sites; airport and bridge taxes if traveling with group; air-conditioned buses; four half-days and one full day sight-seeing (four half-days and two full days sight-seeing for passengers from Los Angeles and Chicago); and tote bag.

## Itinerary

**Tuesday, Oct. 14** — Departures from New York to Amman and from Los Angeles to Chicago to Amman.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15 — Amman, Jordan** — Flights arrive early evening; overnight at Marriott and Inter-Continental hotels.

**Thursday, Oct. 16 — Amman, Dead Sea, Jerusalem** — Departure for border crossing; visits to Masada, Dead Sea, Qumran, Jericho; afternoon arrival at Jerusalem Hilton and Sonesta hotels.

**Friday, Oct. 17 — Jerusalem** — Tour of city, including Mount of Olives with a view of Jerusalem; travel through Kidron Valley; visit Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls); Israel Museum; Hebrew University; Yad Vashem (Holocaust memorial); model of Jerusalem in Christ's time. Free afternoon. Evening service.

**Saturday, Oct. 18 — First Holy Day, Jerusalem** — Morning and afternoon services. Catered lunch. Feast film in evening.

**Sunday, Oct. 19 — Tel Aviv** — Morning service. Afternoon tour to Gezer, Lod and Tel Aviv. Visit Jaffa and Diaspora museum.

**Monday, Oct. 20 — Jerusalem** — Morning service. Remainder of day free.

**Tuesday, Oct. 21 — Jerusalem** — Visit to Garden Tomb, El Aqsa Mosque, Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem archaeological excavations and Liberty Bell Garden. Afternoon service. Evening entertainment at the International Cultural Center for Youth (ICCY).

**Wednesday, Oct. 22 — Judea** — Morning service. Tour to Rachel's Tomb, Bethlehem, Solomon's Pools, Valley of Berachah and Hebron. Travel through Valley of Eilah and Beth-Shemesh.

**Thursday, Oct. 23 — Jerusalem** — Free day or optional tour to Galilee (\$27 a person). Caesarea, Megiddo, Nazareth, Cana, fish lunch at Sea of Galilee. Evening service in Jerusalem.

**Friday, Oct. 24 — Jerusalem** — Morning service. Remainder of day free.

**Saturday, Oct. 25 — Last Great Day, Jerusalem** — Morning and afternoon services. Catered lunch. Evening free.

**Sunday, Oct. 26 — Departures** — Depart from Amman airport or optional tours. Passengers from Los Angeles and Chicago visit Hisban, Mt. Nebo, Ma'daba, the Bunyat Center for Special Education and the Al Hussein School for the Physically Handicapped in Amman. Overnight at Marriott and Inter-Continental hotels.

**Monday, Oct. 27 — Departure** — Los Angeles and Chicago passengers leave for return flight home.

For those who have attended the Feast in Jerusalem before, a Repeater's Tour may be requested on the application form.

**Option No. 1 — Jordan** — Includes accommodations for two

nights at the Marriott Hotel in Amman; two full breakfasts; two lunches (one of which is a box lunch); two dinners; visa fees if traveling with group; guides; air-conditioned buses with toilet; payment for horses and jeeps; full escort. Each child age 2 to 18 must share parents' room to obtain prices quoted below. The land-only prices (air fare not included) are \$200 a person, double occupancy; \$60 single supplement; \$150 for each child age 2 to 11. The Jordan option will increase the package price for New York passengers by \$200 a person for adults and children 12 to 18, double occupancy; \$60 single supplement; \$150 for each child age 2 to 11. The price increase for passengers from Los Angeles and Chicago will be \$124 a person for adults and children 12 to 18, double occupancy; \$30 single supplement; \$100 for each child age 2 to 11.

Passengers from Los Angeles and Chicago will return Oct. 28 by way of New York with a connection to Los Angeles or Chicago.

**Sunday, Oct. 26 — Jerusalem, Amman** — Departure for King Hussein Bridge. Visit Hisban, Mt. Nebo, Ma'daba, Bunyat Center for Special Education, the Al Hussein School for the Physically Handicapped. Overnight at Marriott Hotel in Amman.

**Monday, Oct. 27 — Amman, Petra, Amman** — Travel on Desert Highway for full day of Petra. Evening return to Amman.

**Tuesday, Oct. 28 — Departure** — Morning transfer to Amman airport for flight to New York.

**Option No. 2 — Vienna, Austria** — Includes accommodations at a first-class hotel for four nights; transfers between airport and hotel; continental breakfast daily; one lunch; three dinners; full escort; visa fees if traveling with group; guides; air-conditioned buses; entrance fees to scheduled sites. Each child age 2 to 18 must share parents' room to obtain prices quoted below. The land-only prices (air fare not included) are \$449 a person, double occupancy; \$100 single supplement; \$329 for each child age 2 to 11. The Vienna option will increase the package price for New York passengers by \$449 a person for adults and children 12 to 18, double occupancy; \$100 single supplement; \$329 for each child age 2 to 11. The price increase for passengers from Los Angeles and Chicago will be \$373 a person for adults and children 12 to 18, double occupancy; \$70 single supplement; \$279 for each child age 2 to 11.

Passengers from Los Angeles and Chicago will return Oct. 30 by way of New York with a connection to Los Angeles or Chicago.

**Sunday, Oct. 26 — Amman, Vienna** — Flight from Amman to Vienna. Remainder of day free. Dinner at Grinzing.

**Monday, Oct. 27 — Vienna** — Motor coach tour of Ringstrasse: the State Opera, Museum of Fine Arts, Natural History Museum, House of Parliament, City Hall. Visit Schoenbrunn Palace (summer residence of emperor). Return past the Karlskirche and Bebevedere Palace. Remainder of day free. Dinner.

**Tuesday, Oct. 28 — Vienna** — Free day.

**Wednesday, Oct. 29 — Vienna** — Full day excursion of the Wachau, the Danube and country scenes; a boat ride and a stop at the old wine merchants town of Krems. Lunch. Visit Melk, the "Cradle of Austria," and a Benedictine abbey. Dinner at hotel.

**Thursday, Oct. 30 — Vienna, New York** — Morning free for shopping or packing. Afternoon transfer to airport for flight to New York.

## Norwegian Plain Truth job open

**BOREHAMWOOD, England** — The British Regional Office has a job opening for an assistant editor who is fluent in Norwegian to a high standard, and who is also fluent in English.

The job entails assisting the editor by coordinating the translation and production of *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Norwegian Plain Truth), proofreading translated and typeset manuscripts, typing translated manuscripts into a computer pagination system and editing Norwegian subtitles for the *World Tomorrow* television program.

In addition to fluency in Norwegian and English, the job applicant should have a good understanding of all doctrines taught by the Worldwide Church of God, in order to correctly edit Church doctrinal material. Experience in word processing is both necessary and important.

Please reply to Francis J. Bergin, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts., England WD6 1LU.

## Interpretation for deaf available

Qualified interpretation in American Sign Language will be available for deaf brethren attending the Jerusalem site.

## WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD 1986 FEAST OF TABERNACLES APPLICATION FOR JERUSALEM

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss. (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you want JMT Travel to arrange for connecting flights from your home city?  
 ( ) Yes ( ) No  
 What is the airport closest to your home? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hotel accommodations: ( ) Hilton ( ) Sonesta  
 I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) I attended the Feast in Jerusalem in \_\_\_\_\_ and am interested in the Repeater's Tour.  
 Optional extensions (additional cost):  
 ( ) Galilee day tour, Oct. 23 ( ) Vienna, Oct. 26 to 30  
 ( ) Jordan, Oct. 26 to 28

NOTE: If you are more than 65 or have any physical disability, a doctor's certificate must be sent to JMT TRAVEL. Please name a traveling companion who will provide assistance for you on the trip:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$300 a person, U.S. funds only) to confirm \_\_\_\_\_ spaces for the Feast in Jerusalem. Please make checks payable to JMT Travel/WCG Festival. If not selected this deposit will be refunded. Deposit may be forfeited if member cancels after acceptance.

MAIL TO: JMT Travel, 610 Haddonfield Rd., Cherry Hill, N.J., 08002 Attention: Jan Schwait. (Non U.S. or Canadian brethren should send this form to their country's regional office.)

NOTE:

Church pastor's approval is required for transfer consideration.  
 No application will be considered without signature.

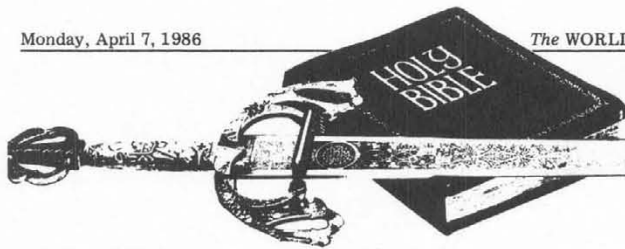
(Pastor's signature)

I understand that the tours offered are only for seasoned, physically fit travelers and that I and my dependents or companions are subject to all tour conditions and instructions already given or to be given in the future.

(Signature of applicant)

For Jerusalem Feast coordinator's information:

I wish to participate in the Feast choir:  
 ( ) Soprano ( ) Alto ( ) Tenor ( ) Bass  
 I am a soloist. ( ) Vocal ( ) Instrumental (instrument) \_\_\_\_\_  
 I play piano. Ability level: ( ) Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair  
 I am a ( ) Church pastor ( ) Local elder ( ) Deacon ( ) Deaconess  
 ( ) Audiovisual technician ( ) Doctor ( ) Nurse ( ) Interpreter for deaf  
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# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Learning lessons of leadership: Who is greatest among you?

By Richard Burky

PASADENA — We all want to be respected, held in honor and considered important. Did you realize that the question of who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of God was hotly debated among the disciples of Jesus Christ?

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James and John even attempted to obtain a firm commitment from Christ to designate them as second and third in authority under Him in the Kingdom of God (Mark 10:37)!

Continuing in verses 42 through 44: "But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.'" (Revised Authorized Version throughout).

How can one be the greatest of all and yet be a servant to all at the same time? How can we apply this instruction of Christ to our lives today?

### God's system of authority

We live in an age of organizations. They function in most aspects of our lives, from the economic to the spiritual. Each organization has leaders. They are the "greatest" in the organization. Their relationship to the others in the organization is represented by an organizational chart. It shows who is over whom in authority.

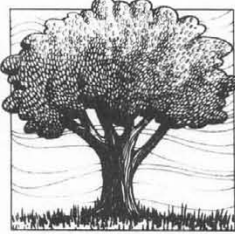
To view leadership in an organization from the perspective that Jesus Christ taught, however, we need to make a change in the orientation of the organization chart. We need to turn it upside down!

Instead of having a pyramid structure in which the head stone is sitting on top of and being carried by all the stones under it, we rather have a structure in the form of a tree. The one in authority is the trunk, which supports and provides nourishment to all those under his authority.

Compare this with Christ's statement in John 15:5: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

Turning the chart upside down does not do away with authority.

