

Mr. Tkach travels south to visit Mexican 'familia'

By Jeff E. Zhorne
PASADENA — "As they say in Spanish, 'somos familia' — 'we are family.' To them it meant a lot. And indeed it meant a lot to me to be able to fellowship with them, to get to know them and to become better acquainted with the work of God in Mexico."

This said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach about his Nov. 9 to 16 visit to Mexico.

"We gave Mr. Tkach a little bit of everything — all the way from traffic jams, blackouts and getting the television equipment through customs, to the warmth and vitality of the Mexican people," said Thomas Turk, Mexico City Office manager.

Aboard the Church's Gulfstream III jet, Mr. Tkach and his party left the Burbank, Calif., airport Nov. 9



TURNING HEARTS — Missy Mioduski, 4, of El Paso, Tex., tells Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach Nov. 9 in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, that she prays for him every day. [Photo by Wayne Abraham]

and arrived in El Paso, Tex., that morning.

Mr. Tkach was accompanied by evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, and his wife, Reba; Joseph Locke, one of Mr. Tkach's personal assistants; Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant; Esther Apperson, a secretary for Pasadena Church Offices; and members of the Church's film crew (John Halford, an associate producer of *The World Tomorrow*, cinematographer Russ Alsbrook and engineer Steve Bergstrom).

Serving on Mr. Tkach's G-111 flight crew were captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers. The group crossed the Texas bor-

der that day into Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where the pastor general addressed 114 Mexican brethren from the Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua churches and 217 brethren from the Las Cruces, N.M., and El Paso churches in the Hotel Presidente.

Before his sermon, Mr. Tkach, assisted by Mr. Walker, Mr. Turk and Gilberto Marin, Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua pastor, ordained Ernesto Vigilante a deacon.

Mr. Tkach spoke on true liberty and that "we must come out of this world," according to Mr. Walker.

Before Mr. Tkach left the hall, Mexican brethren presented a signed card to the pastor general and sang *Amigo* [*Friend*], which was performed by Mexican campers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn., this summer, Mr. Walker said. (The SEP performance was included in the *Behind the Work* film.)

"At the buffet dinner Sunday night [Nov. 9] for all ministers and wives, the El Paso and Las Cruces pastor, Dennis Johnson, presented a pair of Tony Lama signature cowhide boots to Mr. Tkach," Mr. Walker added.

"Mr. Tkach's visit will do more toward unifying the Church than anything else he can do," said Richard Emery, a local church elder in the El Paso church.

The next day the G-111 touched down in Monterrey. Services took place that evening in the Crowne Plaza Hotel for 133 brethren from the Monterrey and Torreon churches and scattered areas, according to Alfredo Mercado, pastor (See MEXICAN, page 8)



KICKOFF MEETING — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach opens the 1986 regional directors conference in Pasadena Nov. 21. Represented were personnel from Australia, Britain, Canada, the Caribbean, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, West Germany and Pasadena-based regional directors representing the French, Italian and Spanish areas. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Unity is keynote of conference

5th regional conference convenes

PASADENA — "All of us have to be involved, our hands on the throttle, helping to really move with the tide of God's work. And believe me, it is moving! And you look at the November, '86, statistics; 1986 has been a record-breaking year in every aspect," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, Nov. 21, to open the regional directors conference here.

Regional directors, business managers, other personnel and wives traveled to Pasadena for the fifth in a series of conferences that began in 1982, according to Church Administration.

The group attended individual and group meetings, workshops,

luncheons in Herbert W. Armstrong Memorial Hall and tours. Other activities included an open house Nov. 23 in the home of evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration; a banquet Nov. 24; and the Ambassador College Thanksgiving dance Nov. 25.

In his opening address Mr. Tkach cautioned the group: "We don't want to sit back and say that we're satisfied with the track record that we have established for '86. No, we are going to continue to be a record-breaking organization and Church as God permits."

He drew attention to I Corinthians 3:10, explaining that the Church must build on the founda-

tion God laid through the late Herbert W. Armstrong.

Having returned from a trip to Mexico (see article, this page), Mr. Tkach set the keynote for the conference as *viva la unidad*, "which means unity forever," he said.

He then added the ingredient of love. "As a result [of] the love of God that is in every one of us, we're going to have that unity. That Spirit of God is going to be the glue, the adhesion, that binds us together."

"Mr. Armstrong spent a lifetime laying a foundation," he said. "All of us are now reaping the harvest, and yet it wasn't his work and this is not my work. This is not your work, but collectively we're all in it. It is the work of the living God. And we have to make sure that we're doing our part."

Mr. Tkach presented a plaque inscribed with "The Word of God is the foundation of knowledge" to Robert Fahey, the new regional director for Australia and Asia. The plaque is to be displayed on the grounds of the Church-owned regional office in Burleigh Heads.

(Robert Morton, former regional director, will pastor the Brampton, Ont., church. See "Update," page 8.)

Mr. Salyer then gave an overview of the work's growth this year and spoke on conference objectives.

"One of the goals of this conference will be to see the whole picture. We must get to know what each other is facing and what each region needs in order to get the whole picture of the work," he explained.

"We need your input," Mr. Salyer urged the group. "And then we in turn want to help you and serve you so that you can serve your people."

According to Frank Schnee, regional director for German-speaking areas: "This is the best organized conference we have had. Therefore, it has been one of the most productive."

"It is always encouraging to see the direction and guidance from headquarters," said John Karlson, German Office manager. "That makes our job much easier."

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

Have you ever heard someone talk about "qualifying for the Kingdom?"

Have you thought that people in God's Church are in the process of *qualifying* to be in God's Kingdom?

How about you, yourself? Are you qualifying for eternal life in the Kingdom of God? I can tell you on the authority of Jesus Christ YOU ARE NOT!

I hope you are not surprised. But the absolute truth is, brethren, you are *not* qualifying to receive eternal life! *Not one* of us is qualifying to be in the Kingdom of God — and we *never will!* And that is a permanent, unchangeable truth.

Brethren, let's *understand*. Eternal life, and entrance into the Kingdom of God, IS A GIFT. A *free* gift. You do not and *cannot* earn it. You *cannot* qualify for it. It is *God's* free gift to you — something you can never achieve, earn or in any way whatsoever qualify for.

Notice Romans 6:23: "The

wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." You see, brethren, the only thing we have qualified for is *death*. We *all* have sinned.

Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." The penalty of our sin is death. And no amount of commandment keeping, obedience or acts of goodness on our parts can *erase* those sins or remove that penalty.

Even if we never again sinned from this moment on we are still under the death penalty for our previous sins — *unless*. Unless that penalty has been paid by someone else so that we don't have to pay it ourselves.

I wonder if we realize just how *great*, how *IMPORTANT* the sacrifice Jesus Christ paid on our behalf, is? Brethren, it is God's good pleasure to give us His Kingdom. He loves us. We are His children. Jesus Christ is our elder Brother.

Together they have prepared a wonderful and magnificent plan by which they can share with

others the glorious eternal spirit life they possess. We are a part of that plan.

We have been called out of a rebellious, hate-filled, God-rejecting world so that we can share with God the transcendent joy of giving eternal life to others during the Millennium and the period of the White Throne Judgment.

God removed the rebellious attitude we had of rejecting His rule over us by leading us to repentance and placing within us a portion of His own divine *nature* in the form of His Holy Spirit. And He paid our death penalty for us. We have qualified for none of this! God, in His good pleasure, has *given* it to us.

So then, what remains for us to do? We must now demonstrate our appreciation for and acceptance of the calling God has given us. Our lives must now reflect God's law, His values, His instruction and His way of life as we follow the example of Jesus Christ. We must now live not by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

We must leave our old, sin-filled life behind and walk in *newness* of life with God's help. And anytime we fall short of God's perfect way, we must rec- (See PERSONAL, page 3)

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The most overlooked news trend today

PASADENA—Several times in the last years of his life Herbert W. Armstrong wrote that individuals were working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring about a united Europe.

Mr. Armstrong knew personally, of course, of one such individual—Otto von Habsburg, an energetic member of the European Parliament. Whether Mr. Armstrong specifically knew of others actively involved in the unification process I can't say. But I suspect that, convinced of what must happen prophetically, coupled with first-hand discussions with Dr. Habsburg and perhaps also Franz Josef Strauss, Mr. Armstrong had a "spiritual sixth sense" of what must surely be taking place.

Now I can reveal evidence that Mr. Armstrong was indeed correct in his assessment. Behind the scenes, especially inside the European Parliament, much indeed is happening, and has been occurring unknown to the general public, for the past three years.

Transform the EC

The culmination of these efforts

is the Single European Act and Final Act signed by representatives of all 12 European Community nations in February in Luxembourg and The Hague, Netherlands. This legislation, revising provisions of the 1957 Treaty of Rome, is in the process of being ratified by the national parliaments.

How will the Single European Act (if approved) speed the up-till-now sluggish unity process? An article in the Summer issue of the little-known *Journal of Social, Political and Economic Studies* by George A. Kourvetaris explains it this way:

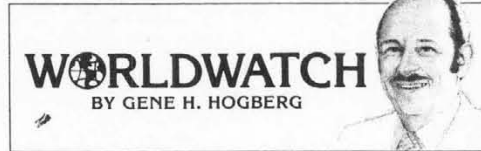
"The European Community member nations are in the process of finally relinquishing their sovereignty over large areas of economic and social activity by making future Community resolutions binding upon all member states on the basis of qualified majority decisions, rather than on the unanimous agreement by each and every member government."

