

Mr. Tkach visits Canadian Office, meets with media executives

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — "One word can be used to describe my overall impression of the trip, and that is *family*. Seeing Mr. Tkach in action, I see how much he wants the Church to be a family through his words and his example."

This is how Ted Budge, a supervisor in the Church's Accounting Department and business manager at the Orr, Minn., Summer Educational Program (SEP) this summer, described Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's Sept. 11 to 14 trip to Vancouver, B.C.

Arriving at the Vancouver airport at noon, Thursday, Sept. 11, Mr. Tkach and his party were met by Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, and his wife, Margaret.

The pastor general was accompanied by evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications and Public Affairs; evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas; his wife, Shirley; Joseph Locke, one of Mr. Tkach's personal assistants; Mr. Budge; his wife, Kim; Ellen Escat, administrative assistant; Julie Stocker, executive secretary; and Mr. Tkach's Gulfstream III crew: Ken Hopke, captain, Lawrence Dietrich, co-captain, and steward Jay Brothers.

Office tour

The group went to the Vancouver Office for a tour and lunch with the regional office staff.

Mr. Adair gave a presentation of the state of the work in Canada during the past five years.

According to Mr. Hulme, Mr. Tkach found the Church's work in Canada "to be extremely stable and efficiently run."

That evening Mr. and Mrs. Adair

were hosts to a dinner party for the group in their home.

Friday the pastor general toured the 1986 World Exposition (Expo 86) and attended a luncheon in the Canadian Club with an executive from Baker Lovick, a Canadian advertising agency retained by the Church.

"Gary Grafton, vice president, and Becky MacLeod, account director, met with Mr. Tkach to apprise him on progress on the media front," said Mr. Hulme.

Sabbath services

On the Sabbath, Sept. 13, the pastor general addressed 1,239 brethren from Vancouver, Abbotsford, Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., assembled in Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre.

Some Church members traveled from as far away as Prince George, B.C., and others attended from the Okanagan Valley, about six hours away, said Mr. Adair.

Before Mr. Tkach's 1 p.m. sermon, the Vancouver church choir sang "He Watching Over Israel," from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

Mr. Tkach then stepped onstage and greeted the brethren with "Happy Sabbath, eh?"

"The Canadian brethren took him in their family, as soon as he greeted them in their own language," Mr. Apartian said. [Eh is a common Canadian expression.]

Mr. Tkach asked the audience, "Are we using God's Spirit to do His work?"

According to Mr. Adair, "He said to keep your eyes on the goal, continue to resist Satan's world and

make your calling and election sure."

Mr. Tkach urged brethren to keep the big picture in the forefront of their thoughts, do the will of God and have absolute faith in God.

Before the closing hymn Mr. Adair presented the pastor general with a sculpture of Canada geese ascending from a radiant pool of white quartz mounted on a base of dark green jade.

"B.C. [British Columbia] jade is reputed to be the best in the world," Mr. Adair said.

Mr. Adair said that as Canada geese migrate south for the winter but come back to Canada in the spring, he hoped Mr. Tkach would also fly north to visit Canada again.

'Inspiring' visit

Brethren told Mr. Adair that Mr. Tkach was "very encouraging," "down-to-earth and warm" and "very inspiring and enthusiastic, just like (See CANADA, page 3)



OFFICE TOUR — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach surveys the conference room in the Church's Vancouver, B.C., Office Sept. 11 with Colin Adair, Canadian regional director. [Photo by Daniel Hope]

Some face danger daily

South Africa: living by faith

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — "One of our black members, his wife and three teenage sons looked out the window of their house in Kwa-Mashu, a township in the Durban [South Africa] area, and saw a mob of angry people coming down the street.

"The mob was approaching every house and getting all the men from inside to join them. When this happens, if you don't join them, they will do one of two things: burn your house down or necklace you and burn you to death." [A necklace is a gasoline-soaked tire placed around the intended victim's neck.]

John Bartholomew, pastor of the Pretoria and Pietersburg, South Africa, churches, who attended the Sept. 3 to 16 session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena, told *The Worldwide News* that this incident occurred before the South African government imposed a national state of emergency earlier this year.

"The member immediately called me at home, and I instructed him and his family to pray and beseech God earnestly for protection. I prayed too.

"They got up, looked out the window and saw that the mob was very close. They saw the mob come all the way up to their doors, and then turn away. I mean they got right up to the door but didn't do anything!

"They did get out the men from the surrounding houses — even the very next house."

Facing danger daily

Mr. Bartholomew said that though brethren in South Africa stay out of this world's politics as heirs, in training, of the Kingdom of God, they face danger every day. "God is certainly protecting His people."

The situation was worse before the state of emergency. Riots were breaking out, and in a village where one family lives 34 people were murdered in four days, Mr. Bartholomew said.

"The real trouble is within the townships, where teenagers and unemployed youths are agitated to riot," said Mr. Bartholomew.

The older generation can hardly be expected to stop the youths. They don't agree wholly with how the youths are fighting apartheid, "but they think that at least the young are doing something," he remarked.

The racial situation in South Africa is not like it is in the United States, said Mr. Bartholomew.

Fighting the present regime involves going for soft targets, planting bombs in public places like supermarkets to kill, maim and injure, "really just to cause terror and anxiety among the people."

He explained that access from townships to cities can be controlled. That doesn't help Church members or those who ignore boycotts against city shops and travel to the city to work or attend services.

"Before the state of emergency, if they had tried to go to work along the main road during an enforced boycott, they faced the danger of being threatened, injured or even necklaced," said Mr. Bartholomew.

The state of emergency has not solved the problem of violence or apartheid, but it has relieved it, he said. "It maintains law and order."

Travel safer

Travel in the northern Transvaal region is reasonably safer.

"Of course travel on the highways was never a problem — just in the townships and on gravel roads, where land mines have killed and maimed a number of people."

The state of emergency still hasn't made all the townships near Pretoria safe, so Mr. Bartholomew conducts visits with black brethren in a hotel in the city.

Mr. Bartholomew visited a man in a black township about 120 miles north of Pretoria. "The man said he was grateful for the government's action and was not living in fear of riot," said Mr. Bartholomew.

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

What a wonderful time of year the Feast of Tabernacles is!

God has not only made it possible for us to enjoy the physical blessings of Feast attendance, but also the rich spiritual meaning of what this Festival portrays. A glorious new world is coming. A time when all people will be able to rest, work and live in genuine cooperation.

At last, human beings will learn how to get along with one another. And the same kind of unity and family togetherness that we are able to enjoy at the Feast of Tabernacles will be available to all people in every community around the world!

Each year we receive comments and letters from business people and residents highly commending our brethren on their exemplary conduct and cooperation at the various Feast sites.

And why shouldn't we? After all, God's way is unique in this world. People who have submitted their lives to their Creator, who strive to live by every word

that He speaks, who are not bound up in this world's philosophy of "No. 1 first," are bound to stand out!

Let me share one or two such letters with you.

One restaurant owner commented: "Too often in this busy world, people do not take the time to express appreciation or to compliment others for their achievements. We at Pinnacle Peak in Tucson [Ariz.] would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the Worldwide Church of God members for their continued patronage over the years you have held your annual convention in Tucson.

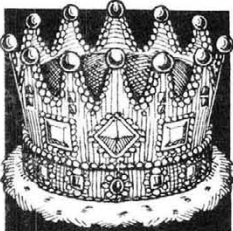
"Your members are a delight to have as guests. They truly exemplify the adage of 'living your faith' by their dignity, kindness and obvious deep belief in their religion. They have served as an inspiration to us all, as well as a credit to your organization."

A businessman in Florida wrote: "I must say, we were most impressed with your membership; we have not seen a nicer group of adults and a better behaved group of children since I

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Why world's food glut won't end famine

PASADENA — In one of the greatest ironies of our confusing age, millions of people in Africa are confronted with impending famine, while farmers in key agricultural nations bemoan bulging grain elevators and falling prices.

Look at Africa. The 1984-85 famine was the worst in the continent's recent history. According to reports, two million people died, half of them in Ethiopia.

While long-awaited rains, coupled with an unprecedented international relief effort, have eased conditions in Ethiopia, the southern part of neighboring Sudan, wracked by civil uprising, is reporting extreme food shortages.

But there is a sign of far worse things to come. For the first time in 50 years, all the continent's main populations of locusts are gathering to swarm, according to reports in British newspapers in late August. Armies of Senegal locusts in West Africa, the desert variety along the shores of the Red Sea, migratory

and red locusts in East Africa and the brown locust in southern Africa are all poised to march.

Africa's civil wars and overall economic deterioration have led to a severe cutback in national and regional pest control agencies. In addition, the rains that broke droughts in parts of Africa also provided the necessary damp conditions the locust eggs need to hatch.

"When the rains fall, the crops do not grow and there is famine," reported *The Observer* of Britain. "When the rains come, the crops grow, but so do the locusts — and there is still famine."

Some experts fear that 1986 may begin several consecutive years of locust infestation. The United Nations-affiliated Food and Agriculture Organization announced an emergency plan to try to prevent, said *The Observer*. "a calamity of Biblical proportions." But famines and pestilences are prophesied as hallmarks of the end time (Matthew 24:7). The book of Joel speaks

of locust plagues when "the day of the Lord is at hand" (Joel 1:4, 15).

Africa, from all indications, is going to be reliant on the rest of the world until the end of this age. The continent's crisis is mostly attributed to governmental policies that hamper food production. Africa

reflected elsewhere in the world, even in many developing countries.

The Fall, 1985, *Journal of Social, Political and Economic Studies* reports that "the collapse of African agriculture parallels equally dramatic increases in food production in every other region of

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is actually better endowed with agricultural potential than the other continents. Africa's agricultural area totals nearly 400 million acres, second only to Asia's 403 million acres (and Asia has far more people).

World food glut

Africa's looming disaster is not

the world... The world grain surplus currently stands at a record high of over 190 million tons.

In fact, the world has moved into a time — at least for now — of overproduction. But instead of this being good news, one hears of looming farm wars as nations compete to unload unwanted food surpluses — usually produced as a result of government subsidies to farmers.

In the Spring, 1985, issue of *For-*

eign Affairs, Barbara Insel wrote that "we now find ourselves in a world awash in grain... Some examples are striking. In China, the introduction of market incentives has produced a 15 percent expansion in corn production, a 20 percent expansion in rice production and a 40 percent expansion in wheat production just since 1982..."

"India is now effectively self-sufficient, thanks to the technological advances of the so-called Green Revolution, and Pakistan is almost so. Argentine wheat production has nearly doubled, Thailand's feed grain output nearly tripled, and both Canada and Australia have had major output increases..."

"Not surprisingly, competition in the grain export market has become increasingly aggressive. Weapons in the competition include a variety of export incentives and subsidies."

The most poignant example of the anger produced in the leveling global food war was Australia's sharp reaction when the United States announced it was going to offer further sales of subsidized stocks of wheat to the Soviets. Australian Foreign Minister William Hayden warned that subsidized

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Don't worry about it!

While in London on business, I received a call from my office in Pasadena that caused me no end of concern. I fretted and worried over the situation. I was beset with severe headaches, upset stomach and insomnia.

After two days of being confined to my hotel room in total misery, I heard from my office that the problem had resolved itself and all was well. My concern had been for naught.

After getting off the phone, I noticed that my headache had subsided, my stomach was no longer in turmoil. I was no longer sick.

Have you ever worried yourself sick? You know you shouldn't worry. But a concern fills your thoughts and you can't shake it. You feel physically ill. A knot in your stomach, fatigue, maybe a headache.

Worry has taken over.

Well, here's good news! God says we don't have to worry at all, about anything. What a relief! The world is filled with worries, but you don't have to succumb to them.