Every organization needs authority to function. The fact that Christ considers Himself the vine and us the branches does not diminish His authority over us. It rather gives an example of how to properly perceive and execute godly authority.



Artwork by Monte Wolvertson

Consider the human body. Is the purpose of the body merely to carry the head around? Absolutely not. The body's purpose is to work, build, create, produce something of value to others. But it is the head that makes each individual member effective in doing its part in the overall work of the body.

The head directs and coordinates. The other members do the work. However, the other members are effective only if they have the direction of the head. The head does more than sit on top of the body. It makes the body function effectively.

The head is, in reality, a servant to the whole body. This is the lesson of leadership we need to learn.

### Positions of leadership

A position of leadership in an organization, be it a family, a business or even the Church of God, is much like the function of the head. The leader has a responsibility to make those under him effective.

Authority can be thought of as the power to exercise one's responsibility to others, to supply what they need to produce the results expected of them. Isn't this how Christ exercises His authority over us?

How do we apply this principle? As a father or mother, how do we view our role in respect to our children? As nothing more than a boss over them? As one who has the power to force our children into the mold we want them to fit? Or as those who are responsible to see that

training, discipline and other physical, mental and emotional needs are supplied? Do we strive to provide for our children what they need to produce and to be what God would have them to be? Are we servants to our children?

If we are given leadership of a church activity, do we glory that we are in charge? That we can now command and it will be done according to our wishes? Do we attempt to make a name for ourselves? Or do we see it as our responsibility to make those under us effective by supplying organization, direction, motivation, money or other needs so that they can make the activity a success — so that it can be enjoyable and profitable for the maximum number of people? Are we servants to both those under us and to those who will enjoy the activity?

Let us consider once again the original question: Who will be the greatest in the world tomorrow? The answer is the one who serves the most.

## Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appears in the April issues of *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses after each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

(1) What basic motivation in humans causes racial prejudice? (April *Plain Truth*, page 4)

(2) List, in order, the human governments prophesied in Daniel 2 to dominate from Daniel's day to the return of Jesus Christ. (April *Plain Truth*, page 11)

(3) True or false: Less than 1 percent of the water on earth is fresh and constantly available. (April *Plain Truth*, page 16)

(4) What is the serious flaw in comparing ourselves with the standards of the society around us? (April *Good News*, page 9)

(5) True or false: True Christians don't feel the pressures of this end-time society. (April *Good News*, page 16)

(6) True or false: In most cases, obeying the authority over you, giving up your will to serve someone else's will, is more important than doing what you feel is right. (April *Good News*, page 23)

Today we are training to be leaders in the world tomorrow. To qualify for leadership positions, we must learn to serve those under our authority.

However, we do not need to have an extensive group of people under our authority at this time to learn this lesson. What we do need is to develop a serving attitude — not blindly responding to all requests

for help, but wisely judging where we can best apply our time, money and talents to do the most good.

If we practice making our resources and opportunities serve the most individuals in the best way possible, we will be on the road that leads to true greatness, irrespective of how great or how limited our resources and opportunities may be now.

## Two ways we can imitate God

# Taking time to be a loving father

By Ricky L. Sherrord

It seemed like any other warm Texas summer day as the Happy King Insurers, my Little League baseball team, prepared for a game.

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Little did we know that this would be a day each team member would long remember. As we practiced, a car pulled up behind the backstop, and the driver spoke quietly and seriously with our coach.

The coach summoned Rusty, a gangly, redheaded boy of about 12, to come down the baseline. After speaking with the coach, Rusty got into the stranger's car and drove away.

The coach then solemnly told us the tragic news. Rusty's father was killed that day — electrocuted in a terrible accident.

In the days and months that followed, Rusty never spoke of his awful loss. But the vacuum left by his father's death found expression in Rusty's sad and troubled eyes. He recognized how incomplete life without a dad was and would be.

Circumstances beyond Rusty's control took his father, leaving a painful void. But what of the millions of fathers alive today who deprive their children of that fatherly relationship by being too busy — by failing to give the time and attention to their children that they should? How much greater a tragedy!

Are we doing our job as fathers of our children? Are we using the life God has given us to fulfill our fatherly responsibilities?

### God as the model father

As Christians, we enjoy a father-child relationship with the very God of the universe (Romans 8:14-17). He is literally, in the spiritual sense, God our Father (Matthew 6:9). We can look to Him and the example He

sets as a perfect standard. As human fathers, we should strive to deal with our children in the same way God deals with us.

Here are two important ways we can imitate God's own example:

(1) *Listening.* Prayer is one of the most basic tools in our relationship with God. Simply stated, it is talking to God.

When we talk to our heavenly Father, He listens (Matthew 7:7-11). He is always there. He never limits our time with Him. As His spiritually begotten children talk to Him, He pays careful attention, remembering our petitions and faithfully providing both our needs (Matthew 6:31-33) and wants (Psalm 37:4) at the best time for us (1 Peter 5:6). He is attentive as we speak to Him, and He remembers what we say.

How well do we listen when our children talk to us? Do we have the time in our busy schedules to stop and hear them? God the Father is so eager to hear His children that He considers it a sin if we fail to make time for prayer (1 Samuel 12:23).

How important do we consider listening to our children? If we are to be like God the Father, it will be high on our priority list. We will know who their friends are, what type of music they like, what they think of their teachers at school. We will know which subjects they enjoy and which ones are difficult for them. We will know what their latest achievement or embarrassing moment was. We will know their thoughts and dreams.

As we improve as listeners, we will better understand what is on the minds of our children. We will come to know them well and see how we can nurture, help and guide them to live successful adult lives.

(2) *Teaching.* Likewise, God the Father is deeply concerned about guiding and directing the lives of His children. He not only listens to

His children, but He talks to them.

His interest in them is so great that He inspired a complete instruction manual — the Bible — to ensure that those children would have all the information they needed to live successfully. God speaks to us as well through His ministry, in Sabbath services and in personal counselings.

How much time do we as fathers devote to teaching our children? God intends that we make such instruction an integral part of our daily routine (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Perhaps we could better see how well we do by writing down the number of times we stop to teach our children each day. How well would we fare?

Our children can be heirs to the same promise — they have the same human potential — as adult fathers (and mothers) in God's Church. As children who are set apart and who have access to God (1 Corinthians 7:14), they have a special chance to become members of the Family of God. With proper training and character development, our children can and will realize their potential.

### Our wonderful opportunity

We who are fathers have the opportunity and obligation to follow the example of God the Father Himself. We should be training Gods. If we do, our children's future will be a bright one. Their lives will be enriched and fulfilling.

For Rusty, that enrichment and fulfillment was largely swept away by events beyond his control. Will our children be fatherless because of our inattentiveness, or will we use our time to be loving and concerned Fathers just like the great God?

We decide. We choose how to use our time. Let's follow God's example and serve our children well by making the best use of the life God allows us to enjoy.

## Milestones in Church's work

**April 14, 1956** — Eight radio stations begin broadcasting *The World Tomorrow* in Australia once a week.

**April 15, 1967** — Loma Armstrong dies at home in Pasadena, a little more than three months before she and Herbert W. Armstrong would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

**April 1, 1973** — *The Worldwide News* is first published.

**April 7 to 9, 1974** — Maestro Carlo Maria Giulini conducts the Vienna Symphony Orchestra for the inaugural concerts in the Ambassador Auditorium.

**April 5, 1980** — The Chicago, Ill., church congregation celebrates its 25th anniversary. Some 3,000 people attend, including Joseph W. Tkach, evangelists Raymond F. McNair and Dean Blackwell and 91 other ministers.

**April 4, 1985** — Passover is observed in Rome, Italy. According to Carn Catherwood, Italian regional director, "That was probably the first time a true Passover was held in Rome in several hundred years."

# CHURCH CONGREGATIONS WORLDWIDE

## United States

**Alabama** — Anniston, Bessemer, Birmingham A.M., Birmingham P.M., Evergreen, Florence, Gadsden, Geneva, Huntsville, Jasper, Mobile, Montgomery.

**Alaska** — Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, Soldotna.

**Arizona** — Kingman, Phoenix East, Phoenix West, Prescott, Sierra Vista, Tucson, Verde Valley, Yuma.

**Arkansas** — El Dorado, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Harrison, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Mena, Mountain View, Russellville, Searcy.

**California** — Aptos, Bakersfield, Banning, Chico, Eureka, Fairfield, Fresno, Garden Grove, Glendale, Glendora, Long Beach A.M., Long Beach P.M., Los Angeles, Modesto, Mojave, Oakland, Pasadena Auditorium A.M., Pasadena Auditorium P.M., Pasadena Imperial A.M., Pasadena Imperial P.M., Pasadena Spanish, Reseda, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Visalia.

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**Connecticut** — Meriden.

**Delaware** — Seaford, Wilmington.

**District of Columbia** — Washington.

**Florida** — Cocoa, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Fort Walton Beach, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Miami, Ocala, Orlando, Port St. Lucie, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Tallahassee, Tampa.

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**Kentucky** — Bowling Green, Hazard, Lexington, London, Louisville, Madisonville, Middleboro, Mount Sterling, Paducah,

Paintsville, Pikeville, Somerset.

**Louisiana** — Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans, Shreveport.

**Maine** — Bangor, Portland.

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**Massachusetts** — Boston, Springfield.

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**Minnesota** — Duluth, Grand Rapids, Mankato, Minneapolis North, Minneapolis South, Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Paul.

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**Montana** — Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, Missoula.

**Nebraska** — Chadron, Grand Island, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff.

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**North Carolina** — Asheville, Boone, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Lenoir, Marion, Murphy, New Bern, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Wilmington.

**North Dakota** — Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot.

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**Oklahoma** — Ada, Edin, Lawton, Oklahoma City, Tulsa.

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Portland West, Roseburg, Salem.

**Pennsylvania** — Beaver Valley, Belle Vernon, Bethlehem, Erie, Franklin, Harrisburg, Huntingdon, Johnstown, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Wilkes-Barre.

**Rhode Island** — Providence.

**South Carolina** — Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville.

**South Dakota** — Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Yankton.

**Tennessee** — Chattanooga, Clarksport, Cookeville, Jackson, Kingsville, Knoxville, Memphis, Murfreesboro, Nashville.

**Texas** — Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Big Sandy, Corpus Christi, Dallas East, Dallas West, El Paso, Fort Worth A.M., Fort Worth P.M., Harlingen, Houston East, Houston North, Houston West, Longview, Lubbock, Lufkin, Midland, Paris, San Angelo, San Antonio East, San Antonio West, Sherman, Texarkana, Tyler, Uvalde, Victoria, Waco.

**Utah** — Ogden, Salt Lake City.

**Vermont** — Montpelier.

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**West Virginia** — Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Clarksburg, Huntington, Lewisburg, Logan, Parkersburg, Summersville, Wheeling.

**Wisconsin** — Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Wausau, West Bend, Wisconsin Dells.

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**Canada**

**Alberta** — Athabasca, Bonnyville, Calgary North, Calgary South, Edmonton North, Edmonton South, Evansburg, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Maple Creek, Red Deer, Wetaskiwin.