The intention is to create a "Europe without frontiers" by the end of 1992. Or more specifically, to reduce national frontiers within the

community, such as those between France and West Germany, to the level of the state borders, as in the United States between Illinois and Indiana.

The main thrust of the act, mentioned repeatedly throughout its many provisions (we now have a copy of the act itself), is to restrict

for political decisions involving "vital national interest," it is to be restricted to economic and social legislation. This is precisely where the greatest progress toward unity is being made, with hundreds of new laws prescribing and enforcing Community-wide standards on goods and services.



WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

the use of the absolute veto of each member state and to replace it with the principle of "common action," that is, a more democratic, qualified majority voting. In this manner, not even two members of the Community's "big four" powers (France, West Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom) would be able to block a Community proposal favored by the others.

While the veto will still be intact

The *Journal* says further that the long-range objective of the Single European Act is to "replace a Europe traditionally comprising diverse peoples and nation states by a new mammoth state representing one of the world's most extensive array of populations [about 320 million people] to fall under the jurisdiction of a single governmental and legal system."

The framers of the Single European Act continually emphasize *peoples over nations*. By doing so they intend to break down national barriers so that any group of people

paper clipping quoted him extensively: "The family and the Feast are inseparable. That's what the Feast is all about. It's a family reunion. This is the time we should be solidifying that family unity."

If we say: "Oh, what a wonderful theme. What a nice thought," but fail to make drawing ourselves more closely together as a family the primary, motivating element in our thinking, we are being the selfish, spoiled child who only takes for self and gives nothing in return.

I actually saw a newspaper clipping from the Feast that reported that a few Church members were stingy with their tips, not giving the 15 percent now normally expected or even the 10 percent that is the standard. If that's true, and it's difficult to believe, shame on us! That's not reflecting God's generosity, but just the opposite.

If you attend a site where tipping is customary, then by all means tip! If service was less than expected, don't reflect badly on God's Church by withholding a tip. Be an advertisement for the world tomorrow and find a tactful, gentle way to mention the problem to the restaurant staff.

Be a living example

The Feast of Tabernacles should indeed picture the world tomorrow, and not just to us, but to the world. If the world sees the Feast as a big spending spree on self, whose fault is it? Remember, they don't see the spiritual rewards of the Feast, they can only comprehend the physical at this time.

We should make the Feast something these people look forward to too. They won't fully understand and appreciate us, but by letting our lights shine, let's try to share with them a little of our vacation from the world.

Most of the reports about us were good, of course, as they should be. Our people were described as polite, moderate in their drinking habits, family oriented with well-mannered children. What you do is noticed!

Let's keep up the good work, brethren, and start right now to plan to show the world next year even more what God's people are like and what the Feast of Tabernacles portrays.

Let's back up Mr. Tkach and picture to them a wonderful world tomorrow full of honest, friendly, generous, family-oriented people, who are truly concerned that others, in the Church and in the world, share in their happiness and physical blessings as well.

can legally live and work anywhere else inside the EC boundaries. This is their method to ensure that the nations comprising the European Union will not be able to break ranks and leave it. Mr. Kourvetaris emphasizes this point as follows:

"While it is theoretically possible for nation states to withdraw from the European Union, and this could happen in the event of substantial friction during the early years of the new Union's existence, the chance of any such withdrawals will progressively decline as the years go by and the various peoples of Europe migrate and settle in each other's homelands, thereby breaking the traditional geographical patterns of ethnic separation, and weakening any likelihood of a successful revolt against the emergent unitary European state."

Once inside—or trapped inside—this kind of European Union, it would almost be impossible to leave! Note Revelation 18:4 in this light.

Critics overruled

Few observers see what is really taking place in Europe. As Mr. Kourvetaris adds, "Thus the crucial step is now being taken, with remarkably little media attention or public debate, for the formation of a truly centralized united Europe."

Those few who do understand and are outspoken in their criticism, are often condemned as being anti-

(See NEWS TREND, page 7)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Did your light shine?

Every year I'm bemused—and sometimes amused—when I read some of the newspaper articles from Feast sites around the world. The Feast of Tabernacles is difficult for people in the world to understand.

How about you? How would you describe the Feast of Tabernacles if you were the local newspaper reporter with that assignment?

One big party?

What did this last Feast of Tabernacles mean to you? Was it the big party some reporters described? Did you live it up, spend a lot of money on yourself and thoroughly enjoy that vacation you've been looking forward to all year?

Well, in the right moderation, you were supposed to do just that. But why? God has a reason for commanding that we save 10 percent of our annual income, and then once a year stop what we are doing, go to His designated Feast sites and spend that money during the eight days of His Feast.

God is a giving, loving Father. He loves to give to us. He delights in our enjoyment of the Feast. But God did not bring us to the Feast just for our physical pleasure. He is not like too-liberal parents who give and give and give, spoiling their children, without expecting them to learn anything or to do anything in return.

A family Feast

This year, several of us here in Editorial got together with other family members at the Feast. Many of you may have done the same. God intends for us to learn through the family relationship, and He expects us to extend what we learn beyond our physical family to our brethren in the Church and then to the world.

One staff member said the giving and sharing among family members became almost funny. "Everyone was trying to pay for others' meals, see that no one was left out of activities, buying each other little gifts, honoring the senior members of the family, being sure the children had a good time, that we were almost falling over one another."

"Having that experience really showed me what the world tomorrow will be like. No one will go without when we are all one big family. When we all have as our main objective giving instead of getting, it truly will be God's world."

The closeness of this particular staff member's family was noticed and enjoyed by those who came in contact with them during the Feast.

Alone at the Feast

"So," you may be saying, "that's wonderful they have so many of their family in the Church that they can get together like that at the Feast, but I don't have anyone." You may be the only one in your physical family in God's Church.

Let me tell you of another incident that happened at the Feast this year. A widow sitting in a restaurant frequented by Church members called the waitress over to her table and asked her to bring the checks for that table and for that table and for that table over there.

It would take a bit of doing, as the waitress would have to get the waitresses of the other tables together and combine the checks. The waitress wanted to be sure that she heard the woman correctly, asked her if she was sure, and reminded her that quite a lot of money was involved here. "Yes," she said, "these people are my friends." So the waitress complied with her wishes.

When the waitress brought the check for all the tables, the widow took out an envelope marked "garage sale money." To the amazement of the waitress, the money in the envelope came to the exact amount of the cost of the meals.

Whether she knew it or not that day this widow in God's Church portrayed to the world what the Feast of Tabernacles is all about.

Is your family stronger?

What is God trying to show us by all His giving to us? He's trying to show by example what we all ought to be doing.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach emphasized family unity and made it the theme of the Feast. One news-

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

A living illustration of our incredible potential

NANJING, China—Did you know that limiting God was one of the cardinal mistakes the ancient Israelites committed in the wilderness? The psalmist Asaph recorded their experience. He wrote: "Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not his hand: the day when he delivered them from the enemy" (Psalm 78:41-42).

John Ross Schroeder wrote this edition of "European Diary" while in China for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Today we not only limit God, but we also limit ourselves. In the vernacular, we sell ourselves short. We are often negative—skeptical about our capacity to perform this or that task. Many times, needlessly so.

Programed to fail?

Some 40 years ago, somewhere in rural China, a little girl was born to peasant parents. But something was immediately and obviously wrong. Her parents were horrified. She had no arms.

Her mother wanted to cast her into the sea, but her father said no. She began to grow. And from the first days of intelligent use of her limbs, she began to employ her legs as surrogate arms, her feet as surrogate hands.

To most of us, humanly speaking, our feet are pretty awkward and even unsightly parts. Rarely do we parade our feet unnecessarily. Some even try to hide them as much as possible.

But to this young woman her feet were the key to overcoming a tremendous handicap. Gradually and with uncanny persistence, she learned to use her feet to do the

things most people do with their hands.

Not just the easy tasks, but things many of us don't even do well with two hands. For instance, she can thread a needle and sew a handsome

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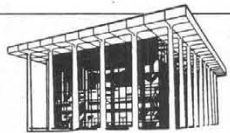
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Onstage at Ambassador

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Jessye Norman returns for opera series opener

By Sheila Graham

PASADENA — German never sounded better than when soprano Jessye Norman sang Richard Strauss' songs to open Ambassador Auditorium's "Stars of Opera Series" Oct. 8.



JESSYE NORMAN

In her third appearance at the Auditorium the American dramatic soprano stood statue-like, head and eyes lowered, hands folded, her sleeves gracefully draped across her colorful, flowing gown. As the audience waited, absolutely quiet, she lifted her eyes and the music began. Miss Norman's operatic debut was singing Elisabeth in *Tannhaeuser* with Berlin's Deutsche Oper in 1969. After her performance she was asked to join

the company. She made her American debut in 1972 at the Hollywood Bowl, singing *Aida* in concert.