That's not new to you. You've read the Bible. You've seen God's promises. God has told you His plan will be accomplished, and He's revealed that He has the power to accomplish it.

But you still worry. And that's sobering, because God clearly tells us that our worrying displeases Him. Actually, worry is a sin.

Just one statement from God about His power and love for us should send worry scurrying from our minds. Just one biblical passage explaining the perils of worry should correct our proclivity for the "what ifs."

God even lists specific blessings He will give to us, just so we won't worry about them.

Take a moment to review the promises we can claim from obeying His laws. Nourishment (Psalm 37:25-26), employment (Psalm 128:1-2), healing and good health (James 5:14-15), financial prosperity (Malachi 3:10), proper clothing (Matthew 6:30).

He promises His Holy Spirit and its fruits to help us grow and overcome (Luke 11:13; Galatians 5:22-23). In Psalm 37:4-5 He promises to give us our heart's desires, and in John 14:2-3, an office in His King-

dom. We can count on favor with Him and with others (Proverbs 3:3-4), and He even says that we'll receive whatever we ask for, if we please Him (1 John 3:22).

So why do we worry? Here are some common reasons.

• *We don't do our part.* Great as God's promises are, they do us no good if we don't do our part. How can we help but worry about tomorrow's finances when today's spending isn't under control? And confidence in God's salvation wanes when you haven't progressed on the problem He clearly showed you through His ministers in sermons, Bible study or the Church's publications.

Notice the scriptures referred to earlier. "I have not seen the righteous forsaken. Or his descendants begging bread" (Psalm 37:25, New American Standard throughout, except where noted).

"How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways" (Psalm 128:1).

The blessing of financial prosperity is predicated on tithing and giving offerings to God (Malachi 3:10).

Women, you can count on God's special blessings to women and wives "as long as you do well" (1 Peter 3:6, King James Version).

David said in Psalm 37:3, "Trust in the Lord, and do good." If we don't obey God, His blessings are not for us.

• *Excessive concern about the future.* We find it easier to fret about tomorrow than to focus on today.

God has promised never to leave us (Hebrews 13:5). The same promises we claim today are promised for the future, too. Verse 8 reminds us that God does not change. His will that we prosper today (III John 2) is also His will for the future.

The Bible emphasizes the importance of dealing with our problems one at a time.

Look at Matthew 6:34: "Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for [worry about, margin] itself." The Moffatt translation adds, "The day's own trouble is quite enough for the day."

Notice also that we're to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11).

• *We don't see what worry does to us.* Read Joshua 1 carefully and notice the urgency in God's tone. He insists, commands that we trust Him and put our worries in His care. He knows what worry can do to us.

"And the seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity" (Luke 8:14).

Also (I proved it to myself), mental anxiety affects physical health. You do damage to God's temple (1 Corinthians 6:18-20) by worrying.

• *Concern about what others think.* Humiliation, rejection, losing face, meeting new people, self-consciousness, criticism — fear of these often stems from worrying about what other people think. If this worries plague you, see what God says about letting others' opinions run your life.

Paul was inspired to say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6). And, "For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10).

God says He gives promotion (Psalms 75:6-7). Again, no need to worry or curry the favor of others.

You've read in Proverbs 14:26, "In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence." If we "worry," so to speak, about pleasing God, He'll reward us.

• *Priorities get jumbled.* Remember Jesus' words to Martha in Luke 10:41-42: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only a few things are necessary, really only one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Martha's worries cluttered her mind.

Luke 12:29 says, "And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not keep worrying." Review Matthew 6. I always find it encouraging.

When we worry, we accuse God of unfaithfulness. God wants us to put Him to the test (Malachi 3:10). You can worry about your problems and reap discouragement, crippled growth and physical illness. Or you can put God's laws into practice and trust Him for the outcome.

Study and meditate on God's promises, strive to please and obey Him — and then drop your worries in His lap "casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

God will personally see to it that everything works out for the best in our lives (Romans 8:28).



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Globe-hopping diseases threaten millions of lives

BOREHAMWOOD, England — "Many shall run to and fro" (Daniel 12:4). Few end-time biblical prophecies characterize our age better than this one. The prophet was right on the button. People are going everywhere!

International travel and tourism are an accepted part of the '80s. The tourist dollar is a substantial portion of many a nation's economy. Cut-rate package holidays and vacations make it possible for many to travel to the world's most exotic places.

Promiscuous travelers

But the tourist boom has some thorns on its rosebush. Travelers could be instrumental in fostering a worldwide epidemic of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and other sexually transmissible diseases (STDs).

The Observer's science correspondent, Robin McKie, was already on to this possibility in the summer of 1985. Excerpts from his Aug. 4, 1985, report follow.

"Businessmen who use prostitutes while traveling abroad could spread the deadly immune disease AIDS here [in Britain], a leading health expert warned last week.

Dr. John Harris, a consultant at St. Mary's Hospital, London, said international travelers were now at risk of picking up the disease from call-girls overseas..."

"I think there is now a serious risk that businessmen could pick up AIDS and pass it on after traveling abroad," Dr. Harris told a Brighton [England] conference on sexually-transmitted diseases."

Another European newspaper carried a similar story at about the same time. Only this one also mentioned that "models" (actually prostitutes) advertising for business in a certain newspaper could be among the main STD carriers. The irony is that the newspaper carrying this story was also the one running the advertisements.

Enver Carim, psychologist and coauthor of *AIDS: The Deadly Epidemic*, added his voice to a growing

body of concerned specialists. Mr. Carim clearly feels that jet-setting tourists with loose life-styles will play a major part in spreading sexual plagues throughout the world.

He wrote in *The Traveller*, Autumn, 1986: "Without a doubt tourism is centrally involved in what may be described as the international sex trade. It's not as if holidaymakers from abroad just happen to meet friendly partners in between sightseeing trips; instead, in

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 Zoo's opening in May of 1984. "I assure you, this is no small compliment as we have had over 170,000 visitors. The congenial group representing the Worldwide Church of God was one that warrants recognition."

Yes, God's people do have a positive effect both at the Feast and on their communities. In fact God has often used the shining examples of His people to draw many in the outside world to His truth. Family members and friends are often positively affected by a member's sincerity and dedication to God's principles.

Not, mind you, by a member's efforts to convince, argue or reason with them. It is the way a servant of God lives, his character, that makes the difference — not what he says.

At Feast sites, our brethren often gain the respect of local residents and businessmen. Store clerks, restaurant owners, waitresses and waiters, motel and campsite personnel — all are impressed when they see a way of life that reflects joy, happiness, peace of mind and genuine concern for others.

Even at local church functions, such as car washes or dances, many outsiders have written that they appreciated the outstanding example of our people.

Others have noticed how the on-the-job conduct of members has exemplified Christian living to employers and fellow employees. Some local business people have even been favorably impressed by members' eager

participation in the *Plain Truth* newsstand program.

Yes, God has called us to be lights in a dark world. Not because we are anything ourselves. But because God has given us His precious knowledge and the ability to understand it through the power of His Holy Spirit. To use it is up to us.

God has said, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life" (Deuteronomy 30:19). We each need to ask ourselves the questions: "What do I choose? Am I one who is a light, a shining example of the wonderful, happy way of life God has so mercifully revealed to me?"

Another Feast of Tabernacles — another year closer to the inauguration of the magnificent Kingdom of God! Brethren, let's see to it that our own personal examples all through the coming year are truly exemplary of the wonderful truth God has opened our minds to understand.

The words of Jesus Christ should ever be in our ears: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16, New King James).

Brethren, God has given us His great and precious truth so that we can let it shine, not so that we can hide it. Let's show God how truly thankful we are. Let's be the light He has called us to be!

With deep love,
 Joseph W. Tkach

Onstage at Ambassador



Ambassador International Cultural Foundation

Sinopoli's baton bolsters finesse of Philharmonia

By Sheila Graham
PASADENA — Within minutes of their advertised 8:30 p.m. starting schedule, the musicians seated themselves, the concertmaster and then the conductor made their entrances, they shook hands and the conductor bowed and turned to his orchestra.

With no further ado the opening notes of Robert Schumann's *Symphony No. 2 in C Major, Opus 61*, were filtering out through the Auditorium.

Giuseppe Sinopoli and his Lon-

don-based Philharmonia Orchestra thus opened Ambassador Foundation's 1986-87 season Sept. 6 as the first of the series of Great Orchestras of the World.

Organized in 1945

Organized in 1945, the Philharmonia established itself among the acknowledged virtuoso symphony orchestras of the world. Its performance Saturday night under the baton of Italian conductor Sinopoli lived up to that reputation.

Under Maestro Sinopoli's vigor-

ous direction, the orchestra performed the troubled, frenzied sections of Schumann's symphony with dignity and aplomb. Not until the third movement were the strings allowed a respite from the furious pace set by composer and conductor.

A powerful conclusion

Second on the program was Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Opus 64*. The second movement, dominated by a lovely horn melody, is followed by a graceful waltz.

Taking flight, Maestro Sinopoli, with powerful leaps off the floor and sweeping gestures, inspired his stalwart white-coated Englishmen, and women in black, to a fiery conclusion of the fourth movement of the Russian score.

Standing ovation

As the thundering final chords, bolstered by the Auditorium's teakwood acoustical shell, reverberated through the building, the audience was returning the favor, rising to its feet and applauding conductor and performers alike.

Ministers meet from East and West Africa

Director surveys African growth

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Rapid growth is putting tremendous pressure on manpower and financial resources in the African area. Careful planning to make sure all areas are covered is essential, said evangelist Frank Brown, regional director.

To review the work's progress and plan for the coming months, two days of intensive meetings for ministers from East and West Africa took place Aug. 26 and 27 in

the British Office in Elstree House. Attending along with Mr. Brown were David Stirik, business manager for East and West Africa, and Cathryn Francis, secretary.

Ministers from Africa were Josef Forson, pastor of the Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, churches, and his wife, Gloria; Owen Willis, pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi; Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania; Kibichia and Nairobi, Kenya; and Tororo, Uganda; churches, and his wife, Christina; Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, and his wife, Yvonne; and Kenneth Buck of the Malawi church and his wife, Hilary.

Most of those attending were en route either to or from the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena.

Mr. Brown said that Church membership grew last year and more growth looks imminent. Some groups in Ghana and Nigeria expressed interest in the Church.

Mr. Brown said he was pleased with the progress made during last year both in Church growth and manpower development. He added that Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's August visit to East Africa was an event that Church members would not soon forget.

"I hope Mr. Tkach will be able to visit other areas of Africa," Mr. Brown said.

On the first day ministers made presentations on their areas, and Mr. Brown led a discussion on man-

power development. Other topics included Summer Educational Programs (SEPs), youth programs and the Feast of Tabernacles. One evening the ministers and regional office staff had an informal get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

The following day the ministers and regional staff discussed mail processing and postal services.

In outlining plans for 1987, Mr. Brown said that *Plain Truth* circulation would be allowed to grow as budget permits. Youth programs will continue in every area, and exchange arrangements will be made between each African country and the British summer camp in Loch Lomond, Scotland, as finances allow.

The meeting concluded with a discussion about particular problems in the African area, and ranged over dating when it conflicts with cultural norms in Africa, possible anti-Church trends developing in Nigeria and problems that arise in the matter of family funerals.

Africa

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 his life or having his home burnt.

"While I was visiting," he related, "a military patrol inquired why I was there, as they suspected some whites were selling firearms to the blacks."

"After explaining I was a representative for the *Plain Truth* magazine, they left without any further investigation."

One of the hardest things for black members to do in South Africa is to remain above politics, said Mr. Bartholomew. "They can be put under suspicion, because to stay out of politics brings the charge of collaboration with the 'white regime.'"

