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Mr. Tkach stirs family feeling at Orr, Winnipeg, Big Sandy

By Jeff E. Zhorne

ABOARD THE G-III—At 41,000 feet you get a tremendous firsthand, behind-the-scenes look at what makes Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's trips so successful.

As Jay Brothers, the steward on the Gulfstream III jet, pours another cup of coffee, a monitor indicates we're flying at 562 miles an hour, are 1,400 miles from our destination and have 3½ hours to go. The outside temperature is minus 81 degrees Fahrenheit.

Continuing his visits to churches, Mr. Tkach and his traveling group will visit Winnipeg, Man., and the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camps in Orr., Minn., and Big Sandy.

As the *Worldwide News* staff in Pasadena arrives in their offices this morning, June 26, we are already over the Mojave Desert, en route to our first stop in Orr.

Ah, here comes breakfast: strawberry crepes, beef bacon, muffins and orange juice.

Mr. Tkach keeps abreast of current events by scanning a variety of newspapers and magazines. Occasionally he walks up and down the aisle, making sure everyone is comfortable.

On board are Joseph Locke, Mr. Tkach's personal assistant and vice president of Ambassador Founda-

tion's international projects; Ellen Escat, the pastor general's administrative assistant; Julie Stocker, administrative assistant to evangelist David Hulme; Michael Rasmussen, executive office aide; Virginia Dietrich, wife of co-captain Lawrence Dietrich; and Roger Zacharias, manager of Imperial Graphics, whose visit to Winnipeg will be a surprise to his parents, Lawrence and Vickey Zacharias, members who attend the Winnipeg West church.

In Winnipeg we'll meet up with members of the Church's television crew: John Halford, on-location director, cameraman Gary Werings and remote operations engineer Steve Bergstrom.

Orr arrival

At 12:45 p.m., Central Daylight Time, we land at the airstrip outside Orr, only a few minutes from the camp.

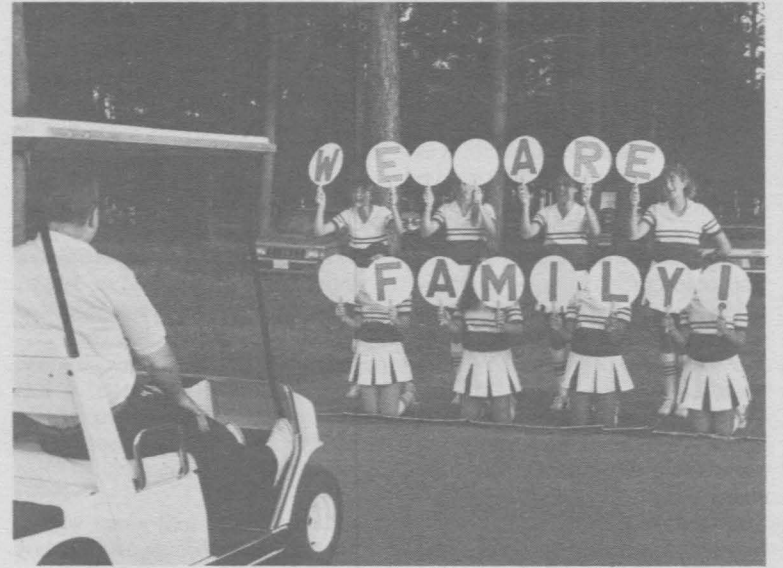
It's sprinkling outside, but there to greet us are Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United (YOU) in Church Administration; Ricky Sherrrod, assistant pastor of the Chattanooga, Tenn., and Murphy, N.C., churches and program director; Dennis Robertson, director of Academic Publications in Pasadena and an instructor; and visiting ministers.

Rain cancels the rows of campers and staff who traditionally line the roadsides when the pastor general visits the camp on Lake Pelican. About 25 members of the kitchen staff, however, brave the weather, waving as we pass by.

As Mr. Tkach steps out of his car at the gymnasium, a group of minicampers (mostly the children of faculty and area Church members) rushes to embrace him. Inside, the din of anxious campers cheering and clapping makes up for any welcomes canceled because of the rain.

Dr. Nelson says that 40 of the 50 states are represented this year at the camp, which the Church has owned for more than 20 years. "Two campers from Colombia want to meet you," he adds. There are also campers from Canada and Australia.

"Well, that's good news," Mr. Tkach replies. "If we set the right



CHEERLEADER SALUTE—Minutes after Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach lands at the Big Sandy airstrip, Summer Educational Program (SEP) campers give a welcome cheer. Larry Haworth, camp director and Ambassador College faculty member, escorted Mr. Tkach in a golf cart. [Photo by Ken Tate]

example and there's harmony among the ministry and the Church, the youth will pick up on it. But the devil doesn't like to see the kind of unity we're promoting."

"Mr. Tkach, we're emphasizing

three themes this summer: family, God's way of life and doing things God's way. And it all spells family," Dr. Nelson points out.

"One girl summed up SEP. She (See **FAMILY**, page 3)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

I have been receiving reports about the new, revitalized *Plain Truth* newsstand program now well under way in nine major cities in the United States! Twelve congregations are involved in this first wave, and the enthusiasm and excitement of the brethren involved is incredible.

The Plain Truth is indeed a witness to this world, carrying the warning message, yet good news of the soon coming close of this age followed by the glorious return of Jesus Christ to rule all nations.

The newsstand program is a vital part of the effort of proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the world. Each issue not only contains articles about what the Bible says concerning the future facing mankind, but also advertises our other publications.

To all of you who are right now involved in the program, and all those who will be, a hearty THANK YOU for your faithful and enthusiastic service to God! A program of this nature would simply be impossible with any other group of people.