The Georgia-born singer was invited to sing at U.S. Presidential and Vice Presidential inaugural ceremonies in Washington, D.C., last year. In April of this year she performed for Queen Elizabeth II. This summer she sang the French national anthem, *La Marseillaise*, in Paris as part of the French salute to the Statue of Liberty in a nationally televised performance.

After her Ambassador performance, she was scheduled to travel to Vancouver, B.C., to appear in the closing performance of Expo 86.

Her British accompanist, Charles Spencer, has performed throughout Western Europe, as well as Japan. This tour with Miss Norman is his American debut.

Miss Norman's lieder recital began with *Heimliche Aufforderung*, ended with *Caecilie* and included *Morgen*, some of Richard Strauss' most beautiful songs. They were a wedding gift to his wife, Pauline.

After her performance patrons were persistent in their applause, until for her third encore, Miss Norman sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." The spiritual, a favorite of singers Marian Anderson and Mahalia Jackson, was first published in 1927.

If she didn't before, after this heartfelt performance, Miss Norman had her audience in her hand.

'Rich in God's blessings'

A Feast of fun for young people

PASADENA — The following excerpts are from essays sent in by Church youths and describe their experiences at the 1986 Feast.

Many of the essays expressed excitement about meeting new people and trying new activities. The youths also shared spiritual lessons. *The Worldwide News* cannot publish all of the essays as more than 70 were received.

I am 11 years old. And this year was the first time I spent the Feast away from my parents. I went with my grandparents and my aunt and uncle to China for the Feast.

I made three new friends. All four of us went to visit a Chinese school one day. They sang songs to us. We asked them questions about their school and they asked us questions about our school. I was also able to visit a Chinese family home.

What made my Feast so special was that my grandparents let me go to China with them. And I tried to make their Feast special by being on my best behavior and doing everything they said.

Amy Rebecca Keesee, age 11
Lee's Summit, Mo.

We went to Niagara Falls, N.Y., for the Feast. We saw the falls from the top and from the bottom when we went on the *Maid of the Mist*. My parents told me how much power God has to make the falls so beautiful.

Amy Renee Kirk, age 7
Constableville, N.Y.

This year my family had a book to collect our new friends' names in. People wrote poems and letters and drew pictures. One man who created the stage setting drew a picture of a cottage. A Texan lady drew a Texan boot.

Erika Houghton, age 10
Chertsey, England

Of all the kids in my school, how many come even close to doing the amount of activities available to me through God's Church? YOU, SEP, the sports activities, learning opportunities and now this,

Kingdom, only differing responsibilities. The one who had not developed at all, on the other hand, was not given any part in the Kingdom!

We are told in a number of scriptures that Christians are to be rewarded according to their works. But nowhere are we told they will be saved according to their works! Jesus said in Matthew 16:27, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

The apostle John wrote in II John 8-9: "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

True Christians are to remain in Christ. They are to abide or live in Christ. And they are to follow His example (I Peter 2:21).

Jesus said He kept His Father's commandments (John 15:10). He said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me" (John 14:21).

John added: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But who so keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (I John 2:4-6). And how did He walk? He kept His Father's commandments!

the Bahamas! I remembered what my friends at school had asked, "What are you — rich?" Ha! I laughed to myself — if they only knew... Moneywise? Certainly not. But rich in God's physical and spiritual blessings? Yes!

Sarah Parman, age 17
Olympia, Wash.

I've learned it's my responsibility to turn my switch on for receiving God's message now, not wait. I know that I have a responsibility, to choose to accept God's personal invitation to enter into His Kingdom.

Linda Barnum, age 14
Olympia, Wash.

One thing I learned at the Feast was how to make friends. I had to go out and make the first move. I did this by going up and saying, "Hi," and introducing myself.

By making up my mind to have a good Feast and make friends, I did. I met a lot of people and really enjoyed the time I spent with God's people.

Marla Nichols, age 17
Olympia, Wash.

We toured Ambassador College, and we thought it was beautiful. Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach was walking around campus and our family had our picture taken with him.

Our family flew home at the end of the Feast very happy to have met Mr. Tkach and to have attended in Pasadena.

Eric Lutz, age 12
Nashville, Tenn.

This year's Feast was my first. It is beyond words to describe the joy that I experienced. I attended the Feast at headquarters.

I also learned to roller-skate; my teachers were two thoughtful little girls that noticed I wasn't doing so well on wheels.

Paula Craig, age 17
Long Island, N.Y.

This Feast I went flying with Mr. Blagg. I was anxious about going up in a plane. My sister and I took pictures of blue lakes and trees. I looked out of the window a lot, but before long I fell asleep and missed the landing!

Caleb Froedge, age 6
Mayfield, Ky.

At this Feast I learned a good lesson. Mr. Lynn Torrance told us when people say, "Come on, let's go listen to some acid rock music," and "Come on, have a drug," what do you say? Say no, say what? say no — and if they don't hear you, tell them louder. This is a very good lesson for us in this day and age.

Michael Jones, age 10
Welland, Ont.

At sites around world, Feast is big news story

PASADENA — The Feast was big news for television stations and newspapers at sites worldwide. Reporters took note of the Church's economic impact, satellite hookups and impressions left by members.

To help reporters cover the Feast, about 400 press kits were mailed to reporters near Feast sites in the

United States and Canada, according to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs. The kits were also sent to Feast coordinators worldwide.

According to Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs, the kit "generated a considerable amount of favorable press interest. The kit served its purpose well."

"This year we had the best coverage in the newspapers that we've ever had and we feel it's mainly because of the PR package that we received," said Frank Schneec, regional director for German-speaking areas. Most reporters used the press kit as a springboard for their own coverage. *The Evening Independent* of St. Petersburg, Fla., called the Feast a "plum" convention for the area.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., the *News-Free Press* reported that Trade Center Executive Director Mack Stone was "urging Chattanoogaans to welcome the delegates with open arms so they will come back again next year."

The Paignton, England, *Herald Express* mentioned the efforts in providing the satellite hookup:

"British Telecom's technical wizards have surmounted problems with the complex's difficult position at Clennon Valley, Goodrington.

"They have set up an audio and visual communication link by satellite via the Telecom tower in London to the [U.S.] West Coast."

The *Pocono Record*, of Mount Pocono, Pa., offered a report on Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's first day message:

"Tkach's speech, filled with passages from the Bible, was delivered from the Church's international headquarters in Pasadena, Calif., and focused on the need for unity leading to world peace."

The paper quoted at length from Mr. Tkach's sermon.

Interviewed on television, Vail, Colo., Mayor Paul Johnston said: "The Worldwide Church of God is a relatively small group... However, they have around a 97 percent attendance at these conventions worldwide. And being a Catholic, I have to say that 97 percent attendance represents a tremendous commitment to their belief."

Personal

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ognize it, admit it and repent of it. We must put all our effort and strength into overcoming.

Yet we must realize that any good we perform is God in us. We must realize that any "righteousness" we have ourselves is nothing but filth. It is God's Spirit working in us, His own divine nature, that is righteous.

When we sin, our "inward man," as the apostle Paul describes it, should yearn to change, to rule over sin. We should come to delight in the law of God, because we are following the lead of the Holy Spirit in us.

As we remain in a continuous attitude of repentance, striving to overcome sin, growing to love deeply and appreciate God's perfect law, thereby growing in love for God and one another, God applies Jesus' payment of the death penalty in our stead and keeps our name written in His book of life!

In no way do we qualify for it! God Himself does it in and through us as we submit to Him. But even our submission to Him does not earn it. It is His free gift to us. As the apostle John said, "God is love."

Of course, God will not give this magnificent free gift to any who reject Him, who refuse to repent or who will not submit to Him. The apostle Paul, when listing "works of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19-21, says, "Of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall

not inherit the kingdom of God."

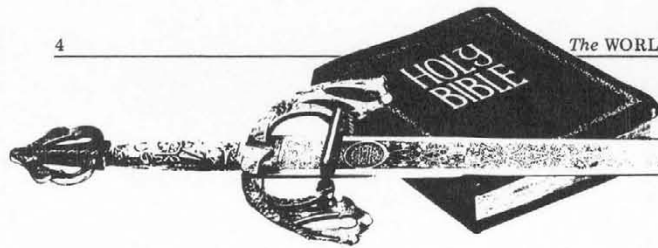
God will give His Kingdom only to those that are reconciled to Him through the blood of Jesus Christ. And that reconciliation must be maintained through the continual process of repentance, obedience and overcoming. Jesus said that those who do not bring forth fruit — fruit that demonstrates true submission to and willingness to obey God — are worth no more to Him than branches of a tree that won't bear fruit, good only to be bundled up and burned (John 15:4-7).

What, then, does a Christian qualify for? Let's notice Christ's parable of the pounds in the 19th chapter of Luke. Here, beginning in verse 12, Jesus gives a parable explaining that the Kingdom of God was not to appear immediately in the disciples' lifetimes.

He explained that instead, He would be returning to His Father's side for a period of time, then would return to earth bringing His Kingdom and its rewards with Him. But in the meantime, His servants were to make use of what He left with them that it might grow. Then, upon His return, each servant showed Him what he had accomplished.

One had developed his gift five times over, another 10 times over. One had not done anything with it at all.