"When we as whites go into the black townships, we run the risk of being stoned." If that's not bad enough, black members seen talking to whites "may be intimidated because they are thought to be allying with the 'white regime.'"

"Brethren face danger every day, especially because they are not choosing sides," he said. "They live by faith — no doubt about it."

"But we must realize God is answering our prayers for protection, and we need to continue praying daily for them."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach appreciates the hundreds of cards and letters he receives from the brethren. In this issue The Worldwide News publishes a few of the most recent notes of encouragement and appreciation sent to him.

Church visits

As I left the auditorium of the Regency Hotel in Denver, Colo., I was deeply inspired by your sermon. God gave you the words I needed.

Thank you for coming and for continuing the great responsibility of God's work. For leading and encouraging us to go on with diligence. I now see clearer how much you need our prayers...

Mr. Tkach, thank you for allowing God to use you as His physical servant to lead His Church. I pray that God will continue to lead you, inspire you and fill you up with all His fruits of the Spirit.
 Matheson, Colo.

We just wanted to write and express our true appreciation to you for coming to Mount Pocono [Pa.]. It was such a pleasure to be able to hear you speak.

Your message was so inspiring, as trials certainly have been appearing one after another. You certainly helped us to remember to keep our eyes on the big picture and to keep looking forward.

We also would like to thank you so much for taking the time to meet and shake so many of the brethren's hands. It was so nice of you to shake everyone's hands even though the line was so long, and that you didn't cut the line off at any point, as we find happens so many times in this world.

North Massapequa, N.Y.

I am 11 years old, and my hobbies are collecting first-day covers [stamps], key rings and models, playing football and table tennis and eating. I am also interested in aeroplanes (airplanes in America).

I hope you like it here in England. I have a sister... at SEP Scotland and she is really enjoying it. I hope

to meet you at Sabbath services. Well, you have more important things to do now. I love and support you.
 Edlesborough, England

I am 7 years old... I can't wait until I am 13 and can go to SEP and do lots of sports and games and activities. My favourite sports are football, tennis, table tennis and rounders.
 Edlesborough, England

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International programs

I want to thank you for the wonderful opportunities that you have given the teens in God's Church. I was a member of the group that toured Europe, and I just wanted you to know how much I enjoyed the trip.

I hope you will continue the tour in years to come so other teens will have the same wonderful experience I had. I will treasure the memories of this trip forever.
 Rolla, Mo.

As a YOU student, I want to thank you for me being able to participate in the "Accent on Britain" tour. The wonderful opportunity, to represent God, the Church and you, brightened my summer in several ways. Being in an area where there are very few YOU kids, the tour gave me a chance to be with others that understand God's law. It also allowed me to see how different people live and the different cultures there are in this world!
 Rocksprings, Tex.

Great Britain has never been more gloriously beautiful than when seen through the eyes of 52 members of God's Church, learning, growing and experiencing so much "right stuff" together!

I would like to thank you, fervently, for the opportunity you provided for us teens to travel on the Great Britain tour. It will only ever be rivaled by Ambassador College, and greatest, God's Kingdom.
 Big Sandy Ambassador College

Hello from China! I am one of the eight Ambassador College students sent to China to study for the summer, and what a summer it has been... I — all of us — have seen that cooperation is possible only to the degree that God is involved. Being in this strange land I was struck by the universality of God's law: that it works the same in Pasadena, Asia or the moon.

I also became more aware of the fullness of God's blessings to Manasseh. However, by living here, I see more and more the transgressions of America when compared to these people who, apart from their abominable pagan worship, often seem to "do by nature the things contained in the law." In many ways the Chinese don't have as much of the good as we in America do, but also don't seem to have as much of the bad...

Altogether this summer has been profitable and enjoyable. Others, or their parents, have spent much to come here. Thank you for this and the many other opportunities we at Ambassador have from which to learn and grow!
 Pasadena Ambassador College

Canada

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 Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong."

"The obvious fruit of these trips has been unity, warmth and encouragement among the brethren and ministers, as well as new bonds being formed with brethren or old bonds further nourished," said Mr. Brothers, the G-III steward.

Mr. Locke related how Richard and Donna Little, whose sons, Michael and James, attend Pasadena Ambassador College, drove more than 500 miles from Prince George to hear Mr. Tkach.

"They were able to meet him and spend some time with him at the hotel on Friday evening," said Mr. Locke.

While in Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Budge were able to visit Mrs. Budge's parents, Stanley and Janet Popham, members who attend the Vancouver church.

Imperial students sport a uniformed new look

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA — The students of Imperial Schools have a new look this year. It's the look of their school uniforms.

"I feel strongly that our own Imperial Schools should and must set a right example," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach said. "We have chosen fine quality, sharp-looking uniforms that are practical and dignified."

The students may combine uniform pieces in various ways so they are not all dressed alike every day, according to Joseph Locke, principal of Imperial Schools.

Uniforms for the boys, grades 4 to 12, include light blue or white shirts, gray or navy slacks, red sweater vests, navy blazers and navy ties with red and white stripes. The boys in kindergarten through third grades have navy sweaters instead of blazers.

Girls in grades 4 to 12 wear plaid, gray or pinfeather (blue) skirts, white blouses, navy sweater vests and red blazers with matching collar ties. Girls in kindergarten through third grades have plaid, gray or pinfeather jumpers and white blouses.

This year Imperial Schools furnished each student with one of each garment of the uniform, according to Mr. Locke. The uniforms will be returned at the end of the year or when students outgrow them or move, and

they will be passed on to others.

The uniforms "produce an atmosphere more conducive to learning," said Robert Cote, vice principal of Imperial Schools. "How you dress is a reflection of your attitude. If the students dress casually, they have a casual approach. In the uniforms they take a more serious approach."

Mr. Locke commented on the students' view of the uniforms: "In any group this large there will be some who don't like any change, but the response has been positive overall. I'm very pleased. It's a crisp and clean look, and I don't think it's inhibited any of the students."

In the long run, the uniforms will be less expensive for the families, especially for those who can't afford the latest fashions. Except for the blazers, all the garments are machine washable.

Faculty members may also wear the uniforms, and many do, Mr. Locke said.

When students visited a respected area museum Sept. 9, tour guides were impressed with the uniforms and said they plan to change theirs to something similar, according to Mr. Locke.

He said the group received positive comments from other museum visitors. They told the students that they looked sharp and asked them what school they were from.

"It was encouraging for the students," said Mr. Locke.



UNIFORM INDIVIDUALITY — Imperial Schools students and Principal Joseph Locke (left) model a few of the many variations of the school uniforms. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Get together for fun at Festival

By Kathy Burch

Just as a good recipe requires good ingredients, entertaining also requires key ingredients to be successful.

A dish can consist of staples, spices and a garnish. It also needs preparation before cooking. Successful entertaining requires good organization and preparation, pleasant atmosphere and decor, usually some type of food and, most importantly, a proper attitude on the part of the host or hostess.

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The Feast presents God's people with fine opportunities to fellowship with one another at dinners, picnics and formal and informal get-togethers. These occasions can offer enjoyment and build unity, if the key ingredients are there.

Let's examine these ingredients one by one.

Preparation

Preparation will help a party or meal run without a hitch. After the date and time have been decided, the guest list can be made out. Along with your friends, try to invite someone new. The new couple in the Church who don't know many people would probably love to meet new friends. A widow or widower, a couple of single people — a mix of ages and personalities often creates an exciting evening. Care should be taken, however, about clashing personalities.

What type of activity should we plan? It can be anything from a picnic to a formal meal to a barbecue to a buffet to an afternoon tea. Many enjoy holding "open houses" in their motel rooms. Weather, transportation, cost and likes and dislikes of the guests are factors to consider.

Should the event have a purpose or a theme such as going-away parties and bridal showers do? You could try a teamwork party. Each person has an assignment, whether it be to bring a type of food, prepare

entertainment or help with decorating. This is one way to get everyone involved while making the work load for the hosts lighter. This is especially helpful during the always-busy Feast!

The staple

The main ingredient for successful entertaining is the attitude behind the action — true hospitality. An attitude of warmth and service should stand behind our efforts. We shouldn't try to impress others with our talents or wealth, but provide them with an enjoyable time.

Keep in mind that during the Feast, especially, we want to picture the outgoing concern, generosity and tranquility that will pervade the wonderful world tomorrow.

A good party is 90 percent warmth and hospitality, 10 percent food and decorations. Making guests feel comfortable and special doesn't take elaborate preparations or expensive food. All it takes is the desire to serve our guests.

Have you noticed that spontaneous get-togethers are often delightful? I once went to a friend's house where, while sitting on the floor, we ate homemade pizza off a carton the refrigerator came in. Later on we had hot oatmeal cookies straight from the oven. We spent our evening laughing, talking, looking at photo albums and cleaning up pizza sauce. It was nothing fancy, but it was fun, and the attitude of giving was evident in our hosts.

Just as the staples in a recipe provide the foundation, so does the right attitude provide the right foundation for entertaining.

Spices

A recipe containing only the staples would be bland. That's why spices are added. The spice in our recipe for successful entertaining is food, both physical and spiritual.

The physical food, whether it be steak or hamburgers, should be well prepared and attractively served. The hostess should check to see if guests can't eat certain foods be-

cause of allergies, physical problems or personal preference.

It's important to have a budget when planning the meal. We shouldn't spend more of our Feast funds than we can afford, just to impress guests. If we plan ahead to entertain during the Feast and save extra money beforehand, we can enjoy a special occasion painlessly.

The spiritual food is the fellowship and conversation. The host and hostess should greet their guests, make introductions and keep an eye out for the quieter guests to make sure they aren't left out.

This is where preparation comes in. The host or hostess won't be able to perform these duties if he or she is rushing around trying to get last-

minute details cleared up. If we organize well, the majority of the preparations can be made ahead of time so we can concentrate on our guests when they arrive.

The garnish

Our recipe is nearly complete. The garnish on a dish adds a finish to it. The garnish on our masterpiece is the atmosphere and decor. No matter what your accommodations are like — many brethren camp! — you can create a friendly atmosphere. Your guests will want to relax, sit back and stay a while.

Comfort is a big plus. Make the location of your get-together inviting. Depending on your guests, throw pillows on the floor may be enough. But, some may need firm chairs or a cushioned couch.

Candles and flowers add warmth and beauty to a room. Lanterns or

candles can be used outside if necessary. A simple centerpiece on the dinner table is a nice touch, too.

It doesn't really matter what you have. The guests will feel welcome if you show them attention. The warmth of the host and hostess plays a major part in the atmosphere.

All in the family

These principles can be used year-round. If you feel your entertaining skills aren't up to par just yet, a good place to practice is with the family. Have a special dinner and put to work the ingredients in our recipe for success. Home is the best place to start your entertaining experiments.

The preparation, the staple, the spices, the garnish — they all add up to a culinary delight, a memorable entertaining experience!

Famine

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American sales of wheat to the Soviet Union and sugar to China, traditional Australian markets, could undermine the defense ties between the two nations, finishing off what's left of the ANZUS (Australia, New Zealand, United States) alliance.

A graphic example of surpluses becoming unmanageable is in the European Community. The EC's butter mountains and wine lakes continue to surge upward, thanks to price supports that consume 70 percent of the community's budget.

The Common Market spends \$63,000 every hour just to store its 1.4 million tons of surplus butter. The EC produces so much more wine than it consumes that the annual wine surplus would fill 1,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

American farmers are adding to surpluses. There is little room for bumper harvests in many places except emergency ground storage.

Reduced export markets for U.S. grain (down from more than \$43 billion in 1981 to an expected \$26.5 billion this year) mean there is a big holdover from last year's supply. Prices are certain to be low — while

government price supports to farmers remain high.