**British Columbia** — Abbotsford, Castlegar, Courtenay, Creston, Fort St. John, Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Prince George, Salmon Arm, Vancouver, Victoria.

**Manitoba** — Brandon, Dauphin, Morden, Winnipeg East, Winnipeg West.

**New Brunswick** — Bathurst, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John.

**Newfoundland** — St. John's.

**Nova Scotia** — Digby, Halifax, Sydney.

**Ontario** — Barrie, Cornwall, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, London, North Bay, Ottawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Sarnia,

Sault Ste. Marie, Smiths Falls, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Toronto East, Toronto West, Windsor.

**Quebec** — Magog (English), Montreal (English), Montreal North (French), Montreal South (French), Quebec City (French), Sherbrooke (French), Trois-Rivieres (French), Val d'Or (French).

**Saskatchewan** — Lloydminster, Moomsomin, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Tisdale, Yorkton.

**South America**

**Argentina** — Bahia Blanca, Buenos Aires, Centenario, Ezeiza.

**Chile** — Santiago, Temuco.

**Colombia** — Bogota.

**Guyana** — Berbice, Georgetown.

**Peru** — Huaraz, Lima.

**Uruguay** — Salto.

**Venezuela** — Barquisimeto.

**Africa**

**Cameroon** — Yaounde.

**Ghana** — Accra, Kumasi.

**Kenya** — Kibirichia, Nairobi.

**Malawi** — Blantyre.

**Mauritius** — Quatre Bornes.

**Nigeria** — Benin City, Lagos, Owerri.

**South Africa** — Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Durban, East London, Johannesburg Central, Johannesburg East, Klerksdorp, Pietermaritzburg, Pietersburg, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Soweto.

**Zambia** — Lusaka.

**Zimbabwe** — Bulawayo, Harare.

**Caribbean**

**Antigua** — St. Johns.

**Bahamas** — Freeport, Nassau.

**Barbados** — Bridgetown.

**Bermuda** — Hamilton.

**Dominica** — Roseau.

**Grenada** — St. George's.

**Guadeloupe** — Basse-Terre, Pointe-a-Pitre.

**Haiti** — Port-au-Prince.

**Jamaica** — Kingston.

**Martinique** — Fort-de-France.

**Puerto Rico** — San Juan.

**St. Lucia** — Castries.

**St. Vincent** — Kingstown.

**Tobago** — Scarborough.

**Trinidad** — Port of Spain.

**Europe**

**Austria** — Salzburg, Vienna.

**Belgium** — Antwerp, Brussels, Liege.

**Denmark** — Arhus.

**England** — Basildon, Birmingham, Borehamwood, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Channel Islands, Croydon, Dunstable, Gloucester, Godalming, Hull, Ipswich, Lancaster, Liverpool, London, Maidstone, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Reading, Sheffield, Southampton, St. Albans, Stoke-on-Trent, Tiverton.

**France** — Angers, Bordeaux,

Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Mulhouse, Narbonne, Paris, Rouen, Saint Amand, Strasbourg.

**Irish Republic** — Dublin, Galway.

**Italy** — Catania, Milan, Rome.

**Netherlands** — Tilburg, Utrecht, Zwolle.

**Northern Ireland** — Ballymena, Belfast, Craigavon.

**Norway** — Oslo.

**Scotland** — Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Irvine.

**Sweden** — Stockholm.

**Switzerland** — Basel, Geneva, Neuchatel, Zurich.

**Wales** — Cardiff, Carmarthen.

**West Germany** — Bonn and Duesseldorf, Darmstadt, Hamburg, Hannover, Munich, Nuremberg, Stuttgart, West Berlin.

**Pacific and Asia**

**Australia** — Adelaide, Ballarat, Bathurst, Bendigo, Blaxland, Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Bunbury, Bundaberg, Caboolture, Cairns, Canberra, Clermont, Darwin, Devonport, Geelong, Gold Coast, Grafton, Gympie, Hobart, Kingaroy, Lake Moogerah, Lancelton, Mackay, Malanda, Maryborough, Melbourne East, Melbourne North, Melbourne South, Melbourne West, Morwell, Mount Gambier, Newcastle, Perth, Rockhampton, Sydney North, Sydney South, Temora, Toowoomba, Townsville, Wagga Wagga, Warwick, Wodonga, Wollongong.

**Burma** — Sa Khan Gyi.

**Fiji** — Lautoka, Suva.

**India** — Bombay.

**Malaysia** — Johore Bahru, Kuala Lumpur.

**New Zealand** — Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Rotorua, Tauranga, Wellington, Whangarei.

**Philippines** — Bacolod, Baguio, Butuan, Cabanatuan, Cagayan de Oro, Catbalogan, Cebu, Daet, Davao, Dumaguete, Iloilo, Imus, Iliana, Laoag, Legazpi, Liloan, Lingayen, Malolos, Manila, Marikina, Musuan, Nabunturan, Naga, Olongapo, Ozamiz, Pagadian, Puerto Princessa, Quezon City, Roxas, San Fernando (Pampanga), San Fernando (La Union), San Pedro, Santiago, Sorsogon, Tacloban, Tagbilaran, Toledo, Tarlac, Urdaneta, Zamboanga.

**Sri Lanka** — Colombo.

**Tonga** — Mu'a.

**Central America and Mexico**

**Costa Rica** — San Jose.

**El Salvador** — San Salvador.

**Guatemala** — Guatemala City.

**Mexico** — Chihuahua, Ciudad Juarez, Guadalupe, Jalpa de Mendez, Mexicali, Mexico City, Monterrey, Tepic, Tijuana, Torreon.

## Feasts give much-needed contact

# Member in Madagascar faithful

By Owen Willis

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar — Evelyn Rakotomalala, the only member of God's Church in Madagascar, remains faithful though contact with other members is rare.

*Owen Willis pastors the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches.*

Miss Rakotomalala is one of 10 million people in Madagascar, an island slightly smaller than Texas, in the Indian Ocean off the southeast coast of Africa. Madagascar is about 1,000 miles in length and 350 miles across at its widest point.

Largely agricultural, with rice paddies in abundance, Madagascar is rich in exotic wildlife and foliage.

The rare lemur (a monkeylike animal) lives here, and almost 1,000 species of orchids have been recorded.

Although close to Africa, Madagascar's people are basically of Malayo-Polynesian stock.

Miss Rakotomalala was 16 years old when a friend loaned her a copy of *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*). After becoming interested in the magazine, she enrolled in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.

In 1977 Miss Rakotomalala was baptized during a visit by David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, who at the time was a minister in South Africa.

She usually travels to Mauritius to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feasts give her much-needed contact with other members of God's Church, since ministers are

rarely able to visit Madagascar.

Miss Rakotomalala lives with her father and grandmother. She works for a library doing research.

In addition to her native Malagasy language, Miss Rakotomalala is fluent in French and has a good command of English.

Miss Rakotomalala looks forward to the future, when she will meet brethren from around the world. Her isolation will then be over.

**LONE MEMBER** — Isolated on Madagascar, the world's fourth-largest island, Evelyn Rakotomalala's knowledge of French and English helps her take advantage of Church literature. She lives in the capital city of Antananarivo with her father and grandmother and attends the Feast of Tabernacles in Mauritius.



# 3,000 brethren field responses in private homes from telecast

**By Michael A. Snyder**  
**PASADENA** — "The in-home WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] program is one of the most important volunteer programs in God's work today," said evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

More than 3,000 brethren in the United States have been trained to answer telephone responses to the *World Tomorrow* program using their home telephones.

"About two years ago it was recommended to me that we find some way to have members answer calls for the telecast in their homes," Mr. Rice said in an interview with *The Worldwide News* March 27.

"Back then it seemed a little far-fetched, but after some thought and recent advances in communication technology, it became apparent that we could do it," he said.

Since the in-home program officially began in July, 1985, in-home operators have answered more than 60,000 calls.

"Our research has shown that about 35 percent of new names added to the Church's subscription list come from the *World Tomorrow* telecast," said William Butler, supervisor of MPC's telephone response areas in Pasadena and Big Sandy.

"Since 90 percent of the response from the telecast comes in over the WATS lines, you can see the vital importance of the in-home WATS program," Mr. Butler continued.

### Manpower problem

"One of the logistical obstacles faced by the WATS operation has always been manpower — scheduling enough people to come in and answer phones," Mr. Rice said.

"When you have 150-plus phones to answer, you have to remember that it takes an average of four or more people to staff each line," he continued. "At first people are enthusiastic — even at 3 a.m. when a large crew has to come in — and manpower is not such a big problem. But as time passes, the human burn-out factor increases and it gets harder to draw on the same pool of people time after time."

"Plus, considering the amazing growth the telecast has produced, you need to keep adding lines to handle response, but your manpower pool doesn't increase corre-

spondingly," he continued.

According to Karl Reinagel, an assistant to Mr. Butler, the telecast received 32,200 responses for the entire year of 1980. "We just about average that a week now," Mr. Reinagel said.

### Matching growth

"The in-home program, coupled with the new WITNES diverter system [see article this page], enables us to grow in an unprecedented way to match the growth of telecast response," Mr. Rice said.

"In-home calls can come from anywhere in the United States, including the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and even from Antigua, and go back out to an in-home operator anywhere in the country within the time space of a single telephone ring," said Mr. Butler.

"People who are transferred to in-home phones never know the difference," added Scott Toliver, an assistant to Mr. Butler.

"The in-home service is an accountant's delight," Mr. Butler explained. "Since we are working with volunteer operators we don't pay salaries, we don't have to lease phone equipment, buy extra desks and chairs and build or lease new buildings to put the extra phones in. It's a win-win situation for both the Church and the volunteer operator."

### Major benefit

"I would dare say that possibly the major benefit goes to the local church," said Mr. Rice. "Brethren living thousands of miles away from Church headquarters in Pasadena suddenly become a major, direct support to the front line of the work."

Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches, agreed: "The in-home WATS program is one of the most exciting programs to come along. We just had 44 people go for training [by Mr. Butler] in Cincinnati, Ohio, and their enthusiasm is infectious for the whole congregation."

Mr. McCrady's wife, Charlene, added: "The program is particularly good for the ladies in our congregations. The fact that they can directly serve the Church in their own homes is a big plus."

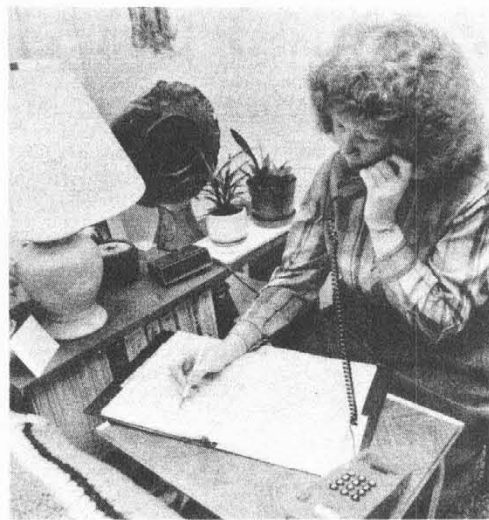
Before an operator can take calls, he or she must receive about 4½ hours of intensive training from Mr.