God's elect are the only ones who are bound together and unified through the Holy Spirit, making possible a carefully coordinated and executed program around the world. Without the willing attitudes and spirit of service and dedication that are two of the hallmarks of God's people, even to attempt such an effort would be sheer folly. Thank you!

Also, I want to thank those of

you who have been serving in the WATS in-home operator program. According to the latest report, you in-home operators have taken more than 540,000 calls since the program began in 1985.

You are actually taking more calls per weekend now than either our Pasadena or Big Sandy operations. For example, the breakdown for the weekend of May 30 and 31 showed that 44 percent of the total calls were taken by in-home operators, with Pasadena taking 30 percent and Big Sandy taking 26 percent.

We now have 138 congregations in 25 states from all six United States time zones serving on the program. Again, your willing attitudes and love of God have played an important role in the increased response to the *World Tomorrow* television program. God has certainly blessed the hard work and diligent sacrifice of His people!

God has called each of us to a wonderful future of forming a part of His perfect and glorified family that will rule under Him in the wonderful world tomorrow in absolute justice and peace. What marvelous motivation for fulfilling His will now in this life!

After all, which of us is now in the Body of Christ solely by our own free choice? Is it not also by divine providence?

The truth is, not one of God's true children volunteered of his or her own will! We are called according to the will of God! He did the choosing. It was by His own personal decision that each of us are now His elect. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (James 1:18).

Yes, it was God the Father Himself who personally made the deci-

sion to call you. It was no accident. He meant to do it! And now you belong to Him. He has bought and paid for you with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

The great God who knows you inside and out, knows your heart, your attitude, your thoughts, your motivation and the intents of your heart, loves you and cares about you. He is deeply and intensely interested in you. What you do, where you are, where you go and what you need are of vital concern to Him. You are one of His children!

Consequently, brethren, when we put our time, energy and effort into our God-given responsibilities toward our families, toward one another, toward our employers and, of course, toward the Work of His Church, God notices!

He sees all you do and it means something to Him! "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end" (Hebrews 6:10-11).

In the same manner, your prayers are of great value and importance to God. I know your prayers for me have certainly been of great help and encouragement, and I know that your diligent prayers for God's Work have born much fruit over the past year.

Let's realize, brethren, that God could finish this Work in a day if He wanted to. But He wants us to do it through us. He wants us to learn to trust Him, to rely on Him, to pray to Him, to depend on Him. He wants us to be as involved and excited about His Work as He is! He wants to share with us what He is accomplishing in this world, as part of the preparation for the even greater work that lies ahead!

Let's continue to put our hearts into all that God has given us to do!

Pastor general in Boston: His energy is contagious

PASADENA—A Feast of Tabernacles atmosphere prevailed in Boston, Mass., where 2,275 brethren gathered June 20 to hear Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. It was a larger group than attends the Feast in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., the assigned site for brethren there.

"Everyone commented on Mr. Tkach's unflagging energy and vitality," reported Jim Franks, then-pastor of the Providence, R.I., and Boston churches. "He never slowed down while he was here. His energy was contagious."

The pastor general and his party left the Burbank, Calif., airport midmorning June 18. Upon arriving at Boston's Hanscom Airfield, they were greeted by Mr. Franks and his wife, Sharron.

Traveling with Mr. Tkach were Ellen Escat, his administrative assistant; Dean May, director of the Fleet & Transportation Depart-

ment; Fred Stevens, Accounting Department manager; Michael Rasmussen, executive office aide; Esther Apperson, a secretary for Pasadena Church Offices; and members from Providence living in Pasadena: Donna Haworth and Tony and Cathy Morelli (brother and sisters).

Mr. Tkach's flight crew were Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

Ninety minutes into the flight, Mr. Rasmussen was called on the G-III and told that his mother-in-law, Jeanette Pope, who had been suffering from cancer for 12 years, had just died. Mrs. Pope's husband, Edwin, is a local church elder in the Columbus, Ga., church.

Once in Boston, Mr. Rasmussen flew to Atlanta, Ga., and drove to Columbus.

June 19 the group toured Newport, R.I., where the first Sabbatarian church in America was founded.

"Mr. Tkach had the opportunity to go through original church records, which were brought out of the vault for him. He also read church lists," said incoming pastor David Register, who, with his wife, Gwen, toured the Boston area with the pastor general.

Lunch took place at the 300-year-old White Horse Tavern, the oldest tavern in America. The menu reads: In the 17th and 18th centuries, food, drink and lodging "were regulated by the local government and scrutinized by the local church.

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Stepping-stones to Europe's great market

PASADENA—While I was in Europe on a fact-finding trip, the newspapers were full of yet another financial wrangle among the nations of the European Community.

The most recent crisis will certainly not be the last along Europe's rocky road to greater unity. The truth is, the periodic squabbling at the public level tends to disguise the depth of the transformation under way in Europe. Well did the editorial in the February issue of *International Management* describe it as "the quiet revolution sneaking up on Europe."

The cover story featured a profile on the work of a vice president of the European Commission, Lord Cockfield (pronounced Co-field). It described the tremendous impetus toward unity generated by Lord Cockfield's white paper that enumerated more than 300 reforms to be instituted over the next five years to eliminate nontariff barriers to internal trade.

Lord Cockfield is doggedly determined to see solid progress. Said a former colleague: "He has nagged and bullied the Council of Ministers into the fastest progress towards unity in the history of the Common Market."

The implementation of reforms is running behind schedule at the moment, but the professed goal, a Europe without frontiers by the end of 1992, still appears attainable. Such an accomplishment would create a single great market of 320 million people—30 percent larger than the U.S. market and almost three times the size of Japan's highly protected domestic market.

And, of course, the real goal, as from the beginning of the European unification process, begun in 1950, remains political unity. According to the author of the *International Management* article, Leigh Bruce,

"Successful completion of the economic unity plan would give impetus to the ancient dream of establishing true political unity among the 12 member nations, including the possible creation of a European presidency."