Then Jesus, the nobleman of the parable, rewarded each according to his works. The one who had developed more received a greater reward. The one who developed less, a smaller reward. But both were given the free gift of having a part in the



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Could you be overlooking this vital key to family happiness?

By Donald Hooser

Lois and Eunice gave Timothy the most valuable gift they could give him! His grandmother and mother instilled in him "genuine faith" and a knowledge of God's Word (II Timothy 1:5, 3:15).

When your children are grown, won't it be wonderful if you can say, "From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation"?

Donald Hooser pastors the *Ada and Lawton, Okla., churches.*

God commands us to teach His laws and His Word to our children and grandchildren (Deuteronomy 4:9). Many parents pride themselves in being good providers physically (I Timothy 5:8), and yet overlook the milk and meat of God's Word. This amounts to spiritual child neglect!

Much of our teaching should be in the form of family Bible study. What a joy it is for parents and children, once you've tried it long enough to get into the swing of it! Many don't realize what they are missing.

Children are highly teachable. Don't waste those precious years when they are so receptive and pliable. A parent has great power and potential for molding children for life. As the old saying goes, "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined." That is why Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The effects last a lifetime.

Diligent teaching

Look carefully at Deuteronomy 6:5-9. "And these words . . . you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them" (verses 6-7). Notice God commands parents to diligently teach and talk. Teaching implies, in addition to personal example, sitting down and concentrating on the subject at hand. Talking implies discussing the applications of God's laws at every available opportunity as you go about your daily activities.

"When you sit in your house" means to take advantage of time when the family is home together. With hurried lives and different schedules, this is not always easy. But don't give up.

"When you walk by the way" refers to traveling together. Use the opportunity when you have a captive audience in the car. Someone (not the driver!) can read and then everyone can discuss what is read. You can play a tape of a sermon or Bible study, or just have a good discussion. It's all the more important on the Sabbath to make the time in the car together spiritually profitable. When you have to drive a good distance to Sabbath services or to a weekend Church activity, don't waste all that time.

"When you lie down" means at bedtime. End the day together. Discuss the events of the day. Young children love this, if for no other reason, to stay up later. This quiet time may be the best for a study if the whole family is home. Also, this is usually the best time of day for family prayer.

"When you rise up" implies you rise up early enough to have time to teach or talk. Start the day drawing closer to your family and to God. For many, this is the best time for a family study. Everyone is at home. The phone isn't ringing yet. No one yet has his or her mind on a hundred other things. You gain food for thought for the rest of the day. You put God first even in the order of the day.

"You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes" (verse 8). Regularly teaching and learning God's laws binds them in our thoughts and behavior. Memorizing key scriptures can be profitable. Motivate young children to learn important verses while their young minds have strong memories.

"You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (verse 9). Visual aids are useful, especially for young children.

How to study

The time spent in a family Bible study can vary. It need not be long. Remember the child's shorter attention span, and don't burn him or her out with long, tiresome lectures. High frequency is more important. Many short lessons add up to a lot of time overall. Ten to 20 minutes a day can be sufficient.

When reading the Bible, a modern, simple translation helps. For very young children, it is usually best to learn a Bible story well yourself and then tell it in your own

words. The book of Proverbs contains excellent lessons for children.

The Bible Story, published by God's Church, is ideal for teaching. While covering the main story thread of the Bible, it accurately brings out the lessons to be learned. Be cautious about other "Bible story" books. Most are a mixture of truth and error, do not convey the intended lessons and have misleading pictures.

Helping your children with their YES lessons is good and often necessary. The whole family can learn from the upper levels of the YES lessons. Reading appropriate articles from the Church's magazines is excellent. The Church's books and booklets provide for a whole series of fine studies. You can give the children a simplified summary of the sermon you have heard. Occasionally include a simple nature study to help them better appreciate our Creator.

A question-and-answer format can be stimulating. Quizzing each other about the Bible is fun and reinforces our memories. Make up a Bible game.

Use your imagination and resourcefulness so your children will better enjoy and look forward to family Bible study.

Teach your children all about God. Continually teach how we are blessed for obeying and punished



automatically for disobedience to God's laws. Teach your child the purpose of life. Teach God's plan as revealed through His feasts.

Think of present-day applications of Bible principles. Use vocal variety and emphasis when reading. Let everyone have a turn reading and encourage children to use more expression in their voices as well. Never sound "preachy" or self-righteous. Talking down to your child in a critical or disrespectful way will turn him or her off to Bible study. Take a warm, patient, loving approach.

Many parents have neglected teaching their children because they thought their children were too young or too carnal, couldn't comprehend or would not be interested. But even if only one parent is in the

Church, children are holy in God's sight (I Corinthians 7:14). They have access to God and can understand His truth. Our great goal as parents should be to teach them God's truth.

Fathers, take charge. Turn off the TV. Guide what is being fed into your children's minds. Get the family organized on a better schedule. Get to bed earlier. Get up earlier. Start the day out right and end the day right.

How much happier everyone will be!

As we practice the way that will be lived during the Millennium, we can fulfill, now, what Isaiah 54:13 says will happen in all families then: "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children."

On the way to the finals

Are you ready for the play-offs?

By Norman L. Shoaf

Most of the world has not heard of Rector, Ark. The town has a population of only 2,336. It is not a giant cosmopolitan center like Pine Bluff or Little Rock, Ark.

Rector did have at least one claim to fame a few years ago, though.

The basketball team at the small high school in Rector had two all-American players and two other players who were all-state (rankings showing these players were among the best).

The team had all the ingredients for success. But they didn't achieve it until they learned about working together.

Working together

It seems there was fierce competition between the two all-Americans. Each was always trying to outdo the other, not for the sake of the team, but for the sake of outdoing each other. The bitter rivalry between the two "legends in their own minds" was, to say the least, disruptive to the team.

The competition between the two came to a head in a game just before the play-offs began. Both all-Americans went up for a rebound and began to fight over the ball when they came down. Mutual support was totally lacking. Finally, the principle that had been ignored so long was voiced, rather ungraciously, by one of the two: "Hey! You're supposed to be on my side!"

It was true. Both players at last realized that they were indeed supposed to be united and working to-

gether. The concept, finally put into practice, led to a stunning change. Now, rather than fighting among themselves, they began working side by side, and the team became one of the most feared units in Arkansas. They blasted their way through the state finals to the state championship game, which they lost by only one point.



How much farther could they have gone if they had learned about working together sooner?

We are a family

Having the team concept, keeping in mind just whose side we should be on, can stop the strife that causes failure on any team we are on — at work, at school, at home.

And now Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach is encouraging us to, as never before, consider ourselves in the Church of God not just as a team, but as a real family.

Being on each other's side in God's Church — the embryonic Family of God — can take many forms: giving a word of encouragement, small acts of kindness and gentleness, reminding each other of the great goal ahead of us, subjugating our own selfish interests as much as possible, refusing to judge and condemn, not always worrying about who gets credit for successes (ultimately, God gets it all).

We're all in this together! Mr. Tkach often quotes I Corinthians 12:25-26: "There should be no schism in the body . . . the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it."

I Peter 3:8 tells us, "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren [as brothers and sisters in a family], be pitiful, be courteous."

And the apostle John encourages us: "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death . . . Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (I John 3:14, 16).

As we work together to finish the great commission God has given us in the Church — preaching the final warning message to this dying world and preparing to help set up the new, wonderful world tomorrow — let's remember whose side we are on. It's a main key to success.

Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a list of questions about information that appeared in the November-December issue of *The Plain Truth* or the December issue of *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) True or false: The European Communities (Amendment) Bill (or the Single European Act) will weaken the British Parliament. (November-December *Plain Truth*, page 3)
- (2) What was the "Rome-Berlin Axis"? (November-December *Plain Truth*, pages 6-7)
- (3) What was missing at Expo 86? (November-December *Plain Truth*, page 13)
- (4) True or false: Jesus Christ was born in a stable but was later moved to a house. (December *Good News*, page 4)
- (5) What is the deadliest kind of bad habit? (December *Good News*, page 7)
- (6) Which years of life are known as the formative years? (December *Good News*, page 21)

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Members come together for fellowship

HARRISBURG, Pa., brethren attended an old-fashioned covered-dish social Sept. 27.

Games were organized for children, families, singles and senior citizens. A comedy show, written by Jim Johns, took a look at early television. Members portrayed Abbott and Costello. Laurel and Hardy and Dick Clark. Game shows and *The Lawrence Welk Show* were also

represented. *Margie Mishler.*

Thirty-two members from the **JOHANNESBURG**, South Africa, **EAST** and **CENTRAL** churches attended the fourth annual reunion for Church members of Portuguese descent Sept. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Taveres were hosts for the occasion. Peter McLean, pastor of the Johannesburg Central church, and his wife,

Catherine, and Tine McCarthy, wife of regional director Roy McCarthy, were guests of honor.

A Portuguese meal of green cabbage soup, pot roast with fried rice and vegetables and boiled creme of caramel was served. Sparkling green wine and *queijo da serra* (sheep cheese) were served while Jean-Paul Mira explained the symbolism of the Portuguese flag and Jose Martins told the story of the rooster of Barcelos, which is the symbol of Portugal. The event was organized by Jose Couto. *Jose Couto.*

Sixty **DARMSTADT**, West Germany, brethren attended an end-of-summer activity Sept. 21 near Otterberg, West Germany.

