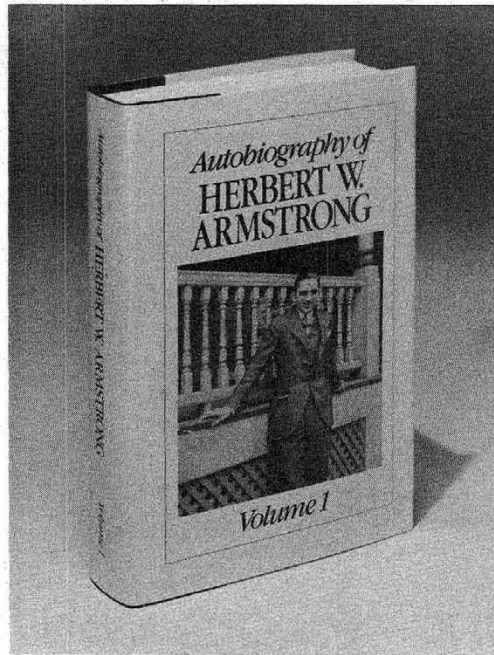


## Pastor general sets the keynote for 1986 Festival productions



**BACK IN PRINT** — Letters, radio scripts, campaign fliers and original manuscripts fill the 720 pages of the *Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong, Volume 1*, which will be distributed to brethren at the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles. [Photo by Warren Watson]

By Jeff E. Zhorne  
PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach taped the Last Great Day message Sept. 2 from a specially designed portion of the Church's new *World Tomorrow* studio set, according to Larry Omasta, director of Media Services.

The videotape, scheduled to be shown worldwide at afternoon services, Oct. 25, is one of four Festival productions prepared by Media Services for the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Tkach's opening night message was videotaped July 14 in his office in the Hall of Administration. The tape will be shown at the opening night service, Friday, Oct. 17.

On the first Holy Day, Oct. 18, the pastor general will speak to brethren by live satellite transmission, said Mr. Omasta.

Mr. Omasta said that satellite dishes will be used at the 21 U.S. sites (not including Pasadena).

At 1 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, the entire services from the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena will be beamed to two domestic and two international satellites.

"Because of differences in time zones, those in the British Isles will see it live at 9 that night, and brethren

in New Zealand will be seeing it live at 8 the next morning, their time," said Mr. Omasta.

The signal will be picked up simultaneously by dishes at the 21 U.S. sites; five in Canada; Trinidad, Barbados, Bermuda and Jamaica; Brighton and Paignton, England; Dunoon, Scotland; and Rotorua, New Zealand.

Mr. Omasta said the afternoon services will be recorded at the same time in Brisbane, Australia, but shown on videotape later in the week to the seven sites in Australia.

The British Office will provide videotapes of afternoon services to the following European locations: Guernsey, Channel Islands; Kenmare, Irish Republic; Bredsten, Denmark; Hoogeveen, Netherlands; Hengelhof, Belgium; Lugano, Switzerland; Bonndorf, West Germany; and Brno, Czechoslovakia.

"We will be shipping video projectors and videotape players for projecting the satellite transmissions and the Festival productions," he said.

### Behind the Work

"Mr. Tkach has decided that *Behind the Work 1986* will be a sermon shown on the fourth day of the Feast, Oct. 21," according to the Media Services director.

"When Mr. Joseph Tkach succeeded Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong as pastor general, a new chapter began in the history of the Church," he said.

"*Behind the Work 1986* captures the action of the first exciting months of that new chapter.

"You will travel with Mr. Tkach as he revisits the Chicago [Ill.] neighborhoods where he was born and grew up as a child," he continued.

"You will be with him as he speaks to the young people at the Summer Educational Programs in Orr [Minn.], Big Sandy and Loch Lomond [Scotland], and share the excitement as he travels to meet the members of the Church in Chicago, London, Nairobi and Kibiri, Kenya, and Belfast, Northern Ireland.

"We will also take you behind the scenes of the new *World Tomorrow* program and show you some of the incredible technology available to the work as we prepare to preach the Gospel in the years ahead.

"We know that you will find *Behind the Work 1986* exciting, informative and inspiring—a production not to be missed."

### Festival entertainment

*Festival '86 with the Young Ambassadors* is the culmination of a two-year project and contains "some unique surprises," Mr. Omasta said. "Big Beak takes you on a special behind-the-scenes tour of this all-new production."

*Festival '86* features songs by composers John Philip Sousa and George Gershwin and original compositions by Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services.

"Highlighting this hourlong show is a piano duet by Ruth Walter and Phyllis Duke [both Big Sandy Ambassador College music instructors]," said Mr. Omasta.

"This is the busiest time of the year for the television studios," he remarked. "Not only do we prepare the Festival productions, but we are also busy producing the new fall programming for *The World Tomorrow* in the English language as well as the subtitled programs [Italian and Norwegian] and the voice-over programming [French]."

## Two pastors raised to evangelists

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach ordained two evangelists in the Ambassador Auditorium here Aug. 23.

"I have good news to share with you today," Mr. Tkach told the brethren. "God has proven by the fruits of their lives that these men should be raised to the rank of evangelist."

After a taped afternoon message from Ralph Helge, the Church's legal counsel, Mr. Tkach ordained Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, and David Hulme, director of Communications and Public Affairs, to evangelist rank.

(See "Personal," this page.)

### Larry Salyer

A native of Indiana, Mr. Salyer is married to the former Judy Oldham of Columbus, Ohio. The Salyers have four children, Lisa, 22 (wife of Andrew Burnett), Jeffrey, 19, Julie, 16, and Randall, 9.

Mr. Salyer, 43, graduated from Big Sandy Ambassador College in 1968 and was ordained a local elder that same year. He was ordained a

of the former Bricket Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College, served as *Plain Truth* newstand representative for the United Kingdom and Europe from 1972 to 1975 and advertising manager for the South African Office for the following three years.

He was advertising and publishing manager for the Canadian Office from 1979 to 1981, when he was named director of Media Purchasing (now Communica-



**LARRY AND JUDY SALYER** preaching elder in 1969 and raised to pastor rank in 1979.

He was associate pastor of the Houston, Tex., East and West churches from June, 1968, to January, 1969.

He has pastored churches in Abilene, Odessa, Houston and Big Sandy, Tex., Washington, D.C., Pasadena and San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Salyer was named dean of students for the Big Sandy campus in August, 1982, and was appointed director of Church Administration by Mr. Tkach in May.

### David Hulme

Mr. Hulme, 40, a 1972 graduate



**DAVID AND ROBIN HULME** tions and Public Affairs) in Pasadena.

He was ordained a local elder in 1976, ordained a preaching elder in 1979 and raised to pastor rank in 1982 by the late Herbert W. Armstrong.

His wife, the former Robin Sutcliffe from Australia, graduated from the Bricket Wood campus in 1971. The Hulmes have three children, Mark, 10, Kirsten, 8, and Scott, 6.

Mr. Hulme, who was born in Bolton, England, studied at Edinburgh University in Scotland before attending Ambassador College in Bricket Wood.

## PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

I have just completed the taping of the final sermon for the Last Great Day to be shown at most of our Festival sites around the world.

The sermon was taped behind a lectern on the new set of the *World Tomorrow* television program. Taping that special message about the final revealed phase of God's master plan for humanity greatly stirred my anticipation for the Feast!

As I wrote in my last "Personal," let's each be sure to *plan carefully* so that we can observe the Feast in the fullest, most meaningful way possible. This issue of *The Worldwide News*, as well as the pre-Feast editions of *The Good News* and *Youth '86* magazines, contains numerous articles of great value in preparing ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually to keep the Feast in the way God in-

tends. Be sure to read them!

All these instructions and helpful ideas are of no value at all unless they are read and put into practice! Let's all work together in unity as one body, God's family, to make this the best Feast ever!

One highlight of this year's Feast will be the distribution to each member head of household of a copy of the new, expanded *Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong, Volume 1*. The book will contain 64 pages of photographs, more than half of which have never before been published. It also contains many historical documents — radio scripts, letters, campaign fliers, original manuscripts of articles.

Volume one is 656 pages in length, not including the photos, and covers the period from the birth of Herbert Armstrong until 1938. A paperback edition will be mailed to all co-workers.

As I mentioned to the ministry in the Pastor General's Report, the practical examples of (See **PERSONAL**, page 3)

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# Chernobyl: Foretaste of prophetic calamity

PASADENA — There is an intriguing prophetic connection between the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in the Soviet Ukraine and the stepped-up pace of diplomatic activities involving the leading communist countries.

Soviet authorities attending a conference in Vienna reported new details on the aftermath of the explosion of reactor No. 4 at Chernobyl April 26. Their report — remarkably forthright in the opinion of Western experts — attributed the accident primarily to a succession of human errors.

The Soviets say the death toll now stands at 31 and that 6,500 people may die prematurely. (Western sources predict a death toll as high as 25,000.) The 135,000 people evacuated in a 300-square-mile area around the contaminated plant may not be able to return for four years.

Great efforts are being made to prevent contamination of rivers and reservoirs — even to the point of negative cloud seeding over the immediate 18-mile danger zone to prevent rainfall.

The impact of the explosion is still being felt in parts of Europe where winds deposited radiation from the explosion. The effect is es-

pecially pronounced in Scandinavia, where reindeer in Norway and Sweden will have to be slaughtered by the hundreds of thousands. (Reindeer feed on ground-covering lichen and moss, which, unlike root plants, take nourishment from the air and absorbed much of the radiation recorded in Scandinavia.)

The contamination of berries and freshwater fish is likely to play havoc with the eating habits of Norwegians and Swedes.

The most profound effect of the reactor explosion remains with Soviet society. Chernobyl, reported Serge Schmemmann in the July 28 *New York Times*, "has become an indelible part of Soviet life . . . as a daily subject in the national press, [and] as a source of rumor, sensation and threat . . ."

"A prominent Russian writer recently produced a tattered old Bible and with a practiced hand turned to Apocalypse. 'Listen,' he said, 'this is incredible: "And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters; and the name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third part of the waters became wormwood;

and many men died of the waters because they were made bitter.'"

"In a dictionary, he showed the Ukrainian word for wormwood, a bitter wild herb used as a tonic in rural Russia: *chernobyl*. [Actually, the Ukrainian word generally used in Revelation 8:11 for wormwood is *poliyn*, but this herb is of the wormwood, or *chernobyl* family.]

close what occurred at Chernobyl, Soviet authorities have since been uncharacteristically frank — symptomatic of the new openness of the Soviet leadership. (Read John Ross Schroeder's "European Diary" in this issue.) This brings us to the second part of our two-part story.

The announcement in late August that Erich Honecker, the head

party-to-party ties with virtually all the East European Communist Parties, relations that were severed with the onset of the Sino-Soviet break a quarter-century ago. It is certain that these ties could not have been resumed without the approval of Soviet Party chief Mikhail Gorbachev.

Leaders in all three regions, including Mr. Gorbachev, have their own reasons for the chumminess. The Soviets apparently hope that party-to-party ties (as distinct from government-to-government diplomatic relations, which do exist) between Eastern Europe and China will be the first step in a process leading to restoring links between the Soviet and Chinese parties.

For the Chinese leaders, their upmost motivation may be to encourage greater political independence on the part of the East Europeans. Beijing routinely denounces Soviet hegemonism or dominance of the communist world.

For the East Europeans, they see the Chinese initiative as a chance to put a little distance between them and Moscow. (It may be the beginning of a process that will eventually enable some East European states to align themselves with the future 10-

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## WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



"The writer, an atheist, was hardly alone in pointing out the apocalyptic reference to the star called *chernobyl* . . . Among many Russians, that passage from Apocalypse . . . has touched a strong penchant for superstition in the national character, giving Chernobyl the quality of an almost supernatural disaster."

**Communist powers draw closer**  
Despite initial reluctance to dis-

close of the Communist Party in East Germany, will visit Beijing in October, highlights a flurry of diplomatic activity involving three major sectors of the communist world — China, the Soviet Union and the East European bloc.

In perhaps the most dramatic development, the Chinese Communist Party is seeking to reestablish



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## You're being watched

The young violinist leaned forward eagerly, anticipating what he was about to see and hear. He had studied a new piece for more than two months. Now he would see it performed by one of the foremost masters of the violin. The young man had listened to recordings and read all that he could about technique, the piece and its composer — and, of course, practiced, practiced and practiced some more.

But now, watching the virtuoso's bow coax emotion out of the instrument, he understood how the piece should be performed. He knew now what the composer intended when he penned the lines. He watched the performer move his fingers, and his whole body, to extract real depth of feeling out of what had been only ink on pieces of paper.

The young man learned more from that one performance than he had learned on his own and from books.

We learn by seeing. Researchers estimate we learn 83 percent of what we know by watching and observing. How many skills have you learned from watching alone? Probably everything from tying your shoes to driving. Visual aids help us retain what we've learned and teach us the fine nuances of a skill. They inspire us to accomplish what we may not have thought possible.

God illuminates His law for us with personal examples in the Bible — examples of His commandments in action, and His commandments being broken. He clearly spells out the consequences in each case. God knows that examples are clearer and more powerful than words alone. The life of Jesus Christ, God's Word in the flesh, shows us the intent of God's law we did not see in the written code.

A righteous example adds credence and force to the way of life we teach. Herbert W. Armstrong said in the July, 1949, *Plain Truth* that our first duty is to preach the Gospel. "Every converted Christian can, and does preach — but not in the way you think! . . . The daily

lives of professing Christians often preach more effectively to the unconverted than the oratorical persuasion of the minister. And the pity is, that if you are living the wrong kind of life, you may do more harm than the good Spirit-inspired minister of God can do."

Especially during the Feast of Tabernacles, we are representatives — ambassadors — of God's government. Think of all the people outside of God's Church you will be in contact with during the coming Festival season. How well will your personal example represent God's government to them?

Our examples can add weight to what *The Plain Truth* and the *World Tomorrow* program proclaim. Just as the prophets sometimes acted out the prophecies they proclaimed, we should act out the establishment of God's government and values on this earth.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach said in a *Worldwide News* "Personal": "The example of one who is obedient to God stands out! It gives encouragement and support to others who desire to do what is right. It strengthens others who need help to overcome . . . Some of us underestimate the power of a positive, godly example in helping others make needed changes."

The example of a man who can remain faithfully confident, even joyful, under stress and in spite of his wife's serious illness can convince us of the value of godly faith and joy more than if we would search a concordance for every biblical mention of those words. That's the way God made us.