Surpluses temporary

Still, some are afraid to claim that the surplus is here to stay. Potentially negative factors — such as dependence upon miracle grains and bio-engineering — could reverse the situation.

According to the Sept. 9 New York Times, "roughly 55 percent of the world's rice lands are now planted with high-yielding varieties . . . introduced in Asia in the mid-1960s . . . Nearly half the planet's wheat acreage is planted in high-yielding varieties . . ."

"Still . . . authorities on international agriculture worry that the planet's food surpluses could vanish within months if persistent bad weather or crop failures occurred in one of the world's important farming regions . . ."

"Ecologists and other scientists point to additional risks from the explosion in grain production. The acceptance of the modern seed varieties is leading to a potentially disastrous neglect of thousands of primitive and native grain varieties that have valuable genetic traits, such as drought resistance or tolerance to toxic soil salts, that are becoming

lost forever to breeders.

"Moreover, the modern varieties grow best with pesticides and fertilizers. Increasing use of chemicals around the world is polluting water and causing sicknesses and injuries throughout the developing world, environmental experts say."

Man's technology applied to agriculture is destined to fail. One drawback to technology dependence is that peace is a prerequisite, so that pesticides, herbicides, miracle seeds and genetically altered plants can continue to flow unimpeded from developed to developing countries. Interestingly, famines and pestilences follow wars and rumors of wars and nation rising against nation in Matthew 24.

Today's burgeoning surpluses can vanish rapidly given tumultuous political conditions, years of drain caused by famines in one area, such as Africa, plus the inability of major producing areas to come back quickly into production once millions of farmers have left the land.

The same first chapter of Joel that foretells ravenous locust plagues also gives this warning in verse 10: "The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth."



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Before God gives you the job, He wants to know you're ready

By Mark McCulley

"Long live the king!" The cry pealed up and down the nation of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba. At last Israel's civil war was over. Saul was dead, peace had been made with the supporters of Saul's son Ishbosheth and all Israel acknowledged David's worthiness and authority (II Samuel 5:3).

The story of how God provided Israel with a king "after His own heart" is a fascinating one. More importantly, it is a model of what He is doing with each of us to prepare us for His Kingdom.

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David, a ruddy young Bethlehemite, was the seventh son of a wealthy and respected Jew. He grew up as the errand boy for his father and brothers.

David was about 17 when God chose him to be king. Over the next 13 years of David's life, God taught David how to use the powers of a king without giving him the actual authority of kingship. Time after time, God used trying circumstances to help train a brilliant and innovative young man for the responsibility of rulership.

Living with Saul

Because of his natural abilities, David found quick acceptance in Saul's court after his momentous slaughter of Goliath. What an opportunity to learn to be a king!

Working closely with Saul and knowing he would succeed him — when? — must have been a terrific strain on David. He must have realized that he had a lot to learn, and that God alone could put him into the kingship.

At any rate, never is an instance recorded of David failing to support Saul in everything, even in spite of Saul's numerous attempts on David's life.

David explained to his nephew Abishai that killing Saul wasn't his place. "And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless? ... the Lord shall smite him; or his day shall come to die ... The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed" (I Samuel 26:9-11).

Why did David feel this way about Saul? Because he was obedient to God's government first and foremost. Saul, was king as long as he lived, and David recognized and upheld that position.

Revenge tempered by wisdom

While David was living in the wilderness, he ran headlong into another incident that was to teach him more valuable lessons: the experience with Nabal (I Samuel 25).

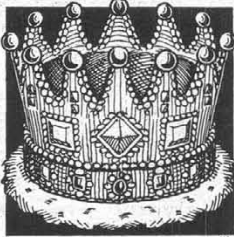
Just in the nick of time, Abigail, Nabal's wise wife, stopped David from slaughtering Nabal and his whole household. She also brought good advice. Abigail's speech to David was a marvel of diplomacy, correction and encouragement.

No wonder David was impressed! Abigail made her point modestly, but her message came through loud and clear: "David, if you kill Nabal

because of your own anger, though he may deserve it, the stain on your record will follow you the rest of your life."

David was moved. He realized God had sent the correction and accepted it appropriately.

Did David learn the lesson of controlling his temper and not seeking vengeance? For the answer, we can look to a time much later in David's life, when the king fled Jerusalem



from his own son Absalom.

Shimei, a relative of Saul, came out cursing the king to all within hearing. David's nephew Abishai wanted to kill Shimei, and, legally, Shimei deserved to die. Exodus 22:28 prohibits cursing a ruler.

Yet the man who shepherded that troubled nation was mature enough to realize that he was suffering the consequences of his own sins. He also realized that God could well be using Shimei as He had Abigail — to correct His chosen leader.

"So let him curse," David told his nephew, "because the Lord hath said unto him, Curse David. Who then shall say, Wherefore hast thou done so?" (II Samuel 16:10).

David refused to let his temper get the best of him. He had passed another test.

The parallels for us

We have seen just a few of the lessons David had to learn to be a just king. What is important for us to note is the parallel between the way David was trained for kingship and the way the Eternal is training each of us for eventual kingship.

For instance, after David was anointed king, he had to wait many years before he took the throne. He had to go through an extensive training period in which he learned how to be a king. At any time along the way, David could have rebelled.

In much the same way, we as Christians are called to be kings, but don't have that power yet. We, too, must learn the lessons David learned, because we, too, are to become kings once we have qualified (Revelation 5:10, 20:4).

The only way to qualify for a position that will incorporate the day-to-day use of wisdom, love and every principle of God's Word is to prepare for it on a day-to-day basis.

If we begin each day by drawing close to God and learning more from His teachings to us, we will be better able to hold out against the thoughts and influences with which Satan bombards us.

After we begin with prayer and study of God's Word, we must continue to be aware of every incident that comes our way, and bring into captivity "every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Corinthians

10:5). Yet because we are still human, there are major areas of our lives that will continue to cause us problems, cropping up day after day, that we must continually strive to conquer.

God demands that we show fruits of overcoming, and be determined to overcome. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

Another great lesson David had to learn applies to us as well. David lived under, and did not rebel against, Saul's government, unjust toward him as it was. By supporting Saul, David proved to God that he would continue his obedience after becoming king as well as before.

The same test is being applied to all of us today. The government we are expected to support is that of God's Church in this era.

If we really believe that God is in charge of His Church — spiritual Israel — as David believed He was in control of the physical nation Israel — then we will support God's government in every way we can. If we refuse to obey God now, our Fa-

Test Yourself

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

- (1) Which two powers are beginning to assume economic world leadership? (September *Plain Truth*, page 2)
- (2) According to the Bible, what separates man from the animals? (September *Plain Truth*, page 8)
- (3) True or false: The current members of the European Common Market are probably the same 10 that will resurrect the Holy Roman Empire. (September *Plain Truth*, page 21)
- (4) Why wasn't Moses allowed to cross over the Jordan River and see the promised land of Canaan? (September *Good News*, page 5)
- (5) True or false: Depression always includes a component of anger. (September *Good News*, page 7)
- (6) What two systems will make up the end-time "Babylon"? (September *Good News*, page 12)

ther has no indication that we would obey Him as spirit beings. That is why God must see the same trait of submission in us as He saw in David.

Our responsibility

Jesus Christ describes our responsibility and reward in Revelation 3:12: "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New

Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."

Because he was God's anointed, David knew he would someday become king in spite of trials and persecution. We, too, have the promise of rulership (Revelation 1:6).

The implication is plain. Only those who learn to be a king — as David did — will ultimately qualify for rulership.

Let us make that calling and election to rulership sure!

Next assignment: The Feast

Be God's ambassador of peace

By Jerold W. Aust

God wants peace on earth! This coming Feast of Tabernacles foreshadows the time when total peace will break out all over the earth, during the millennial rule of Jesus Christ.

Man's ways — even his attempts at peace — have all ended in confusion, heartache, pain and death. Man's history for the past 6,000 years is a chronicle of wars. It is nearly impossible to trace the history of nations and find even a decade when all the globe enjoyed relative peace.

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No, man does not know the way to peace. It must be revealed by Almighty God, whose ways man has rejected. God alone authors peace. For, "destruction and misery are in their ways: and the way of peace have they not known" (Romans 3:16-17).

But God has not left man without the hope of peace. True Christians know and experience God's peace in their personal lives, and they are about to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, which highlights God's promised peace on earth for the next 1,000 years!

The Feast of peace

The Feast of Tabernacles portrays an unprecedented time of peace that will cover the entire earth (Isaiah 11:1-9). There will be no more war. Christ will rule on earth, uncontested. All humanity will then keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Zechariah 14:16). God's eternal peace will fill all nations!

How thankful we should be that

we as members of God's Church can know and practice the way to true peace now!

We are called and chosen to represent the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). We are the begotten sons and daughters of God (Matthew 5:9). We have repented, and must continue to repent daily, of contentious attitudes (James 4:1-6). We are to be ambassadors of peace, even though making war comes much easier.

At Feast sites around the world, we will walk among outsiders who do not know the way to peace. But the world will see our peace. They will be favorably impressed by it, but they will not understand it. Yet our example is not lost. It will stand as a witness to people in the world, who will remember later, when God opens their minds.

God tells us: "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (I Peter 2:11-12).

God's peace

Just what is God's peace? "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" (Psalm 119:165).

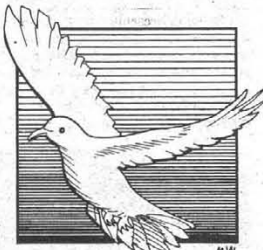
Peace comes from keeping God's law, which sums up God's love: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

In a few short weeks, God's Church — His called and chosen commandment-keepers — His ambassadors of peace, who serve Him by keeping His holy, annual festivals — these saints will be keeping

this Feast of peace worldwide. The world will be grateful later when they learn the full meaning of this beautiful and life-giving Feast of Tabernacles!

Here's how to enjoy more of God's peace now:

(1) Repent from all wrong ways of thinking (Proverbs 14:12). Ask God to help you see more clearly the



differences between God's peace and man's evil ways.

(2) Believe. Have faith in God's promise to give you His peace. Peace is a fruit of His Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). And ask God to help you believe Him.

(3) Strive to practice peace in every facet of your life today. Remember that God's peace can only be sown in the fertile soil of humility (James 3:17-18). Carnal pride destroys godly peace, for that kind of pride comes from Satan.

Jesus Christ will soon bring peace to earth for humanity to enjoy and prosper in. He is beginning now, with the selected few in God's Church. When we observe the Feast of Tabernacles, Christ is forecasting His millennial rule of international peace for all the world.

Learn the way of peace! Practice it! Be thankful for it!

Camps around the world stress order, opportunity and oneness

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach visited the Summer Educational Programs (SEPs) in Orr, Minn. (including the Mexican SEP), Big Sandy and Loch Lomond, Scotland. At each site campers had a special greeting by Mr. Tkach, and he toured facilities, viewed activities and addressed the campers. He stressed order, opportunity and oneness.

Larry Johnson, a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College; Simone Lovett, a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College; Colin Kelly, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church; and Michael Wells, a 1986 Ambassador College graduate; contributed to this article.

SEPs were also conducted in Morhange, France; Wikki Warm Springs, Nigeria; and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"SEP camps held this summer were a huge success in every way. We had the largest number of campers ever, and I am delighted with the positive comments coming in from campers, parents, ministers and staff," said evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration.

Orr

Six hundred seventy-two campers attended two SEP sessions in Orr June 19 to July 9 and July 17 to Aug. 6.

The SEP was directed by Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activities in Church Administration. Rick Sherrod, a local elder in the Chattanooga, Tenn., church, was assistant camp director.