Butler or another supervisor from the telephone response area.

Operators are then scheduled to serve every three or four weeks for one to two hours. Under the present system, an operator will receive a test call about a half hour before receiving response. After calls are received the volunteer operator calls a toll-free number and reads the names, addresses and literature requests to a computer operator in Big Sandy.

"The volunteer operators are doing an excellent job," Mr. Rice said. "We insist that callers receive the same professional and efficient service whether they reach an in-home operator or a senior supervisor in Pasadena."

"And the volunteers are maintaining that high standard in unity with their fellow operators and workers throughout God's work," he concluded.



**IN-HOME VOLUNTEER** — Kathy Duncan, a member who attends the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church, answers a call in response to *The World Tomorrow* in her apartment while taking part in the Church's in-home telephone program.

## Diverter allows 'unprecedented capacity'

# WATS costs saved by WITNES

**PASADENA** — "WATS call activate," says the soft feminine voice from the handset of the telephone. Only this call is not from a source you would expect.

It's from a new computer-controlled diverter assembled by four Church departments. Beginning in mid- to late April, the diverter will automatically transfer WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) calls responding to the *World Tomorrow* telecast into homes of brethren in the United States (see article, this page).

Called WITNES (WATS In-Home Telephone Networking System), the device "will revolutionize our in-home operation," reported evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"The WITNES system gives us unprecedented capacity to grow to 100 in-home lines or more," Mr. Rice said.

"The WITNES system is incredible," said William Butler, supervisor of MPC's telephone response area. "In addition to upgrading the efficiency of the in-home program, WITNES also enables an in-home operator anywhere in the United States to signal a supervisor that he has an emergency call and needs assistance, and the supervisor, by pressing a few computer keys, can pull that call back to Pasadena without the caller ever realizing what is happening."

### How WITNES works

The computer automatically calls an in-home operator and says "WATS call activate" to ask for an activating signal. If the call reaches a wrong number or no one answers the phone, the computer automatically switches to an alternate volunteer, perhaps hundreds or thousands of miles away.

When calls flood in at the beginning of a ring-through the computer can transfer as many as 100 calls in about a half second.

During a ring-through the volunteer operator stays on the line, "saving us a significant amount of money in toll charges," said Mr. Butler. "Costs are highest during the first minute of a long distance call, and the operator merely signals the computer that he or she is ready for another call instead of hanging up and beginning another WATS call. When that first minute has passed, the toll rates

drop significantly."

### Development begins

Development of the device began after Fred Gilreath, manager of Communication Services, asked Phillip Sandilands of Communication Services to modify a diverter, manufactured by an outside company, for in-home WATS use.

"In November, 1985, Phil, Mr. Butler, Mr. Gilreath and myself had a meeting to discuss the feasibility of using a commercially available diverter," explained John Prohs, manager of the Technical Operations and Engineering Department.

"We weren't completely satisfied with any diverter now being marketed and decided we could build a far more reliable and flexible device," he said.

After a planning meeting in December with evangelist Ellis La Ravia, facilities director; evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; Mr. Gilreath; and Mr. Prohs; work began on the new diverter.

David Harris of Technical Operations and Engineering began writing "a very complex program that had to be 'user-friendly' so anybody could quickly learn to use it," said Mr. Prohs.

Mr. Prohs said he also "borrowed" Chip Akins from Big Sandy, whose talents and abilities exceed what is reflected in his title of office machines foreman."

### Start from scratch

"Usually a project like this would take a year or more just to get rolling, much less in the development and testing stage," Mr. Prohs said. "It was evident we were receiv-

ing more than a little divine help."

"Since the circuit boards didn't exist that would do what we wanted, we had to design our own," Mr. Prohs said. Mr. Akins, Mr. Sandilands and others designed the circuit board on an Apple Macintosh computer. "That really saved us a lot of time," Mr. Akins said.

"We worked closely with people in DPC [Data Processing Center] and the WATS area," Mr. Prohs said. "They needed call-back and monitoring features that we originally didn't think we could supply, but things just worked out."

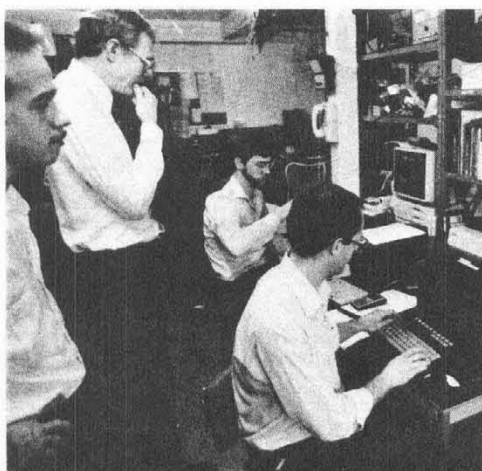
WITNES received its first test March 23 when it transferred 26 live WATS calls to three volunteer operators in California, Ohio and Florida.

"We worked all night [March 22] to get it finished," Mr. Prohs said. Michael Little and Elias Sevapsidis, Pasadena Ambassador College sophomores, "were invaluable in their help in assembling the unit," he said.

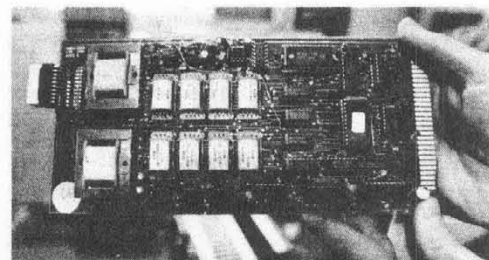
Also working on the project were Michael Iiams and John Wise from the Ambassador Auditorium, and Christopher Moen and AC senior Carlos Colon from the Machine Maintenance Department.

"We can't forget Michele Petty [of Technical Operations and Engineering], who helped keep us going through difficult times, and the Purchasing Department — especially Robin Stow — who performed the impossible in finding parts that some thought didn't exist," Mr. Prohs said.

"We're pursuing a patent for the WITNES system," he added.



**TECHNICAL CREW** — Church technicians demonstrate the WITNES (WATS In-Home Telephone Networking System) equipment March 27. From left: Chip Akins from Big Sandy; John Prohs, manager of the Technical Operations and Engineering Department; David Harris of Technical Operations; and Phillip Sandilands of Communication Services.



**HEART OF THE SYSTEM** — Pictured is the main WITNES circuit board designed by Church technicians. One board is required for each telephone line. [Photos on this page by Michael A. Snyder]

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Brethren put on talent shows, socials

Brethren of the **PASADENA** Imperial A.M. church attended a potluck and family talent show Feb. 8.

Guy Burke, master of ceremonies, introduced 22 acts. These included Michael Edwards, a visit to the dentist; Kimberly and Brandon Schroeder, Lynn Grabbe and Michael and Jason Knedel, piano solos; Dean Mohr, mandolin medley; Gladys and Amy Anderson, "Dearie"; Debby Dunlap, ballet; David Tucker, trombone solo.

Patty Hesser and Debbie Edwards, song; six Imperial School sixth-graders, skit; Mr. Burke, recitation; Annaliese Hughes, tap dance; Karen and David Grabbe, song; Timothy Tucker, trumpet solo; Stephanie Vitale, song; Maria Tucker, songs; a vocal ensemble; and a finale, "United We Stand," by all performers.

Robert and Stephanie Vitale produced and directed the event. Lighting was directed by Steve Iiams and Robert Edwards. Carson Grabbe handled sound. The stage setting was under the direction of Ray Tucker and Don Goodrich.

Brethren of the **HARRISBURG**, Pa., church attended a covered-dish social and youth talent show March 1.

A film about seat belts was shown before the meal.

Herb Witmer was master of ceremonies for the talent show. Acts included Teresa Bardell and Shawna Miller, vocal duet; Giles Diemert, Eric Rosenthal and Eric Krout, trumpet solos; Zinia Schnader and Jim Blake, trumpet duet; Tammy and Jennifer Johns, piano solos; and Michael and Bonnie Witmer, piano duet.

Melody Crawford, Philip Charles and Teresa Bardell performed violin solos; Tonia and Lisa Weik, violin and oboe duet; Andrea

Danglovitch, flute solo; Brenda Plonis, ballet; Edwin Pasquale, mime; Tammy Johns, clarinet solo; James Hess, saxophone solo; Debbie Shutt, French horn solo; junior and senior cheerleaders, dance routine; and Chrissy Thomas and Bill Miller, vocal duet. A children's choir also performed.

Cambridge, Northampton and Nottingham, England, brethren met at the Orton Longueville School in **PETERBOROUGH**, England, Feb. 15 for combined Sabbath services, a meal and dancing.

Francis Bergin, business manager for the Borehamwood, England, Regional Office, gave the sermon.

Music for the dance was supplied by the Ambassador Big Band led by Stuart Channon. During a break in the dancing, members presented entertainment.

A **KINGSTON**, Ont., winter social Feb. 22 began with a dinner of roast beef prepared and served by Church youths under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Storey.

After the meal Dave Willard was master of ceremonies in a talent show, which included vocal and instrumental solos and skits. The audience participated in a game of Name that Tune. Musical selections were performed on guitar by Rolly D'Eon.

The evening ended with a singing led by Jonathan Kurnik, pastor of the Kingston and Smiths Falls, Ont., churches. Rolly and Harold D'Eon and Brian Spellman provided guitar accompaniment.

**GAINESVILLE** and **OCALA**, Fla., brethren participated in a family social Feb. 23 at the Gainesville Recreation Center.

Activities began with a talent show, which featured singing, instrumental numbers, poetry

recitations and a skit.

After a meal of chili, brethren presented a stage production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. The play was produced under the direction of Mary Brown, wife of Stephen Brown, associate pastor of the Gainesville, Ocala and Jacksonville, Fla., churches. The cast presented flowers to Mrs. Brown in appreciation of her effort.

After Sabbath services and a potluck Feb. 22 **ABBOTSFORD**, B.C., brethren attended a talent show.

Performances included a 26-member Youth Educational Services (YES) choir under the direction of Anita Lazar; a trumpet solo by Ben Lazar; and a violin solo by Jim Federchuk.

Dan Hope, pastor of the Abbotsford church, was master of ceremonies.

Kemmer Pfund, Margie Misher, Philip Stevens, Ramona Juozapaitis, Fred Chapman Jr. and Wade McGillivray.

## Hall becomes Ristorante Ambassador

After Sabbath services Feb. 15, brethren of the **FRONT ROYAL**, Va., church transformed the hall into Ristorante Ambassador, with 135 in attendance.

Families used the same recipe to prepare lasagna, and they also prepared string beans, salad and Italian bread.