Projects advance unity

Many of Europe's engineering projects blend into the wider scope of the unity thrust.

For example, while I was in Europe, several articles appeared about the proposed rail tunnel under the English Channel. The financial package is not yet complete, but the project is on target for estimated completion by around May, 1993.

The channel tunnel is regarded as the most important civil engineering project in Europe this century. And psychologically too, it has great import. It "will help reinforce the idea of a unified Europe," reported Britain's *Financial Times* June 15.

Plans are also well under way to tunnel under or bridge over the last significant water gaps in Europe, from Denmark to Sweden in the north to a bridge from the Italian mainland to Sicily in the south.

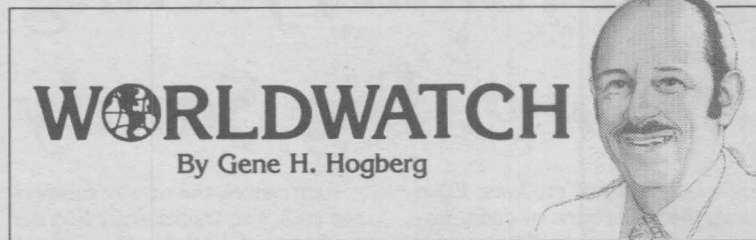
There is even consideration being given to a mammoth bridge across the Strait of Gibraltar to North Africa. To reduce weight it would have to be built with high-tensile, carbon fiber reinforced plastic (CFRP), the type of material increasingly used in the aerospace industry.

Regional experiments

The trend toward unity and cooperation in Europe encompasses more than relations at the national level, however. There are movements at the regional and local level that reinforce the concept of a People's Europe.

The most important such regional example is found in the heart of Europe between the Danube River and the Adriatic Sea, an area inhabited by 30 million people. It is in this region that the Alpe Adria Community was founded in 1978. While in Venice, Italy, during the world economic summit, I obtained

imperative toward a united Europe is gaining momentum. Earlier this year a conference in Bordeaux, France, sponsored by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), concluded that the practice of town twinning (known as sister cities in the United States) be employed more in the service of



By Gene H. Hogberg

information about Alpe Adria.

The 13 regions comprising this cooperative effort are the regions, states or provinces of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige and the Veneto (including Venice) in Italy; Upper Austria, Salzburg, Carinthia and Styria in Austria; Bavaria in the Federal Republic of Germany; and, significantly, parts of two Communist countries, Croatia and Slovenia in Yugoslavia and Gyor-Sopron and Vas in Hungary.

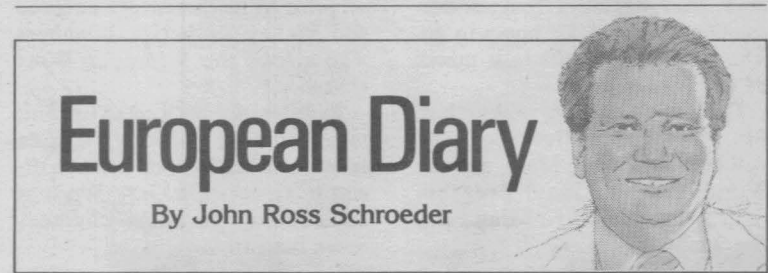
The Alpe Adria grouping deals with economic, social and environmental concerns common to the region. The authorities in the Alpe Adria Community hope that their experiences can be transposed to Europe as a whole. In a brochure promoting the organization, the authors concluded that "in the grand design for a united Europe... Alpe Adria should be seen as a testing ground for solutions that... increase our hopes for greater solidarity."

Sister cities

At the municipal level too, the

unity.

A resolution described twinning between European communities as "the most active and readily popular movement for the building of a European identity."



By John Ross Schroeder

National confidence level increases in Germany

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Germans thrilled to the news that a young man flew a small plane from Finland to the gates of the Kremlin. Somehow he penetrated the Soviets' sophisticated air defense system. Moscow was shaken. Defense heads rolled.

In contrast, German spirits soared. As Peter Millar reported from East Berlin in the May 31 *Sunday Telegraph*, "Germans, East and West, were yesterday toasting 19-year-old Mathias Rust, the ex-bank clerk who is being hailed as the new Red Baron."

The young German took a big chance. Nonetheless, his feat is symbolic of a growing national confidence in West Germany. Take sports as an example.

Sports build confidence

Concerning sports, West German President Richard von Weizsaecker asked in a book titled *A Voice from Germany*: "Do children learn to demand something of themselves, and through this to attain self-awareness and the courage to face life? Sport is valuable in this regard" (page 91).

Courageous West Germans are making their mark in several sports.

Golf isn't West Germany's national game. But a West German named Bernhard Langer has emerged as one of the top five golfers in the world.

In May, Langer was at the top of his game in winning the British PGA (Professional Golfers' Association) championship—considering his chief challenger was the Spaniard Severiano Ballesteros, who usually beats Langer. Langer broke the course record—shooting below 70 in all four rounds. In 1985 Langer won the American Masters tournament.

In tennis Boris Becker, in 1985, became the youngest player to win Wimbledon. He was on the cover of the international edition of *Newsweek* June 1. The magazine's cover story accented Becker's business success.

Reported Andrew Nagorski: "Becker is not just Becker. He is Boris Becker Inc.—one of the most formidable moneymaking machines in sports history. Few other athletes in the world rake in the cash like this

In London, I interviewed Christopher Tugendhat for *The World Tomorrow* and *The Plain Truth*. Mr. Tugendhat was a British member of the European Commission for eight years, four of them as a vice president.