We don't know what fruit might be borne years later from one person's good example. One fourth of the baptisms in 1985 were from contact with another member. Though the majority of these were spouses and children of members, perhaps hundreds of other members contributed.

Peter said we should act so that people are forced to respect our way of life (1 Peter 2:12). This glorifies

God. People will eventually come to see that only Christ living in us enabled us to be honest citizens, profitable employees, good neighbors. They will see that our life-style required the love and help of God. Our examples should point to a better way of doing things and reveal Satan's world as a counterfeit (Ephesians 5:8, 11).

Be a positive example. Treat your neighbors with God's love, and treat them to His joy. There are enough pessimists today. A positive person stands out. Smile when you go to the supermarket. Be courteous when you drive. God's law of love is not a nice-nice Protestant sentiment. But God's law living in your life should produce a joyful, positive outlook, or your Christianity isn't working.

An example needs to be noticed. Christ said that we are the light of the world. Don't go out of your way to hide your membership in the Worldwide Church of God. Don't be afraid to be different from the world. Use the talents God has given you to show His virtue. You don't know when someone will notice your example and benefit from it.

From time to time we hear of a teenager in the Church who has excelled in a sport or activity, but has not compromised with God's Sabbath. A town newspaper will write an article on the teen, mentioning his or her conviction to our beliefs. Perhaps he or she gave up a possible prize in a city or district competition. These young people didn't mind being a light out in the open. Hats off to the young people who publicly stand up for their beliefs.

We need to become comfortable with being seen. If we are to become leaders in the world tomorrow, we need to practice now. People should see the evidence of the Holy Spirit within us: power, love and a sound mind (1 Timothy 1:7).

Christ is our chief example. Read the gospel accounts, noting Christ's actions. Are you all eyes to Christ's suggestions and hints? Read about the lives of biblical figures. What does God commend in their lives? What does He condemn?

Do your works, in every small aspect, show people the benefits of living God's way of life? Can your neighbors, looking at your example, more easily understand God's law? Are you an encouragement to the new converts God has called? This is a big part of our calling to fulfill the great commission — spreading the good news of God's coming world government.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Where U.S.S.R. is headed is not a guessing game

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Andrew Wilson is the London *Observer's* Moscow correspondent. He wrote July 13, "It is still anybody's guess where the Soviet Union is heading, at home or on the diplomatic front."

But is it just a guess? If so, this is the place to cease writing. I would have nothing further to say.

But three factors cause me to continue. First, we know from biblical prophecy what will happen. This is firm. The Church knows the end of the matter, and it rests safely in the hands of God. Readers unfamiliar with the answer may request our reprint article on the subject, "Why Russia Will Not Attack America."

Second, the Church has not yet gotten the Gospel to the Soviet Union. To say the least it is very unlikely that God would neglect a nation of 272 million people. A warning and a witness seem imperative.

### Is Russia opening up?

Third, a lot of little trends accumulated in press clippings indicate that the Soviet Union may be opening up — not changing its basic political philosophy, but nevertheless letting a little light through the front door.

Those growing up in the 1950s may remember Kitty Kallen's hit song "Little Things Mean a Lot." Little courtesies to the wife or sweetheart add up to a lot of love — the subject of that song.

The principle holds true. A trend here, a story there, a back-page insert. All these little trends may add up to some important changes in the Soviet Union. Let's take a quick-moving overview at some new items we shouldn't overlook.

Significant change was all but impossible under the past generation of Soviet leaders. It is acknowledged that "General Secretary Gorbachev is the first man on the scene with a chance to rescue Russia from the prison of its past" (*The Observer*, July 13). To succeed, Mikhail Gorbachev will have to proceed confidently, but cautiously.

Some observers have pointed out that Mr. Gorbachev is not in sole charge of Russia. True, he is the undisputed leader of the country, but he cannot govern effectively without the enthusiastic support of the Politburo.

But please note that by the end of 1985 Mr. Gorbachev had "replaced one third of the government ministers and 40 out of 157 of the Party first secretaries" (*Financial Times*, Dec. 28, 1985).

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# 1986-87 concert season debuts with Philharmonia Orchestra

PASADENA — "How will the death of Ambassador Auditorium founder Herbert W. Armstrong affect [Ambassador Foundation's] musical programming? If the coming season is any indication, excellence lives on," reported the Pasadena Star-News Sept. 5.

The Philharmonia Orchestra of London, "one of the most polished and responsive in existence," ac-

ording to the New York, N.Y., Post, opened the foundation's 1986-87 concert season Sept. 6 in the Ambassador Auditorium.

The orchestra, under the baton of its principal conductor, Giuseppe Sinopoli, launched the first subscription series, titled Great Orchestras of the World.

The Philharmonia's Auditorium performance, its only West Coast

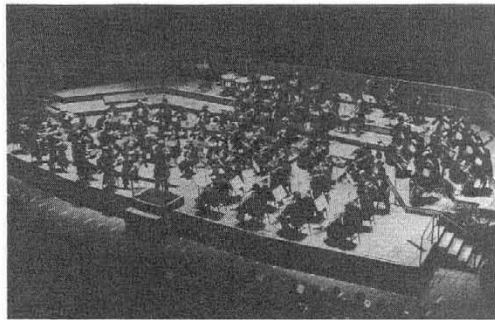
concert, was described as "a magnificent beginning to what promises to be one of our best seasons," by evangelist David Hulme, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

According to a Los Angeles Times review that appeared Sept. 8: "They play with a mastery and unanimity that can be stunning."

"This is one of the greatest international symphony orchestra series in Los Angeles [Calif.] history," said Performing Arts director Wayne Shilkret.

This 12th annual subscription season celebrates Pasadena's 100th anniversary.

The orchestra's opening night performance consisted of two symphonies: Schumann's *Symphony No. 2 in C Major, Opus 61*, and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5 in*



**LONDON ORCHESTRA** — The Philharmonia Orchestra of London, in its only West Coast appearance, inaugurated the Ambassador Foundation's new concert season in the Ambassador Auditorium Sept. 6. "So unashamedly lush was the string sound, so fulsome and homogenous the woodwind," reported the London Times after a performance in England.

*E Minor, Opus 64.*

Mr. Shilkret said that the Philharmonia, founded in 1945, "is the world's most-recorded orchestra and one of the most widely traveled."

Maestro Sinopoli is also principal

conductor of the Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome. Former conductors of the Philharmonia include Wilhelm Furtwangler, Guido Cantelli, Richard Strauss and Herbert von Karajan.

## Personal

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Christian living throughout the autobiography will be of great value to the co-workers' understanding of the Church and their potential growth, as well as a source of encouragement and instruction for all of us as members. I might add that brethren attending a few of our international Festival sites will receive their copies of the autobiography after they return home from the Feast.

Brethren, as we make our preparations for the Feast, let's not forget those who are unable to attend with us this year because of grave illness. There are those among us who are suffering from very serious ailments who need our prayers and our encouragement during their time of trial.

Let's make sure they are not lonely or forgotten while we are keeping God's Feasts. Let's each make ourselves a committee of one to find a way to share the joy of God's Festivals with those who cannot attend with us. You know brethren, we can be truly thankful for the faithful examples of steadfast endurance and commitment that so many of those who are gravely ill have been. Let's not neglect them during this joyous time of year!

In an ordination ceremony the Sabbath of Aug. 23, I was joined by evangelists Richard Ames, Dibar Apartian, Raymond McNair, Harold Jackson and Leroy Neff in raising Messrs. Larry Salyer and David Hulme to the spiritual rank of evangelist. Mr. Salyer is director of Church Administration, supervising the ministry around the world, and you know Mr. Hulme as director of Communications and Public Affairs and one of the hosts of the *World Tomorrow* television program.

It was a joyous occasion. The Auditorium P.M. brethren re-

flected the words of the apostle Paul in I Corinthians 12:26, "If one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." Please continue to remember these two men in your prayers.

Income for August was low, as I mentioned in the last co-worker letter. However, we finished August with the year-to-date income right on budget. Remember to be praying for the income and the response to the co-worker letter each month. The tremendous growth God has granted this year has resulted in a good deal of additional expense beyond what was budgeted late last year.

Let's collectively beseech God for the increase needed to keep pace with the growth He has granted. And brethren, let's remember also that God blesses us when our ways please Him. We need to be close to God, putting effort into overcoming and staying close to Him. We are God's elect! We must not allow ourselves to be molded by this world.

Have a wonderful Holy Day season! I think a letter I received from one member after the Feast Day of Unleavened Bread this year is representative of how all of us feel about God's Holy Days. Let me share it with you.

"I just returned home from the first Holy Day and how uplifting, inspiring and joyous it is to be with God's people, and to hear sermons expounded with such clarity! I feel like crying aloud to the world, but I know they would call me crazy. I'm just so thankful to be part of the Body of Christ and to know the truth. It is worth more than all the gold and silver one could possess in a lifetime."

How true!

I look forward to speaking to you live on the first day of the Feast! My prayers are with you, brethren.

With deep love, in Jesus' name  
Joseph W. Tkach

## Visits England, Gibraltar, South America

# Regional director reports trip

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — "There is an increase in crime and violence in Latin American countries," said evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas.

Mr. Walker returned to Pasadena Aug. 14 after a trip to England, Gibraltar, Argentina, Chile and Peru.

Mr. Walker said that Church members "have not been victims of this crime and violence, but always appreciate the prayers of brethren around the world on their behalf."

### England

Mr. Walker and his wife, Reba, left July 9 for England. In England Mr. Walker met with the printers of the Spanish *Plain Truth* (*La Pura Verdad*) and post office officials.

"We try to meet yearly to maintain our relationship," Mr. Walker said. "Due to the long period of time it takes for the magazine to be delivered to Latin America, the main concern at the July meetings was to discuss ways to speed delivery."

"Mail delivery is a twofold problem," Mr. Walker said. One factor is the distance between England and Latin America, and the other is that mail service in Latin America is becoming increasingly worse.

"There are more strikes, 'go-slows,' where people work as slowly as possible without getting fired, and mail is being discarded," Mr.

Walker said. "There seems to be a breakdown in efficiency as these countries are unable to supply basic needs. It is a great frustration."

While in England, Mr. Walker met with evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the Church in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia,

to Spain to visit Gibraltar. "The border between Gibraltar and Spain is now open. It hasn't been for years and who knows how long it will stay open," Mr. Walker said. "I had to fly to Spain before going to Argentina because there are no direct flights from England."

Gibraltar is an English-speaking dependency of Great Britain with four *Pura Verdad* subscribers.

"I took a guided tour, which I found to be very interesting and educational in terms of the strategic importance of Gibraltar. It is a gate between the Mediterranean and Atlantic, one of the major sea gates God gave to the descendants of Israel," Mr. Walker said.

From Gibraltar, the Walkers went to Madrid, Spain, where Mr. Walker planned to meet with a member. He was unable to do so because an airline strike forced him to rearrange his trip to Argentina.

### South America

Mr. Walker arrived in Buenos Aires July 24 where he attended Sabbath services July 26. "Buenos Aires, Argentina, used to be one of the safest Latin American cities," he said. "It is getting worse and worse."

For the Sabbath, Aug. 2, he traveled with Alberto Sousa, pastor of the Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, and his wife, Elizabeth, to Bahia Blanca, Argentina, where he conducted Sabbath services.

The Walkers attended a church social that evening and a barbecue Aug. 3 at the home of Luis Chavez, pastor of the Bahia Blanca and Centenario, Argentina, churches, and his wife, Lusby.

Monday, Aug. 4, it was on to Santiago, Chile. Mr. Walker attended Sabbath services there Aug. 9 and attended another church social. He and his wife went to Lima Aug. 10 to spend a few days with Wilfredo Saenz, pastor of the Lima and Huaraz, Peru, churches.

"There is tension in the air in Peru," he said. "Policemen are indiscriminately murdered at the rate of about two a week just to try to break up the system. In Lima, terrorists blow up electrical pylons to cause power outages and then throw sticks of dynamite into stores under a cover of darkness."

"There are soldiers everywhere, kidnappings are common and a curfew is in effect from 1 to 5 a.m. The people are fearful and you can feel the tension. It is noticeable."

The Walkers returned to Pasadena Aug. 14.



LEON AND REBA WALKER

East and West Africa and the Middle East; David Gunn, circulation manager for *The Plain Truth* in the areas administered by Mr. Brown; Francis Bergin, business manager; and Tony Lodge, postal director.

Mr. Walker gave the sermon July 12 in London and July 19 at the Bristol, England, church. Mr. Walker served as pastor of the London church from 1971 to 1974 and the Bristol church from 1965 to 1968.

### Gibraltar

From England, Mr. Walker went

## Report from the Treasurer's Office

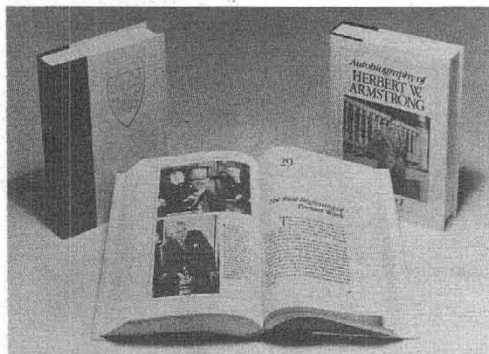
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PASADENA — The income figures for August were lower this year than expected. We had a good increase of 14.1 percent in July, but in August there was 0.3 percent less than August of 1985. Thankfully, this very slight decrease still provided a year-to-date increase of 7 percent, which is right on budget.

At this point I have no idea why this decrease. Since 1979 we have had one or two negative months each year. The last such month was April of this year, which was 3.5 percent less than April of 1985.

The expense side of the ledger is 1.9 percent above budget. This is slightly higher than July 31. About half of the departments are still below budget. We will work on bringing the others below budget in the coming months.

The Feast of Tabernacles is fast approaching, and most of you are now thinking and planning for it. In your plans please be sure to include proper preparation for the Holy Day offerings. They play an essential part in the financial needs of God's work.



**A NEW LOOK** — The new edition of the *Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong, Volume 1*, includes twice the number of photos as the original, according to Greg S. Smith, Editorial Services special projects art director. The volume, shown above with and without its dust jacket and opened to an inside spread, includes Mr. Armstrong's coat of arms stamped on the cover. [Photo by Warren Watson]

## Students learn and serve in international projects

PASADENA — Ambassador College students traveled to China, Syria, West Germany, Mexico, France and other parts of Europe to participate in various summer projects.