The activity included a three-hour hike, ball games and a meal of grilled meats, salads and drinks. The event was coordinated by Peter Abstein and Siegfried

Schoenwald. *Pam Brubaker.*

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Church members attended a potluck meal at the Republic Park pavilion. Dean and Marty Bruton provided pit-roasted goat meat. More than 100 brethren shared the food and fellowship.

Later that evening a family band provided music, singing and dancing. *Karen Meeker.*

SASKATOON, Sask., brethren attended a family night Sept. 27 at the Walter Murray Collegiate.

After Sabbath services a potluck meal was served in the school cafeteria. Later Church youths entertained with a program of skits, songs and instrumentals.

"The evening was designed to involve our young people by giving them valuable experience and opportunity to serve the local church area," said Owen Murphy, pastor of the Saskatoon and Lloydminster, Sask., churches.

The program was coordinated by Jacob Friesen, a local church elder. Al Levitt was master of ceremonies and Milton Dahlseide headed the stage crew. *Edie Clemens.*

Two hundred fifty **DES MOINES**, Iowa, brethren attended a country autumn social at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thompson Sept. 20.

An outdoor petting zoo with farm animals and pony rides was available for the children. Other activities included a craft show, a variety show featuring entertainers from preschool to senior citizens, a pie-

baking contest, a milking contest, carnival games for the children and hayrides.

Barbecued beef sandwiches, potato salad, homemade ice cream and pie were served. *Judy Rhodes.*

LIBERAL and **SCOTT CITY**, Kan., brethren combined for a carnival Sept. 14 at the Lee Richardson Zoo and Park in Garden City, Kan.

Church youths conducted carnival games and provided refreshments. Prizes were awarded.

A potluck lunch was followed by a softball throw for all ages, volleyball, horseshoes and a softball game. *Lewis R. Barnes.*

Brethren give gifts of thanks

NEWCASTLE, Australia, brethren presented their pastor Gary Harvey, and his wife, Pamela, with a silver ice bucket for their six years of service in the area at afternoon tea after Sabbath services Sept. 27.

A silver tankard was presented to deacon Gordon Godfrey. *Roger Rye.*

TIJUANA and **MEXICALI**, Mexico, brethren bade farewell to their pastor, Fernando Barriga, and his wife, Acelia, Sept. 20. Mr. Barriga now pastors the Pasadena Spanish congregation.

Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, and his

wife, Reba, attended Sabbath services and the potluck and social afterward.

After the meal brethren presented Mr. and Mrs. Barriga with gifts and performed folkloric dances and songs for them.

Saul Langarica now pastors the Tijuana and Mexicali churches. *Wilfrido Gonzalez.*

Churches give variety shows

The **WELLINGTON**, New Zealand, 1986 variety concert was "the best yet," according to Lyall Johnston, pastor of the Wellington, Napier and Nelson, New Zealand, churches.

The Sept. 21 program opened with a red silk dance from China choreographed by Quck Choi and Kiu Ling Voon. Other selections were comedy, ballet, mime, a medley of ballads, piano solos and vocal and instrumental trios.

Paul Johnston was master of ceremonies. Joop Beets coordinated the production, and Jacqui Beets choreographed and performed several numbers, including her own compositions — a piano concerto and a song that was sung by the whole cast. *Dennis Gordon.*

TACLOBAN, Philippines, young adults and Church youths presented an evening of songs and dances after the Feast of Trumpets Oct. 4.

A sing-along was followed by dances that included an excerpt from *Fiddler on the Roof*. "The Blue Danube," a cha-cha and native

dances such as the *Itik-itik*, which imitates the movements of ducks.

Intermission numbers were performed by deacon Arturo Reyes and his daughter, Judylyn, and Liloan, Philippines, brethren who came for combined Sabbath services. Refreshments were served during intermission. *Ernesto S. Zeta Jr.*

Brethren display styles at show

TOPEKA, Kan., brethren attended a presentation Sept. 28 to help prepare them for the Fall Festival season.

The presentation, given by Stanley McNiel, pastor of the Topeka and St. Joseph, Mo., churches, began with a lecture on cultural values, proper dress, etiquette and godly standards.

After the lecture and a reception, a style show took place. Men, women and children modeled garments made by women in the church. *Carolyn McNiel.*

Brethren trek the outdoors

Thirty-four **EDINBURGH**, Scotland, brethren took a walk in the Pentland Hills Sept. 21.

Sixteen people walked three miles around Harlaw Reservoir and the remaining 18 took a 12-mile hike around seven reservoirs.

The walks were organized by David Lyon, a deacon in the Edinburgh church, and his wife, Audrey. The group returned to the Lyons' home for a meal of baked potatoes, pizza, meat loaf, spaghetti, beans and cheese and biscuits. Beer, cider, lemonade and coffee were served. *Peter Mill.*

Sixty-nine Church youths from **LLANDUDNO** and **LLANELLI**, Wales, and **LIVERPOOL**, **BIRMINGHAM**, **GLOUCESTER** and **STOKE-ON-TRENT**, England, climbed Mt. Snowdon in northern Wales Sept. 14.

Robert Harrison, pastor of the Liverpool and Stoke-on-Trent churches and the Isle of Man and Llandudno Bible studies, accompanied the group. It took six hours to reach the summit, stop for refreshments and return.

The activity was organized by Eric Wood, YOU coordinator for the Llanelli church. *Ron Bolzern.*

Fifty-nine **BRISBANE**, Australia, **SOUTH** Church youths and parents took a raft trip down the Logan River Sunday, Sept. 21.

Canoists paddled downriver to Aquatic Gardens, south of Brisbane. There they had a barbecue of hot steaks and sausages, salad, baked potatoes and ice cream. Forty family members joined the group for the barbecue. *Ron Fraser.*

Singles give luncheon for seniors

A luncheon organized by **KITCHENER**, Ont., singles for the senior citizens took place Sunday, Sept. 14, at the New Dundee Golf and Country Club.

Pink and white rose corsages were presented to the women, and red carnation boutonnières were given to the men.

After the luncheon Ron Berg acted as master of ceremonies for the program, "With Wings Like Eagles."

John Mason sang a song he composed based on Isaiah 40:28-31, and other group members sang, played the piano and presented a skit. The program concluded with a sing-along. *Marnie Hills.*

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BIRTHS

AMERBATHY, Neal and Yvette (McDonald), of Toledo, Ohio, girl, Sharna Angela, Sept. 11, 8:09 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

ADAMS, Leon and Janis (Stanley), of Aplos, Calif., girl, Octavia Janene, Oct. 5, 9:27 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ASHCRAFT, Norman and Jeanine (Soule), of Baton Rouge, La., boy, Sean Davidson, Aug. 25, 11:50 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

AVANT, Tom and Winnie (Windshy), of Fargo, N.D., girl, Sally Joy, Sept. 21, 12:01 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

BARJOUN, Clive and Nayge (Benette), of Tarawa, Guyana, boy, Ken Larry, Sept. 8, 9 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BARLOTTA, Gary and Elesia (Wagpler), of Westchester, N.Y., boy, Jonathan David, Nov. 6, 2:10 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

BARRETT, Paul and Lee-Ann (Curnow), of Sydney, Australia, girl, Vanessa Ashley, July 30, 6:15 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

BOLIN, Daniel and Karen (Roland), of Amarillo, Tex., girl, Sarah Beth, Oct. 5, 11:19 p.m., 5 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

BOWERS, Greg and Betty (Bragg), of Big Sandy, boy, Kevin Gregory, Oct. 18, 4:52 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

BROOKS, Gary and Mary (Fick), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Ashley Deanne, Oct. 18, 6:21 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BURKETT, Kyle and Constance (Critt), of Detroit, Mich., boy, Jeremy Shawn, Oct. 8, 5:01 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BURNSIDES, Tommy and Joanne (Farnell), of Reseda, Calif., boy, Ryan Earl, Oct. 13, 1:09 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys.

CANTU, David and Sharon (Vidal), of Glendora, Calif., girl, Hilary Megan, Jan. 30, 5:47 a.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

CARRION, Tony and Marie (Rivers), of San Antonio, Tex., girl, Sofia Teena, Sept. 29, 4:33 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

CARSWELL, Robert and Mary (Williams), of Lenox, N.C., girl, Amanda Elizabeth, Oct. 31, 9 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

CATES, Jerrold and Becky (Wierick), of Spokane, Wash., boy, Benjamin Dean, Aug. 29, 5:25 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

COLE, Martin and Maxine (Williams), of Easthampton, Mass., girl, Katie Elizabeth, Oct. 22, 10:09 a.m., 4 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

CROSHAWTE, Casey and Mary (Wright), of Oakland, Calif., boy, Seth David, July 23, 9:29 a.m., 10 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

CURRIER, Preston and Angela (Schmidt), of Keweenaw, Ill., twin boys, Logan Preston and Reuben Preston, May 11, 12:30 and 12:44 p.m., 8 pounds and 7 pounds 3/4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DE GEORGE, Dennis and Dendra (Scafly), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Liam Brennan, Sept. 30, 4 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys.