In describing Europe's harmonizing momentum, Mr. Tugendhat maintained that the individual nation-state members would continue to represent "the ultimate authority" but there will continue to be "a sharing of sovereignty, a pooling of sovereignty."

As a cooperative venture, the European Community is already by far the world's largest trading power. Other nations are seeking either membership or mutual trading relationships. The urge to merge with the Community seems almost irresistible.

The great market envisioned for the early 1990s seems now more attainable than ever. For a biblical description of a great market centered in Europe at the end time, reread Revelation 18.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Life's sticky problems

While researching a Feast article for *The Good News*, I reread an essay written by a teenager after the Feast last year. We asked for these essays and printed excerpts from some of them in *The Worldwide News*.

It seems our young hero, Tim, while helping carry Bibles, books and toys to the car, noticed his 6-year-old brother standing in the corner by the door. He was behind a turnstile used to count people entering the hall. The turnstile wasn't needed for the Feast, so someone had pushed it into the corner of the building.

But I'll let Tim tell the story— "As I passed him, he looked at me in a strange sort of way. I didn't think much of it because I wanted to hurry up and go to lunch. Finally everything and everyone was in the car, everyone that is except for Joel.

"I remembered seeing him several times as I went in and out of the building taking things to the car. So I told Mom and everyone else to wait while I went to get him. Every time I'd seen him he'd been in that same corner, so that's where I went first.

"Sure enough, there he was, but he made no move to follow me when I said that we were leaving. I went over to him and told him again. This time he looked sadly up at me and said, 'I'm stuck.'

"'Oh,' I replied, thinking that all I had to do was pull the turnstile out

from the wall so he could come around it. But when I pulled it, Joel moved with it. And when I looked closer I saw that he was stuck in it.

"After pushing and pulling all of the knobs and levers I could find, I decided that help was needed. So I returned to the car and told this to Mom. She told someone else who brought someone else who brought somebody else. All these people kept talking and looking and trying, but Joel stayed.

"Finally, some bystander got a screwdriver and took the top off. He then poked around inside until he hit something which released the bar that was holding Joel. Even then we had to wait while the crowd dispersed before we could leave. But we eventually made it to lunch."

Can't you just picture little Joel as he stood there, stuck in that turnstile, needing help, but hating for anyone to know what a predicament he had gotten himself into?

Have you ever found yourself in that kind of shape? You've gotten yourself into an impossible situation, and you've done everything you can think of to get out of it, but you're still stuck. You desperately need help, but you're too ashamed to admit that you could have been so foolish.

I think we all have experienced similar circumstances at one time or other. Some of you may be suffering through a trial right now that you have been stuck in for years.

Our big Brother, Jesus Christ, is saying through His Word and through His ministry: "Come on, let's get going. There's not much time left to build godly character and to produce the fruits of God's Spirit." But we're not going anywhere, because we're stuck in some sin we can't overcome on our own.

When we are ill, God tells us to go to His ministers to be anointed. He tells us it's OK to admit we have been wrong—to confess our faults one to another (James 5:14-16).

When we have a problem with another person in God's Church, we are told to go to that person and straighten it out. If there are still hard feelings, we are commanded to take another with us and try again. If that doesn't work, we are supposed to take it to God's ministry (Matthew 18:15-17).

One thing we are not supposed to do is to give up on the problem—to stay stuck in it. That could cost us God's Kingdom.

The same principle applies with severe marriage difficulties or a problem with alcohol or any other problem that hinders our growth in God's Church.

When we have a problem with our car or plumbing or television and we can't solve it, we don't hesitate to take it to an expert. Yet, when we have a problem that involves us personally, we drag our feet.

Pride is simply not worth it, brethren. We don't know individually how much time we have left. If we can't solve our problems here and now, how will we be able to help others later?

If you're stuck in some long-term problem that just won't let you go, it's time to ask for help. So what if others find out you're not perfect. How many perfect people do you know?

Don't let life and growth and qualifying pass you by. If you're stuck, get some help.

Family

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said she realized SEP wasn't just for her, but was an ongoing thing, for generations to come. She realizes the things she learns here have to be taught to others," says Bob League, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South churches.

In the gymnasium, Dr. Nelson introduces Mr. Tkach, who, wearing a green YOU T-shirt, approaches the stage to a thunderous ovation.

"Who watched the Lakers-Celtic basketball play-offs?" he asks. "Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Kevin McHale—these men are giant men, as far as physical stature is concerned. They have enormous talents.

"And they had in common what I witnessed when I arrived here: a burning desire to be on top, to be the best. That's what gives them the determination to be successful. And it should you too. There is nothing wrong with exercising all your God-given talents."

Mr. Tkach urges the campers to also have a burning desire to be pioneers in the world tomorrow and explains how to surmount negativism.

"The purpose of SEP is to help prepare you for future life... Dr. Nelson and his staff want to light a fire in you. That's what SEP camp is all about. And it gives you the tools to keep it burning."

"We are training future superstars for the game of life and the world tomorrow, and life presents a lot more difficulties than a basketball game."

The pastor general says that God's way of life is "not just your mom and dad's religion. You have to be involved—not just a spectator."

After closing his address by reading a poem by Gen. Douglas MacArthur titled "Build Me a Son," Mr. Tkach individually greets campers forming a 75-foot line winding throughout the gym.

"Mr. Tkach really hit home with me, because sometimes I feel down and depressed," comments Lori Spivey, 17, from Rome, Ga. "I woke up this morning so homesick, but everybody's been telling me: 'It's OK. We're family.' That helps a lot."

"His address really got to the point of why we're here at camp:

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to train the campers to get close to God, that God's way is the right way, the fun way," says Rodger Cutter, 23, a Pasadena Ambassador College senior and camp counselor.

After lunch with members of the camp council and dorms, Mr. Tkach exits the dining hall under clearing skies and cooler temperatures for a group photo of more than 300 campers and staff.