Staff members were Ambassador College and Imperial Schools faculty, field ministers, 85 Ambassador College students and 75 high school workers.

Activities were archery, basketball, volleyball, softball, waterskiing, swimming, riflery, photography and newspaper, television and radio and education and dance classes. Each session produced an issue of a camp newspaper, the *YOU Summer Times*.

Each dorm went on a four-day canoe trip, and other activities were cookouts and dances.

Big Sandy

Four hundred eighty teens from

the United States and Canada attended two three-week sessions at the Big Sandy SEP June 18 to July 8 and July 9 to July 30.

At the beginning of each session, evangelist Leslie McCullough, then deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College, welcomed the campers. Mr. McCullough will be regional director for the Church in South Africa (see "Update," *WN*, July 14).

The Big Sandy camp was directed by Larry Haworth, and assistant director was Gilbert Norman. Both are faculty members at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

Staff members were Ambassador College faculty members, field ministers, 53 Big Sandy and Pasadena Ambassador College students and 83 high school workers.

Activities were golf, cycling, basketball, volleyball, tennis, racquetball, music, education, home economics, defensive driving, computers, communications, television and radio, swimming and dance.

Mexican SEP

Seventy-eight of Mexico's 82 Church youths and four teens from Guatemala participated in a "once in a lifetime" experience when they attended a Mexican SEP in Orr Aug. 11 to 25.

Gilberto Marin, pastor of the Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico, churches, acted as assistant director, and Salvador Barragan, associate pastor of the Mexico City, Mexico, church, helped supervise activities.

"About 50 percent have attended the two previous camps, one in 1982 and the other in 1985, at the Big Sandy facilities," Mr. Marin said.

Buses from the Big Sandy campus took the youths from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on the U.S.-Mexican border to Orr. Church members in San Antonio, Tex.; Big Sandy; Kansas City, Kan.; Kansas City, Mo.; and Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; provided the campers with meals on their way to and from Orr.

Camp activities were archery, riflery, swimming, waterskiing, canoeing, dance, volleyball, basketball, education and softball.

The camp was staffed by three counselors from Mexico and one from Belize, high school workers, Ambassador College students and volunteers from the Duluth and

Grand Rapids, Minn., churches.

Scotland

More than 350 campers from the United Kingdom, Europe and Africa attended an SEP in Loch Lomond, July 20 to Aug. 10.

"There is a special thrill of teamwork and cooperation in the whole SEP effort in Scotland. On one hand, I'd like to find a way to provide permanent facilities for the Scottish camp. But on the other, there is a great benefit to the truly 'camp-like' environment," Mr. Tkach said.

Facilities at the camp are portable and are set up each year.

Activities were education classes, speech clubs, waterskiing, parasailing, formal dinners, cycling, mountaineering, leather carving, scuba diving, fencing, wind surfing, sailing and trampolining. For the first time, campers wrote articles and took photographs for a camp newspaper.

Nigeria

About 90 campers from Nigeria and Ghana attended an SEP at the Yankari Game Reserve at Wikki Warm Springs in northern Nigeria Aug. 3 to 11.

Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, served as camp director, and staff members were Church members from Nigeria and Ghana and two Ambassador College students.

"I was very impressed with how teachable the campers were," said Jeffrey Broadnax, one of the Ambassador College students who served at the camp. "I learned a great deal from them."

The group stayed in chalets. They went into the bush for a day of game viewing. Campers participated in a talent night, Bible bowl and speech night.

Activities were volleyball, swimming, softball, weaving, aerobics, soccer, an obstacle course, education classes and canoeing.

France

Forty-seven campers ages 13 to 19 attended the third annual SEP in Morhange. The session began July 13 and ended July 27.

Campers came from the United States, Belgium, Switzerland, West Germany, England and France. A staff of 30 adults and eight Ambassador College students served at the camp directed by Oliver Carion, pastor of the



SET TO SKI — A camper in Orr, Minn., receives waterskiing pointers; below: campers in Loch Lomond, Scotland, learn fencing skills. [Photos by Barry Baker and Ken Tate]



Strasbourg, Mulhouse and Saint-Avold, France, churches.

Activities were swimming, archery, wind surfing, water polo, sail boarding, cycling, tennis and football. New activities this year were waterskiing, photography and video production.

Daniel Sudan, mayor of Morhange, had lunch at the camp during the last week of activities. "The mayor was quite impressed with our facilities and has given us the use of the land free. He has also requested that we return next year," Mr. Carion said.

Malaysia

The first SEP in Malaysia took place on a Church member's plantation near Kuala Lumpur July 28 to Aug. 8. Twenty-eight campers

and 24 staff members from Malaysia, Singapore, India, Sri Lanka, Australia and the United States attended.

Activities were archery, badminton, basketball, construction, education classes, music, orienteering, softball, water polo and photography.

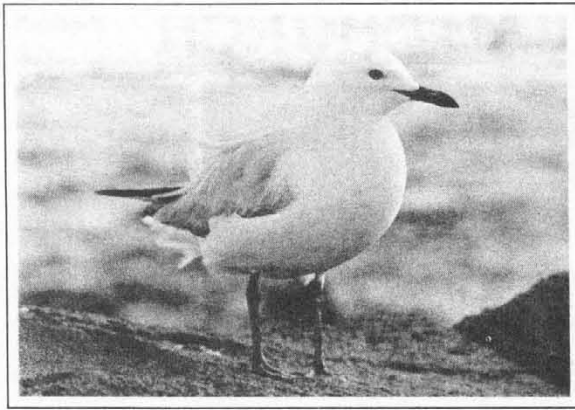
Teo Poh Chim, a Church member who is a licensed scuba diving instructor, taught the campers basic skills and safety and emergency procedures in scuba diving. He commented that children in the Church are more disciplined, more easily instructed and more willing to learn than groups with whom he normally deals.

Colin Kelly, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, served as camp director.



HELPING HANDS — A camper at the Malaysian SEP gets a grip on basketball shooting techniques; right: a Big Sandy camper visits horses at the Ambassador College farm. [Photos by Colin Kelly and Daniel Eubanks]





BEST OVERALL BLACK AND WHITE: MICHELLE OSBORNE



BEST OVERALL COLOR: MICHELLE OSBORNE

Australian YOU Photo Contest

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Michelle Osborne, 18, of Lower Templestowe took the best overall color and the best overall black and white photographs in the 1986 Australian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Photo Contest.

Judges for the contest were Colin Kelly, pastor of the Grafton, Aus-

tralia, church, and John Curry and Gary Regazzoli, employees in the Australian Regional Office. The photos were judged on originality, creativity, focus, exposure, forethought and whether the photograph fulfilled the assignment.

First, second and third places were as follows.

Human interest (color): Louise Kleinbergs, 16, Hornsby Heights; Mark Gunders, 17, Caloundra; Ruth Slade, 16, Bendigo.

Humorous (color): Brenda McKavanagh, 18, Caboolture; Barbara Van Heere, 15, Blaxland; Dorene Murray, 16, Bulleen.

Nature (color): Michelle Os-

borne; Bradley Huthnance, 13, Epping; Kari Murto, 15, Blackburn.

Action (color): Mark Gunders (first and second places).

General subject (color): Michelle Osborne; Matthew Sieff, 13, Randwick; Michele Flack, 16, Christie Downs.

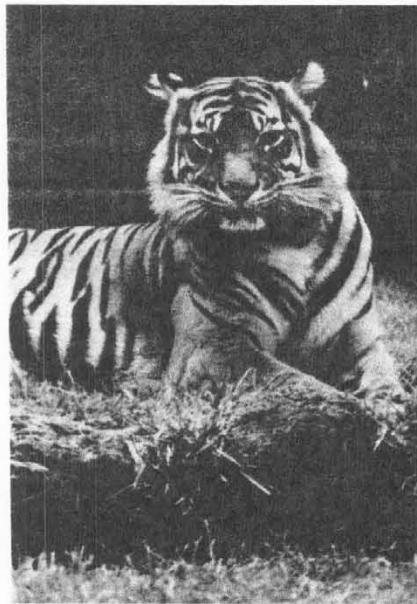
Portrait (color): Michelle Os-

borne; Mark Gunders (second and third places).

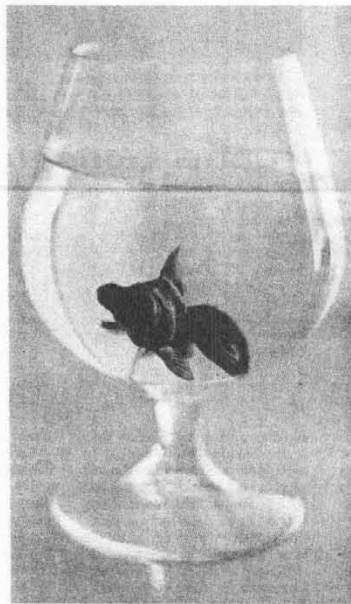
Unusual (color): Brenda McKavanagh; Mark Gunders; Giselle Goldmann, 13, Ashfield.

Unusual (black and white): Michelle Osborne.

General subject (black and white): Michelle Osborne.



BEST NATURE (COLOR): MICHELLE OSBORNE



MOST UNUSUAL (B&W): MICHELLE OSBORNE



BEST PORTRAIT (COLOR): MICHELLE OSBORNE



MOST HUMOROUS (COLOR): BRENDA MCKAVANAGH



BEST ACTION (COLOR): MARK GUNDERS



BEST HUMAN INTEREST (COLOR): LOUISE KLEINBERGS

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brethren chat 'n' chew

More than 300 **BROOKLYN NORTH** and **SOUTH** and **QUEENS, N.Y.**, brethren attended a picnic at Prospect Park Aug. 17.

Activities included children's games, a water-balloon toss, volleyball, softball, horseshoes and a bake-off. Christi Hinkle's banana-nut bread placed first in the bread division, Sharon Brown's cheesecake placed first in the cake division and Judy Kenny's peach pie won the pie division.

Brethren brought picnic lunches and the church provided watermelon. The activity was organized by Juan Quinones, a Brooklyn South local church elder. *Wesley B. Webster.*

BARRIE, Ont., brethren attended an annual corn roast Aug. 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beentjes. About 110 people attended.

Activities included children's games, touch football, softball and volleyball. A used-clothing exchange was also featured.

After a meal of corn, hot dogs and roasted marshmallows Winston Gosse and Mike Fenemore played their guitars and the brethren participated in a sing-along around the camp fire. *Doreen Pinkney.*

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta., brethren attended a church picnic Aug. 3 at Moonshine Lake.

The event began with a pancake breakfast. Other activities were a miniature track meet for the children, other children's games, a kite flying contest won by the Westfall family and an obstacle course. The activities were organized by Rod and Wendy Westfall, Jeanne Shaw, Helen Hurst and Bruce and Bonnie Wagar.

Dinner included barbecued beef, salads, finger foods and desserts. The activity ended with a sing-along. Laurie Nyhus, a former pastor of the Grande Prairie church and now associate pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East church, and his family were special guests. *Sherry Dumont.*

About 260 **ROCHESTER, N.Y.**, brethren attended an annual family picnic Aug. 10 at Ellison Park.

Sunny and breezy weather Aug. 9 dried the park after a week of rain. The rain began again as the last picnickers left the park.

The meal consisted of barbecued sirloin of beef, roast corn, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, desserts and watermelon. Activities included games and prizes for the children, horseshoes, softball and volleyball. *Jake Hannold.*

The **KENOSHA, Wis.**, annual church picnic took place Aug. 3 at Van Patten Woods. Eighty-

five percent of the brethren attended.

The picnic included softball, volleyball, horseshoes and guessing games. A potluck lunch featured hamburgers and beverages provided by the church.