According to evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, the purpose of these programs is to teach the students "to serve and to develop leadership qualities and personality traits, and to expose them to other peoples, lands and cultures."

*This article was compiled from reports by Ambassador College students Terri Black, Allen Waggoner, Andrew Lee, Randolph Zacharias, Cory Erickson and Alisa Ferdig and graduate Michael Wells.*

### China

Eight Ambassador College students studied Chinese in the People's Republic of China May 30 to July 25. The program was sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation and China's State Education Commission.

For six weeks the group studied Chinese at Beijing Teachers' College. The students attended classes in the mornings and lectures on Chinese culture one or two afternoons a week. They toured historical sites in the Beijing area, including the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace.



**RHINING AND DINING** — Above, students participating in the German language summer program (GLSP) dine with Thomas Root, instructor in German at Pasadena Ambassador College (third from right). Below, Laura Kisel at the Rhine River. [Photos by Lisa Derstine]



A banquet and closing ceremony ended the course. The students and instructors exchanged gifts and gave speeches in Chinese.

After two weeks of touring Chinese cities such as Nanjing, Shanghai and Suzhou, the students returned to Beijing, where they attended a banquet given by members of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the State Education Commission. The group returned to Pasadena July 25.

### Syria

Six Ambassador College students participated in an archaeology project in Syria June 1 to 30. The students left Los Angeles, Calif., May 26. They visited London, England, and Amman, Jordan, on their way to Syria.

Umm-Rabiya, where the group stayed, is about one mile from Tell Mozan, the dig site. The Ambassador students worked with students from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

The group worked from 5 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the tell. After about a one hour break they recorded the findings of the day. The workday ended about 7 or 8 p.m.

Duties included monitoring sections and supervising area workers, drawing pottery, putting pieces of pottery together, repairing automobile engines, taking photographs, wiring houses, fixing plumbing and kitchen work.

Students attended a Syrian wedding and visited villagers' homes.



**CHINESE LANDMARK** — Above, Ambassador students studying Chinese in the People's Republic of China visit the Great Wall of China. Below, students observe a demonstration of Chinese calligraphy. [Photos by Susan Thomas]

Expedition leaders invited area government officials to meet the volunteer workers.

Giorgio and Marilyn-Kelly Buccellati, expedition directors, conducted a four-day bus trip along the Euphrates River to Terqa and Mari. They also visited Palmyra, where they stayed overnight among Roman ruins.

After the project the students spent an evening in Damascus, where they visited the *souk* (a shopping section) and the Ommayyad Mosque. The program ended July 4.

### German program

Thirteen Ambassador College students traveled to Bonn, West Germany, where they participated in an intensive German study course May 30 to June 18.

The course comprised language instruction, taught in the mornings in the Bonn Office by Thomas Root, an instructor at Pasadena Ambassador College, and afternoon tours to such sites as Cologne cathedral and Burg Eltz.

On the Sabbaths they attended services of the Bonn and Duesseldorf or Darmstadt, West Germany, churches.

June 19 the students joined a European tour conducted by Richard Paige, an associate professor at Pasadena Ambassador College. The tour included German-speaking countries and ended in London, England, July 9.

After the tour four students worked in the Bonn Office. They assisted in the postal, secretarial and



*Plain Truth (Klar & Wahr)* distribution areas.

Nine students stayed with German-speaking families in West Germany, Austria and Switzerland, helping with various chores and going on short outings.

The program ended Aug. 5.

### French program

Eight Ambassador College students arrived in Paris, France, June 12 for a six-week summer program, which included touring, staying with French-speaking families and helping with the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Morhange, France.

Tours included visits to the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Loire Valley.

Students then spent two weeks with French-speaking families in France and Switzerland. The group gathered again July 9 at the SEP.

### Mexican program

Three Ambassador College students traveled to Guadalajara, Mexico, May 25 to study Spanish for three weeks at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara.

In addition to four hours of classes each school day, the group attended activities with the Mexican brethren, visited Church members' homes and toured Guadalajara.

The program ended with a three-day excursion to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The students returned to Pasadena June 18.

### European tour

Fifty Ambassador College students and Church members participated in a European tour June 18 to July 9. The tour was led by Mr. Paige.

The organized tour began in West Germany with a visit to Aachen to see replicas of the crown jewels of the Holy Roman Empire, a

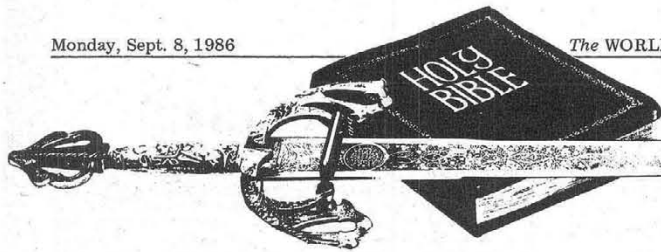
visit to the Bonn Office, a cruise on the Rhine River and sight-seeing in Rothenburg ob der Tauber and Munich.

The tour continued with visits to Salzburg, Austria, and Luzern, Switzerland; a day of hiking in the Alps; visiting the European Parliament and the Palace of Versailles near Paris, France; and a day of sight-seeing in Paris. After crossing the English Channel, the tour concluded in London, with independent sight-seeing and a group visit to Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London and the British Museum.



**'KEEP EXIT CLEAR'** — Senior Lisa Derstine poses by a sign in West Germany. [Photo by Elisabeth Prevo]





# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## This is the time to ask yourself 'Why do I need this Feast?'

By K. Neil Earle

The Feast of Tabernacles is the highlight of the true Christian's year. The Feast is fun, fellowship, food, fond memories — and much, much more.

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Who wouldn't get excited about an eight-day trip from home, the chance to travel to faraway places, to enjoy food, drink and accommodations of much better quality than we're accustomed to?

The Feast of Tabernacles is all of that and more.

In the midst of making reservations, confirming schedules, checking accommodations, budgeting and organizing for the great Fall Festival, could the essential question "Why do I need this Feast?" get squeezed into the background?

Possibly. Jesus Christ exhorts even His most zealous disciples — those active in the pulsating Philadelphia era of God's work — to grab a firmer hold on the things they already know and practice (Revelation 3:11).

As we go hurtling into the frenetic late 1980s, we dare not forget how much we desperately need this Festival God provides for us again this year.

### A diseased world

For some time now the social order — which is merely the sum total of millions of individual attitudes — has seemed to pulsate with the mental and spiritual attitude of a senseless, diseased beast.

There is a reason. God's Word exposes the brilliant but perverted spirit superbeing — Satan! — who craftily manipulates this world's politics, religion, arts and commerce (Revelation 16:13-14).

This world is going to get much worse (II Timothy 3:13).

Micah lamented: "What a misery is mine! . . . The godly have been swept from the land; not one upright man remains. All men lie in wait to shed blood; each hunts his brother with a net . . . The best of them is like a briar, the most upright worse than a thorn hedge . . . Do not trust a neighbor; put no confidence in a friend. Even with her who lies in your embrace be careful of your words" (Micah 7:1-5, New International Version).

Jesus Christ foresaw that this spiritual ice age would violently involve His end-time Church: "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another" (Matthew 24:10). And, "They shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you . . . And it shall turn to you for a testimony . . . And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks" (Luke 21:12-13, 16).

Satan has laid the groundwork well. Many of our teachings fly straight in the face of the deceived society around us. Truly, Satan is enraged with the Church of God!

A time of systematic pressure against the truth is definitely coming. It will sift and test the loyalty of even the most staunchly committed members of the true Church. Jesus

warned us, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12).

But then Jesus gave good news: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (verse 13).

It is possible to endure and to survive the rough times ahead. Jesus said so. But what does it have to do with the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles? Literally everything.

### Remember the future

The Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day together form an eight-day Festival that dates back to Moses and ancient Israel (Leviticus 23:33-44). It was a time of rejoicing and festivity, brotherhood and good will, thanksgiving and reflection (Nehemiah 8:17-18, Deuteronomy 16:13-15).

God's inspired prophets drew many parallels between this compulsory Festival of joy and the utopian conditions associated with the Messiah's future rule on earth. We need to remember the future, to keep it constantly before our eyes.

The Feast of Tabernacles is a model of society the way it will be in the future, and that future is as sure as the rising of tomorrow's sun (Isaiah 14:27). The Feast is meant to be an eight-day living picture of the attitudes and atmosphere that will prevail when Jesus Christ sets His hand to the physical and spiritual salvation of the human race (Malachi 4:2).

Now that's something to celebrate!

The Feast of Tabernacles celebrates that sure hope in advance. Without the vision and uplift this eight-day Festival gives us, we could well lose sight of our main purpose as a Church — the proclaiming of the good news of Christ's coming (Matthew 24:14).

### A clear priority

Jesus Christ Himself was stirred to give His most powerful messages at the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:46). People were amazed.

And so, in our day the sermons, sermons, films, satellite broadcasts and even the balanced social activities make a total package designed to educate us. They help drive home to us most emphatically the character traits and attitudes we will need as members of Christ's executive team in the world tomorrow (I Corinthians 6:2).

The Fall Festival is often a turning point for some who may be wavering in their zeal for the truth of God. The Feast forces us out of our ruts. This physical uprooting that goes with Feast attendance gives us a fresh start, a needed diversion. Without the Feast we could perhaps blend in a little more easily with this world, a world all too successful at finding the weak chinks in our Christian armor.

Clearly, we should be thankful that God has uprooted us from our homes and our regions to summon us once more into His spirit-filled presence. Why? To learn again about the only truly worthwhile project in human history — preparing for the Kingdom of God.

Far from being a hardship or inconvenience, keeping the Feast in the late 1980s means our very spiritual survival.

Another major reason for celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles is to enlarge the vital perspective necessary for dealing with the antagonism, hurt feelings and upsets that come our way in this life.

Bitterness and resentment, offense at the sour deals that are the lot of every human being — these attitudes are cobwebs that can become chains if we don't prevent them from hardening (Hebrews 3:13).

God's ministers find that some people are having a harder and harder time shaking off the offenses, real or imagined, that often come from living together in such a close association as the Church of God (James 3:2).

Often, veteran members are still bothered by something someone

supposedly said or did years ago. Or soured about a Church policy or teaching.

Beware these traps. God's Word clearly commands: "Follow peace with all . . . without which no man shall see the Lord . . . lest any man

concentration at that time than at any other (John 7:37-39).

What better time to cancel grudges and bury old hatchets than at the Feast of Tabernacles, a time that pictures the Prince of Peace Himself in our midst?

### A time of refreshing

Surely by now we can see how much we need the Feast of Tabernacles.

It can give us the winning edge in our spiritual battle (II Corinthians 10:4). It can deal complacency and compromise a deadly blow. It can infuse us with the spiritual zest to shake off the shackles of cold-hearted human nature in which Satan would like to ensnare us.

The Feast of Tabernacles is an annual "time of refreshing," prophetic of what the whole world will soon experience (Acts 3:19).

And God still provides the peace and prosperity we need to meet in convocation with God's people at sites in more than 50 nations around the world — from China to Chile, from Niagara to Nigeria.

Let's make the most of it!



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fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled" (Hebrews 12:14-15).

The Feast of Tabernacles can help ease those problems. The healing balm of God's Word and God's Spirit is poured out in greater con-

You've saved all year . . .

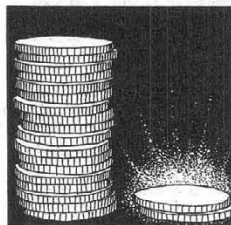
## Now how should you spend it?

By Joseph W. Tkach Jr.

Once again, it is time to be planning for the Feast. If you have been faithfully saving your second tithe, now you must consider how to spend it (Deuteronomy 14:22-26). Here are some points to remember.

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It is the wage earner's responsibility to carefully plan the financial aspect of the Feast. One of our initial responsibilities is to send in a



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tithe of our second tithe to the Festival Office. This allows the Church to have funds in advance to make arrangements for the choice of Feast sites and motels and to obtain equipment for musical performances and special broadcasts from headquarters.

Using the Festival Planner, you should find the accommodations that will meet your family's needs, yet are reasonable for the amount of second tithe you have.

The next consideration is typically travel arrangements. Many drive to the Feast, leading to the question, "How much is appropriate to spend to prepare my car for such a journey?" A simple approach is to spend no more on preparing your vehicle than it would cost to rent a car of the appropriate size for your family.

It should be obvious that one should not purchase airline tickets and have insufficient funds remaining to acquire adequate housing and

to feed and entertain your family. But it seems every year a few ignore this obvious point.

### What about gifts?

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

- (1) Will purchasing the item adversely affect the amount of money for travel, housing and meals?
- (2) Will purchasing the item assist in the physical and spiritual appreciation of the Feast?
- (3) Will the purchase of the item assist in focusing on the family at the Feast of Tabernacles?

Let's look at the notion of buying a bicycle for your child in the light of these three guidelines. The individual finds that (1) sufficient second tithe is available, and (2) feels it will help the child appreciate the Feast. The third guideline will answer the question for you. "Will the gift of a bicycle increase the focus on the family during the Feast?" The answer depends on a few variables. Will the child be apt to ride the bicycle much of the time during the Feast, which would keep the child away from the fellowship of the family, or is this going to be an occasion when Dad spends extra time with the child teaching him or her how to ride for the first time? Will he or she enjoy the company of other children while riding?

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

In any case, the Feast should not become a form of Christmas. This can easily happen if we focus on buying gifts for everyone. The Feast is not the time to replace your wardrobe, but if you are prudent with your second tithe, a new dress or sweater or even a suit is a nice item to purchase. It serves as a physical reminder of the Feast each time you wear it during the next year.

### Excess second tithe

Another question that arises is,

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

Again, there are guidelines we can use to assist in answering the questions for ourselves. Do you have significant excess second tithe? People who find themselves in this state could focus their attention on hosting an occasion or two and entertaining others who may not have the same abundance.

For those who wish to financially assist others, here is a guideline: Do you know the reasons why another individual does not have a sufficient amount of second tithe? That you desire to help another person or family is honorable; however, a person may be paying the penalty for mishandling finances, and your invitation to assist without knowing the facts may not help that person. Seek ministerial counsel before giving large sums of money to others.

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

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

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

# Are you ready for a great Feast?

Only a few more weeks until the most exciting time of the year — the Feast of Tabernacles. But in all the excitement, remember this: If you fail to plan, you're planning to fail.