Tables reflected a red, white and black color scheme. Lou Chaney went from table to table singing and playing guitar.

Todd Carey, the maitre d', welcomed diners in Italian and introduced pianist Anne Smith, who provided Italian dinner music. Mr. Carey later introduced The Royals, which provided dance music di-



**YOUR TURN** — Clockwise from lower left, David Braidic, Ronald Nelson and Daniel Root, children of Pasadena Auditorium P.M. members, play the Talent Game March 2 at the Auditorium P.M. church's annual pancake breakfast. [Photo by Aldrin Mandimika]

rected by Jack Carothers.

Betty Loy coordinated the kitchen crew that served the food. Diane Keller coordinated Church youths and singles who served as waitresses and busboys.

Mary Dawson was responsible for decorations, which included

white cardboard trellises decorated with grapevines, live mountain laurel and artificial flowers and grapes. Jim Yowell provided artwork.

Loretta Schuster was responsible for kitchen cleanup. Janet Farnsworth.

## Health seminar conducted

Two hundred ten brethren from **WAUKESHA** and **KENOSHA**, Wis., attended a family health seminar March 2 at the Red Carpet Hotel.

Joel Lillengreen, pastor of the two churches, opened the seminar. Michael Greider, associate pastor of the Kenosha church, introduced the subject by talking about why people don't follow right health habits.

Jim Ehmke, a certified nutri-

tional consultant, discussed basic health with an emphasis on fats and oils, cholesterol metabolism, body cleansing and detoxification, the importance of enzymes and water.

After lunch, Dave Kroll, owner and operator of two natural food stores, spoke about whole foods vs. processed foods and diet supplements. Ron Schields, a doctoral candidate for a doctor of science degree in natural health sciences, discussed the role of exercise in managing stress, controlling body weight and promoting health and vitality.

After a question-and-answer session brethren sampled recipes such as calico bean soup, tomato bulgur salad, rice pudding and honey mint carob chippers. Cathy Folker.

## Areas celebrate anniversaries

The **WICHITA**, Kan., church celebrated its 25th anniversary March 1. Five hundred forty-six attended, including 18 who attended the first service in 1961.

Evangelist Dean Blackwell and his wife, Maxine, also attended. Mr. Blackwell updated brethren on the news of the Church's work and gave a sermon about the Passover.

After services the singles and young marrieds were hosts for a fellowship hour and covered-dish dinner. The Seasoned Ambassadors group prepared a "walk down memory lane," a display of pictures and memorabilia from each five-year period of the 25 years.

Pianist Ruth Walter and tenor Roger Bryant, both faculty members at Big Sandy Ambassador College, performed for the occasion.

About 180 brethren from the **LAGOS** and **BENIN CITY**, Nigeria, churches participated in an evening of dancing, refreshments and a movie after the Sabbath Feb. 15.

The event took place at the home of pastor Lateef Edalere and his wife, Yvonne.

After Sabbath services Mr. Edalere gave a monthly YOU Bible study. The evening activities began with a Bible quiz, followed by dancing and a waltz competition won by Stephen Owoyale and Florence Iwejuwa.

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Scherf, Gerald Demery, Terry Morgan and Dale Osborne.

Dan Creed, club director and pastor of the Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill., churches, closed the evening.

The inaugural meeting for the **GALWAY**, Irish Republic, Spokesman Club took place Jan. 26 at the Ardilaun House Hotel in Galway City.

Toastmaster Michael Burke introduced five icebreaker speeches given by George Price, Con Riordan, Donal O'Callaghan, John Thompson and Gerry Folan.

After the speaking session Anthony Goudie, club director and pastor of the Galway and Dublin, Irish Republic, churches, outlined the goals and purposes of the club.

Peter Holmes, G. Dale Bailes, Glenda Crawford and Mary Anne Burns and Christopher Murray.

Trophies were awarded to Don White for the Most Effective Speech; Martin Foster, the Most Helpful Evaluation; and James Crawford, the Most Improved Speaker.

Warren Waian, club director of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches, commented on topics and speeches.

A **BELLEVILLE**, Ill., Graduate Club ladies night took place Feb. 17.

An hors d'oeuvres buffet was prepared by the men. Candles and fresh flowers were put on the tables.

Spokesman Club members who were about to graduate and their wives were also invited. The meeting was chaired by Steve Watts. Richard Burns was topicsmaster, and speeches were given by Richard

## Youths attend ball, dance

"Springtime" was the theme of a **PALMER**, Alaska, annual YOU ball, which took place Feb. 22 in Wasilla, Alaska.

One hundred fifteen teens, parents and singles from the four Alaska churches attended the formal dinner and dance. Guests were greeted by doormen and ushered into the Settler's Bay Lodge, where hundreds of handmade flowers adorned potted trees and trelliswork.

Tables featured place cards for a five-course meal, which was followed by 30 minutes of musical entertainment. Al Tunseth, master of ceremonies, gave music history between selections.

The dance portion of the evening

included frequent mixers, and photographer Vic Bruss took formal portraits.

Forty-five Church youths from the **LAGOS** and **BENIN CITY**, Nigeria, churches participated in an evening of dancing, refreshments and a movie after the Sabbath Feb. 15.

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[Linda Orchard and Adjei Okai.

## Clubs meet for ladies nights, first meeting

The **INDIANAPOLIS**, Ind., Spokesman Club had a ladies night March 4. The meeting and meal took place at Ralf's Deli in Indianapolis.

After the meal Harold Mabry was topicsmaster. Toastmaster Brian Shoopman introduced speakers Dennis Scott, Mike Parsons, Glen Alspaugh, John Morelock and Jim Agnew.

Frank McCrady Jr., club director and pastor of the Indianapolis, Columbus and Terre Haute, Ind., churches, awarded cups to Mr. Scott, the Most Improved Speaker; Mr. Alspaugh and Mr. Agnew, who tied for the Most Effective Speech; and each evaluator, Peter Holmes, Patrick Nielander, Roy Smith, Jon Kilton and Murray Durbin.

Mr. McCrady exhorted the wives to continue to encourage their husbands.

A **BECKLEY** and **SUMMERSVILLE**, W. Va., Spokesman Club ladies night took place Feb. 23, with church widows as special guests.

A meal of prime rib roast with wine was served. The meeting followed a format of business, tabletopics and five speeches.

Awards for the evening went to Paul Neff, for the Most Helpful Evaluation; James Evans, Dale Gunnoe and James Walrath, Most Improved Speaker; and Mr. Evans, the Most Effective Speech.

Marc Masterson, pastor of the Beckley and Summersville churches, gave an overall evaluation.

The **LAFAYETTE**, La., Spokesman Club conducted its first ladies night Feb. 20 at The Landing restaurant.

A two-course meal was followed by tabletopics and five speeches.



# Business manager wins award

By Sharron McClure

ATMORE, Ala. — Harold Turberville, a business manager of Holman Prison near Atmore, has been named [1985] support personnel of the year by the Alabama Department of Corrections. The award recognizes the recipient as an exceptional employee from the entire state corrections department.

*Harold Turberville, 57, a member who attends the Evergreen, Ala., church, was baptized in 1952 by evangelist Raymond McNair. Sharron McClure, who wrote the article, excerpted by permission of the Mobile, Ala., Register, is also a member who attends the Evergreen church.*

Warden W.E. Johnson of Holman said, "Harold is dedicated; hours do not mean anything to him. He stays until the job is done. He is an outstanding employee."

Turberville joined the staff at Holman Prison 16 years ago. At that time his job was titled chief clerk, and in later years the job was classified as business manager. His responsibilities include the handling of the prison payroll and inmates' funds. He oversees the canteen operations and the requisition of supplies and equipment. He also prepares the annual budget for the prison.

He is the son of the late Alfred L. and Nan Turberville. He grew up in the community of Wainwright in the northwestern section of Monroe County [Ala.]; this community is now known as Finchburgh. His first six years of school were spent at Wainwright Elementary.

At the age of 9, Turberville was stricken with polio. He underwent three weeks of treatment in Century, Fla. He was then confined to the bed or a chair for about a year before he was fitted with braces. He was soon able to walk with crutches. Later, he learned to walk using only a cane, without the use of braces.

He missed only one year from school because of the disease.

Because he could not participate in sports activities, Turberville turned his interest to music. At times he was called upon to play his guitar and harmonica at school assemblies.

After graduation in 1947, Turberville entered Massey Draughon's Business School in Montgomery [Ala.] to study accounting.

He returned home following business school to live with his sister and her husband, Helen and Duncan Rowell . . . He later worked for Woods Products Company in Monroeville [Ala.] before he moved to Atmore to become a public accountant with Davis Insurance and Accounting. Here he remained until he accepted the position at Holman in 1969.

Today, Turberville lives with his sister, Maude T. Davis, in Atmore. He said reading is one of his favorite pastimes but he does enjoy a good game of chess or Scrabble. He likes to travel; his travels have taken him to several foreign countries, Czechoslovakia, England, Germany and Austria. He has also traveled throughout the United States.



**EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEE** — Harold Turberville, a member who attends the Evergreen, Ala., church, was recognized in 1985 as support personnel of the year by the Alabama Department of Corrections. Mr. Turberville was baptized 34 years ago.

## Area activities take place

The Over-50s groups from the **BRISBANE NORTH** and **SOUTH** and **CABOOLTURE**, Australia, churches visited the Pioneer Historic Museum in Caboolture Feb. 2.

Ten singles joined the group in Caboolture and served morning tea. The group visited some of the 37 historic cottages, where objects of

artistic value from the present and past were displayed.

After a light lunch served by the singles, and piano music by Doreen Regazzoli, the group took a tour of Brisbane Island, where activities included swimming in the Pacific and strolling on the beach until about 3 p.m.

The activity was organized by Eric Nead.

**PADUCAH**, Ky., brethren went roller skating at Kingsland Skating Rink Feb. 23.

Contest winners were Justin Harper for spotlight skating and Jason Hopkins, limbo. Skaters also participated in the hokeypokey.

**HALIFAX**, N.S., singles attended a social Feb. 16. After to-bogganing the group ate a meal prepared by the single women and served at the home of John Griffin. *D. Affleck, Teresa Hopkins and Carter Myers.*

## District weekends conducted

A YOU District 14 weekend took place in **WESTMINSTER**, Md., Feb. 22 and 23.

Sabbath services were at Westminster High School with 999 in attendance. Split sermons were given by Stephen Elliott, associate pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va., churches, and David Register, pastor of the Seaford and Wilmington, Del., churches.

Saturday evening a swim meet took place at Western Maryland College in Westminster.

Sunday the district basketball tournament took place. Winners were Delaware boys A, coached by Bob Baker; Norfolk, Va., boys B, Joe Oswald; and Hagerstown, Md., girls, Brian Drawbaugh. The Hagerstown boys A team, coached by Gary Demarest, received the sportsmanship trophy.

Cheerleaders from each participating church demonstrated dance routines.

The **EUGENE**, Ore., church played host to a YOU District 82 basketball tournament March 1 and 2.