Now it's time for a camp tour. Escorted by Dr. Nelson and others, the pastor general inspects classes in volleyball, riflery, archery, Christian living, waterskiing, softball, canoeing and swimming. At all sites, campers encourage each other to perform his or her personal best.

Periodically cheers of "Hi, Mr. Tkach!" from groups of boys and girls echo through the birch trees. He waves back every time.

Mr. Tkach agrees to take a few shots at the firing range and surprises the class by shooting down six consecutive wooden blocks.

After the Christian living class, Mr. Tkach is told how the camp received a facelift over the Memorial Day weekend, May 24 and 25, when more than 120 brethren from the Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., churches volunteered to improve the camp, including renovating buildings and putting on roofs.

"Their involvement and enthusiasm is most valuable and appreciated," Dr. Nelson explains.

"I'd like you to make reference to the Church members in neighboring areas who are doing a lot of volunteer work," Mr. Tkach instructs me. "That will encourage others and show what some of the members of the family are doing. Hopefully it will be contagious."

Two campers offer Mr. Tkach a cup of hot chocolate while he watches instructor Nathan Berg explain wilderness canoeing.

Nineteen campers demonstrating how to turn over a Voyager canoe are given a bit of help by Mr. Tkach.

On the softball diamond, the pastor general takes up a challenge: Can he hit Mr. League's fastball? Mr. League has a standing offer of a free frogurt to anyone who can.

Rain descends, but Mr. Tkach is determined, finally batting one into the outfield. Everyone runs for cover because of the rain.

With the time edging toward 7 p.m., the group heads for the airport.

Mr. Tkach's party boards the G-III, engines running and luggage loaded, while Mr. Tkach says goodbye. As soon as the pastor general is

buckled up, the pilots ease the plane onto the runway.

Today we'll be doing some precision flying over the camp, according to Captain Hopke. After dipping the wings to campers lined up along the lake, a 20-minute flight takes us to Winnipeg.

In flight, Mr. Locke "gets into trouble." Mr. Locke's favorite doughnuts are made in Orr, but Mr. Tkach, who urges the ministers to keep their weight down, doesn't like him eating too many pastries.

When Mr. Brothers hands Mr. Locke an unmarked cardboard box, Mr. Tkach asks Mr. Locke what's in it. "Oh, nothing, Mr. Tkach," he says with a smile.

But Mr. Tkach wants to look. He smells the box and opens it, only to find some Ten Commandments booklets. "OK, just checking," he says, chuckling.

Mrs. Escat, not so easily convinced, asks to see the box herself. Digging into it, she discovers hidden doughnuts.

Mr. Tkach's eyes light up. "So, sneaking doughnuts... are you?" he asks, wagging his finger at Mr. Locke.

Everyone laughs over the incident, while Mr. Locke and Mr. Brothers put away the goods. Captain Hopke comments about the box being Mr. Locke's survival kit.

Winnipeg

We arrive at the Winnipeg airport at 8:15, 1½ hours before sunset. We are greeted by Colin Adair, Canadian regional director; his wife, Margaret; Alvin Nordstrom, associate pastor of the Thunder Bay, Ont., and Winnipeg East churches; his wife, Dorothy; and Karen Maranville, wife of Cecil Maranville, trip coordinator and pastor of the Winnipeg East and West and Thunder Bay churches. (Mr. Maranville has been ill for three weeks.)

We're taken directly to the Westin Hotel, where flowers from Church members await Mr. Tkach and his party.

Shortly before 1 p.m. on the Sabbath, June 27, we accompany Mr. Tkach to the Centennial Concert Hall, which "amazingly was not booked for the time we needed it," according to Mr. Nordstrom. "Usually a hall like this is booked up two years in advance."

Assembled in the hall are 1,237 brethren from Brandon, Dauphin and Winnipeg, Man.; Moosomin and Yorkton, Sask.; and Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D. Some traveled as many as 300 miles; many will stay overnight in Winnipeg.

After a 64-voice chorale sings "Trumpet Voluntary" and "King



WARMTH IN WINNIPEG—After his June 27 address in Winnipeg, Man., Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets more than 1,200 members, some of whom traveled 300 miles to see him. [Photo by Jeff E. Zhorne]

All Glorious," Mr. Nordstrom introduces Mr. Tkach, who walks onstage as brethren applaud spontaneously.

The pastor general begins his address by sending greetings to 70 listening by phone hookup in Thunder Bay.

Mr. Tkach speaks about the early days of his ministry and adds: "The days we are now experiencing are truly the golden years of God's work—the golden years because God's work is on the move. That is what is so exciting."

Later the pastor general reminds the congregation that there is someone out there "who is in worse shape than you are."

He tells about a 3-year-old son of a Church member who was born without any limbs. "I met this little boy, and believe me, it really tugged at the heart strings. He's the nicest little boy you ever saw. You can see in his face joy and happiness. There wasn't a negative expression in his face in any way."

"On one hand it's a pitiful thing to see. But I admire what that mother is accomplishing with that little boy. I don't believe he knows he's handicapped. He painted a picture for me with the brush in his mouth."

"He isn't feeling sorry for himself, because he isn't... as other little boys, able to run and play."

Mr. Tkach then talks about his commission:

"First of all, I know what is required of me as the pastor general, and secondly, because of the love of God in me, I want to get acquainted with those of like mind and understand their spiritual status and condition, so we're prepared for what's going to take place in the not-to-distant future."

Before meeting brethren Mr. Tkach is presented with a wood carving of an ox pulling a two-wheeled cart. "With love and appreciation for your outstanding leadership in this pioneering era of

God's Church. This Red River ox cart symbolizes the pioneering spirit of the hard-working settlers..."