The *Worldwide News* staff compiled short articles that will help you with some of the details of observing the Feast. Spend some time reading them. Apply them in your Feast planning and your Feast will be the spiritual and physical joy God intended it to be.

And don't forget to study the two articles about the Feast in "Iron Sharpens Iron." These two articles, combined with the meat provided in the October-November *Good News* Feast edition, will help you prepare spiritually for the Feast.

## Your pre-Feast homework

So you're off to a Festival site you've not been to. Planning for the trip to a new site should be an exciting project that the whole family is involved in.

But you're stuck! How can you know what to do and see if you don't know what the area has to offer? It takes research.

The first thing to do is reread the summarized site information described in the Festival Planner. Then, dig through maps or atlases — they often show state or national parks, lakes, rivers or other points of interest you may want to visit at the site or along the way.

You might take a trip to a bookstore or a library's nonfiction section, where you can find books and periodicals about many areas.

Once you've done your research, you and your family can determine what you want to do this Feast.

## A Sabbath day's journey

Should Feastgoers travel to the Feast on the Sabbath? Only if absolutely necessary, according to Church Administration.

Feastgoers should plan to arrive at their destinations in time to observe God's Sabbath. If services are in the morning, one might drive a couple of hours afterward before stopping for a picnic or rest before continuing. Don't turn the Sabbath into a marathon driving session.

If you arrive at a particular place and services are a few hours away, some driving on the Sabbath might be necessary.

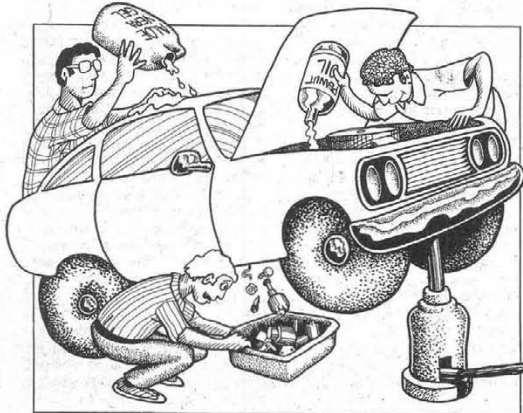
Many flights are scheduled by different airlines throughout the day, enabling brethren most of the time to select those that do not conflict with the Sabbath.

This is where the Spirit of the law comes to fore — are you having to travel on the Sabbath to attend services, or just to arrive at a vacation spot or sight-see?

If you have specific questions, seek counsel with the ministry.

## On the road

As eager as you are to get on the



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## Tell Us Your Story

The Feast! The excitement builds as it gets nearer. After it's over, we take home many memories with us.

We'd like to know how your Feast goes this year. If you're between the ages of 5 and 18, *The Worldwide News* would like to hear from you. Send us a short story about your 1986 Feast of Tabernacles. You can mail it to us from the Feast site or after you get home.

What can you write about? How about some of the new lessons you learned? What new and exciting activities did you experience? Tell us about some of the new friends you made and interesting places you visited. How about your parents — tell us what they did that made this Feast special and what you did to make it special for them.

In short, tell us anything about the Feast you'd like to share with other readers of *The Worldwide News*. We'd like to print some of your stories in an issue after the Feast, so try to get your stories to us by Nov. 10.

Send your stories to: "Feast Experiences," *The Worldwide News*, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

highway and start your Feast of Tabernacles trip, take time to make sure your vehicle is roadworthy before you leave. Finding parts and having repair work done at the Feast is often expensive and difficult.

- Brakes. Make sure the brakes make your car stop! If the pedal moves more than two inches before the brakes take hold, adjustment may be needed.

- Cooling system. Make sure it is in good working order and that there is enough coolant in the radiator. Carry some extra coolant along for emergencies.

- Fan belts, hoses, clamps, wipers. Visually inspect all of them for signs that they may be worn or ready to break. If so, replace them.

- Tires. Make sure they are properly inflated and check for uneven and excessive wear. Inspect the spare — is it in good condition? Carry proper tools for changing flats.

- Seat belts. Everyone should wear them. If traveling with infants, make sure they are buckled into a sturdy carrying seat with a seat belt. In many places, these are not just suggestions, they are the law.

- Flashlight and flares. Use these to warn approaching cars and trucks of danger in case you have trouble at night.

- Check for leaking exhaust fumes. If you think toxic exhaust fumes are entering your car, drive with all windows open and correct the leak as soon as possible.

- Auto insurance. Be sure your premiums are paid up. Not only will it help in case of an accident, but some places will not allow you to drive your car if it doesn't have adequate insurance coverage.

- Don't forget your driver's license and the car's registration.

## Watch your wallet

On your way to the Feast you may meet certain characters who would like to help you spend your

second title. And if you're not careful, they may do just that.

Some of these thieves work in teams, one creating a disturbance — like bumping into you or dropping something — while the other removes your wallet or purse.

According to crime prevention officers, there are ways to thwart these crooks. Keep the bulk of your money in traveler's checks, and keep check numbers separate from the checks. Carry only small amounts of cash.

At restaurants and other public places, be discreet with your money. Flashing large rolls of bills only invites trouble. Deter pickpockets by carrying your wallet in a front pocket of your trousers. Women should maintain a firm grip on their purses and carry them in front. A purse dangling loosely from a shoulder is a tempting target.

Carry separately a list of credit card numbers and telephone numbers to call if you lose your cards. Carry only the cards you need.

## Pork balls, anyone?

You've been in the air for hours. Your last meal was a pretzel at the airport and you're famished. So when the steward announces that dinner will be served, your stomach growls its approval.

But when the steward comes by, you find that all he has left is a plate of fried pork balls — swimming in crab sauce. You turn green and consider eating your napkin instead.

Major airlines have provisions for people with dietary restrictions. As long as your needs are based on religious, philosophical or health reasons the airline will accommodate you with a special meal.

Though the categories vary with the airlines, there are usually 10 to 12 special meals to choose from.

At first thought, the kosher category might seem a good choice. But kosher meals are often more restrictive than we need to be concerned about. You could wind up with a cold turkey sandwich when everyone else is enjoying a hot supper of roast beef and vegetables.

If you want to order a special meal, give your airline's reservation agent a call at least 24 hours before your flight.

## International customs

The efficient German. The relaxed Polynesian. The Frenchman and his wine. The imperturbable Englishman. The condescending American.

These are preconceived ideas about different characteristics and customs. It's true that each country has a flavor and character all its own — that's what makes international travel so interesting.

Though foreign countries are different (if they weren't you might as well stay home), don't let differences get you down.

Remember that people in the country you visit are not trying to

embarrass you or make you seem foolish. You don't speak their language or do things the way they do, so there will naturally be moments when you feel like — well — like you're in a foreign country!

It is not wise to ridicule your foreign hosts or their way of life. Don't tell people how much better things are where you are from. Avoiding these accidental insults takes tact and sensitivity to others.

Though certain traits in some countries are not admirable, concentrate on learning as much as you can about the positive qualities of those in different nations.

Despite many differences, we should all have a common respect and appreciation for each other. It will be that way in the world tomorrow.

## Passport precautions

What's one of the worst things that can happen to you at an international Feast site? There may be others more traumatic, but losing your passport ranks among the top.

To avoid this unfortunate occurrence, keep your passport in your carry-on luggage. Another precautionary measure is to make two photocopies of the pages of your passport that contain vital information. Put one copy in your suitcase and give the other to a traveling companion.

If you do lose your passport go to the consulate or embassy representing your country.

## Bye-bye luggage

It's an awful feeling to be standing in an airport's luggage return area, watching your fellow passen-

tion abbreviation sounds totally unlike your destination ask the agent.

- Get to the airport in plenty of time to allow for baggage check-in.

- After landing get to the luggage claim area quickly to lessen the chances of someone else accidentally — or on purpose — taking your luggage.

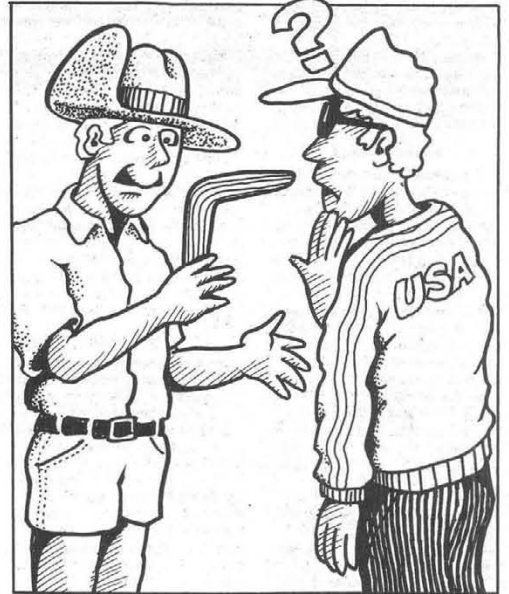
- Just in case, you might want to pack a 24-hour supply of clothing and personal items in your carry-on luggage. This will keep you clean and comfortable while the airline finds your luggage.

- Never put things you cannot easily replace in your checked-in luggage. Money, cameras, traveler's checks, credit cards and passports should all be carried with you on the plane.

## How not to ruin your Feast

The best way to keep the physical activities of the Feast from interfering with the spiritual side is to use moderation. The Feast offers so many new and exciting things that we often want to do them all. Interesting restaurants, exciting sights and activities, new friends to make — it can get to be too much for us if we don't learn moderation, if we don't learn to say no to a few things.

Some few have even let the pursuit of physical activities keep them from services. "I may never have the chance to see the sights here again," they may reason. But remember this: There are absolutely no physical activities anywhere that can compare with the spiritual bounty being offered to each of us at the Feast.



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gers retrieve their luggage, while slowly realizing that *your* luggage isn't going to show up.

Here are some tips to make sure your luggage reaches its destination when you do.

- Use sturdy luggage that won't fall apart if it gets mishandled.

- Make sure your luggage is clearly identified. Put your name and address on a tag attached to the handle. Putting some identification inside your luggage is also wise. If the outside identification is lost, baggage handlers will check the contents for clues about its owner.

- When you check your baggage in, make sure that old destination tags are removed and watch the check-in agent to be sure he or she puts the correct new tags on your baggage. If the three-letter destina-

"Attendance at every service ought to be a priority! This includes the opening-night message!" evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, wrote in the Aug. 19 Pastor General's Report. "We should not miss any service for some activity, trip or any other reason except illness or emergency. We must not let the purpose of the Feast escape us by putting too much emphasis on fun and activities."

Remember also that the Festival is a time to enjoy fine meals, but don't be a glutton. Moderation especially applies to alcoholic beverages.

Be sure to get enough sleep. God gives sleep for refreshing our bodies. Getting involved in too many (See GREAT FEAST, page 7)



# Tithe of tithe system provides funding for Feast preparation

By Mark R. McCulley

In a few weeks, one of the largest annual gatherings on earth will begin. More than 136,000 of God's people will gather at 92 sites in 50 countries to observe the highlight of the Holy Day season — the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mark R. McCulley is Festival planning coordinator.

Where does the money come from for this giant convention — to rent halls, to buy food and to print materials?

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach explained in a letter to the Church earlier this year: "Brethren, God has shown us the importance of keeping the Feast, and also the importance of preparing for it by saving the second tithe. God has commanded us to set aside this tithe to pay our own expenses — housing, food and drink and enjoyment at the Festival.

"But the Church must also rent, collectively, large auditoriums all over the world and bear other related Festival costs.

"Many years ago, God inspired Mr. Armstrong to see that these Festival expenses should not come directly out of first commission money. He instituted the system by which each of the brethren assisted in these costs by sending in a tithe of their second tithes."

### An extra blessing

In 1964 the work was expanding at a rapid rate. Membership at the Feast of Tabernacles grew so quickly that the sites available to the Church were being overcrowded as fast as they could be added.

In a letter to the members, Herbert W. Armstrong outlined the solutions. An extensive program would begin immediately to search for Festival sites that could be leased for eight days each year; or failing that, land would be pur-

chased and buildings erected that could handle the growth.

The next question was, where would the money come from? Mr. Armstrong wrote: "Prior to this time, a great deal of money has come right out of regular operating expense — right from the money it takes to send the Gospel around the world, in order to prepare for a place to observe the Festivals!"

This could not continue. The solution was based on two points: first, that second tithe was to be spent only at the Feasts, and nowhere else; second, that giving is a means of allowing God to bestow additional blessings on the giver.

Using the principle given in Numbers 18:26, Mr. Armstrong directed that all members should send in 10 percent of their full year's second tithe, for the purpose of planning and providing the annual festivals, especially the Feast of Tabernacles.

### Obedience and love

It takes faith in God to send 10 percent of your income to the Church, when you've been spending it all on yourself. Likewise, it takes submission to God's government to take money we have saved for "our own enjoyment" as we might think of it, and send it to a fund to be used for the general good.

Yet that obedience opens the way for a multitude of programs sponsored by God's Church, and qualifies us for the individual blessings given in Malachi 3:10.

If God is able to make our domestic budgets work out better after we begin tithing, He certainly has the power to make our second tithe stretch farther after we have obeyed this command.

### Helps others

Your love to your brethren, as expressed by your generous offering

to the Festival fund, goes a long way each year.

Mr. Tkach describes the tithe of the tithe as the primary support system for our festivals.

It helps thousands of others attend the Feast through direct assistance programs; it provides the funds for the massive halls that must be leased; it pays for leading ministers to be sent around the world to unify the Church; it pays for the social activities at the Feast; and many other items.

Those in the United States and Canada have a part in helping the brethren in other parts of the world, since some of the fund is sent in subsidies to the poorer areas (Philippians 4:15-19).

Those who are not wage-earners are not expected to contribute to this fund, any more than they are required to tithe. Others have asked if they are required to turn in their tithe of the second tithe if it would mean hardship to their families to do so. Again, it is a case of looking to God to provide the way, and seeking ministerial counsel where appropriate.



## YOU Jackets at Feast Sites

PASADENA — Youth Opportunities United (YOU) jackets will be available for sale to Church youths and adults at U.S. and Canadian Festival sites this year. The price will be \$25 (Canadian prices are higher because of duties and exchange rates).

Last year members had short notice that jacket orders were being taken, and many were not able to purchase them. This year the jackets will be available at the Feast site to try on for size and to purchase.

Plan now to purchase one of these garments. Second tithe may be used for this purchase.

## Great Feast

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activities and forsaking sleep takes its toll.