Children and adults played games in the afternoon. *Connie McClure.*

About 450 **BALTIMORE, Md.**, brethren attended their 16th annual bull roast Aug. 10. The event took place at Maynard Marvel's farm in Freeland, Md.

Activities included relay games, contests, a straw-bale maze and hayrides. Deacon Roger Crawford coordinated the food preparation. The meal included 413 pounds of prime beef marinated in wine sauce, 30 pounds of hamburgers and 50 dozen ears of corn.

Brethren brought their own salads and other side dishes. Snow cones and watermelons were sold. *Jon and Ginnie Cook.*

LAKE OF THE OZARKS and ROLLA, Mo., brethren combined for a skating party and a picnic at a park in Rolla Aug. 3.

An employee at the skating rink commented that he noticed a difference between the church group and other groups: Parents and children interacted more than in other groups. In most groups, parents sit on the side and observe the children, he said.

Young Ambassadors tapes were used for skating music.

Picnic activities included volleyball, swimming and trail walks. A potluck meal was provided by both churches. *Johntia Wells.*

KANSAS CITY, Kan., SOUTH brethren prepared a picnic dinner Aug. 10 for Latin American campers on their way to the Mexican Summer Educational Program in Orr, Minn. The picnic was at John Anderson Park in Grandview, Mo.

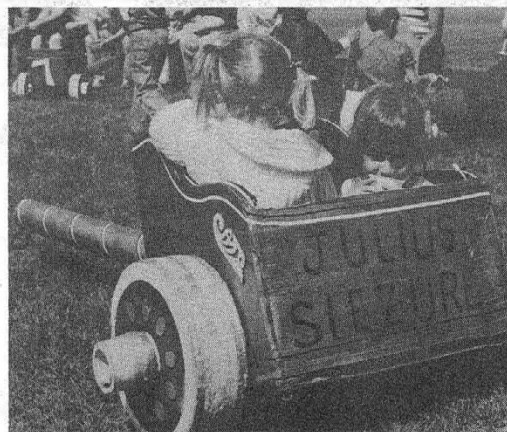
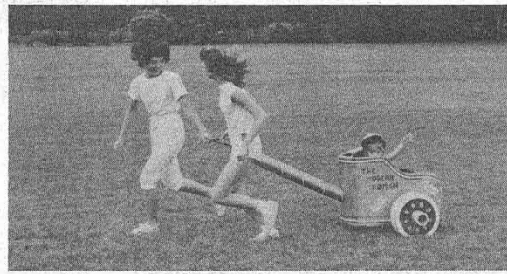
The group chose from a variety of hot dishes, salads, drinks and (See **BRETHREN**, page 9)

Activities unify brethren

Brethren from the **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND** took a cruise around Cork Harbor Aug. 17. They went ashore at Cobh, a town that was a port of call for transatlantic passenger liners, for a picnic.

Thomas Bryan and his wife, Susan, served hot refreshments at John F. Kennedy park in Cobh. *Donal O'Callaghan.*

Women of the **SACRAMENTO, Calif.**, church sponsored an annual luncheon and fashion show Aug. 10 at the El Rancho Resort restaurant. Women from children to senior



A DAY AT THE RACES — Brethren from the Brandon, Man., and Moosomin, Sask., churches gathered Aug. 10 for "all family, all cardboard" homemade chariot races. Top left: two Church youths act as horses as they pull a chariot. Above and right: children prepare to race their family chariots. [Photos by Jonathan Buck]

Youths camp, tour, trek to see sights

Thirteen **OLONGAPO** and **BALANGA, Philippines**, Church youths and their fathers took a wilderness hike July 27 at Patok Hills on the Bataan Peninsula.

The group descended a 65 degree slope to a river before lunch. After a swim and lunch, the youths heard a lecture on wilderness skills. *Erenita S. Gabriel.*

Activities unify brethren

citizens modeled garments they made ranging from casual to evening wear. Frances London and Marian Hall were co-hostesses and Jeanne Fossan, Pat Wallace and Frances London were announcers.

Eighty-seven people attended the event. *Marci Walton.*

A **SAVANNAH, Ga.**, softball tournament took place at Richmond Hill, Ga., Aug. 17. Men, women and children from the Savannah and Augusta, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S.C., churches participated. *Ken Jackson.*

Nineteen **LAS VEGAS, Nev.**, Church youths and chaperons visited Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming Aug. 3 to 10.

Camp was set up on the ranch of Phil Wilson, a deacon in the Blackfoot, Idaho, church. The group spent two days sight-seeing at Yellowstone National Park.

Other activities were canoeing, powerboating, fishing, a two-hour horseback trip through the foothills of the Grand Tetons and a two-hour white-water raft trip down the Snake River.

On the Sabbath, Aug. 9, Ed Kofol, a Las Vegas deacon, gave a Bible study about appreciation. Teens, chaperons and area Church members attended Sabbath services in a hay barn on Mr. Wilson's ranch.

Mr. Wilson gave the sermonette on God as a fun God, and Bernard Schnippert, pastor of the Kingman, Ariz., and Las Vegas churches, gave a sermon on the differences between first and second generation Christians.

The group returned home Aug. 10. *Arlene Schnippert.*

Church youths from the **CUMBERLAND** and **HAGERSTOWN,**

Md., churches toured the New England states Aug. 10 to 15. They were accompanied by William Pack, pastor of the two churches; Brian Drawbaugh, a Hagerstown local church elder, and his wife, Shelby; and other adults.

The youths traveled 12 hours from Hagerstown to Littleton, N.H., Aug. 10. They saw a gorge formed by glaciers. They also took the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, visited Ogunquit Beach in Maine, spent time at the Newport, R.I., Historical Society, toured Block Island on bicycles and mopeds and visited Six Flags Great Adventure, an amusement park in New Jersey.

Each day began with a Bible study. *John A. Cuper.*

DALLAS, Tex., EAST and **WEST** brethren combined for their fourth annual alpha-omega reception for Church youths Aug. 10. The reception welcomes 13-year-olds to YOU and bids farewell to 19-year-olds. Almost 270 Church youths and families attended. (See **YOUTHS**, page 9)

Members rough it for fun

MIDLAND and **CADILLAC, Mich.**, brethren and guests from other church areas attended a camp-out Aug. 8 to 10 at River Valley Campground near Gladwin, Mich.

Brethren checked in and set up camp Aug. 8.

After breakfast the next day Sabbath services took place at the campground. Ernst Wuckert gave a sermonette on being assets in God's Church. Garvin Greene, pastor of the two churches, gave a sermon about the world tomorrow.

After a potluck meal, brethren split into groups and discussed what they thought the world tomorrow would be like. Saturday evening ended with a sing-along around a camp fire.

Sunday the group ate a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, juice and coffee. Other activities included games, swimming, boating and fellowship. The weekend concluded with a meal of barbecued chicken, roasted corn, baked beans, salad and desserts.

The camp-out was organized by Jeff and Sharon Ledy. *Renee O'Brien.*

AUBURN and **BREMERTON, Wash.**, brethren combined for a weekend of camping and outdoor activities Aug. 8 to 10 at Hicks Lake in Lacey, Wash.

The theme of the camp-out was "Living Together in Unity." Some of the activities were a Friday night Bible study, a talent show, waterskiing and fellowship. About 350 people attended. *Gale Ullerick.*



AS GOOD AS MOM'S — Award winners in a pie-baking contest for Brooklyn North and South and Queens, N.Y., churches show their edible wares Aug. 17. [Photo by Bill Paz]

Youths

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The outdoor garden reception began with a ceremony. Randal Dick, pastor of the Dallas West church, introduced the alphas and presented the omegas with an inscribed copy of *Halley's Bible Handbook*.

After the ceremony and a reception line, refreshments were served and guests and honorees talked and walked in the garden setting. *Randal Dick*.

BEAVER VALLEY and PITTSBURGH, Pa., brethren combined to attend the area's third annual YOU awards banquet Aug. 10 at the Edgewood Social Club.

The theme of the banquet was "YOU — A Bridge to Friendships." A dinner of stuffed pasta and salad was served. Afterward a slide presentation of the year's activities was narrated by David Urban, pastor of the Beaver Valley and Pittsburgh congregations.

Awards were presented for boys and girls volleyball, cheerleading, boys basketball and track and field. Other awards were to defensive and offensive player of the year and defensive and offensive player of the tournament. Leadership and spirit awards were also given.

The new YOU council was announced and the evening concluded with a dance. *Mark Anstis*.

Brethren

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desserts. Steve Turner and Juan Sosa of the Kansas City, Mo., North church and Dick Mann, a deacon in the Kansas City South church, translated.

The picnic was organized by local church elder John Pentlin and Ken Murphy. *Robert C. Taylor*.

PIKEVILLE and HAZARD, Ky., brethren combined for an annual picnic Aug. 3 at Jenny Wiley State Park near Prestonburg, Ky. About 250 people from the congregations attended.

Activities included softball, horseshoes, Scrabble and a covered-dish meal. *Richard Allen*.

About 180 **ROME, Ga.**, brethren attended an annual church picnic Aug. 10 at Red Top Mountain, Ga., State Park.

A mechanized chicken-cooking apparatus engineered by David

Owen was already automatically rotating chickens when brethren began to arrive at 10 a.m.

Morning activities included whiffle ball, volleyball, baseball and horseshoes.

A lunch of barbecued chicken, vegetable dishes, desserts and toasted bread was served. A fawn scampered past the picnic tables, and bluegrass music was provided during the meal by the Lost Mountain musicians.

After lunch people played chess, checkers and Trivial Pursuit. *Peggy Ann May*.

Minister receives farewells

EDMONTON, Alta., young adults and senior citizens sponsored a farewell picnic brunch July 27 for Robert Berendt, associate pastor of the Edmonton South church. Mr. Berendt is attending classes at Pasadena Ambassador College for one year.

KELOWNA, B.C., Church members celebrated the 20th anniversary of their congregation Aug. 16.

Sabbath services took place in the Mt. Boucherie Recreation Auditorium.

Anthony Wasilkoff, pastor of the Kelowna and Penticton, B.C., churches, read letters, played a tape recording and passed along greetings from ministers who served in the area.

After Sabbath services brethren ate a buffet of fried chicken, salads, cake, ice cream, punch and champagne.

The morning was spent playing football, Frisbee and other park activities. A meal of fresh fruit, vegetables and meatballs was served.

Mr. Berendt received a portable tape recorder on behalf of the brethren. *Colin and Charlene Bishop*.

Children have fun in summertime sun

The **PORTLAND, Maine**, annual camp-out for Youth Educational Services (YES)-age children took place in two sessions Aug. 3 and 4 and Aug. 5 and 6.

Each session had 12 children. Each child was assigned to represent a tribe of Israel and the commandments (rules of the camp-out) were read from Mt. Sinai (the front porch). Each activity began with an appropriate scripture.

Activities for the first day of each session included a treasure hunt, a

visit to a place of interest, swimming, a hot dog roast, a camp fire and a Bible question game. The second day consisted of playing a game, tackling an obstacle course, playing wiffle ball and a team football kick. After lunch the children wrote letters to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, swam and built sand castles.

Each session ended with parents of the children joining activities including lawn games, basketball, swimming, canoeing and dinner. Awards were presented to

campers. *George Weber*.

PASADENA Imperial A.M. singles and young married couples sponsored their second annual children's day Aug. 3 in the Imperial Schools gymnasium. Fifty children ages 3 to 12 attended.

Children were divided into five age categories. Events were tailored to each age group and included arts and crafts, Bible, science and nature, sports and games and safety.

In the safety activity, each group watched a live demonstration of what can happen in an earthquake and discussed precautions to take.