In the A division, Vancouver,

Wash., took first; Portland, Ore., East finished second; and Portland South and Salem, Ore., tied for third.

In the B division, Albany, Ore., placed first; Vancouver was second; and Portland South finished third. The combined Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., team won the consolation bracket.

*Jon and Ginnie Cook and Nelson C. Haas.*

## Anniversaries

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**MAIDSTONE**, England, brethren celebrated the church's 15th anniversary March 1.

After a taped sermon by evangelist Dean Blackwell, a luncheon was served by Betty Anderson and others.

An afternoon service began with the ordination of John Tompsett to a deacon. British regional director Frank Brown gave the sermon.

Mr. Brown and his wife, Sharon, joined John Meakin, pastor of the

Maidstone, Brighton and Croydon, England, churches, and his wife, Lynn, in cutting anniversary cakes. Mr. Brown proposed a toast to the continued success of the church in Maidstone.

A booklet prepared by David Rowing, detailing the history of the Maidstone church, was presented to each family.

Seven Spokesman Club members and one Church youth presented speeches on humorous aspects of church activities over the years.

*Judd Kirk, Paul D. Anness and Barbara Bearman.*

## Chasm

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1983 book *Real Peace*. In it the former President called for a "hard-headed detente" with Moscow.

Notice what Mr. Nixon wrote: "Real peace will not come from some magic formula that will suddenly and once for all be discovered, like the promised land or the holy grail. Real peace is a process . . . for managing and containing conflict between competing nations, competing systems, and competing international ambitions. Peace is not an end to conflict but rather a means of living with conflict . . ."

"Confusing real peace with perfect peace is a dangerous but common fallacy. Idealists long for a world without conflict, a world that never was and never will be, where all differences between nations have been overcome, all ambitions sworn, all aggressive or selfish impulses transformed into acts of individual and national beneficence.

"Because of the realities of human nature, perfect peace is achieved in two places only: in the grave and at the typewriter. Perfect peace flourishes—in print. It is the stuff of poetry and high-minded newspaper editorials, molded out of pretty thoughts and pretty words. Real peace, on the other hand, will be the down-to-earth product of the real world, manufactured by realistic, calculating leaders whose sense of their nations' self-interest is diamond-hard and unflinching . . ."

"In the long term we can hope that religion will change the nature of man and reduce conflict. But history is not encouraging in this respect. The bloodiest wars in history have been religious wars. Men praying to the same God killed each other by the thousands in America's Civil War and by the millions in World War I and World War II. Unless men change, a real peace must be built on the assumption that the most we can do is to learn to live with our differences rather than dying over them."

What a sobering, yet unfortu-

nately true analysis of world conditions today. Thankfully the perfect peace Mr. Nixon claims is unattainable is coming to replace competitive "real peace." There is a "magic formula" that will produce peace: obedience by all nations to the laws of God.

The practice of true religion, coupled with access to the Spirit of God, will indeed change the nature of man and eliminate competition and conflict in the world tomorrow. Men and nations will develop godly affection one for another, not merely respect based upon suspicion.

God speed this time of international peace. Perhaps in the smallest mustard-seed manner, the bridging of this gulf has begun with the announcement of the first tour this summer of the Soviet Union by several young people of God's Church. Other exchanges between the Church and Soviet Union are under way.

In the meantime, we can thank Mr. Nixon for some rather thought-provoking insights.

## Brethren attend ball, dances

**TOLEDO**, Ohio, brethren gathered March 1 for their 17th annual winter ball.

More than 300 people, including guests from other areas, attended the "Rose Ball" with a decorative and musical theme of roses.

A rose arbor decorated with greenery and imitation roses served as a backdrop for photographs. Brandy snifters with floating roses were placed on tables covered with white linen tablecloths.

After a dinner of round of beef, brethren danced to the music of Interlude. During the evening guests were entertained with an hourlong variety show with the theme, "Everything's Coming Up Roses."

More than 350 brethren of the **BOSTON**, Mass., and **PROVIDENCE**, R.I., churches attended a semiformal dance Feb. 22 in Waltham, Mass.

"International Reflections" was the theme of the event, which featured hors d'oeuvres representing more than 20 countries.

Activities for the children included movies and a juggling act by Tim Ludy.

Music was provided by a six-piece band led by Ted and Marge Rounds. Jane McConaughy coordinated the food, and John Gordon and Mark Arnaldo coordinated decorations.

The evening was organized by Jim Arnaldo, a deacon.

**CAMBRIDGE**, England, brethren attended an evening of fellowship and entertainment March 1 at Comberton Village College.

After a meal children took part in games organized by Margaret Lloyd.

In the first half of a talent show the children entertained with poems, songs and piano performances. After an intermission the adults performed acts, including a piano solo by Rex Turnbull, a barbershop quartet led by Alan Taylor, a singing group and a dance.

*Robert Harsanje, Dick Travers and Philip Stevens.*

## Arsonists strike building where services take place

By John Bowers

**FRESNO**, Calif. — The building in which Fresno brethren meet for Sabbath services was the target of an arson attack Feb. 21, less than two weeks after the church's 30th anniversary was celebrated.

*John Bowers is a member who attends the Fresno, Calif., church.*

The attack occurred about three hours before the Sabbath began. Two men, one carrying a rifle and the other a five-gallon can of gasoline, broke into the Fresno Masonic Temple and began soaking carpet and furniture with gasoline.

A caretaker interrupted them, but was ordered outside.

The two men then ignited the gasoline, fired several shots into the building and fled.

Swift action by the fire department limited damage to the first floor, but the room in which Bible studies are conducted was severely burned. The room where Sabbath services take place suffered

water and smoke damage.

Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches, learned of the attack before sunset and visited the scene to determine if Sabbath services could be conducted there the next day.

What Mr. White saw convinced him a new site must be found. That evening Ted Herlofsen, associate pastor, secured permission to conduct afternoon services at the Mae Cardin School, where the Visalia church conducts morning services.

The storage room, sound equipment and podium are kept adjacent to the room where the gasoline was poured. But the door did not burn through, and damage to the contents was minimal.

The incident provided a test for the reorganized telephone hotline, as each Church member was contacted and told where to meet for services the next day. Attendance at the new location was normal.

By the end of February, one suspect had been arrested, but no motive for the arson was discovered. Damage to the Masonic Temple is estimated at \$70,000.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**BILBO,** Charles and Shirley (Brown), of Greenville, Miss., boy, Ural Gian, Dec. 28, 1985, 12:05 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**BURQUIST,** Carl and Teresa (Phillips), of Pasadena, boy, Duncan Robert, March 4, 8:27 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**CAPOZZOLO,** John and Margaret (O'Donohue), of Union, N.J., boy, John Charles, Feb. 6, 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**CARSON,** Bruce and Tina (Ramirez), of Las Cruces, N.M., girl, Nelisa Lorena, Dec. 2, 1985, 4 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

**EWING,** Bob and Barb (Uhlrig), of Vancouver, B.C., girl, Stephanie Deanna, Dec. 3, 1985, 2:02 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

**FORSYTH,** Grant and Sandra (Snyder), of Detroit, Mich., boy, Douglas Charles, Feb. 27, 5:03 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**GODDWIN,** Ron and Kelly-Jo (Barnett), of Regina, Sask., boy, Ryan James, Jan. 30, 9:18 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**HEAD,** Hendra Jr. and Tanya (Johnson), of Warner, Okla., girl, Daniel Curtis, Feb. 5, 2:58 p.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**HORNBY,** Bill and Kathy (Hand), of Montgomery, Ala., boy, Brian David, Feb. 28, 8:23 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

**HOWARD,** Thomas and Bonita (Rething), of Northwood, Ohio, girl, Michelle Suzanne, Feb. 18, 8:27 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

**KNAACK,** John and Hannah (Pope), of Monroe, La., girl, Sarah Jean, Feb. 28, 11:32 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**KURINS,** Dennis and Beth (Hoel), of Youngstown, Ohio, girl, Ashley Nicole, Jan. 31, 4:35 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**LARSEN,** Mark and Amy (Weiner), of Rapid City, S.D., boy, Matthew Christian, Feb. 20, 11:14 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**LOPEZ,** Jose Alfredo and Kathy (Pattin), of Pasadena, boy, Francisco Javier, Jan. 7, 11:22 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

**MORLEY,** Ronald and Patricia (Stotsie), of Regina, Sask., boy, Andrew Philip, Feb. 24, 10:47 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys.

**NELSON,** Larry and Patricia (Shumate), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Julie Michelle, Nov. 2, 1985, 4:59 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**OLSON,** Douglas and Ginny (Winn), of Cloquet, Minn., boy, Douglas Lyle, Jan. 4, 1:10 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**RICHARDSON,** Gregory and Dana (Schurdt), of Auburn, Wash., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Feb. 17, 3:46 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

**RIDEOUT,** Daniel and Joyce (Pernney), of St. John's, Nfld., girl, Julia Rosa, Feb. 19, 5:58 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**SANDLANDS,** Philip and Marlys (Strommen), of Pasadena, boy, Justin Aaron, March 3, 11 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**SOLESKI,** Michael and Debow (Bronnum), of Big Sandy, boy, Jason Michael, March 8, 10:05 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**SURDROWC,** Roman and Deanna, of Detroit, Mich., boy, Brandon Joseph, March 3, 5:21 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

**ter MEER,** Jacob and Erna (Rozeman), of Zwolle, Netherlands, boy, Thys Matthias Jakob, Feb. 21, 11:30 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**TRONE,** Dirk and Kathy (Landon), of Sacramento, Calif., girl, Karikathleen, March 8, 4:40 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**WILLOUGHBY,** Jack and Vicki (Maxson), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Janette Ruth, March 4, 4:50 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**ZOLLNER,** Mark and Cathy (Harris), of Belleville, Ill., boy, Jacob Todd, Jan. 25, 3:52 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Jaynti Clemens and Neil Matkin of Pasadena are pleased to announce their engagement. A June 8 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bane of Meridian, Miss., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Brenda Margaret to Donald Jeffery Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Clarksville, Tenn. A June 7 wedding is planned.

David and JoAnn Lovelady are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Nina to Donald Durche Jr. A May 25 wedding is planned in the Pasadena Ambassador College Italian Gardens.

Roy and Betty Davis of Brandon, Miss., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Juanita to Matthew Brown. A May 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Baugh of Little Rock, Ark., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Becky to Andy Farnsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dale Farnsworth of Little Rock. A May 17 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS

Walker of Red Lake Falls, Minn., and David Henry Malcomson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Malcomson Sr. of Rochester, Minn., were united in marriage Nov. 30, 1985, in Rochester. The ceremony was performed by Victor Kubak, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Markato, Minn., churches. Arlene Mercier, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's brother Robert was best man. The couple reside in Dunnet, Minn., and attend the Markato church.