A few moments after meeting Mr. Tkach, Henry Pulvier, 93, from the Winnipeg West church, remarks, "I can really feel God's Holy Spirit in him—it comes across."

Abbie Nordstrom (no relation to Mr. Nordstrom) was baptized by Mr. Tkach in Chicago, Ill., in the 1950s. "He was a dynamic worker and always helping. So was his wife," she says.

"My prayers are always with that plane. I never get up from my knees without realizing that that plane must be protected. I ask God to strengthen the pilots, the ground crews and the air controllers—that they'll have the wisdom."

Later Michael Blackwell, pastor of the Grand Forks and Fargo churches, says that the brethren have been "absolutely excited since the day they knew he was coming"—about six weeks ago.

'Lot of preparation'

"There's a lot that goes into a trip like this," Mr. Blackwell continues. "You have to get a hall, special meeting rooms, accommodations, transportation, speaking assignments, a choir, flowers—a lot of preparation."

After Sabbath services we follow Mr. Tkach into Rehearsal Room No. 1 for a deacons and ministers meeting and question-and-answer session.

Mr. Tkach brings the group of about 70 up to date on happenings at headquarters, new programs he's planning and cost-cutting measures. He solicits ideas from men and women.

"It's very helpful when the pastor general sits down and openly discusses his decision making," comments Lyle Greaves, associate pastor of the Winnipeg West church. "It makes us feel a part, like we have

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ORR ARRIVAL—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach enters the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Orr, Minn., flanked by (from left) Kermit Nelson, who coordinates YOU in Church Administration; Bob League, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South churches; Joseph Locke, his personal assistant; Julie Stocker, administrative assistant to evangelist David Hulme; and Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]

Report from the Treasurer's Office

Leroy Neff

PASADENA—The first half of the year has passed. With it June brought an upturn in income. Compared to last June, the increase for the month was 13.4 percent. Subtracting the special offerings for the Office Facilities Building fund the increase for this June over last year was 11.2 percent.

For the year to date, the figures are 10 percent (including contributions to the Office Facilities Building fund) and 6.7 percent (not including those contributions). This is above our 1987 budget of 6 percent.

The Pentecost Holy Day offering—a 3.8 percent increase over last year—was below our projected 6 percent budget this year. However, for the year to date, Holy Day offerings are up 7.6 percent.

There has been no change in the status of the purchase of the Office Facilities Building since last month. The owner's professional appraisal is not yet completed. The special offerings for this building are strong. Thank you for your help in making it possible to purchase this building.

Spanish churches: close families, faithful stewards hurdle trials

PASADENA—Ministers from Spanish-speaking areas attended the Ministerial Refreshing Program June 17 to 30.

Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, said that Spanish-speaking brethren face economic and health problems, terrorism and difficulties in keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days.

"There is always the threat of unemployment. God has clearly blessed all of His people in these areas. Virtually all of the Church members are employed," Mr. Walker said.



LEON WALKER

In regard to terrorism, ministers take precaution and consider the safety of the members and of themselves. "We are doing everything possible to avoid problems," Mr. Walker said.

Health problems include hepatitis, typhoid and attacks by parasites. All of the Spanish ministers had physical examinations while here. "Overall they were in good health," Mr. Walker said.

Following is a summary of conditions in the Spanish-speaking countries served by the Church.

Mexico

Mexico is a land of contrasts, with tremendous wealth and tremendous poverty, according to Thomas Turk, manager of the Mexico City Office.

"Many people are struggling to survive financially in all Latin American countries, Mexico included," Mr. Turk said.

Yet the spirit of unity and generosity and God's Spirit enable the Mexican members to be optimistic.

Fourteen employees work in the Mexico City Office.

"We have a very active YOU [Youth Opportunities United]," Mr. Turk said. "One hundred twenty youths will attend the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Orr, Minn., this summer."

Puerto Rico

Pablo Gonzalez and his wife, Aurea, serve the more than 200 brethren in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, congregation, the only Spanish-speaking church in the Caribbean.

Unemployment there varies from the 17 percent official figure to 30 to 35 percent in reality. However, all breadwinner men in the Church are employed, Mr. Gonzalez said. Puerto Ricans have U.S. unemployment benefits, so the unemployed are not as bad off as others in Latin American countries.

Mr. Gonzalez said Puerto Ricans have access to the luxuries that are common in the mainland United States, but can't afford all of them.

Members are lower, middle and upper-middle class. Some are engineers, teachers, businessmen, postal workers, farmers and office workers.

"Puerto Rican brethren tackle problems as opportunities for character development, not as diffi-

culties," Mr. Gonzalez said. When they meet for Sabbath services and social activities, a family atmosphere prevails.

Central America

Costa Rica is a most peaceful country, despite being troubled by external debt and refugees arriving from Nicaragua, said Mauricio Perez, pastor of the church in San Jose, Costa Rica.

"Many of the brethren in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras are living in danger of their lives," in an atmosphere of revolution and turmoil, said Mr. Perez.

"We are living in a historical time, in which all prospects for the future, both politically and spiritually, are rapidly tumbling down," Mr. Perez continued.

Yet God's Church continues to grow. "La Pura Verdad is very well known. People like that name. Some people ask in the street, 'Es la pura verdad?', which means, Is the truth plain?"

"The brethren are praying for Mr. Tkach, and we are praying for all of you," Mr. Perez told Pasadena brethren.

El Salvador

Herberth Cisneros serves brethren in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras with his wife, Concepcion.

In El Salvador, guerrillas are battling the government. More than 50,000 people have been killed since 1979, according to estimates.

Attendance at Sabbath services continues without difficulty, Mr. Cisneros said, "with the exception of work stoppages declared by the guerrillas against the transportation services."