DOBSON, William and Linda (Dickey), of Primrose, Neb., boy, William Jon, Sept. 25, 12:40 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DONAGHEY, Ray and Denise (Woodward), of North Bay, Ont., girl, Katelyn Elizabeth, May 8, 1:45 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DOWNING, David and Joy (Krook), of Akron, Ohio, girl, Kaley Kristina, Sept. 30, 11:29 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

DYCK, D. Charles and Donna (Almquist), of Yorkton, Sask., boy, Daniel Joseph, Sept. 8, 3:15 a.m., 9 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

EDWARDS, Thomas and Donna (Hansen), of Portland, Maine, boy, Shaq Thomas, July 14, 10:01 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

ENWEREM, Mr. and Mrs. U. N. of Lagos, Nigeria, girl, Chinasakwui, Sept. 30, 12:25 p.m., now 3 boys, 2 girls.

ESTES, Jim and Carol (Ward), of Poplar Bluff, Mo., boy, Matthew James, Aug. 22, 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FAJARDO, Edwin and Rosa (Calmateo), of Rizal, Philippines, boy, Ederi Calmatteo, Sept. 26, 3 a.m., 6 pounds, first child.

FLORES, John II and Julie (Park), of Salt Lake City, Utah, boy, John Anthony II, Sept. 28, 6:20 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

FLYNN, Ross and Jan (Peterson), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Jonathan Daniel, Sept. 24, 10:15 a.m., now 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FORMAN, Rodney and Barbara (Cady), of Ann Arbor, Mich., boy, Jason Andrew, Aug. 24, 5:34 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

FRIESTAD, David and Stacy (Bernett), of Minot, N.D., girl, Jessica Lynn, Sept. 15, 1:10 a.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

GANT, Bruce and Doris (Masaka), of Coosa Beach, Fla., boy, Andrew Jason, Sept. 29, 8:50 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GHAZARIAN, Bernd and Andrea (Chappelle), of Montreal, Que., girl, Mary Louie, Sept. 5, 1:05 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GIER, Shawn and Debra (Schulz), of Sylvan Grove, Kan., boy, David Lee, Sept. 19, 9 p.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

GRISWOLD, Neal and Tammi (Bump), of El Paso, Tex., boy, Nathan James, Sept. 29, 3:37 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GUENTHER, Harold and Wanda (Finkau), of North Bannockburn, Sask., girl, Stanelle James, Oct. 8, 7:27 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

HARRELL, Larry and Cathy (Jackson), of Bellingham, Wash., boy, Kendall James, Sept. 12, 7:36 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 boys.

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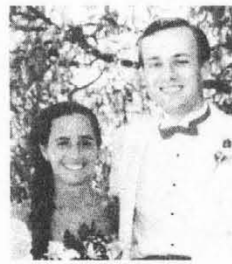
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MR. AND MRS. CURTIS LINDSLEY

Curtis E. Lindsayley, son of Ed and Carol Lindsayley of Seattle, Wash., and Linda M. Fraychmoud, daughter of Lee and Lavona Fraychmoud of Og Harbor, Wash., were united in marriage Aug. 16. The ceremony was performed in Seattle by evangelist Dennis Laker, pastor of the Seattle and Bellevue, Wash., churches. Larry Lindsayley, brother of the groom, was best man, and Teresa Darr, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. The couple reside in Renton, Wash.



MR. AND MRS. KELLY FARVER

Kelly D. Farver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Farver of Spokane, Wash., and Lauryl L. Meisel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Meisel of Holy, Mich., were united in marriage March 22 in Flint, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Gerald Wate, pastor of the Flint and Lansing, Mich., churches. Rich Perry was best man, and Lynett Backwell was maid of honor. The couple reside in Flint.



MR. AND MRS. GREGORY BEYER

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel L. Presley of Midland, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Rebecca Jo to Gregory Scott Beyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Beyer of Wichita, Kan. The ceremony, performed by Keith Walden, pastor of the Hobbs, N.M., and Midland churches, took place June 8 in Midland. Melanie Presley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mark Beyer, brother of the groom, was best man.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN GENT

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson of Darby, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Rosemary Jayne Thompson to John Travis Gent, son of Joan and the late William Gent. The ceremony was performed May 18 by David Bedford, pastor of the Nottingham, Northampton and Cambridge, England, churches. Gillian Maher was matron of honor, and Stephen Gent, brother of the groom, was best man.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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fighter. Thank you for training us in the right way, God's way. Your continued love, patience and assurance has resulted in the close family that we are today. May you continually be blessed. All our love, your daughters, Linda, Suzanne and Barbara.

Dear Mom and Dad: We wish you a happy 15th anniversary Oct. 16. Love, your daughters, Pat, Teresa and Gina.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Northrip celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Sept. 29 in Stouffville, Mo. Lake of the Ozarks. Mr. Northrip was host for a reception for the couple Sept. 27. The Northrips were presented a gift certificate for a dinner for two at an area restaurant, a dozen red roses, a bottle of champagne and cards signed by all of the Ozarks and Lake, Mo., brethren. Mr. Northrip is a local church elder.

Dear Daddy and Mother: Congratulations on your 27th anniversary. We thank you for your love, dedication and sacrifice of yourselves for us throughout your marriage. You both have taught us so much that has helped us as we became husband and wife. The help is still there, too, as we are parents ourselves. We love, respect and admire what both of you have accomplished together. We love you so very much, Terry, Anita, Eric and Cody.

Dearest Rosie: On this our first wedding anniversary Nov. 17, I want to express my appreciation for all your hard work and the support that you have given to me throughout this year. I love you very much! Happy anniversary, Jason.

Dear Danny: You're the best! Our first year of marriage has been more than I could ask for. You have given me more joy than I ever knew possible. Thank you for being my spiritual and physical leader. Happy first anniversary, sweethearts. I love you, Kimberley.

Warm congratulations to Bill and Ramona Middleton of the Joplin, Mo., church on the occasion of your 33rd anniversary Oct. 20. Your marriage has always been an inspiration to us to also strive for unity and peace. May you continue to grow in love and faith. We love you both dearly. From Kim and Kathy and Charlene.

Well, Oct. 29 — three years on and now we are four. Thank you for being you and for two lovely daughters. All my love, Josie.



MR. AND MRS. DENVER GLASGOW

Happy 45th anniversary to our wonderful parents, Denver and Gunda Glasgow of Pasadena, from your kids Gary (and Laurel), Suzanne (and John), Richard (and Terika), and your grandkids: Stacey and Brent; Daniel, David and Amy; and Justin and Chelsea.

Thanks for being such terrific parents and grandparents. We love you.

Dear Janine: Your continuous love and encouragement have made the last four years the happiest ones of my life. I cherish you and look forward to spending eternity with you. God has truly blessed me with you as my wife. Love, Dave.



MR. AND MRS. GUY ENGELBART

Cleveland, Ohio. East brethren surprised their pastor, Guy Engelbart, and his wife, Penny, Sept. 29 with a reception in honor of the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. After Sabbath services Martin Florio, a local church elder, called the Engelbarts onstage and presented them with a microwave oven and a videocassette recorder on behalf of the congregation. The Engelbarts were married Oct. 1, 1961.



MR. AND MRS. R. NIEKAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niekamp celebrated their 35th anniversary Sept. 2. Their daughters, Dorothy Webb of Evansville, Ind., and Wilma Verrich of Nashville, Tenn., were hostesses for an open house weekend on the Niekamps' honor. Evansville brethren were invited to the Niekamps' home Sept. 8 for fellowship and refreshments. Mr. Niekamp is a retired farmer.

He was baptized in June, 1960, and Mrs. Niekamp was baptized in October, 1961. Besides their two daughters, the Niekamps have one granddaughter, Sara Beth Webb, 6.

Dave, I can't say I was pleased when you took home all the way to Sri Lanka, but since she can't stop saying how happy she is, I'm happy, too. I miss you both, but know that you are fulfilling an important responsibility. Happy first anniversary. Love, Kerri.

Weddings Made of Gold

DALLAS, Tex. — Willie and Mae Dunn celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Sept. 20 with brethren at a dinner given in their honor.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIE DUNN

The Duns were married Sept. 21, 1919. They live in Seagoville, Tex., and attend the Dallas East church. Mr. Dunn was baptized in 1961, and Mrs. Dunn was baptized in 1967. They have two children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

HOUSTON, Tex. — The Houston North church honored Mr. and Mrs. Davis Kelley Aug. 16 with a potluck dinner and surprise celebration in recognition of the Kelleys' 60th wedding anniversary. More than 500 brethren attended.

John Ogwyn, pastor of the Houston North church, presented the Kelleys with a commemorative album signed by those at the celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley cut an anniversary cake.

Obituaries

BROOKS, Alta. — Clarence Matthew Kube, 67, died July 11 of a

heart attack. He was baptized April 26, 1980.

Mr. Kube is survived by his wife, Angela; a son, Ronald Brooks; two daughters, Audrey Orrey and Margaret Owing; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Brooks by Kenneth Webster, pastor of the Lethbridge, Alta., church.

TORONTO, Ont. — Ethel Mary Dawe, 91, died of a stroke Aug. 30. She was baptized in 1984 and attended the Toronto West church.