### About announcements

After a few days of hearing them, there's a danger that we might begin to, well, ignore many of the announcements made at services during the Feast. To make the Feast go as smoothly as possible for you and your brethren, pay attention to those announcements.

Ignore them and you could find yourself missing out on some important parts of this year's Feast. You will also be ignoring information that God's ministry feels is important and you may even be disobeying ministerial commands. That's something no one in God's Church should ever do.

### Prayer and Bible study

As Mr. Salyer wrote in the Aug. 19 Pastor General's Report: "The Feast of Tabernacles is not time to let down in prayer and Bible study. How can we expect God to be with us and bless us during the Feast if we shut off communication with Him? How can we expect to fully understand the spiritual meat given to us at the Feast if we are not spiritually renewing ourselves daily, as God instructs us to do through Paul (II Corinthians 4:16)? We should definitely plan to set aside time each day for these spiritual priorities at the Feast."

Being away from our usual pri-

vate place to pray can be frustrating, but we must make adjustments. Talk to roommates and schedule private time for prayer.

God's instruction for all of us is to rejoice at the Feast (Deuteronomy

tor is not to neglect Bible study at the Feast (II Timothy 2:15).

### Happy Feast!

Deuteronomy 16:14 shows that our rejoicing is to include far more than just ourselves.

Unless we help others have a wonderful Feast, we will not have a truly happy one either. One way to fulfill this verse is to invite others out for a meal.

Maybe you feel awkward asking others — especially strangers — out for a meal. If so, here are some suggestions.

Try asking members from your church area who may be on a tight second-tithe budget. Or, to meet others, ask a minister or deacon to suggest someone from his area.

At an international site, where there may be cultural barriers, try teaming up with one member from that country. He or she can help you bridge the culture gap and help you meet others, suggest someone to invite or even do the inviting.

Remember that being invited out to eat or to an activity can mean so much to someone who is attending the Feast alone, including singles, widows, widowers and those with nonmember mates.

### Keep in touch

Do you know someone who is unable to attend the Feast for health or other reasons? Or what about nonmember relatives? Why not send a card or flowers or even telephone them? This will let them know you haven't forgotten them and will also share some of the Feast with them.



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14:26). To do this, we need to ask for more of God's Spirit and to use it to produce the proper fruits (Galatians 5:22-23).

Pray for inspiration on the services (at your site and worldwide), good weather at all Feast sites and the safety and health of brethren. Also pray for unity, harmony and love at the Feast.

Bible study might include reviewing Feast notes or a study about the Millennium. The important fac-

## Show love for brethren: obey laws of quarantine

The Feast of Tabernacles is a happy, joyous occasion anticipated by all. However, care must be taken to ensure that contagious diseases are not carried to the Feast.

Although parents and children may be disappointed in not being able to attend because of illness, we are instructed to have consideration for one another and quarantine those who are sick. Moses quarantined those with communicable diseases from the camp of Israel, and we must do likewise, in fairness to other people.

In the case of whooping cough, measles, mumps, flu, chicken pox or any other contagious disease, you should not attend Feast services or local church services. If you have even been exposed within two weeks before coming, don't attend.

If you choose to be anointed or have your child anointed, have faith and believe you or the child will be healed, but do not come to services or bring the child on the strength of

that faith. Wait until every physical symptom is gone, and the healing is complete.

If you or your child is taken ill with such a disease while at the Feast, isolate yourself immediately and counsel with a minister.

Following these guidelines will help make the Feast a safe place for all. If you have any special problem or question, be sure to check with your minister.



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### Second-Tithe Assistance

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

Some members wonder whether pregnant women should attend the Feast. Some pregnant women may indeed be in jeopardy if they travel. The following are guidelines to help determine if it is safe for a pregnant woman to go to the Feast.

In past years, some pregnant women have traveled to the Festival and had their babies delivered at the Festival. Traveling long distances could be dangerous to the mother and her unborn child. Therefore, the Church recommends that women who will be as much as eight months along by the end of the Feast not attend.

An exception to the general

recommendation that women eight months pregnant should not attend the Feast would be if the Festival site is close, and emergency arrangements have been made. For example, a pregnant woman living in or near Tucson, Ariz., a Festival site, may be able to safely attend. The decision, however, must be made by the woman herself and her husband. *Any risk borne is the responsibility of the individuals and not the Church.*

Conversely, a woman just a few months along in pregnancy is also in a critical period. The period from two to five months is the time when most miscarriages occur. So, any

woman just a few months pregnant should exercise caution in planning Feast travel.

Factors to consider are travel distance, altitude, climate and availability of medical services. Pregnant women should not expose themselves to extreme temperature changes or higher altitudes. Competent advice should be sought as to whether traveling would be dangerous.

Remember, God does not lay the same stress on attendance of women at the Feast as He does on the attendance of men. Please use caution and wisdom. Don't risk miscarriage of a precious life.

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Brethren dine outdoors at church picnics

**BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y.**, brethren attended their annual summer picnic July 27 at Harris Hill Park in Elmira, N.Y.

Former pastor Britton Taylor, now pastor of the Roanoke, Va., church; his wife, Donna; daughters Tricia and Laura; and son Britton Andrew; were special guests.

Activities were volleyball, baseball, horseshoes and table games. Best bakers in a men's baking contest were Marcus Strange, Carl Hubbel, Jeff Diehl and Jeff Weber. Winners in a women's model-making contest were Janine Rogelstadt, Debbie Lemmon, Pat Hubbel and Stacey Farrell.

After a chicken barbecue brethren played family games organized by Terry and Roxanne Harvey. *Nancy Saylor.*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.**, brethren

gathered July 6 at Floyd Knobs Community Center in Indiana for an annual picnic.

The event began with supervised activities for the children, including relay races and games. Men's events followed.

After a potluck lunch, brethren participated in a hat contest. Other activities were pony rides, relay races, basketball and volleyball. Watermelon and ice cream were served. *Teresa Casalino.*

**NINETY-SIX Ocala and GAINESVILLE, Fla.**, brethren attended a picnic Aug. 3 in Ocala.

Activities included children's games such as charades, kite making, tug-of-war, running relays, a cup-of-water relay, softball and volleyball.

During a 45-minute period of rain, brethren played charades with

topics such as Bible heroes, animals, fruit and countries. James Chapman, the new pastor of the Ocala, Gainesville and Jacksonville, Fla., churches, and his wife, Barbara, attended. *Stephen R. Brown.*

**TWENTY-EIGHT LONDON, England**, brethren attended an outing on the property of Augustus Joseph, a London Church member, July 27.

The group sampled homemade wine and cooked hamburgers over an open fire. Women provided homemade dishes. *Maxwell and Sophi Ivor.*

**ST. JOHN'S, Antigua**, brethren attended a picnic and activity day Aug. 3 at the home of brethren in Pare's Bluff, Antigua.

Stan Bass, regional director for the Church in the English-speaking Caribbean, and his wife, Millicent, attended the event.

After a fish lunch, the group played games organized by Paul Brown, a ministerial trainee in the St. John's church and also in the Roseau church on the island of Dominica. *Jacqueline Brown.*



**NEW CHURCH** — Pastor Neil Earle (left) and his wife, Susan, join associate pastor Paul Linehan (right) and his wife, Janice, in cutting a cake celebrating the start of a new church in Brampton, Ont., July 5. [Photo by Ted Overmeyer]

## Singles organize activities

**TWENTY BRISBANE, Australia**, **SOUTH** singles and guests attended an Australian musical at the La Boite theater in Brisbane.

For the show, the cast combined acrobatics, trick cycling and audiovisual effects with drama, music, singing, dancing and audience interaction. *Selwyn Russell.*

**TWENTY-FIVE WASHINGTON, D.C.**, singles spent a day at the National Zoo July 20, beginning with a tour of the elephant house.

The group arranged a buffet-style lunch on a grassy area at the zoo. Women fixed plates, while the men served drinks. The activity ended with refreshments at 4:30 p.m. *Dorothy Johnson.*

**THIRTY-FIVE SINGLES FROM SWITZERLAND, FRANCE and WEST GERMANY** gathered for a singles weekend in Switzerland July 26 and 27.

After Sabbath services in Basel, Switzerland, the group went to a youth hostel, which was a medieval castle in the Alps.

Sunday, the group took a hike through Viamala Gorge, picnicked at a mountain lake and went white-water rafting on the Rhine River.

Thomas Lapacka, pastor of the Basel and Zuerich, Switzerland, and Stuttgart, West Germany, churches, and his son, Rhett, accompanied the group. *Meinrad Eckert.*

## Churches celebrate silver anniversaries

**ABOUT 600 BRETHREN FROM MEMPHIS, Tenn.**, and area churches gathered July 19 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Memphis church.

Former pastors, an associate pastor and an elder came for the anniversary including Kelly Barfield, now retired from the ministry, Curtis Cowan Sr., now associate pastor of the Cookeville, Tenn., church, Ronald Haines, a local church elder

in Wichita, Kan., Carl McNair, now pastor of the Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz., churches, and Raymond Taylor, now associate pastor of the Fort Worth, Tex., A.M. and P.M. churches.

Saturday evening featured a covered dish meal, the cutting of an anniversary cake and dancing.

A picture display included photographs of people and events of the Memphis church through the years.

Children were awarded ribbons in an art contest in which they made illustrations of the world tomorrow. *Manya N. Gustafson.*

**LITTLE ROCK and SEARCY, Ark.**, brethren celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Little Rock church July 19 and 20 and bade farewell to their pastor, Frederick Kellers, at the same time. Mr. Kellers now pastors the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches.

Morning and afternoon Sabbath services took place July 19. Carl McNair, a former Little Rock pastor, who now pastors the Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz., churches, gave a sermon about looking beyond the present to God's plan. Kelly Barfield gave a sermon on looking beyond what's obvious.

A potluck meal was served between the services. At the end of afternoon services, Mr. Kellers was presented with a set of nine season tickets to the symphony in Nashville, and a photo album of Little Rock and Searcy Church members.

Later that evening, about 250 people gathered for a square dance.

Sunday, July 20, about 250 people attended a church picnic at T.J. Brand's ranch. The menu included barbecued beef and lamb, beans, coleslaw, desserts and watermelon. *Dan Warman.*

## Summertime activities keep members around world busy

**THE SECOND ANNUAL FORT WAYNE, Ind.**, women's lawn party took place July 27 at the lakefront home of Darris McNeely, pastor of the Fort Wayne church, and his wife, Debra.

Sixty-five women attended the afternoon of fellowship, food and games.

Ten Church youths served a meal of melon ball salad, chicken salad on a croissant, pasta salad, chocolate mousse, iced tea, punch and lemonade.

Activities also included paddleboating and croquet. *Ginny Martin.*

**CATBALOGAN, Philippines**, brethren watched a videotape of four *World Tomorrow* programs Aug. 2.

Since there are no television stations in the area that air the program, this gave the brethren a chance to see the new speakers.

A singles Bible study conducted by Felipe Casing, pastor of the Catbalogan, Liloan and Tacloban, Philippines, churches, also took place. Refreshments were served, and later the Young Ambassadors Festival film from 1981 was shown. *Danilo S. de Guia.*

**TWO HUNDRED and ten SYDNEY, Australia**, **NORTH** brethren attended a quiz night July 26.

Masters of ceremonies for the event were brothers Keith and John McLean. Each team had eight players, and questions were on such topics as religion, the Church, music, biology, cooking, plants and gardening, history and sports.

Wayne Garratt's team placed first, and Bruce Maguire won the individual prize in a playoff between members of the winning team. *Keith McLean.*

**SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga, Philippines**, children and Youth Educational Services (YES) evaluators sponsored a family night social for brethren July 12 at the Pam-

panga Capitol Conference Hall.

The children helped with ushering during afternoon Sabbath services and presented a talent show for members of the congregation that evening. The show included native songs and dances, a clarinet duet, a Hawaiian dance and a vocal solo. Ice cream was served during the intermission. The activity ended with a rendition of "Let There Be Peace on Earth," sung by the children's choir and the church choir. *Bermevon B. Dizon.*

**THIRTY-FIVE KNOXVILLE, Tenn.**, men raised money to buy video equipment by participating in a work project at the Modine Corp. in Clinton, Tenn., July 27.

The men removed floor tiles from the office section of the facility. Their wives prepared lunch at the work site, and after the group ate,

they watched the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

The activity raised \$1,000. *Jerry Patton.*

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, brethren were hosts for the church's fifth annual invitational softball tournament Aug. 10 at Woodlawn Park in St. Petersburg.

Eight men's and five women's teams participated. St. Petersburg placed first in the women's division, and Tampa, Fla., was second. Lakeland, Fla., placed first in the men's division, and Orlando, Fla., was second. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

**ABOUT 80 TILBURG, UTRECHT, ZWOLLE and DE BILT, Netherlands**, brethren attended a family camp-out July 24 to 31 in the Belgian Ardennes, a wooded plateau near the border with West Germany.



**FAMILY CAMP-OUT** — Dutch children pause for a group photo during a camp-out in the Netherlands. Swimming, volleyball, rowboating and sight-seeing were some of the activities at the outing.

## English ladies night takes place

**A BRADFORD and SHEFFIELD, England**, Spokesman Club ladies night took place July 20 at the Victoria Hotel in Bradford.

Chris Harris was topicsmaster, and Luther Hirst was toastmaster. Tony Hartley, Maurice Thompson, John Atkinson, Philip Rushton and David Hacker gave speeches. They were evaluated by Stephen Froggett, Adam Hacker, Mervin Whale, Don Allen and Trevor Thorpe.

Mr. Allen gave the Most Helpful Evaluation, Mr. Rushton was the Most Improved Speaker and Mr. Hacker gave the Most Effective Speech. Mr. Hartley and Mr.

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# Guessing

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Men with more modern outlooks are coming to the fore. For instance Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, in an official visit to London, stressed he was there "to lay the foundation for a constructive cooperation" (*The Guardian*, July 14).

Another newspaper headline read: "Shevardnadze in London to Listen and Learn." A refreshing change! Truculence has been a hallmark of some past Soviet ministers.

## Changes in media control

In the past Soviet censorship was supreme. But now there is every indication of substantial change. Censorship is not yet abolished, but the atmosphere is freer and some criticism is permitted.

Patrick Cockburn reported for the *Financial Times* July 9: "In the last month the authority of the main censorship body has been reduced and both the Minister of Culture and the head of the Writers' Union have been shifted to ceremonial posts . . . Editors and

publishers are increasingly confident that 'openness' is here to stay. They are less worried that publication of critical material today might, if the present trend towards liberalization were reversed, be used as evidence against them in future."