Brethren in El Salvador face a yearly inflation rate of 39 percent. Ninety-five percent of the brethren are employed, and most of them earn from \$165 to \$415 a month.

Brethren have no serious problems keeping the Sabbath or Holy Days, except that their second tithe is not sufficient for them to go to the Feast of Tabernacles, so the Church must help them.

"As of yet we have had no serious problems with young people in regard to military service," Mr. Cisneros said. Despite laws that make military service obligatory, certain exemptions are permitted for students and conscientious objectors.

Terrorism continues to increase. "Crime is not evident on a large scale, but morality is degenerating," Mr. Cisneros said. "Sexual assault and rape are increasing every day."

Colombia and Ecuador

The Andes Mountains run through Colombia and Ecuador, where Eduardo Hernandez serves.

"From the very beginning the Church in Colombia has been a family," he said. In the early 1970s Robert Flores Sr., who died in 1984, visited prospective members and conducted once-a-month Bible studies in Bogota. Regular Sabbath services began in 1978 under Pablo Gonzalez, now pastor of the San Juan, Puerto Rico, church.

"The brethren affectionately call Mr. Gonzalez 'uncle,'" Mr. Hernandez said. "We have tried to continue in the same direction, especially as Mr. Tkach wants us to understand what it means to be a family."

In Colombia there are 152 members, and in Ecuador there are 10 members, whom Mr. Hernandez visits four or five times a year.

"Almost every week and sometimes twice a week, I am flying someplace," he said.

"I would like to ask for your

prayers for God's protection over His ministers and brethren in South America."

Since Colombia is a main source for illegal drug trafficking, a member who owned a small plane had to sell it because drug traffickers tried to get him to fly drugs for them.

He turned down an offer of \$50,000 a month for one flight a week to the Bahamas, Mr. Hernandez said.

Venezuela

Venezuela is one of the richest South American countries, with abundant oil reserves, according to Reginald Killingley, pastor of the Caracas and Barquisimeto, Venezuela, churches.

The economy, after being stable for years, began to drop about 1983.

Mr. Killingley feels the change in the nation's economy will make people more receptive to what the Church has to say.

About one fifth of the members in each congregation are unemployed. There are about 50 to 60 in attendance in Barquisimeto and 30 in attendance in Caracas.

"We are trying to find some land that the members can use for crops and as a source of income," Mr. Killingley said. Another goal is to raise funds to buy a bus since most of the members do not have transportation.

Mr. Killingley described the Venezuelan women as "very active. They're kind of like Deborah. They are enthusiastic and full of ideas for raising funds and other projects."

A border dispute with Colombia is one factor in an illegal alien prob-

lem in Venezuela. Colombians are blamed for a lot of the crime in Venezuela, but Venezuelans and Colombians have a harmonious relationship within the Church, Mr. Killingley said.

He said the members are "very warm, generous people in both areas. They are very excited to have a resident minister."

Mr. Killingley, who was shot in Peru two years ago (*Worldwide News*, Sept. 2, 1985), said that he has completely recovered from the incident. "I deeply appreciate the prayers and cards and letters from members worldwide."

Peru

Two churches and two outlying Bible studies, with attendance of 225, meet in Peru. Some members are able to fellowship only at the Feast of Tabernacles and occasional ministerial visits.

In general the members are poor, and a handful are illiterate. Those living in rural areas are not suffering except for clothing needs and a lack of certain other items, according to the minister in Peru.

Some in the cities have limited incomes and health problems. Some are unemployed or have temporary jobs. Some employers pressure members to work on the Sabbath.

Prices are among the highest in Latin America for food, clothing and medical care.

Political terrorism is proliferating with two terrorist organizations operating in the country. Narcotics trafficking is also a serious problem.

Subversion shows up in such problems as kidnappings, blowing up electrical pylons, car bombs and bombs in factories and other buildings. Tension is in the air because of a noticeable erosion with respect to laws and authority.

Mario Seigle, pastor of the churches in Santiago and Temuco, Chile, makes four trips a year to

visit members in Peru. However, he was unable to visit the Huaraz church in May because people were held up and robbed on the highways.

The minister in Peru asked the church there to pray and fast for peace in Lima, Peru, when Mr. Seigle gave *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures there in May. *PV* readers and Church members were buzzing about the quiet calm that existed for four days. Then, on the day after the last lecture, a bomb killed five policemen.

Members in Huaraz raise funds for the Office Facilities Building by selling chicken lunches. Proceeds from sales one day a week go toward the fund, and the rest of the money is income for members, some of whom didn't have an income before.

Chile

To the south, in Chile, Mr. Seigle said that the country enjoys relative stability and much religious freedom. Conditions there are not as bad as they appear on television. Mr. Seigle serves two Chilean churches with his wife, Catalina.

Protestors demonstrating against the 14-year rule of President Augusto Pinochet call the press and tell them when and where they will be demonstrating. When these pictures are aired outside of Chile it gives the appearance that the country is in turmoil, Mr. Seigle said.

Widespread political unrest could come in two years, when elections are conducted.

In Chile, Church families are stable, and there are few marriage-related problems. People do not make enough money for alternate lifestyles. The family must stick together to survive.

There's a saying in Latin America that the devil does not tempt as much with poverty as with riches.

Mr. Seigle said it is "awe-inspiring" (See SPANISH, page 7)

Boston

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"A town's governing body fixed the price of entertainment and the minister of the neighborhood church dictated the amount of consumption."



BOSTON TRIP—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach tours Boston Harbor June 21. The tour included viewing the USS *Constitution* (background), a ship launched in 1797. From left: Mr. Tkach; Sharron and Jim Franks, then-pastor of the Boston, Mass., and Providence, R.I., churches; Fred Stevens, Accounting Department manager; and Dean May, director of the Fleet & Transportation Department. [Photo by Douglas Winnail]

"The tavern of our forefathers was a highly regarded, multifaceted institution, serving as an entertainment center as well as a meeting place and conduit of information and news."