At the end of the day each child received a certificate of participation. Group pictures were taken of all the children, group leaders, station leaders and assistants. *Kemmer Pfund*.

Kelowna celebrates 20th

Activities ended with a family dance. A picnic took place the next day, Sunday, Aug. 17, at Bertram Creek near Kelowna. *Frank Murley*.

Seniors enjoy banquet, tour

GREENVILLE, S.C., brethren honored senior citizens with a banquet Aug. 10.

The banquet began with a poem written and read by James Huffman, a Church youth. Church youths served the meal and pianist Kathy Wright provided dinner music.

After dinner Andy Merrell conducted a tabletopics session and entertainment was provided by singles and youths. Ronnie Poole led a sing-along.

Other activities were a speech on the importance of the elderly and a game of 20 questions. *Sean Roemhild*.

About 80 brethren from the

LAKE MOGERAH, BRISBANE NORTH and SOUTH, CALIFORNIA and GOLD COAST, Australia, over-50s groups combined Aug. 3 for a tour of the Gold Coast region.

The group had morning tea at the Hinze Dam. Next they went to Numinbah National Park. They took a walk through a rain forest to a natural bridge, where they saw a waterfall cascading hundreds of feet into a clear pool.

Some brethren ate a smorgasboard meal at the Two Pines Cafe and others ate a picnic lunch at the property of David and Jane Solca in Numinbah Valley. *Daphne Afleck*.

Children's Corner

The Unwilling Learner

By Vivian Pettijohn

Michael Harris' reddish-blond hair glistened in the late afternoon sunlight as he shook his head and yelled: "Kathy, stop trying to teach me! I don't want to learn!" The 3½-year-old jumped off his blue tricycle and ran into the house.

The unhappy would-be teacher shuffled back across the quiet street to her own home. In the kitchen she slid silently onto a chair.

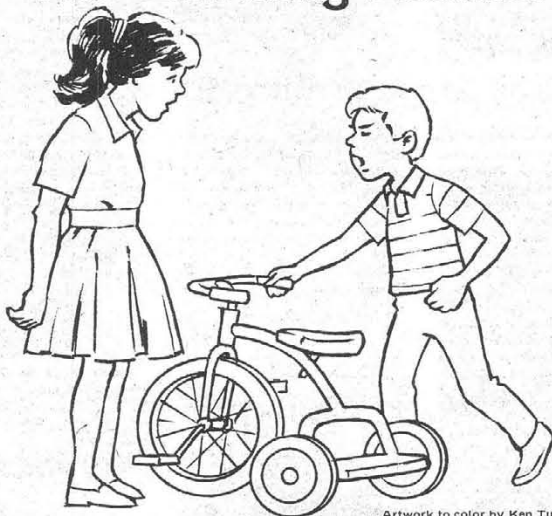
"What's wrong, honey?" Mrs. Winfield asked as she began cutting unpeeled potatoes into little square pieces.

"Oh, that Mike is what's wrong," Kathy answered. "I'm a big girl so I know lots more than he does. But he won't let me teach him things I'm learning in first grade or in my Youth Bible Lessons. I just wanted to help him get smarter. Wouldn't that make him gain in wisdom, too, like the proverb says we should do?"

"Not necessarily," Mother replied. "You can get smarter by just learning facts, but you gain wisdom in a different way. Now, honey," she continued as she handed Kathy the potatoes, a bowl and a small paring knife, "while you cut up the rest of these potatoes, it might help if you quote the proverb your father taught us this morning."

"Uh, OK," Kathy said as she used the knife carefully. "Proverbs 19:20 says, 'Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.'" (Revised Standard Version).

"That's fine," Mother told Kathy. "And in a few minutes I'll give you some instruction as I show you how



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

to make the potato soup."

"Oh, Mommy," Kathy said in a whining voice, "I don't want to learn how to make soup. That's too hard and I'm too little."

"Oh?" Mother asked. "Didn't you just say you're a big girl? And, besides, don't you think Michael was wrong when he didn't want to accept instruction that would help him in the future?"

"Yes, Mommy," Kathy answered. "And yet," Mother observed, "you feel it is all right that you don't want to learn some things that will help

you in the future."

"What do you mean?" Kathy asked.

"Well," Mother replied, "when you grow up you will certainly need to be able to cook. So, you should start now to learn things that will help make you a good homemaker then."

"Oh!" Kathy said softly, then paused, thinking. "Does that mean I was as wrong as Mike was about not wanting to learn?" When Mother nodded, Kathy said: "I'm sorry. Please show me how to make the soup."

"That's a good decision, honey," Mother responded. "And when you make a good decision based on knowledge and understanding, it shows you're gaining wisdom."

At dinner Kathy told Dad, Rocky and Jeff about their young neighbor who ran away from her because he didn't want to be taught. Mother added: "But Kathy has had a good learning day. She learned an important Bible verse, she learned how to make this soup and she gained wisdom."

"I would say," Dad remarked, smiling, "that she has had a very good day, then — gaining in knowledge and wisdom. And that reminds me. It won't be long before our family will have extra opportunities to grow in knowledge and wisdom."

"What is that, Dad?" Rocky asked, puzzled, as he passed the crackers.

"During God's Feast of Tabernacles," Dad answered. "So, let's start tonight asking God to make us willing learners then. We need to gain as much wisdom as we possibly can for the future."

"But, Daddy," Jeff asked, "what about Mike? His father isn't in the Church, so shouldn't we try to teach Mike?"

"No," Dad answered. "His mother is in the Church, and it is Mike's parents' job to teach him. But, Kathy, don't give up. You can still be a teacher someday."

"I'm glad," Kathy replied. "But before I teach, I have to become a more willing learner, right? See, Daddy? I'm learning."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Aug. 17. A reception was given in their honor by family members and friends in the Auburn church Aug. 15. Don James, a deacon in the Auburn church, presented the Tharps with a mountain-scape depicting Psalm 121:1.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID THARP

Mr. and Mrs. Tharp began school together in 1905 in Larimer, Pa. They were baptized together in 1968.

The Tharps have one son, David; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

WETASKIWIN, Alta. — Mr. and Mrs. Gunner Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 7.

The Johnsons were honored with a potluck meal by the Wetaskiwin brethren after Sabbath services Aug. 9. Alan Grah presented the couple with an anniversary clock on behalf of the church.

Mr. Johnson was born at Meeting

Creek, Alta., and Mrs. Johnson at Bashaw, Alta. They were baptized June 14, 1964. The Johnsons have one son, Delvin; one daughter, Arlene Prill, a



MR. AND MRS. GUNNER JOHNSON

member who attends the Wetaskiwin church; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

TOLEDO, Ohio — Mariane Blessing, 70, died July 16 of congestive heart failure. She has been a member of God's Church for 13 years.

Mrs. Blessing is survived by three sons, Duane, Dennis and Daryl Krause; two daughters, Joyce Thieman and Darlene Fry, a member who attends the Glendora, Calif., church; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services were conducted by Albert Yeager, a minister in the Toledo church.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Naomi J. Park, 71, died Aug. 17. She was born in Star, Idaho, in 1913, and has been a Church member since 1965.

Mrs. Park is survived by her husband, Chester R., also a Church member; five children; 12 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Park celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 7. Two of their children, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law and grandson are Church members. Another son and daughter-in-law and their four children attend Church services. Mrs. Park was predeceased by one daughter in May, 1984.

Graveside services were conducted by Valden White, a minister in the Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene churches.

MAIDSTONE, England — Albert Richards, 50, died at home April 24 of cancer. He was baptized in the early 1960s.

Mr. Richards is survived by his wife, Joan, and their five children, Paul, Elaine, Claire, Daren and Sarah. Graveside services were conducted by John Meakin, pastor of the Maidstone, Brighton and Croydon, England, churches.

HERMANN, Mo. — Lester Harry Scheidegger, 43, drowned May 22. He has been a Church member since 1963.

Mr. Scheidegger is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scheidegger, members who attend the Columbia,

Mo., church, and one brother.

GAITHERSBURG, Md. — Ethel Carpenter, 87, died Aug. 11. She has been a Church member since 1972.

Mrs. Carpenter is survived by her daughter, Raphaela Best; four nieces; and one nephew.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 13 by Richard Frankel, pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va., churches.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Hazel Dunn, 88, died July 3 in Woodland, Calif.

Mrs. Dunn is a native of California and attended the Sacramento church.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Dennis Reynolds, 38, died Aug. 24 in a one-car accident.

Mr. Reynolds is survived by several family members, none of whom are Church members.

Funeral services were conducted in Pine Bluff, Ark., by Gilbert Goethals, associate pastor of the Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., churches.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Stan Richer, 77, died at home Aug. 16. He has been a Church member for 13 years.

Mr. Richer is survived by his only daughter, Ann Thomson, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 19 by Donald Engle, pastor of the Hamilton, Rotorua and Tauranga, New Zealand, churches.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Lonnie R.

Gray, 97, died Aug. 24. He has been a Church member since 1975.

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

MANILA, Philippines — Lourdes Ramos Tamayao, 67, died of a heart ailment June 10. She was born July 16, 1918, and has been a Church member since 1965.



LOURDES TAMAYAO

Mrs. Tamayao is survived by her husband, Leon; four sons, Remigio, Leon Jr., Danilo, Armando; and four daughters, Luzviminda, Wilihada, Dionisia and Marliou.

Funeral services were conducted at the Trisper Memorial Park in San Pedro, Philippines, by Jose Raduban, pastor of the Manila church.

Diseases

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certain cases, sex is the whole purpose of their visit.

"And when we consider that the tourists themselves may be from countries where the incidence of sexually transmissible diseases has been increasing, then the role which tourism plays in the spread of STDs across the world becomes more obvious."

This century has seen a worldwide relaxation of sexual morals. Sexual freedom and STDs have become deadly partners. They threaten a global epidemic — predicted in the Bible many centuries ago.

The apostle John saw some strange horses in vision. He explained their gory function. "And behold, a pale horse, and its rider's name was Death and Hades followed him; and they were given power over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword [war] and with famine, and with pestilence" (Revelation 6:8, Revised Standard Version).

John was talking about a quarter

of this earth's population. And global pestilential diseases will take their share of the death toll. Is the onslaught of STDs about to trigger this awful death scene?

Author Carim explains the general background of how some of these death-dealing diseases might exact their fearsome price.

He continued, "Now the point to bear in mind is that international tourism has merely been extending, in geographical terms, a transmission process that began long ago at the local level . . ."

"And just as changes in behaviour patterns [morality] were the means whereby STDs began to spread more widely within particular countries, so too has jet travel to foreign countries enabled the diseases to cross the barriers of time and space and to infect people further and further afield."

This insightful psychologist gets specific. It is no secret what group started AIDS in Europe.

Read this bold indictment. "The AIDS virus which is wreaking such havoc in nearly every country in Europe and which epidemiologists fully expect to follow the same upward curve in the United States — all of this sprung directly from the

homosexual encounters which a handful of British, Danish and West German tourists had enjoyed in America in the early 1980s."

This man pulls no punches. He plainly says, "STDs are truly diseases of the modern life-style."

The chain of infection

The mechanics of transmission are simple: It's a matter of elementary arithmetic. Mr. Carim took a look at how these diseases actually multiply on the international stage. He based the following scenario on data compiled and documented by investigators who trace the string of sexual contacts that lead up to an infection.

"A professional photographer from England, already infected with gonorrhoea, flies to Nairobi [Kenya] . . . [He meets] a West German woman with whom he has sex twice. He later visits the Nairobi National Park . . . A teenage African girl engages him in conversation . . . They spend several nights together . . . He meets her sister and sleeps with her too . . . He has probably infected them, and the German woman, with his penicillin-resistant strain of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. But both African sisters are

[already] infected with the herpes simplex virus . . . When the photographer gets back to England he passes the herpes virus to his various girlfriends who, in turn, transmit it to their sex partners." The scenario continues, but that's enough for us to get the drift.