The London *Times* Moscow correspondent reported June 12 that "Chernobyl may mark a significant change in [Soviet] media policy." Mary Dejevsky further wrote that "many [Russian] reports have been presented with clarity and absence of ideological certainty unusual in the Soviet media . . . Alongside tales of heroism, Soviet journalists have turned up instances of failed rescue attempts, of responsibilities neglected, of cowardice."

This used to be unheard of. The *Times* story concluded: "Chernobyl has fostered change in the Soviet media, and some long-standing taboos — on reporting bad news, on depicting human misery and on making less than optimistic forecasts — have been broken."

But make no mistake about it. Soviet reporting of Chernobyl was far from perfect. They started late and

were only partially forthcoming with the truth. But is our Western media without fault?

On this subject, Boris Pasternak's classic Russian novel, *Dr. Zhivago*, has not been published in the Soviet Union. True, it has circulated illegally but not with official approval.

As of late there is "an attempt to publish *Dr. Zhivago* at last and to make Pasternak's house a shrine" (*The Daily Telegraph*, July 2). This is only a possibility, but that it should even be considered is a sign of change.

## A new leader with style

"He wears impeccably tailored suits, delights in impromptu ideological debates, and indulges in crisp repartee with Western industrialists."

"She wears chic dresses, works tirelessly to buttress her husband's career, and buys diamond earrings in London. Both are well-educated — he as a lawyer, she as a university teacher of Marxist-Leninist theory. He is a confident-looking fifty-four; she is a stylish fifty-one." (*Maclean's*, March 15).

So said this leading Canadian newsmagazine at the time when Russia's highest office was conferred on Mikhail Gorbachev.

Some observers have steadfastly maintained that there will be no essential changes in the Soviet Union. Perhaps not, but as we have seen in the case of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, style can be an important factor in getting things done. Effective presentation tends to foster change.

As *Newsweek* pointed out: "While [former Soviet leader Leonid] Brezhnev mumbled, Gorbachev speaks up. The new leader is eager to show his profile to the Soviet people — and to the West" (Nov. 18, 1985). This he has done. But how far might Chairman Gorbachev go in altering the system?

Mr. Gorbachev would like to double the gross national product in the Soviet Union by the turn of the century and increase labor productivity by 50 percent before the dawn of century 21. No easy tasks this

Russian leader has set for himself.

But how pragmatic will Soviet policies become in order to achieve these goals? Can the present version of Russian communism deliver the goods? Can it really meet such laudable goals? Many observers seriously doubt it.

Writers like Jerry Hough of the Brookings Institution say that Mr. Gorbachev "has a powerful incentive to undertake fundamental reform because of the serious consequences that technological backwardness is having on Soviet foreign policy, military power and ideological legitimacy — and hence in the long run on political stability" (*Newsweek*; March 3).

We have no authority to make short-term predictions in this column. But we can point our readers to trends in the Soviet Union and ask that they consider them in the light of the three factors outlined at

the beginning of this article.

## Another Peter the Great?

Says *The Encyclopedia Britannica*: "Peter I the Great, Tsar of Russia from 1682 and emperor from 1721, was one of his country's greatest statesmen, organizers and reformers . . . at the beginning of Peter's reign, Russia was backward by comparison with the countries of Western Europe. This backwardness inhibited foreign policy and even put Russia's national independence in danger . . . he initiated a series of reforms that affected, in the course of 25 years, every field of the national life — administration, industry, commerce, technology, and culture" (Volume 14, pages 157, 159).

Will Mikhail Gorbachev repeat Russian history and initiate fundamental reforms like Peter the Great? Only time will tell — but it is far from impossible.

# Calamity

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nation European superpower.)

There is little doubt that Mr. Gorbachev is attempting to reverse the history of the past quarter century. According to the Aug. 3 *Times* of London, "The Soviet leader has begun the first stage of a diplomatic offensive aimed at realigning Russia and China in a powerful communist partnership."

He did this by addressing specific Chinese concerns in a speech at Vladivostok, 40 miles from the Chinese border.

Mr. Gorbachev's maneuver is seen as an opening effort to remove "obstacles" that the Chinese have long said must be dislodged before better relations can be restored. The obstacles are continued Soviet involvement in Afghanistan, Red Army troop concentrations along the Chinese border (including a large presence in Mongolia) and Moscow's support for Vietnam's military activities in Kampuchea.

In his Vladivostok address, Mr. Gorbachev promised to withdraw 7,000 of the 120,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan. He also said talks were under way with Mongolia to withdraw Soviet troops from Mongolia's border with China.

"History entrusted the Soviet and the Chinese peoples with an extremely responsible mission," Mr. Gorbachev said. "Why not support each other? Why not cooperate in implementing our plans?"

China quickly dismissed the troop withdrawals as "insignificant," but the Soviet leader knew that in this opening diplomatic gambit he could not expect immediate Chinese approval.

## Climactic struggle

Now to connect these two events and trends — Chernobyl and greater Communist-power cooperation.

In the July-August *Plain Truth*, Keith Stump wrote that the United Europe superpower "will become troubled by 'tidings out of the east and out of the north' (Daniel 11:44). East and north of Palestine are Russia, China and other nations of the vast Asian continent.

"The clear implication of this verse is that a great Eurasian alliance will ultimately arise at or near the end of the Great Tribulation . . . and will enter into a confrontation with the restored Roman Empire. Much of Asia will eventually be marshaled into a great end-time, communist-dominated confederacy — encompassing nearly one half of the earth's population!"

This clash between opposing gen-

tile forces will be titanic, far greater than the war that erupted between Germany and the Soviet Union in June, 1941, which a *Time* magazine account of that period described as being "like two vast prehistoric monsters lifting themselves out of the swamp, half-blind and savage."

Armed this time with more powerful conventional and nuclear weapons, the conflict will undoubtedly contribute to cataclysmic events described in Revelation.

Consider this too: There are about 150 nuclear power stations in Europe. It would not require nuclear weapons to produce a catastrophe — but rather an attack by conventional weapons on the nuclear power stations!

It is probably no coincidence that the accident at Chernobyl occurred. Just look at the widespread havoc that only one reactor produced. It is but a pale forecast of imagination-defying events yet to occur.

# Groups enjoy wind, water

Seventeen teens and seven adults from the PASADENA Imperial A.M. church went hot-air ballooning Aug. 3 in Perris, Calif.

At sunrise the group watched the 50-foot balloon be inflated and then went up in groups of about five plus the pilot. Rides lasted about 30 minutes. By 9 a.m., the desert air was too warm to offer enough lift for the passengers, so the balloon was deflated and put away.

The group returned to the starting point for a breakfast of cider, cheese and corn chips. *Michael Morrison*.

The BEND, Ore., church spon-

sored river-raft float trips July 13 and 27 on the Deschutes River.

July 13 Church youths and families from the Portland, Ore., West church joined Bend brethren, and July 27 Church youths and family members from the Eugene, Ore., church participated.

The groups floated, fished and watched for wildlife. The Bend church provided lunch on both occasions.

The events were organized by John Stalnaker of Portland West, Tim and Lin Rhay of Eugene and Jim and Jan Piper of Bend. *Tom and Diane Fox*.

# English

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Thompson received graduation certificates.

The evening ended with a meal in the hotel cattery. *S. Webster*.

The MARIKINA, Philippines, Spokesman Club B visited television studios, transmitter and facilities in Quezon City, Philippines July 27. The station airs the *World Tomorrow* program on Saturdays and Sundays.

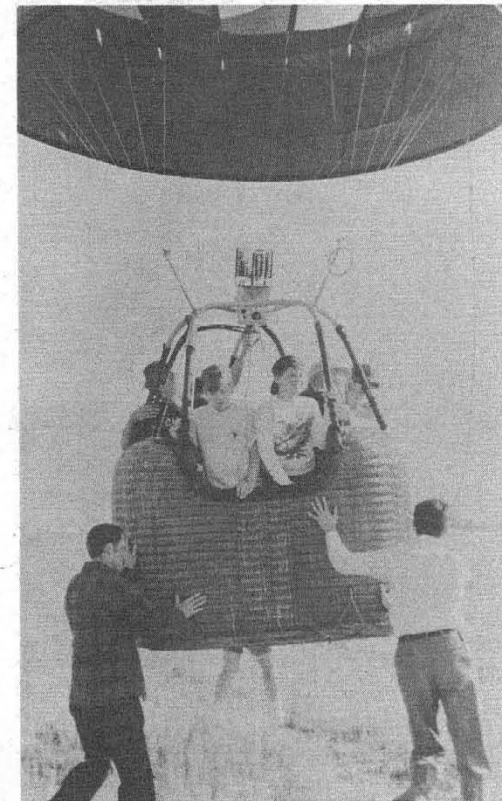
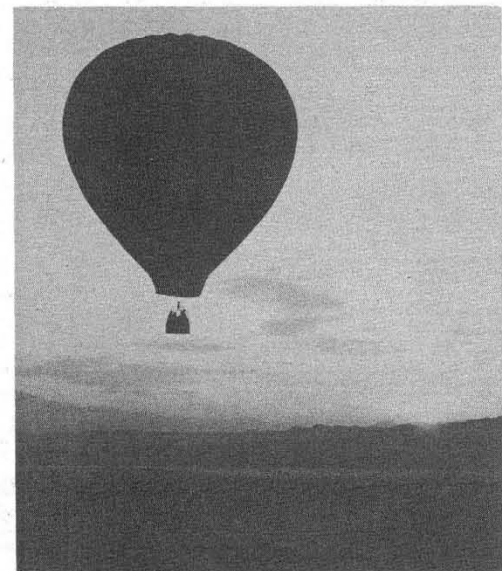
The group, led by Romeo Pusta, club director and pastor of the Marikina and Puerto Princessa churches, saw live studio performances by movie and television personalities. A studio staff member explained how the cameras convert the performances into electronic impulses.

Edgardo Santiago, a station staff member, conducted a lecture on how different types of programs are recorded, produced and transmitted. *Rodelio Madrid*.

The HULL, England, Spokesman Club conducted the last meeting of the year and a ladies night Aug. 3 at the White House Hotel in Hull.

Stuart Powell, club president, was toastmaster. Malcolm Taylor, vice president, conducted table-tops. Brian Massingham gave the Most Effective Speech.

Joseph Dowson, assistant pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne and Sheffield, England, churches and club director, evaluated the meeting. He emphasized that the purpose of club is to develop Christian leadership along with the art of public speaking. *Chris Kontos*.



HOT AIR — Pasadena Imperial A.M. teens float up and away at a ballooning expedition Aug. 3 in Perris, Calif. [Photos by Janet Morrison]

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

ALLEN, Greg and Phyllis (Holladay), of Huntsville, Ala., girl, Lindsay Meagan, July 23, 2:07 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

ANDREWS, Art and Jill (Bolland), of Moultrie, Ga., girl, Lorianne Jean, June 14, 5:14 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

BRITZMAN, Mark and Julie (Wise), of Waterloo, Iowa, girl, Sarah Lynne, April 4, 2:23 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

BROWNING, Steven and Cheryl (Farmer), of Ann Arbor, Mich., girl, Jennifer Lynn, June 14, 9:18 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BURNHAM, Robert and Janice (Gangluff), of Houston, Tex., girl, Laura Elaine, July 27, 11:07 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

COZZI, Luciano and Suzanne (De Palmo), of Pasadena, girl, Elisabetta Anna, Aug. 1, 8:28 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CRAWFORD, Chris and Elise (Vawter), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Katie May, July 20, 4:45 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

CRIST, Michael and Linda (Wallace), of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Susan Elizabeth, Aug. 6, 2:42 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

CRUMP, Anthony and Karen (Jones), of Detroit, Mich., boy, Mark Anthony, July 9, 3:19 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

DACK, J. Kelly and Karen (Schmid), of Garden Grove, Calif., girl, Briana Nicole, Aug. 3, 5:17 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

DEAN, Aaron and Michele (Gemon), of Pasadena, boy, Aaron Keith Jr., Aug. 12, 1:27 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

EELLS, Duane and Kelly (Faser), of Ventura, Calif., boy, Dastiel Morgan, June 18, 4:28 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

ELAM, William and Becki (Hanson), of Santa Rosa, Calif., boy, Benjamin Marshall, June 30, 10:25 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ELLENWOOD, Jeff and Margaret (Smith), of Roseburg, Ore., boy, Camden Bryn, June 10, 7:50 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 5 boys.

FORSYTHE, James and Linda (Cooper), of Memphis, Tenn., boy, Alan Daniel, May 15, 10:12 a.m., 10 pounds, now 3 boys.

FOSTER, Douglas and Cindy (Martin), of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Justin Douglas, July 19, 4:03 p.m., 10 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FRENCH, Jim and Lori (Henry), of Kingston, Ont., girl, Shannon Kelsey, July 22, 3:26 a.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GARCIA, John and Alice (Alarcon), of Las Cruces, N.M., girl, Lorraine Tina, June 19, 9:25 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

HANEY, Larry and Frances (Platner), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Teresa Lynn, Aug. 2, 4:30 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

HENDERSON, Graeme and Carolyn (Williams), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Diana Marie, Aug. 6, 5:11 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HENDERSON, John and Melanie (Musial), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Aaron Joseph, July 19, 6 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, first child.

HERNANDEZ, Herman and Kathleen (Bliefert), of Pasadena, boy, Adam Malcolm, July 11, 4:27 p.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HOLMAN, Robert and Nancy (Carchesky), of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., boy, David Alexander, Aug. 4, 5:08 a.m., 5 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, first child.

HORN, Terry and Shalish (West), of Cave City, Ark., boy, Ryker James, Aug. 3, 4:22 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JARRETT, John and Mary (Short), of Austin, Tex., boy, Robert Joseph, June 30, 9:20 a.m., 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KING, Rod and Shayne (Cox), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Alan Rodney, Aug. 2, 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

KRUEGER, Terrance and Susan (Kopy), of Wasilla, Alaska, boy, Gavin Andrew, July 31, 3:12 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

LAWSON, David and Donna (Sizemore), of Norton, Va., boy, Dwight Russell, July 13, 5:35 a.m., 9 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LIZURIAGA, Jose and Virginia (Salazar), of Iloilo, Philippines, girl, Abigail Ruth, July 31, 1:36 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

LYONS, Hal and Nanette (Trasopagn), of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Matthew Jacob, Aug. 4, 9:21 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MASSENGILL, Michael and Christine (Cuzo), of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., boy, Daniel Michael, July 23, 9:12 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MILLER, Tyrone and Sharon (Thomas), of Lafayette, La., twin boys, Stephen Michael and Aaron Levi, July 26, 8:50 and 9:40 a.m., 1 pound 14 ounces, and 2 pounds 1 ounce, now 5 boys, 5 girls.