Mrs. Dawe is survived by three daughters, Myrna Bunn and Ruby McMillan of Toronto and Gladys Dawe, a member who attends the Pentecost, B.C., church; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Scarborough, Ont., by Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto East and West and Brampton, Ont., churches.

SALMON ARM, B.C. — Matthew Majerech, 86, died Sept. 8.

Mr. Majerech is survived by three sons, three daughters, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 12 in Vernon, B.C., by Rainer Salomaa, pastor of the Salmon Arm and Kamloops, B.C., churches.

TORONTO, Ont. — Elisabeth Barabash, 65, died Aug. 26 after a lengthy illness with bone cancer and a stroke. She has been a Church member since March.

Mrs. Barabash is survived by her husband, Michael, who attends the Toronto West church; two sons, Peter and Michael; and a daughter, Josie.

Funeral services were conducted Aug. 29 in Aurora, Ont., by Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto East and West and Brampton, Ont., churches.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Mary Ethel Glass, 87, died Sept. 6 after a long confinement at home. She has been a Church member since 1961.

Mrs. Glass is survived by her daughter, Sara Collins, whose husband, Robert, is associate pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M. and Jasper, Ala., churches; and a granddaughter, Paula Hill of Phoenix, Ariz.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 8 by Kenneth Smylie, pastor of

the Birmingham A.M. and P.M., Bessemer and Jasper, Ala., churches, in Reform, Ala.

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Charlotte E. James, 36, of Gillette, Wyo., died Jan. 3 after a brief struggle with leukemia. She has been a Church member since October, 1984.

Mrs. James is survived by a daughter, Julie Dawn, 10; a son, Justin, 8; a brother, Eddie Anderson, who attends the Salem, Ore., church; a sister, Lorraine Russel, who attends the Rapid City church; her parents; and two other sisters.

Funeral services were conducted in Gillette, Jan. 6 by Dennis Wheatcroft, now pastor of the Glendora, Calif., church, and in Rapid City Jan. 7 by Steven Buchanan, pastor of the Chadron, Neb., and Rapid City churches.

JACKSON, Tenn. — Dolly B. Anthony, 77, died July 2. She was baptized in 1951.

Mrs. Anthony is survived by three daughters, Freda Yeagor and Barbara Hopper, both Church members, and Norma Munn; two sons, Mark and Eddie; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Rowlen Tucker, pastor of the Jackson and Memphis, Tenn., churches.

MIDDLETOWN, N.Y. — Harvey Misner, 49, died June 3 of a heart attack. He was baptized in 1965.

Mr. Misner is survived by his wife, Barbara, also a Church member; three sons; and two daughters.

Graveside services were conducted by William Swanson, pastor of the Montvale, N.J., and Middletown, N.Y., churches.

LAFAYETTE, La. — Stephen Michael Miller, 1½ months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Miller, died Sept. 7 of respiratory distress because of a premature birth.

In addition to his parents Stephen is survived by a twin brother, Aaron Levi; three other brothers, Tyrone Jr., Thomas and Robert; and five sisters, Melissa, Karen, Tyra, Deborah and Sherri.

A graveside service was conducted in New Iberia, La., by Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches.

News trend

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Common Market and living in the past. After all, the argument to complete the unity process begun nearly 30 years ago, to eliminate the last barriers to a completely unhindered market, is a powerful — and humanly logical — one.

Nevertheless, when the British House of Lords debated legislation enabling British adoption of the Single European Act, one member, Lord Denning, expressed serious reservations about the far-reaching effects of the act upon British independence. His main concerns were that the sovereignty of the Queen

and of the British Parliament would be diminished.

European Community law would appear, he said, to have preeminence over that of the member states. In the long run, he said, the Parliament in Westminster would be nothing more than a subordinate body.

Lord Bruce of Donington added that the 1972 act under which Britain joined the EC was passed only on the basis that British interests would be protected by the veto. Now the use of the veto is to be pared back.

Lord Edmund Davies charged that it was "high time" the public was alerted to the "tremendous im-

portance" of the bill. Its modest size, he said, bore no relation to the awesome effect it would have on British sovereignty.

Yet, despite the severe reservations expressed by these individuals, the House of Lords approved, by a 124-vote majority, the enabling bill implementing the provisions of the Single European Act.

The battle lost, Lord Denning stressed the importance of what the British Parliament (both houses) had just done.

He soberly wrote in the Nov. 3 *Times* of London that 300 years of the Parliament in Westminster having supreme authority over the British people had just ended.

Wherever the European Court ruled on a matter, the British Parliament was now obliged to follow whether its members wished to or not. Lord Denning gave an example.

Customs authorities at London's Heathrow Airport tried to keep out a German product considered obscene. But the European Court ruled they couldn't since goods lawfully sold in one EC state must be allowed entry into other states.

"So the debate is over," wrote Lord Denning. "The Single European Act ushers in a new constitution for Europe. . . . Gone is the concept of national sovereignty. . . . It is the beginning of an epoch. It is a vision come true. For Europe."

In his Lords debate, Lord Denning conceded Britain now had no choice but to "go into Europe with enthusiasm and vigor" in order to make certain British values and traditions were preserved inside the EC as much as possible.

When the British finally woke up to what they have done, there could be loud demands to leave the EC.

Foretold in Revelation
Even without proceeding to this

higher level of integration, the European Community is a formidable entity, having a worldwide impact. The EC maintains diplomatic relations with more than 100 countries and trade agreements with more than 120 nations. It already represents the initial stages of a globe-girdling economic Babylon foretold in Revelation 18.

And by 1993, conceded West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the EC hopes to be "one big, unified market . . . the strongest and biggest market in the world."

It will not be a perfect union. The homogenization of the various European peoples will meet considerable resistance. Yet Daniel 2:43 indicates there will be considerable mixing of populations — "they

shall mingle themselves with the seed of men."

Nevertheless, there will still remain 10 leaders who will relinquish their respective national authorities to a single individual (Revelation 17:12). These leaders are described as kings — very likely occupying the same royal role as electors under the old Holy Roman Empire, entrusted to select one individual as supreme political leader.

The idea of empire in Europe never seems to die. "So the dream of the Holy Roman Empire has remained," wrote George Bailey in his book, *Germans*. "Can we be sure," he asked, "that history has written *finis* to what was perhaps the grandest design ever conceived by man: the Holy Roman Empire?"

Potential

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An unusual love story

Sadly, no one is interested in marrying this young lady. She was ignored by the young men. But there was one older man who had been unable to marry because of financial lacks.

Somehow they got together. The usual monetary arrangements were waived and they were married.

From the first day of their marriage she was a helpmate to her spouse. They had three children. She brought them up as any wife would, only she performed all the obvious household tasks with her feet. Her husband sang her praises.

This particular wife was not left out of the family entertainment. She learned to shuffle cards with

her feet better than I can with my hands. She holds and plays the cards effectively.

I saw the story of all of this in a Hong Kong cinema. It was a small part of a documentary titled *China Unknown*. This was not trick photography. It was obviously legitimate — just one portion of a film about life in the People's Republic.

The lesson for us

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian brethren, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not: for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame" (1 Corinthians 15:34). It is amazing what some accomplish without this knowledge. We who have it are without excuse.

If we possess all of our limbs we should be thankful. If we are disabled, it is far from hopeless. A spirit of determination goes a long way. There are many heartwarming examples in God's Church.

Whatever our circumstances, God will show us the way forward. We can win through.

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

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was host to what he called a "very moving" dinner for Rufino Tamayo, one of the "most outstanding and popular artists of all of Mexico," Nov. 17.

The dinner took place at Herbert W. Armstrong Memorial Hall. Also in attendance were Agustin Garcia-Lopez, Mexican consul general in Los Angeles, Calif.; the deputy consul general; the consul of cultural affairs; Bernard Lewin, owner of the Lewin Gallery in Palm Springs, Calif., where Mr. Tamayo's paintings and prints are on display; evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas; and Wayne Shilkrut, Ambassador Foundation Performing Arts director.

Mr. Tkach viewed some of Mr. Tamayo's paintings during his trip to Mexico.

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PASADENA — The first five

How new U.S. tax bill affects you

By Allen Dance

PASADENA — The U.S. Tax Reform Act of 1986, signed by President Ronald Reagan in October, is one of the most significant pieces of U.S. tax legislation passed in recent years.

Following are suggestions on how you may benefit from the new tax bill. They are generalizations only. Your situation may vary. If you have any questions please consult a tax expert.

Allen Dance is assistant to the accounting manager.

The bill attempts to lower marginal tax rates and eliminates certain preferential tax shelters. The present 14-tier tax table will be gradually replaced by a two-rate system.

The year 1987 will be a transition one with additional brackets for couples with incomes exceeding \$45,000 and \$95,000 respectively. The net effect is a lowering of an individual's marginal tax bracket.

Consequently, a deduction taken in 1986 might be worth more than a deduction taken in 1987. Members in the United States may wish to take advantage of these higher rates to maximize their tax savings on charitable contributions. For example, by sending in the Festival title of title in December, 1986, instead of April, 1987, a person could save up to 13 percent of the amount of Festival title in taxes depending upon his or her tax bracket.