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**MR. AND MRS. HARRY FRAKES**

Darlene Sell of Tipp City, Ohio, and Harry Frakes of Edgewood, Ky., were united in marriage Dec. 29, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and F.M. churches. Sheryl Caray, daughter of the bride, was matron of honor, and Larry Frakes, son of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Edgewood and attend the Cincinnati, Ohio, South church.



**MR. AND MRS. ROGER ANDRUSKY**

Roger Albert Andrusky and Carolyn Rose Csepela were united in marriage Oct. 27, 1985, in Bensenville, N.J. The wedding was performed by Henry Sturcke, associate pastor of the Union, N.J., church. Melissa Charwin was the matron of honor, and Gordon Ruzicki was the best man. The couple reside in Bensenville, N.J.



**MR. AND MRS. GARY BAUMAN**

Sonya Maria Hafner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Hafner of Calgary, Alta., and Gary James Bauman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bauman of Kitchener, Ont., were united in marriage Sept. 1, 1985, in Calgary. The ceremony was performed by John Borax, associate pastor of the Calgary North church. Paul Kochanski was best man, and Kim Brown was maid of honor. The couple attend the Calgary North church.



**MR. AND MRS. RICHARD SNYDER**

Marion Baer and Richard Snyder were united in marriage Sept. 8, 1985, in the Del Mar Gardens at Pasadena Ambassador College. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Glen-dale and Reseda, Calif., churches. Richard D. Snyder, son of the groom, was best man, and Andrea Baer, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL WHITMORE**

Mekoda Kay May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.T. May of Boonville, Mo., and Michael Glen Whitmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Whitmore Jr. of Kansas City, Mo., were united in marriage Sept. 8, 1985, in Boonville. The ceremony was performed by Harold Melich, pastor of the Columbia, Mo., church. Kathryn May, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Byron Whitmore, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Woodland Hills, Calif.

## ANNIVERSARIES

To Ross, the man I truly cherish, who has made my life complete with love and happiness. I thank God who gave you to me. I found my treasure in you. I love you now and forever. Happy anniversary, Donna.

To my dear wife Donna, thank you so much for your love and support this past year and all the many other things that you do for me. I love you dearly. Your husband, Ross, Happy March 31 — one year.

My dearest Pat, thank you for being a lovely, loyal and caring wife and mother. We've had a most blessed, happy and joyous first year together. With love, Bob.

Wesley Myrl: Happy seventh anniversary April 7. Seven is the number for perfection, and I feel through all the laughs and tears we've reached a very special time in our marriage. And neither one of us could have reached it alone. Thanks for the love and tenderness through sicknesses and health you've shown to me. And thanks for all the love and time you've given to Luke and Shane. And thanks for all the years of working so hard for us. Thank you for seven good and productive years together. I pray God blesses us with many, many more. I love you sweetheart. Forever and ever yours, Kathleen Naomi.

Congratulations Larry and Marie Deitton on your 20th wedding anniversary. Love always, Dan and Daisy and the kids.

To our parents, Kermit and Martha Claggett in Vista, Okla.: Happy 35th wedding anniversary March 21. This year also brings your 25th anniversary in God's Church. Congratulations! With love and gratitude from David, Pam, Ben, Brad, Debbie and Jim.



**MR. AND MRS. ROLAND STANLEY**

Roland and Sheila Stanley celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 23. They were given an anniversary dinner by their children and grandchildren. Mr. Stanley serves as a local church elder in the Florence, Ala., church.

## Weddings Made of Gold

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — The church here honored Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hardison on their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Loveless in Columbia, Tenn.



**MR. AND MRS. C. HARDISON**

Dale McCloud, a deacon in the Murfreesboro church, presented them

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Obituaries

SALEM, Ore. — Olin A. Mitchell, 38, died at home June 19, 1985, from complications of diabetes and kidney failure. He was baptized in 1975.

Mr. Mitchell is survived by his wife of 18 years, Carol, also a Church member; two daughters, Traci Linn and Sherry Dianne; one son, Rodney Wayne; three brothers, Ed of Laurel, Miss., Floyd of Longview, Tex., and Wayne of Visalia, Calif.; five sisters, Elaine Townsend, Virginia Davison and Sandy Daniels of Visalia, Barbara Rhome of Longview and Gracie Miller of Salem; nieces and nephews. Mr. Mitchell's brothers Ed and Wayne and sisters Elaine, Sandy and Gracie are Church members.

Graveside services were conducted by David Mills, now pastor of the Macon and Columbus, Ga., churches.

BRYAN, Tex. — Ray Rueda, 35, died in his sleep Feb. 18.

Mr. Rueda is survived by his wife, Frances; his mother, Maria; and several brothers and sisters. Mr. Rueda attended the Austin, Tex., church with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Rueda were both baptized in 1977.

Funeral services were conducted by Harold Lester, pastor of the Austin and Waco, Tex., churches.

TACLOBAN, Philippines — Martha de Guia, 1, died Feb. 15, and her brother Rafael de Guia Jr., 3, died March 2. Both died of measles.

Martha and Rafael Jr. are survived by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rafael de Guia Sr., six brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services for Rafael Jr. were conducted by Felipe Casing, pastor of the Tacloban, Liloan and Catbalogan, Philippines, churches.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Irma Murial Hoffman, 96, died Feb. 4. She has been a Church member since 1962.

Miss Hoffman, born April 11, 1889, was the oldest member attending the Sacramento church.

Funeral services were conducted by Lawrence D. Neff, pastor of the Sacramento church.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. — Cecil Conrad Sapp, 50, died Dec. 27, 1985, after an injury at work Dec. 24.

Mr. Sapp has been a Church member since the early 1960s. He attended services in Akron, Ohio, before he moved to Fairmont, W. Va.

Mr. Sapp is survived by his wife,

with an anniversary clock, a set of gold-trimmed candleholders and a pitcher and bowl set engraved with "50th wedding anniversary from the Murfreesboro church."

A cake and other dishes were served.

The Hardisons were married Jan. 16, 1936. Mrs. Hardison has been a Church member since 1967.

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Minnie A. Gauden, 87, died Feb. 26 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1977, and she was the oldest member attending the Wisconsin Dells church.

Mrs. Gauden is survived by a son, James, also a Church member, and his family; another son, four daughters; 31 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted March 3 by Norman T. Strayer, pastor of the Wisconsin Dells and Wausau, Wis., churches.

BIG SANDY — Juanita Annett Massey, 42, died of cancer Sept. 12, 1985. She attended Ambassador College from 1961 to 1963, and was baptized in 1965.

She is survived by two daughters, Jodie Lurner and Dawn Edwards; one son, Vince Edwards; three sisters, Sally Atkinson, Sherry Massey and Lynn Rogers; two brothers, Joe and Lyndel Massey; and her parents, J.E. and Martha Massey.

Funeral services were conducted by James Duke, associate pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Elizabeth Colman, 84, died in Hillsboro, Ore., Feb. 9. She has been a Church member since 1964.

Mrs. Colman is survived by her daughter, Cathryn Wixom, and two granddaughters.

Memorial services were conducted by Nelson Haas, pastor of the Portland West church.

FREDERICKSBURG, Tex. — Earl Lyons, 85, died Feb. 11 at his daughter's home here of emphysema. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1979.

Mr. Lyons is survived by two sons, William and Walton of New York; four daughters, Luella Utter, Florida, Irene Nixon, Fredericksburg, Calif. Dellin, New York, and Adeline Haynes, New York.

BELLEVEILLE, Ill. — Katherine Staley, 67, died March 4 after a long illness.

Mrs. Staley is survived by her husband, Curtis, and a son, Clarence, both Church members.

The funeral service was conducted by Alfred Buchanan, a minister in the Belleville church.

PASADENA — Joseph Daniel Fraund, 4, died Feb. 15 after a brief illness.

Joseph is survived by his parents, Manfred and Janice Fraund, a sister, Anne, and brothers Benjamin and Ted.

Funeral services were conducted by Selmer H.A.M. pastor of the Pasadena Imperial Wood church.

**MR. AND MRS. D. MALCOMSON JR.**  
Diane Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E.

# Sites open in New Zealand, Fiji

By Rex Morgan

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — The New Zealand Regional Office administers the Feast sites in Rotorua, New Zealand, and Pacific Harbour, Fiji.

## Rotorua, New Zealand

For the eighth time, the Feast will be kept in Rotorua, about 145 miles (232 kilometers) south of here.

Rex Morgan is a local elder serving in the Auckland, New Zealand, Office.

Visitors to this site, with its crystal springs and thermal bathing pools of hot mineral water, will see geysers, bubbling mud, glittering silica terraces and steam rising from rivers, hot pools, cracks in the roads

and holes in backyards.

Rotorua features lakes and forests, trout springs, an agrodome, gondola rides, a gravity slide ride, public parks and gardens. Anglers come from all over the world to chase rainbow and brown trout.

Feastgoers can visit the villages of New Zealand's native race, the Maoris, and experience their culture and heritage at a *hangi* (Maori feast) and traditional concert.

Services for 1,500 of God's people expected to attend this year will take place in the Sports and Conference Centre in the Government Gardens, near the shores of Lake Rotorua and close to the city's shopping center.

As a popular tourist destination, Rotorua has motels with heated swimming pools, private thermal

spa pools and kitchenettes.

Prices for meals and housing vary widely, which makes it possible to enjoy the Feast within a wide budget range.

Overseas brethren benefit from the exchange rate. At time of writing one U.S. dollar will buy about two New Zealand dollars.

## Pacific Harbour, Fiji

Fiji features unspoiled beauty with palm-fringed beaches protected by coral reefs and a countryside with flowering trees and shrubs, sugar plantations and banana groves.

This will be the 10th year for the Festival in Fiji and the sixth time at Pacific Harbour.

Visitors keeping the Festival in Fiji can meet Fijian brethren and

learn of their culture. Coconut milk, pineapples, mangoes, bananas, papaws and other tropical fruits and vegetables will be available.

Pacific Harbour is a resort area about 35 minutes drive west of Suva, the capital. Services will be at the Treetops Convention Center, near the Beachcomber Hotel.

An afternoon during the Festival is set aside for a shopping trip to Suva. Suva's duty-free shops provide a wide selection of luxury

goods. It is customary to bargain with shopkeepers for lower prices.

Options are available for air fare and housing packages at the Rotorua and Pacific Harbour sites. U.S. and Canadian brethren should write for details to the Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Other international transfers please write by airmail to the Festival Office, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.



10K WINNER — Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach (right) congratulates David Bauman, a Pasadena Ambassador College freshman, who won the Ambassador College 10K run March 23 with a time of 35:05. [Photo by Wesley Webster]

# Sweden

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Normally reserved Swedes talk warmly about their fallen leader. On the train from Oslo to Stockholm I met a Stockholm businessman and an educator from Uppsala, Sweden.

The businessman recalled the time when Mr. Palme sat down beside him on an intercity rail trip in 1982. He spoke of their easy conversation. It was well known that the prime minister could verbally devastate a political opponent, but he was renowned for his courtesy in private.