OLYNYK, Gordon and Leona (Regier), of Saskatoon, Sask., girl, Trizan Ceise, July 13, 6:06 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

PFALL, James and Laura (Evangelista), of Seattle, Wash., girl, Sasha Desirae, July 9, 8:51 a.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

PINELLI, Jonathan and Margo (Kennedy), of Lafayette, Ind., boy, Justin Richard, Aug. 2, 7:29 a.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

REAVILL, Christopher and Jennifer (Wheeler), of Croydon, England, boy, David Stuart, May 15, 12:05 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

REID, James and Beverly (McHarg), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Michael John Sterling, July 17, 6:33 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

ROBERSON, Tim and Alicia (Pickle), of Myrtleville, Va., girl, Hannah Laraye, July 31, 2:51 p.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

RUSK, Noel and Erin (Posegay), of Alexandria, La., boy, Ryan Nicholas, July 15, 12:38 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

SCHNEIDER, Neil and Debra (Watt), of Lake Mongerah, Australia, boy, Bradley Neil Kenneth, July 23, 3:24 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SECVIAR, John and Sandie (Wharton), of Hammond, Ind., boy, Gabriel Donovan, June 23, 5:17 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 7 boys, 4 girls.

TANKERSLEY, Cecil and Maria (McClure), of Charleston, W.Va., girl, Marissa Kay, Aug. 8, 4:07 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TERRY, Barry and Alice (Spain), of New Orleans, La., boy, Joshua Kent, June 10, 5:24 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

ounces, now 2 boys.

THOMAS, Joseph and Jane, of Lafayette, La., girl, Michelle Luella, June 20, 11:53 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

TOTH, Ronald and Linda (Bradley), of Pasadena, girl, Pamela Jean, Aug. 12, 12:35 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

TRONE, Darren and Debbie (Mitchell), of Sacramento, Calif., twin boys, Dustin Alexander and Donovan Kendrick, June 18, 1:15 and 1:21 a.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces and 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WILSON, Raymond and Margaret (Drury), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Benjamin Joseph, June 24, 6:10 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WINSLER, Bobby and Shirley (Mallon), of Austin, Tex., boy, Zachary Clay, June 5, 10:06 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WOOD, Harold and Lisa (Burnham), of Denver, Colo., boy, Alex Thomas, July 23, 11:59 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.



**MR. AND MRS. GHISLAIN RINGUETTE**

Mr. and Mrs. Perceval LeBlanc of Montreal, Que., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sylvie to Ghislain Ringuette. The wedding ceremony was performed June 8 in Montreal by Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal North and South (Franco) churches. The couple, both Pasadena Ambassador College students, reside in Pasadena.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. John Richoux are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia Ireland to Philip Campbell Hopwood, son of Jean Hopwood. A Sept. 20 wedding is planned in Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Erler Sr. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen LaAnn to Robert Marvin Sethman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sethman of the Belle Vernon, Pa., church. An Oct. 5 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. G. TOWNSEND JR.**

Carol Helen Durbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Burbeck of Scottsdale, Ariz., and George Kermit Townsend Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G.K. Townsend of Laurel, Miss., were united in marriage in the Pasadena Ambassador College Fine Arts Recital Hall July 13. The ceremony was performed by Larry Sahyer, director of Church Administration. Janet Hale, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Michael Okamura was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY NELSON**

Bette Jane Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shaw of Washington, Pa., and Timothy Gregg Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson of Marianna, Pa., were married June 29 in Washington. The ceremony was performed by John Dobrich, pastor of the Belle Vernon and Washington, Pa., churches. Tammy Milan was maid of honor, and Charles Stepp, cousin of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Marianna.

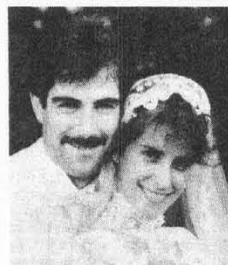


**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MCKINNEY**

Robert W.T. McKinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKinney and Nathania G. Curing were united in marriage July 27 at the Woodville Church of God hall in Nassau, Bahamas. Gilian Curling, sister-in-law of the bride, was maid of honor, and Samuel McKinney, brother of the groom, was best man. The ceremony was performed by Kingsley Mather, pastor of the Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas, churches. The couple are Pasadena Ambassador College students and reside in Pasadena.

## MR. AND MRS. FRANCOIS RACINE

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Brodeur of Trois Rivieres, Que., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Michele to Francois Racine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Racine of Montreal, Que. The ceremony, performed by Robert Scott, pastor of the Trois Rivieres and Quebec City Que., churches, took place July 20 in St. Bonnet, Que. The couple reside in Toronto.



**MR. AND MRS. S. CHARLESWORTH**

Stephen Charlesworth and Samantha Moss of Vancouver, B.C., were united in marriage June 22 by Thomas Eckler, pastor of the Vancouver church. Rod Hooge was best man, and Marina Simons was maid of honor. The couple reside in Richmond, B.C.



**MR. AND MRS. LARRY DEFORGE**

Mr. and Mrs. Aldon Graham of Savannah, Ga., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Phyllis to Larry Keith Deforge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Deforge of Fort Payne, Ala. The wedding ceremony, performed by Robert Persky, pastor of the Charleston, S.C., and Savannah churches, took place May 18 in Savannah. The couple reside in Savannah.

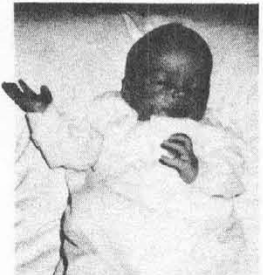


**MR. AND MRS. RONALD MESSENGER**

Ronald Messenger and Alicia Roegner were united in

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marriage March 20. The ceremony was performed by Roy Holladay, pastor of the Wilkes-Barre and Bethlehem, Pa., churches, at his home. Attendants were Michael and Shirley Kot, Mr. and Mrs. Messenger attend the Middletown, N.J., church.

The ceremony was performed by Melvin Rhodes, pastor of the Birmingham and Gloucester, England, and Llanelw, Wales, churches. The maid of honor was Janet Guy, and the best man was Christian Phillips. The couple reside in Redditch, England, and attend the Birmingham church.



**MR. AND MRS. PIERRE SINOTTE**

Diane Maurice and Pierre Sinotte were united in marriage Aug. 3 in Montreal, Que. The ceremony was performed by Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal North and South (Franco) churches. The maid of honor was Annie Brochu, and Jerome Brochu was the ring bearer. The couple reside in Verdun, Que.



**MR. AND MRS. TIM BRASFIELD**

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Forrester of Parkin, Ark., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Teresa to Tim Brasfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Brasfield of Memphis, Tenn. The ceremony took place April 8 at the Singleton Community Center and was performed by Rowlan Tusker, pastor of the Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., churches.



**MR. AND MRS. A. GUARDAMAGNI**

Mary Beth Hills, daughter of Marnie Hills of Kitchener, Ont., and Albert Guardamagni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswaldo Guardamagni of Richmond, Calif., were united in marriage Nov. 2, 1985, in Kitchener, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Terry Johnson, pastor of the Kitchener church. Mr. and Mrs. Guardamagni are 1985 Ambassador College graduates. They reside in El Sobrante, Calif.



**MR. AND MRS. TRACY PORTER**

Cheryl Marie Dexter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart L. Dexter and Mark Tracy Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Porter, were united in marriage June 29 in Milwaukee, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Joel Lillengren, pastor of the Kenosha and Waukesha, Wis., churches. Bob Crox was best man, and Julie Dexter, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The couple reside in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. IAN MARTIN**

Barbara Jo Koopes and Ian Charles Martin were united in marriage July 20 in Birmingham, England.



**MR. AND MRS. DANIEL POCK**

Rebekah Jane Bechtold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwan E. Bechtold of Fallbrook, Calif., and Daniel L. (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 11)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Continued from page 10)

Pock, son of Ethelene Baker and David Pock of Stillwater, Okla., were united in marriage April 6 in Fallbrook. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches. Renea Greenwood, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Allan Pock, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Fallbrook and attend the San Diego church.

Kevin Vincent Ray and Donna Marie Mangold were united in marriage June 8. The ceremony was performed by Lawrence Watt, pastor of the Sacramento, Calif., church. Bruce Lamborn was best man, and Kathy Ray was maid of honor. The couple reside in Sacramento.

Wash., in a ceremony performed by Melvin Dahlgren, pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches. Lori Graves was matron of honor, and Farron Parman was best man. The Pates live in Port Orchard, Wash.

Howard and Tamara Deming celebrated their first wedding anniversary Aug. 24. They were married in Cotworth, Ariz., in a ceremony performed by Walter Neufeld, pastor of the Prescott and Verde Valley, Ariz., churches. Maria Chonot was maid of honor, and Mark Deming, brother of the groom, was best man. The Demings reside in Prescott.

Cliff: I love you not only for what you are but for what you are helping me to be. Happy anniversary, Cathy. Daniel: Happy first anniversary Sept. 21. Thank you for making it a wonderful first year together. I love you very much. Sharon Page.

Dear Tim: Happy second anniversary Sept. 2. Thank you for all the love and patience you have shown Kai and me. Your loving wife, Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Guinan (Mom and Dad): Wishing you both a happy 25th anniversary Sept. 9. To the most wonderful and loving parents — all our love, Tina, Tonya and Gary II.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dear Charlie: A little love and kindness works wonders. Thanks for just being there these last nine years. All my love, Rosanna.

GB: I wouldn't trade a day for what I've learned from you about love and faith. Thank you sweetheart for being such a tremendous source of encouragement to me, especially in these last few months. May God grant us the opportunity to spend eternity working and learning together. Love, SR.

Dear Michael: I thank God and you for blessing us to celebrate our sixth anniversary June 29. Thank you for being a good husband and father. I love you and look forward to our seventh year together. Love, your wife, Priscilla.

Dear Daddy and Mama: Happy 27th anniversary Aug. 29. Many more years of happiness to you both. Love, Michael, Priscilla, Mike Jr. and Anthony.

Happy first anniversary Sept. 27 to Dave and Melinda Cuveller. Congratulations! We wish we could be around to see your marriage grow. Love, the Stahls.

Happy first anniversary to Steve and Camille Purkale Sept. 26. Here's to many, many more happy years. Love, Kerri.



MR. AND MRS. WAYNE PATE

Jackie and Wayne Pate celebrated their first wedding anniversary Sept. 14. They were married in Tacoma,

## Weddings Made of Gold

PONTOTOC, Miss. — Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Hale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 19.

The Hales were honored by their children with an open house at the home of their oldest son.



MR. AND MRS. ALVIN HALE

Mrs. Hale has been a Church member since 1954, and she attends services in Tupelo, Miss.

GAYLORD, Mich. — Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Husken celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 1.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Gaylord



MR. AND MRS. BERNARD HUSKEN brethren honored them at a combined church picnic Aug. 3. The couple were presented with two gold-plated candlestick holders and an engraved serving tray. An anniversary cake was served.

## Obituaries

BEND, Ore. — Alice Youngs, 75, died July 30 of a heart attack. She has been a Church member since 1953.

Mrs. Youngs is survived by three sons, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one sister.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 1 by Jack Williams, assistant pastor of the Bend church.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Amma A. Keys, 96, died at home July 8 after a prolonged illness. She has been a Church member since 1959.

Mrs. Keys is survived by two sons, Lindsey of Albuquerque, N.M., and Theron of Coulterville, Calif.; two daughters, Etta Perkins of Vardaman, Miss., and Virgi Faust of Portland; 20 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the Portland South church. Interment was in Durango, Colo. Graveside services were conducted by Ronald Miller, pastor of the Durango, Meeker and Grand Junction, Colo., churches.

PASADENA — Eleanor Ruth Siemers, 59, died May 13 after a massive stroke. She was baptized in 1958.

Mrs. Siemers is survived by two

daughters, Nora Winger of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Debra Merrill of Indianapolis, Ind., and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, who has known four generations of the family.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Elsie Jordan, 77, died July 18. She has been a Church member since 1968.

Mrs. Jordan is survived by one daughter, four sisters, two brothers, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted July 22 by Arnold J. Hampton, pastor of the Chicago Southside church.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Anne Lyons Stout, 47, died June 25 in St. Mary's, Ga., after a five-year battle with cancer. She and her husband, Samuel, were baptized in 1967.

Mrs. Stout is survived by her husband; two sons, Sam and Bob, who attend the Jacksonville church; one daughter, Berry Anne Byington; her parents; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted June 27 in Summerville, Ga., by Rick Beam, now pastor of the Amarillo, Tex., church.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Vanessa Danielle Cox, 1, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cox, died July 20 four days after an accident.

Vanessa is survived by her parents; two sisters, Jessica Marianne, 5, and Melissa Louise, 2; a maternal grandfather, Louis Valiere; a maternal grandmother, Claire Brandt; and a paternal grandmother, Eileen Cox.

A graveside service was conducted July 23 by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego churches, at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Chula Vista, Calif.

GREENBELT, Md. — Mary Elizabeth McFarland, 78, a retired teacher, died Feb. 2 of complications from a broken hip. She has been a Church member since 1980.

Mrs. McFarland is survived by her son, Vern, a Church member, and two brothers, Milas Tuggle of Manter, Kan., and Charles Tuggle of La Veta, Colo.

Stephen Elliott, associate pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va., churches, conducted a memorial service Feb. 5 in Hyattsville, Md. Interment was in Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 7. Lyle Campbell, a minister in the Wichita, Kan., church, conducted a graveside service.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Helen Halbert Smith, 78, died July 3 after a short bout with cancer. She was baptized in 1972.

Mrs. Smith was the sole member of God's Church in Brazil from 1973 to 1978. She and her husband, Lester, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in April.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, also a Church member; two daughters, Merril Nunley and Thalia; and two grandchildren, Bobby and Ritchie of Sabin, Tex.



HELEN HALBERT SMITH

Funeral services were conducted by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego churches.

SALMON ARM, B.C. — Karl Stolarik, 62, died July 29 from a form of leukemia.