The evil side of human nature has not changed. Peregrine Worsthorne, in the Feb. 10, 1985, *Sunday Telegraph*, compared the plague of AIDS "to that of the arrival of syphilis on this side of the Atlantic in the 15th century — imported from the Americas by Christopher Columbus's returning sailors."

But modern travel technology allows the dreaded consequences of illicit sex to multiply almost beyond

the bounds of human imagination.

The July, 1985, *Salisbury Review* called sexual promiscuity "inherently threatening." This stately British magazine wisely observed, "Sexual license is an assault on the self; but it is far more profoundly an assault on the social order which produced the self, and whose continuity is threatened by our selfishness." I couldn't agree more.

AIDS is already on the way to killing millions of human beings. Other forms of STDs are life hampering to one degree or the other. And all because many continually break the Seventh Commandment — "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Member weeds way to victory

By David Austin

BENDIGO, Australia — With limited funds and basic hand tools Beverly McHale transformed a piece of neglected rental property into a prize-winning garden. Mrs. McHale won first place in the novice category of a Victorian Ministry of Housing's garden competition.

This article was submitted to The Worldwide News by David Austin, pastor of the Bendigo and Mount Gambier, Australia, churches. Beverly McHale, a single parent who attends the Bendigo church, receives only social security benefits from the Australian government.

Mrs. McHale moved into a home provided by the Housing Commission in May, 1984. There were virtually no flower beds to speak of and no trees. The lawn was infested by broadleaf weeds.

Using only a spade, rake, wheelbarrow and hand trowel, she regen-

erated the lawn by applying manure, which she composted herself, and by using a homemade garlic spray to control pests.

She used rocks gathered from a Church member's farm and logs she found on the roadside as edging material for curved flower beds in the front of her home.

She cultivated most of her perennials from cuttings given to her by friends and neighbors. The plants she could afford to buy were usually in poor health and sold at reduced prices, but she nursed them back to health and put them in suitable places in her garden.

The judges at the October, 1985, contest were professional horticulturists. They noted how long the tenant had been on the premises, the general layout of the garden and plant variety, placement and condition.

Bendigo's hot, dry climate tends to burn delicate plants and flowers. But Mrs. McHale uses adjoining fences to block the sun, which helps in the growing of varieties like pan-

sies, roses, sweet peas, hollyhocks, ferns, daffodils and painted daisies — usually only seen farther south in cooler, wetter areas.

Mrs. McHale's three children are also interested in gardening. All shared some of the \$200 (about US\$140) awarded to Mrs. McHale for winning the novice category.



BEVERLY MCHALE

Honor students

In this issue *The Worldwide News* recognizes additional Church youths who graduated first or second in their high school classes.



Inna Renella Persons
Salutatorian
Arthur Harold Parker
High School
Birmingham, Ala.



Regina Louise Dickey
Valedictorian
Lakeview-Fort Ogden
High School
Rossville, Ga.



Julia Ann Burrow
Valedictorian
Oak Ridge R-O High School
Oak Ridge, Mo.



Cynthia Gehman
Salutatorian
Caprock High School
Amarillo, Tex.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — In the first eight months of 1986, 3,166 people were baptized in the United States. This is the highest number of baptisms for any January through August period since 1971, according to evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration.

The number of new contacts made by the ministry increased 44 percent over last year. "New contact" indicates a person who has communicated with a minister for the first time, whether in person, over the phone or by letter.

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PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* program "Superpower Confrontation?" drew 41,209 telephone responses, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC), when it was broadcast Sept. 13 and 14. This is the third-highest weekend response ever.

According to Mr. Rice, the response to the program, presented by evangelist **David Hulme**, was boosted in part by renewed interest in U.S.-Soviet relations. Tensions between the two countries were heightened after the arrest of American reporter **Nicholas Daniloff** by the Soviets on spying charges.

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PASADENA — The Mail Processing Center received 33,835 responses to Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach's** July 25 co-worker letter, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, MPC director. This is the highest number of replies from a co-worker letter since 1970.

According to Mr. Rice, two reasons for the high number of responses are the appeal of the new brochure offered in the letter, *Why Russia Will Not Attack America*, and the addition of 10,000 new co-workers and members since January.

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PASADENA — The monthly record for telephone responses to *The World Tomorrow* was broken in August, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

MPC's telephone response section received 186,600 calls in August, the most received in one month. This is the third time this year that the record has been broken.

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PASADENA — According to **Dexter H. Faulkner**, editor of the Church's publications, circulation of *The Good News* passed the one million mark.

Statistics for the August issue show that about 960,000 readers received the English-language version of the magazine while about 95,000 received it in French, Spanish, German or Dutch.

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MANILA, Philippines — Many records tumbled in August, according to Philippine regional director **Guy Ames**.

"On two consecutive Mondays, the all-time daily mail record was broken, and now stands at 3,451," Mr. Ames said.

The number of Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course subscribers rose to 17,500, up 653 percent over the same period last year.

"Television responses continue to skyrocket," he added. August brought in 1,279, a 237 percent increase over last August. The number of television responses received by the end of August was 71.3 per-

cent higher than for all of 1985.

"Much of the mail comes in the form of handwritten literature requests from subscribers and their friends, but included is an excellent response to the *Good News* offer made to *Plain Truth* subscribers," said Mr. Ames.

The *Good News* subscription list reached 30,000, which is 245 percent higher than July, 1985. *Youth 86* circulation jumped 190 percent in one year to more than 10,000.

"These increases come without any concerted advertising program but mainly through referrals from other subscribers," Mr. Ames continued.

"God has blessed us with the means of handling this increased work and of serving the members in a time of uncertainty," said Mr. Ames. He added that year-to-date income is up 25.9 percent.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations:

Wayne Carlson, a deacon in the Modesto, Calif., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 15.

Ralph Dowd, a deacon in the Cincinnati, Ohio, North church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Aug. 30.

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PASADENA — Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration, presented **Isabell Hoeh**, wife of evangelist **Herman L. Hoeh**, with a watch for more than 25 years of assisting her husband in service to the Church.

The presentation took place at a



GIFT FROM SOVIET UNION — Imperial Schools faculty members **Michael Carter** (left) and **Eric Larison** present a bronze statue mounted on black onyx of a man beating a sword into a plowshare to Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** Aug. 26. The faculty members chaperoned the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) trip this summer to the Soviet Union. The gift was purchased in Leningrad. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet Sept. 9. Dr. Hoeh received a watch for his service at an employee forum April 4.

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PASADENA — According to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center, the Church receives a number of comments from older people about how much God's truth means to them.

One woman wrote, "You give us the incentive to hope and the ability to deal with life's pressures." Another woman said the Church's literature has "kept me alive spiritually."

According to Mr. Rice: "She echoed the feelings of many elderly people who have become shut-ins because of their infirmities. Others

say our literature helps combat the loneliness which so often plagues senior citizens."

Many times, Mr. Rice added, "the elderly must survive on very limited income. Our literature is even more appreciated because it gives them something of true, lasting value, at no cost. One lady described it as 'truly the gift of God.'"

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PASADENA — The Church's News Bureau asks for the help of members worldwide in collecting articles relating to the Church that appear in newspapers, according to **Gene Hogberg**, world news editor of *The Plain Truth*.

"The News Bureau will make certain that all who need to be advised of information contained in

specific articles will be supplied with copies," Mr. Hogberg said.

Mr. Hogberg asked that the name of the publication and the date it appeared be included with the clipping.

Clippings should be sent to: Ambassador College News Bureau 300 W. Green St. Pasadena, Calif., 91129 Attention: W.O.J.

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PASADENA — Personnel from the Technical Operations and Engineering Department here traveled to various Festival sites to prepare the sound systems for the Feast of Tabernacles.

David Harris, design engineer, and **John Wise**, audio engineer, updated the sound system at the Expo Square Pavilion in Tulsa, Okla.

According to Mr. Harris, "The bottom line is high speech intelligibility," so that brethren will be able to understand the speakers. They also strive for uniform loudness so that someone sitting in the front row hears the speaker at the same level as someone in the back row.

John Probs, manager of Technical Operations and Engineering, traveled to sites in Vail, Colo., and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., as well as the new site in Chattanooga, Tenn.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — Cracks are appearing in the unity that the government of the Philippines has been trying to establish since the ousting of former Philippine President **Ferdinand Marcos** in February.

"Optimism is evaporating," said regional director **Guy Ames**.

"The cease-fire negotiated with insurgents while talks are held to determine common grounds and potential solutions to the threat of civil war has proven ineffective," Mr. Ames said.

"Soldiers and civilians are still being killed in ambushes and intimidation of the populace in certain areas continues unabated," he said.

Some members live in constant fear of being approached with demands for money, food or other support, and threats of death if they do not cooperate.

Mr. Ames also reported that a period of heavy rains in Luzon "has brought concern about travel conditions to and from the mountain city of Baguio, site of the largest concentration of God's people during the Feast of Tabernacles."

One of the three roads was cut by a washed-out bridge and may not be reopened before the Feast.

The other two roads were badly affected. One is open only to light vehicles, and travel conditions are dangerous with sections of the road missing. Often foggy conditions make driving hazardous.

The only remaining road has been "badly damaged by the heavy vehicular traffic."

"We pray that some repair work can be accomplished before the Feast" and the weather will be satisfactory enough for the work to be done, Mr. Ames said.

French-speaking areas

No members in Cameroon were adversely affected by the volcanic gas leak in northwestern Cameroon Aug. 21, according to evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, regional director of French-speaking areas.

A cloud of carbon dioxide and sulfur compounds that emerged from Lake Nios, about 150 miles northwest of Yaounde, Cameroon, settled in a valley and asphyxiated as many as 2,000 people, according to the Sept. 2 Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*.

Mr. Apartian also reported that Mr. and Mrs. **Cyrille Richard** arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, during the latter part of July and are conducting regular Bible studies and Sabbath services.

The couple found "a comfortable little house located about six miles from Port-au-Prince," said Mr. Apartian. "Our Haitian brethren are delighted — and so are we." The Haitian church has not had a full-time minister since 1982.

Daniel Samson, formerly assistant pastor of the Frederickton, N.B., church, and his family moved to Campbellton, N.B., in July to serve French-speaking brethren in northern New Brunswick and the southern shore

of the Gaspé region of Quebec.

"Services are now held on the first and third Sabbaths of each month in Bathurst [N.B.], and on the second and fourth Sabbaths of each month in Campbellton," said Mr. Apartian.

In late July Mr. Samson conducted a public Bible lecture in Edmundston, N.B., with 23 new people in attendance. Seven people were baptized during the first month of the Bathurst and Campbellton churches.

Jeff Patton, supervisor of the terminals section in the French Department, told *The Worldwide News* that the number of members in Madagascar will triple after the Feast.

"We have just one member in Madagascar, although we have a demand for baptisms there," said Mr. Patton. "But a member from Belgium, whose home was originally in Madagascar, will move back to the island along with his wife, who is also a member."

They will live in Antananarivo, the capital.

Australian economy

"In recent months there has been a serious downturn in the Australian economy, which has begun to affect the income for God's work in this area of the world," said **Robert Morton**, regional director for Australia and Asia.

"Our members and co-workers are being affected by these rising costs of living, the slowdown in the Australian economy and the weakening of the Australian dollar on the world market," Mr. Morton said.

"These factors are of concern as they will affect the ability of our members and co-workers to support God's work and themselves, financially," he said.

In addition, the latest employment figures revealed a sharp rise in the number of jobless.

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