The educator explained to me how Mr. Palme was responsible for the express train we were riding from Oslo to Stockholm. While Mr. Palme was minister of transport and communications from 1965 to 1967,

he helped the two nations transform pitifully slow service into a more rapid intercity line.

A Church member later told me how quickly Swedish citizens responded (even though they did not know who had been shot) when the prime minister was gravely wounded.

A taxi driver heard the first shot and turned to see the flame of the second. He radioed for help, and medical personnel and the police arrived in less than five minutes.

Three young people were courageous enough to attempt to aid the prime minister. Although unsuccessful, they tried to revive Mr. Palme with artificial respiration.

Ignoring peril to his own life, another taxi driver chased the assassin on foot.

One woman accidentally met the

suspected killer. Noting his suspicious behavior, she later drew a portrait of the suspect for the police.

The astonishing fact is that these people helped the prime minister without being aware who he was. Consider: Would the same event be repeated in other Western nations?

Largely through the work of Prime Minister Palme, Sweden enjoys a greater worldwide stature. Before his death, one American magazine described Mr. Palme this way: "For 30 years this Swedish statesman has spoken to the world — his voice of conscience, eloquent and unstilled."

Now an assassin's bullet has silenced this voice of courage. Despite whether we accept or reject his views, the brutal death of Olof Palme is a globally significant outrage.

# Children's Corner

## Put It Out!

By Vivian Pettijohn

It was Sunday, the fourth day of the seven Days of Unleavened Bread. At the Winfield breakfast table, Dad thanked God for the food and asked His blessing on it. Then Mother uncovered platters of steaming Swedish pancakes and beef bacon.

"Thanks, Mom!" 10-year-old Rocky exclaimed, grinning. "This is my favorite unleavened breakfast!"

"Mine, too," Jeff said. "I like these flapjacks!"

Kathy laughed. "I think we should call these flapjacks."

As Dad poured syrup on his pancakes, he asked, "Children, what was the minister's sermon about yesterday? Rocky?"

"Well, uh . . ." Jeff responded, "Mr. King said we're supposed to put sin out. But I'm not real sure what that means."

"Yeah, please explain it," Kathy chimed in, wiping milk from her mouth.

"As soon as we're through eating," Dad declared, "I'll try to explain. Meanwhile, think about Solomon's question in Proverbs 20:9 where he asks, 'Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?' In other words," Dad said, "think about yourself. Are you already perfect, like God? Or can you think of at least one sin you still have?"

After breakfast Dad said, "Now, let's talk about those sins we found in ourselves."

"I still get impatient," Mother admitted.

"Well," Rocky said in a low voice, "sometimes I'm not grateful for all the



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things you and Mom do for me."

"My temper," Jeff confessed, "sometimes gets me into trouble."

"I guess," Kathy said, "I brag about myself."

"And sometimes," Dad said, "when I feel tired I don't want to listen when anyone talks to me. That's selfish of me to be that way. So, this week let's each try hard to become more pure from our

sin — by putting it out."

"But what do you mean, 'put it out,' Daddy?" Jeff asked.

"Well, son, our sins, to God, are like bad, smelly garbage," Dad replied. "And what do we do with garbage?"

"We throw it out!" Jeff answered.

"And do we go out and bring it back in again?" Dad asked.

"No, Daddy," Kathy answered, laughing. "Of course not!"

"Well, then," Dad continued, "we need to think of our sins as being like garbage — something to put out!"

Dad took a piece of paper. On it he printed the words *impatient, ungrateful, temper, bragging and selfish*. After showing the list of sins to the family, Dad wadded it into a ball and tossed it into the wastebasket.

"Daddy," 8-year-old Jeff asked, "this doesn't mean the sins are *really* gone just by writing them down and throwing away the paper — does it?"

"No, it doesn't," Dad said emphatically. "I did this only as an illustration."

It's easy to get rid of the paper the sins are written on, but it takes real effort to overcome — or get rid of the sins. Rocky," Dad said, "as an illustration please take that trash outside and put it in the garbage can. Then, just as we don't want to bring that garbage back in, let's try not to ever let these sins come back into our lives."

As the Winfields left the table, their collie dog whined, wanting to go out.

"Come on, Laddie," Kathy said. "I'll put you out." Then she laughed and added as she hugged him, "Hey, I'm sure glad you aren't a sin. That means it's OK to let you come back in!"

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA — *The Plain Truth About Easter*, presented by evangelist **Richard Ames** on the *World Tomorrow* telecast March 29 and 30, drew 31,853 calls, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

"The program, *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday*, the first presented by Mr. Ames, brought in 28,154 calls" when it aired March 22 and 23, Mr. Rice said.

The Easter and resurrection programs drew the third and fourth highest responses in the history of the *World Tomorrow* program.

"In 1985 the telecast about Easter [featuring the late Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**] brought in 17,585 calls for that weekend — an all-time record at that time," Mr. Rice explained.

"Clearly God is blessing *The World Tomorrow* with tremendous growth," the evangelist continued. "This year's average weekend response (26,500) surpasses last year's record programs and is nearly double the 1985 weekend average (14,700)."

An earthquake occurred in Berkeley, Calif., March 30 as the program was airing in that area. A caller from Berkeley said: "During the broadcast... there was an earthquake. What are you people trying to do — shake up the world?"

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PASADENA — The Festival Office here released site information for Nigeria and Puerto Rico.

The British Regional Office reported that two sites are confirmed for the Feast of Tabernacles in Nigeria: the University of Ibadan Conference Centre in Ibadan, Oyo State; and the Continuing Education Centre of the University of Nsukka, Nsukka, Anambra State.

For more information write to **Lateef Edalere**, PMB 21006, Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria.

The Spanish Department plans to conduct the Feast in Puerto Rico, although no site has been confirmed. For more information about the Puerto Rico site write: **Pablo Gonzalez**, Puerto Rico Festival Information, *La Pura Verdad*, Apdo. 3272, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00904-3272.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinances.

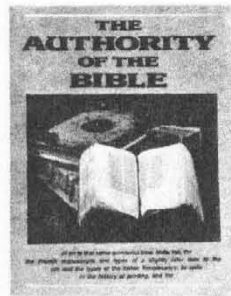
**Herbert Cisneros**, pastor of the San Salvador, El Salvador, and Guatemala City, Guatemala,

churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder March 1.

**Donald Blevins**, a deacon in the Knoxville, Tenn., church, was ordained a local church elder March 15.

**Roger King Jr.**, a deacon in the Raleigh, N.C., church, was ordained a local church elder March 8.

**Byron Griffin** of the San Antonio, Tex., East church was ordained a local church elder March 15.



**NEW REPRINT** — Pictured is a mock-up cover for *The Authority of the Bible*, one in a series of reprints being developed for use on the *World Tomorrow* program. According to **Dexter H. Faulkner**, editor of the Church's publications, the first reprint in the series was *What Is Man?* and was offered by **David Albert** on *The World Tomorrow* during the first two weekends of March.

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW  
FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — In March U.S. postal authorities ruled in favor of "re-mailing," a method that substantially reduces mailing costs. Re-mailing means bulk quantities of mail are shipped to overseas post offices and mailed from there.

"The Church's Spanish Department saves between \$115,000 and \$120,000 annually using re-mailing methods," said **Keith Speaks**, *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) circulation manager, March 31.

"We hope to lower this year's mailing and shipping costs by an ad-



**THAI FACULTY** — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach meets with faculty members from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, March 9 in Mr. Tkach's Hall of Administration office. The faculty members are in the United States to observe American teaching methods, including methods used at Imperial Schools in Pasadena. [Photo by Warren Watson]

## Thais study Imperial Schools

PASADENA — Nine faculty members from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, arrived on the Ambassador College campus here March 7 for an eight-week study of American teaching methods.

March 9 the Thai guests met with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, who discussed with them the differences in teaching methods in Thailand and the United States.

According to **Aaron Dean**, a vice president of the Ambassador Founda-

tion: "The dean of education at Chulalongkorn University visited here last year. She is well aware of Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's work and what he had done. And she was very impressed with our program, especially with the teaching methods at Imperial Schools.

"She asked if faculty members could be sent here to see what principles they could learn to apply at their schools," Mr. Dean continued.

The principles would also be applied at **Satit Chula**, a pilot school of

Chulalongkorn where **Robert Burbach**, an Ambassador College student, is teaching, said Mr. Dean.

According to **Frank Fish**, an Ambassador Foundation assistant, the faculty members toured public and private elementary and secondary schools, area universities and museums and even amusement parks to see how children are handled.

The group also met with district superintendents and other educational leaders.

"They are getting a broad experience first, studying the philosophy behind education," said Mr. Fish. "After that they will spend two weeks in the Imperial Schools complex to learn firsthand what makes Imperial different. They will have a background for seeing why Imperial students are taught the way they are."

**Jeff Caudle**, the Ambassador Foundation's representative in Thailand, is host to the group on an hour-by-hour basis, said Mr. Fish.

**Ricky Sherrod**, principal of Imperial High School, and **Andrew Silcox**, Imperial Elementary principal, help coordinate visits to the various schools.

**Dr. Sherrod** said the purpose is to expose the Thai guests to a wide range of teaching methodology.

to French-speaking Europe for the Spring Holy Days and conduct public Bible lectures in Switzerland and Lyon, Strasbourg and Paris, France.

**Feb. 9 and 16 Bernard Audoin**, pastor of the Bordeaux and Narbonne, France, churches, conducted two Bible studies in Bordeaux for *La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) and *La Bonne Nouvelle* (French *Good News*) readers.

**James Muir**, pastor of the Lyon and Marseille, France, churches, conducted a three-part series of Bible studies in Lyon that ended Feb. 2. Attendance for the first lecture was 25, the second, 38, and the third, 18.

After Mr. Apartian's two public Bible lectures in Fort-de-France, Martinique, Jan. 25 and 26 (*W/N*, Feb. 24), follow-up Bible studies were conducted Feb. 2 and 9 by **Erick Dubois**, pastor of the Fort-de-France church. Twenty-eight attended the first lecture, and 34 the second.

**Gilbert Carbonnel**, pastor of the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, churches, conducted follow-up Bible studies in Guadeloupe. Twenty new people attended the first study.

### Locust plague

South Africa is the victim of a locust plague of "quite alarming proportions," according to **Roy McCarthy**, regional director of the Church in southern Africa.

*Scope* magazine published an article Feb. 28 that called the plague the worst since 1925. Moving in swarms of up to five kilometers (about three miles) long and two kilometers (more than one mile) wide, the locusts cut a swath of destruction over almost 400 square kilometers (160 square miles).

The stricken areas are in the northern and eastern Cape Province and the central and southern areas of the Orange Free State.



**AUDITORIUM RECITAL** — Tenor **Roger Bryant** performs with **Ruth Walter** March 24 in the second concert of Ambassador Foundation's Gold Medal vocal series in the Ambassador Auditorium. Mr. Bryant is chairman of the Big Sandy Ambassador College Music Department, and Mrs. Walter is a professor of music on the Big Sandy faculty. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

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