Mr. Stolarik is survived by his wife, Alice; three children, Shirley Guenther, Lenore Burton and Vern Stolarik; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted in Cedar Heights, B.C., by Rainer Salomaa, pastor of the Salmon Arm and Kamloops, B.C., churches.

TALLAPOOSA, Ga. — Edgar O. Smith, 79, died of cancer July 17. He has been a member of God's Church since 1953, and was ordained a deacon in 1971.

Mr. Smith is survived by two sisters, Opal Farrell and Ella Nolen; two brothers, Charles W. Smith and Floyd Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted July 20 by Michael Hanisko, pastor of the Atlanta North and Rome, Ga., churches.

# AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

## MR. TKACH TELLS STUDENTS TO BE INVOLVED

PASADENA—Describing Ambassador College as "a training ground for individual excellence" and "an academy for world peace," Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 623 students representing 45 countries Aug. 20 in the Ambassador Auditorium.

"You are here to be prepared to tackle the challenges and the opportunities of life—to achieve your incredible human potential," Mr. Tkach told the student body gathered for the first time to hear the chancellor's address.

Mr. Tkach stressed to students that Ambassador College is a family and encouraged faculty and students to capture the family atmosphere in all aspects of college life.

He also told them to make the most of their time at Ambassador. You have to make things happen, he said. "You have to be involved."

## STUDENTS JOIN RESERVE FORCE

PASADENA—Ambassador College students joined the front lines of the work as part of a "manpower reserve force" to help handle the increasing work load in various departments this year, according to Jeb Egbert, student employment coordinator.

Mr. Egbert said that the reserve, created because of the tremendous growth in the work,

will provide extra manpower when needed by any department.

"It will be a fabulous boon to departments here," he said.

Junior Michael Kuykendall, student supervisor, will organize the work forces whenever there is a need. Students are on-call 24-hours a day to lend their services to any department, especially Mail Processing and the telephone response area, Mr. Egbert said.

Evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center, said the program is similar to one in the early days of the college.

"It seems like we are recapturing those values of yesteryear of service and dedication to the work," he said.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHOW VASTNESS OF WORK

PASADENA—From Antigua to Zimbabwe, about 200 international students represent 45 countries on the Pasadena campus, according to John Halford, international student adviser. That figure, the highest in the college's history, is about one third of the student body.

Because of U.S. immigration laws, international students have employment and travel restrictions, Mr. Halford said. But, he added, international students add a special dimension to the campus because they help all the students to see the vastness of God's work.

"They remind us that it's a Worldwide Church of God," he said.

## ACTION PACKS ORIENTATION WEEK

BIG SANDY—A faculty-freshmen basketball game, Women's Club kickoff, welcome party and beach party helped Big Sandy students get ready for classes during orientation week Aug. 18 to 24.

Orientation week tours and assemblies familiarized new students with the campus and college procedures.

"The freshmen are very enthusiastic," said Richard Thompson, dean of students.

Fourteen seniors from Pasadena serve as student leaders at Big Sandy this year. Senior Cory Erickson is student body president. Jill Eastman, overall Women's Club president, was hostess at the Women's Club kickoff dinner Aug. 17.

Mr. Thompson said that the student leaders help build a "family atmosphere" on the campus. "The student leaders have done a great job getting the year off to a good start," Mr. Thompson said.

## STUDENTS 'GO COUNTRY' AT ORIENTATION PICNIC

PASADENA—The Pasadena student body got a final chance to relax and get acquainted during the Country Picnic and square dance Aug. 24 before



HANDLE WITH CARE — Senior Wendy Harley catches a water-filled balloon while classmate Jennifer McGraw gets splashed at the Country Picnic in Pasadena Aug. 24. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

classes began.

Students represented their classes in various events, including volleyball and a "Pull for Peace" tug-of-war. Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach joined the fun and officiated at a pull between the faculty and freshmen, which the faculty won.

Game booths and a dunk tank

were set up for the students on the gymnasium lawn. At 5 p.m. the entertainment was videotaped by the television crew for possible use in a Festival film.

Students ate a picnic on the lawn, and then donned their Western duds for a square dance in the gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

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

## UPDATE

**PASADENA** — The first *World Tomorrow* program of the 1986-87 season of telecasts, aired over the Sept. 6 and 7 weekend, drew 29,745 responses. The program, "The State of the World," was presented by evangelist **David Hulme**.

The *World Tomorrow* telecast "Mystery of the Ages," by evangelist **Richard Ames**, produced 41,043 responses when it aired Aug. 30 and 31, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center. This is the third-highest response to a *World Tomorrow* program.

This was 5,755 more than the number received when the program first aired in May. The program also capped off a summer of record-setting responses, Mr. Rice said.

Mr. Rice also announced that on Aug. 17 the telecast received its one-millionth response for the year. "This is the first time we have ever passed the one million mark in television calls within one calendar year," Mr. Rice said.

**PASADENA** — Seventy-nine percent of *World Tomorrow* viewers came in contact with the telecast by chance or while randomly changing channels, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

This figure came from a survey of 6,721 people taken at the request of evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications and Public Affairs, and **Larry Omasta**, director of Media Services.

Other ways viewers first saw the telecast were referrals (7 percent), advertisements in *The Plain Truth* (7 percent), watching another religious program that *The World Tomorrow* followed (5 percent) and advertisements in commercial publications (2 percent).

**PASADENA** — The 1986 *Envoy*, a commemorative tribute to the late Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**, is scheduled to be printed in September.

"This edition has a special section



1986 'ENVOY'

chronicling the life of Mr. Armstrong and his involvement with the Church and Ambassador College," said **Dennis Robertson**, director of Academic Publications and faculty adviser for the *Envoy*.

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** opens the tribute with a personal recollection and statement about Mr. Armstrong.

The *Envoy* will be sold at United States and Canadian Feast sites for \$25. Sample copies and order forms will be available at sites outside of the United States and Canada.

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**PASADENA** — Church Administration announced the following transfers: **James Reyer**, pastor of the Denver, Colo., East and West churches, was transferred to Pasadena to pastor the Pasadena Imperial A.M. congregation.

**Selmer Hegvold**, pastor of Imperial A.M., will continue to serve as supervisor of the Church's deaf program and as associate pastor of the congregation.

**Douglas Horchak**, who assisted evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration, will replace Mr. Reyer as pastor of the Denver churches. **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, a local elder in the Phoenix, Ariz., West church, will move to Pasadena to replace Mr. Horchak in assisting Mr. Salyer.

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**PASADENA** — In July 3.5 million letters advertising *The Plain Truth* were mailed to households in the United States. According to **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services, this is the biggest direct mail drop in the Church's history.

"The letters were sent to 1.5 million people whose subscriptions expired last year and who did not renew. Two million letters were mailed to people on mailing lists rented by the Church.

"Responses are coming in as we projected, which is about 8 percent," said **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager. "So far [as of Sept. 5] we have received about 240,000 responses."

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**BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia** — Torrential rains for several days in early August caused severe flooding that affected several members and their families in the Sydney, Australia, area. According to **Mark Ellis**, pastor of the Sydney South congregation, some areas received 17 inches (44 centimeters) of rain within a 48-hour period.

Some suburbs were cut off by floodwaters up to about 16 feet (5 meters) deep. Two thousand people were evacuated from their homes Aug. 6 as rivers burst their banks and threatened residents, Mr. Ellis said.

Six people died during the flooding, but no Church members were injured, reported Mr. Ellis and **Terrence Villiers**, pastor of the Sydney North congregation. Several members and their families suffered property damage. Two members in the Sydney North area were flooded out of their homes as was one in the Sydney South congregation.

Mr. Ellis reported that a prospective member living in a caravan (mobile home) park lost all of his possessions and had to be rescued by the emergency rescue workers. He had taken out insurance the previous week, though, and all his losses were covered. The other members affected were also insured for their property damage.

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**PASADENA** — *Plain Truth* senior writer **Keith Stump** received a call Aug. 26 from **Gregory McLaughlin**, a reporter for the Cable News Network (CNN), a 24-hour cable television news broadcast based in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. McLaughlin, with CNN's New York City bureau, read Mr. Stump's article "Communication With the Dead — Is It Possible?" in the September *Plain Truth*.

Mr. McLaughlin explained he was assigned to cover the story of the Smurl family and their "haunted house" in West Pittston, Pa. Their story received nationwide attention.

He asked if Mr. Stump felt the Smurl's story was legitimate or a hoax. "Essentially he just wanted my reaction to this story," Mr. Stump said. "I told him, as my article explained, that it was legitimate, but that these weren't ghosts. I told him that the only explanation allow-

able in the context of biblical teaching is that these were demonic manifestations."

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**PASADENA** — Church Administration announced the following ordination:

**Gregory Fuller**, a deacon in the Lexington, Ky., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Aug. 16.

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**PASADENA** — Beginning with the September issue of *The Plain Truth*, literature request envelopes and blow-in cards are being inserted into each issue, according to **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services.

The Church has received more than 40,000 responses from the September issue alone, said **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

"What the blow-in card does is take advantage of the 'pass along' readership, that is when the magazine is passed along to be read by friends," Mr. Leeson continued.

"We expect between 50,000 and 60,000 responses, total. The cards and envelopes are some of the most cost-effective ways of adding new subscribers, in addition to making it easier for people to request our literature."

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**PASADENA** — The Feast of Tabernacles site in Argentina will be in Villa Gesell, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) southeast of Buenos Aires on the Atlantic coast, according to evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas.

He also announced that the site in Peru this year will be in Trujillo, a coastal city of about 400,000, about 350 miles (560 kilometers) northwest of Lima, the capital.

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**PASADENA** — According to

educational Services (YES) summer camp took place in August "in the beautiful setting of the Belgian Ardennes." Seventy-five parents and children attended.

"The owner of the property was so impressed with the behavior and attitude of our people that he reduced the normal camping fare and invited the group to come back next year," said Mr. de Bree.

The office received a larger than normal amount of visit requests in June and July. Most were from people reading the international *Good News* and studying the Correspondence Course.

### Bible lecture series

The ministry in Spanish-speaking countries conducted seven *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures in Central and South America in June and July, according to evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

Lectures were conducted in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Lima, Peru; Guatemala City, Guatemala; and Bogota and Medellin, Colombia.

Since **Eduardo Hernandez**, Bogota pastor, conducted lectures July 26 and 27 in Bogota's Hotel Bacata, "22 of those in attendance have begun attending services," Mr. Walker said.

"Eleven more lecture series are slated this year in eight countries," Mr. Walker reported. "A total of 4,215 have attended PV lectures this year; of those, 2,826 are new people."

"Each minister has reported that the local members are very enthusiastic when these lectures are conducted," he continued. "And, all request your continuous prayers for the success of the meetings and the safety of all of God's people."

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

### A WORLD VIEW FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

**PASADENA** — Ghana is again facing severe economic difficulties, reports **Josef Forson**, pastor of the Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, churches.

"Huge salary increases of 300 to 500 percent made a few months ago have now been reflecting themselves in many areas," said Mr. Forson. "For instance, increased food and transportation costs virtually wipe out the average wage-earner's take-home pay."

Utilities have gone up by 1,000 percent. Housing costs are also skyrocketing. Many of the flats (apartments) are being rented for hard currency at the rate of \$600 to \$800 a month.

**David Stirk**, business manager for East and West Africa in the Borehamwood, England, Office, approached one landlord to arrange housing for Eke and Grace Udeagha, Pasadena Ambassador College graduates assigned to Ghana. The landlord required the Church to remodel his house at a cost of up to more than \$9,600 and then pay rent of about \$480 a month, three years in advance.

"Some of our members are now having to pair up in one room to be able to live decent lives," Mr. Stirk said. "This means that there will be no plans for marriage in the near future."

Mr. and Mrs. Forson no longer use the water heater, air conditioner, washing machine or electric cooker. The Forsons use fans for most rooms, only use the gas cooker

to prepare food and don't flush toilets unless necessary.

"Please pray for the well-being of God's people in this economically strapped poor nation," said Mr. Stirk.

### Dutch area

**Bram de Bree**, regional director for the Dutch-speaking area, reported that Belgian postal authorities advised the Church in April that postal rates would go up 250 percent.

"This would have severely hampered our budget now and in the future," said Mr. de Bree. "But God does provide."

"Through negotiations with the Dutch postal authorities and having received a special periodical status, it is now possible to mail [Church publications] directly from the Netherlands at about the same postal rate or even better than what we used to pay in Belgium."

The Dutch Office mailed Church publications from Belgium instead of the Netherlands or England (where the Dutch *Plain Truth* and *Good News* are printed) because at the time Belgian rates were lower.

"We are very thankful," he added. *De Echte Waarheid* (Dutch *Plain Truth*) is shipped by truck from the printing press in England through Ostend, Belgium, to Sitard, Netherlands.

The regional director also reported that an eight-day Youth Ed-

evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center. "A wide variety of organizations request bulk quantities of our literature to distribute for educational purposes."

Hospitals, police departments, schools, churches and career counseling agencies are among the organizations that most frequently request multiple copies of the Church's literature. "They say our literature is unique in content, offers practical advice, answers vital questions and never preaches or proselytizes," Mr. Rice added.

Organizations most frequently request multiple copies of these five publications: *Sexually Transmissible Diseases*, *The Seven Laws of Success*, *Youth 86*, *Mystery of the Ages* and *The Plain Truth About Christmas*.

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**ORR, Minn.** — The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) awarded a certificate of commendation to the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp here, according to **Kermit Nelson**, who coordinates YOU activities in Church Administration.

This award is given to selected facilities for their efforts in meeting the water quality objectives of the MPCA for each calendar year. The Church's camp at Orr is the first nonmunicipality to receive the award.

**Floyd Kielczewski**, site manager for the camp who developed the sewage disposal system, accepted the award for the camp.

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**PASADENA** — Part of an episode of the television series *Highway to Heaven*, a drama starring **Michael Landon**, was filmed on a street corner by the Imperial Schools campus Aug. 21.

The episode, titled "Love and Marriage," will probably be broadcast in October, according to Mr. Landon.

Other segments of the show were filmed at the Pasadena train depot. Mr. Landon said that the train station was being used for a night scene that is a flashback to the 1930s.

"We're filming on this street because it's near the train station. Usually we'd film a scene like this at the studio," he said.

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**PASADENA** — Anyone interested in participating in the Feast choir in Lugano, Switzerland, should contact **David Fishburn**, 67 Blossom Heath, Williamsville, N.Y., 14221, or call 716-633-4606.

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