Another important change affecting members is the repeal of the charitable contribution for non-itemizers. In 1986 only, taxpayers are allowed to deduct 100 percent (without regard to any limitation) of their charitable contributions without itemizing. Many members will find that by not itemizing they can save hundreds of tax dollars in 1986. Tax reform, however, allows this write-off to expire in 1986. Therefore those who are unable to itemize their deductions may wish to maximize their contributions in 1986. The charitable contribution remains only as an itemized deduction in 1987.

U.S. donations postmarked by Dec. 31 will be credited to the donor's 1986 contribution receipt.

levels of the Fall Festival lesson of the Youth Bible Lessons in Spanish, *Lecciones Biblicas para los Jovenes*, were printed here in late September, according to Don Walls, managing editor of the Church's publications in Spanish.

"Five levels of the Fall Festival lessons were completed before the Feast, and four more will be printed soon," he said.

Translations were done by Margarita Cardenas, a Church member and employee who lives in Bogota, Colombia.

Mr. Walls said plans are to complete translation of the Spring Feast lessons before beginning the regular lessons.

According to Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, portions of the lessons are now available in German, Dutch and French as well as Spanish and English.

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PASADENA — A new service offered by the United States Postal Service makes it possible to send some international mail cheaper and faster, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

Using International Priority Air-mail (IPA) delivery to Caribbean countries averages seven days compared to 12 days for regular airmail.

Using IPA, the Church mailed Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's August co-worker letter to the Caribbean at a cost 70 percent lower than regular airmail.

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PASADENA — John Prohs, manager of Technical Operations and Engineering, was chairman of

the loudspeaker cluster design workshop at the annual Audio Engineering Society convention in Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 13.

In attendance at the workshop were loudspeaker manufacturers' representatives and sound contractors from throughout the United States and around the world.

"In a large auditorium it is common to cluster loudspeakers together," Mr. Prohs said. "Cluster design is a complicated subject. To do it right is very involved. Technical Operations at Ambassador College is at the forefront of new design techniques for professional sound systems."

Mr. Prohs serves as technical consultant for the Ambassador Auditorium and technical coordinator for the sound systems at U.S. Feast sites.

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PASADENA — Evangelist Leslie McCullough and Robert Fahey will take up their new assignments as regional directors in De-

ember, according to Church Administration.

Mr. Fahey, former pastor of the Suffolk, N.Y., church, is the new regional director of the Church in Australia and Asia.

Mr. Fahey will move to Burleigh Heads, Australia, with his wife, Evelyn, and son, Bobby, 14. The Faheys' other children, Jonathan and Joanna, are students at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Robert Morton, formerly regional director, will pastor the Brampton, Ont., church, when he and his wife, Sandra, obtain the necessary visas.

Mr. McCullough, former deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College, will move to Cape Town, South Africa, with his wife, Marion, to become regional director of the Church in southern Africa.

Roy McCarthy, formerly regional director, will pastor the Johannesburg, South Africa, East church.

Mexican

(Continued from page 1) of the two churches.

A card signed by brethren was presented to Mr. Tkach after services. Earlier he shared a luncheon with area ministers.

"His visit inspired, cheered up and strengthened the unity we have in the Church," said Mr. Mercado.

Nov. 11, after several hours' delay in Monterrey to clear television equipment through customs, Mr. Tkach and his party left for Guadalajara.

That evening Mr. Tkach spoke to 193 brethren from the Guadalajara and Tepic churches.

"One family traveled more than 1,300 kilometers [806 miles], and another 740 kilometers [about 460 miles] to hear the pastor general," said Pablo Dimakis, pastor of the two churches.

During services an electrical blackout lasted for five to 10 minutes, according to Mr. Turk. "But Mr. Tkach kept on speaking, uninterrupted and being simultaneously translated. That's just Mexico," he said.

"Even though the lights went out," said Mrs. Escat, "Mr. Tkach felt he gave the most powerfully inspired sermon he's ever given."

Here brethren presented Mr. Tkach with a card featuring Guadalajaran folklore. After his sermon Mr. Tkach greeted the members and invited area ministers

and wives to his hotel to fellowship with him and his traveling party.

"I think the visit has been of great inspiration to the Church," Mr. Dimakis said. "We have been motivated to exert a greater effort in coming out of the world, growing in love and supporting the work."

Next stop for Mr. Tkach and his party was Acapulco, where they visited the Feast of Tabernacles site.

"We saw where the visitors stay at the Acapulco site and spoke with the hotel management," said Mr. Locke.

"We saw some interesting sights in Acapulco, before eating dinner that evening and departing the next morning for Mexico City."

Mexico City

After the G-III descended into Mexico City to Benito Juarez International Airport at 10 a.m., Nov. 13, Mr. Tkach and his party visited the Church's Mexico City Office and ate lunch with the staff.

Mr. Walker gave a presentation of the activities and progress of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, since its inception 30 years ago, according to Don Walls, managing editor of Spanish-language publications in Pasadena, who traveled to Mexico City.

Other staff members of the Church's Spanish Department in Pasadena who traveled to Mexico City are Mr. Walls' wife, Carol, secretary to Mr. Walker; Alec Surrat, mail processing supervisor; his wife, Donna, assistant mail processing supervisor; Keith Speaks, circulation manager of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) and *Las Buenas Noticias del Mundo de Manana* (Spanish *Good News*); and his wife, Virginia.

Activities Friday, Nov. 14, consisted of trips to the pyramids of Teotihuacan de Arista. Mr. Tkach and his party scaled the Pyramid of the Sun, "where perhaps human sacrifices were once conducted," the pastor general told Auditorium P.M. brethren Nov. 22.

That afternoon the group was in a traffic jam in the world's largest city.

"Talk about traffic jams!" Mr. Tkach said. "While the policeman was scratching his head wondering, 'How are we going to untangle this mess,' a 15-year-old newspaper boy went out there, and he got the traffic moving and unscrambled the thing," the pastor general told the P.M. congregation. "Then when the policeman saw he was so successful he went in there and helped!"

On the Sabbath, Nov. 15, Mr. Tkach spoke to 361 brethren in the Hotel El Presidente Chapultepec in Mexico City. Some members traveled as many as 18 hours by bus from Tabasco, according to Salvador Barragan, pastor of the Mexico City church.

Brethren sang *Amigo* and presented the pastor general with a

bronze sculpture representing a pair of Mexican folkloric dancers, Mr. Barragan added.

Daniel Vazquez, pastor of the Jalpa de Mendez church, said, "The presence of Mr. Tkach in Mexico motivated us to improve ourselves, give love to our brethren and support him and the work."

At noon the next day Mr. Tkach and his party left Mexico City and returned to the Burbank airport at 2:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time.

"It was a real eye-opener to visit Mexico," Mr. Tkach said after his return to Pasadena. "I believe we did build some bridges there, as far as relationships go, and helped them understand they truly are a part of the family."

Mr. Tkach told Auditorium P.M. members: "They appreciated not just a handshake, but an *abrazo*. There must be some relationship between the Spanish and the Russians, because Russian men just love to do the same thing: Rather than shaking hands, we like to hug one another. To me that does convey a much greater respect for one another."

Mr. Locke said: "My view of the trip? You often hear of the Latin or Mexican hospitality. To experience it firsthand, though, was a wonderful privilege. They are the warmest people I have ever met. From the time we got to Juarez until the time we left Mexico City... we were made a part of the family."

"*Viva la unidad* — unity forever. *Viva la alegria* — joy forever. Eventually this will encompass the whole world," Mr. Tkach said.



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA — Low Mong Chai, a deacon in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, came to the Feast this year in Malacca, Malaysia, knowing that his brother was being held by kidnappers for ransom, reported Colin Kelly, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church.

"Five weeks had already passed with little progress in the negotiations," Mr. Kelly said. "The local police told Mr. Low that his entire family is on the kidnapper's list."

"Mr. Low is part of a large family business in rubber and oil palm plantations," he continued. "The threat is of some concern to Mr. Low and his immediate family, as they live in an isolated area, and his boys have to use lonely plantation roads every day in traveling to and from school."

Crashing currency

Lateef Edalere, pastor of the



LATEEF AND YVONNE EDALERE Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, said that the

Nigerian government is considering the introduction of a second-tier currency situation.

"This arrangement would allow citizens and residents to maintain foreign currency accounts," said David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the Borehamwood, England, Office.

"This prospect has sent the Nigerian naira [currency] crashing into oblivion," Mr. Stirk added.

Mr. Edalere said that the change would no doubt "force the naira to its proper international value, which is way below its presently stated value."

"This, of course, will make imports very, very expensive," continued Mr. Edalere. "It is well to note that Lagos is already the most expensive capital city on earth to live in."

Telecast to Netherlands

The *World Tomorrow* television program entered Dutch homes Sept. 21 from Britain on Sky Channel, Europe's largest satellite television station.

"The Netherlands is at this particular moment the most densely cabled country in Europe," according to Bram de Bree, regional director for Dutch-speaking areas. Forty-three percent of Dutch television viewers can receive Sky Channel, he said.

Although Dutch law dictates that no Dutch language or Dutch products can be used or advertised on Sky Channel, "the response to the English-language *Plain Truth* is promising," said Mr. de Bree.

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