In the afternoon Mr. Tkach toured mansions in Newport and saw naval ships at Fall River, Mass.

Besides seeing a submarine and wooden PT (patrol torpedo) boat, used to seek and destroy submarines, the group also visited the battleship USS *Massachusetts*.

"Just as we were entering the battleship we met a man in his mid-60s, who turned out to be one of the original gunners on the ship during World War II," Mr. May related. "He and Mr. Tkach had quite a conversation."

On the Sabbath, June 20, Mr. Tkach conducted services in the Worcester Memorial Auditorium for brethren assembled from Albany, N.Y.; Bangor and Portland, Maine; Boston and Springfield, Mass.; Concord, N.H.; Meriden, Conn.; Montpelier, Vt.; and Providence.

Before the pastor general spoke, a combined New England choir sang "King All Glorious."

Mr. Tkach exhorted the group to have love for one another. He said that importance must be placed on peace and unity.

When he completed his sermon, Mr. Franks gave Mr. Tkach a wood sculpture of a dove landing on a marshfield.

Mr. Tkach then shook hands with brethren for two hours.

A meeting for about 100 ministers, deacons and wives took place, and that evening the pastor general was host to a buffet dinner for them.

The next day, June 21, the group toured several historical sites from the American Revolution (1775-1783).

They toured the home of Paul Revere, famous for his ride from Boston to Lexington, Mass., to warn of British troop movements; Bunker Hill and Breed's Hill, site of a Revolutionary War battle; and the USS *Constitution*, or Old Ironsides, a naval vessel launched in 1797.

The group then returned to Hanscom Airfield, boarded the G-III and arrived back in Burbank shortly after 9 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Sunlight of God's Word reveals wax-filled cracks in character

By William Butler

Our 4-year-old daughter came into the kitchen one day and said, "Momma, don't paddle me!"

My wife asked her, "Why did you say that?"

She said, "Because I jumped up and down on the bed." (She's been told she's not supposed to do that.)

William Butler, a local elder, supervises the telephone response area of the work's Mail Processing Center.

It hadn't occurred to her to just not tell on herself—to conceal her action. She'll learn that from the world around her soon enough, I'm afraid. Well, we didn't spank her. It's refreshing to see the sincerity and honesty of a young child.

The meaning of true sincerity is

one of the important lessons every Christian must learn.

What does it mean to be "sincere"? This word comes from a Latin word meaning "without wax." In the days of the Roman Empire, where Latin was used, to be "without wax" was extremely important. In Roman times, using wax in certain products was a common means of deceiving people about the products' quality. Two of these products were marble and pottery.

Marble columns and pottery

The construction of Roman homes and buildings demanded a great deal of marble—especially marble columns.

It was difficult and time consuming to polish marble to a mirror finish. So some Roman stoneworkers produced inferior marble. These

dishonest craftsmen would rough-polish their marble and then wax it to make it appear smooth and shiny. Their work looked good, but lacked the workmanship of the product produced the right way.

A "sincere" column of marble was one without wax—one of pure, unadulterated marble.

Pottery is another example. If a vessel cracked, dishonest potters would melt wax and carefully wedge it within the cracks. Then they would skillfully paint over the flaw so that it couldn't be seen.

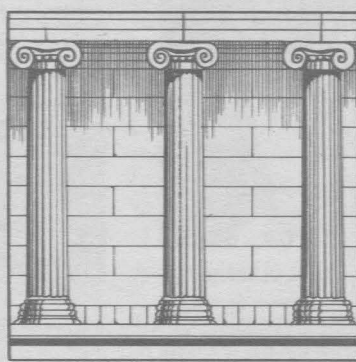
This was undesirable pottery, because if hot liquid was placed in it, the wax would melt and the liquid would leak out. If the crack was big enough, the pot would break open and spill the contents.

When potters were selling their good pottery, they would claim,

"This pottery is sincere"—meaning it had no wax-filled cracks or flaws. It was of more value.

Be 'without wax'

Philippians 1:10 says Christians should "be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." *Sincere* in this context means "to



judge or test for genuineness by sunlight" or "to examine by the sun's rays."

Ancient pottery could be tested for wax-filled cracks by holding it up to the sunlight. The sun would shine

through the wax and reveal the crack.

Psalm 84:11 refers to God as a "sun." He can clearly expose wax-filled cracks in our character—our sins. He is the "light" that shines through them (John 3:19-20).

You've probably heard people use phrases such as "I saw right through that" when speaking about the actions of others. Maybe these sayings originated in this way of testing pottery for its "sincerity."

With these examples in mind, it is clear why sincerity is defined as "genuine," "without deceit," "unmixed" and "unadulterated." It also means "honest of mind," "free of hypocrisy," "genuine in feeling" and "wholehearted and pure in motive."

As true Christians we must not try to "cover up" (or fill with spiritual "wax") the sins and flaws in our character. We must let God reveal them to us and then sincerely confess them to Him (Psalm 32:5). Then, with His help we must totally forsake those sins (Psalm 34:14).

It is a lifelong process for us as Christians to become truly sincere and "without wax"!

Family

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direct access. Now we can know exactly what to pray about."

Next Mr. Tkach is host to a buffet in the Summit Room on the 21st floor. After we dine on gold-eye fish native to Lake Manitoba, venison, chicken, vegetables, fruits and desserts, Mr. Tkach goes from table to table, conversing with the guests.

At the end of the buffet the pastor general receives another gift. He carefully removes the wrapping paper and sets it aside—"hate to see anything go to waste." This time it's a tartan hat in the traditional colors of Manitoban Scots.

The next morning, June 28, we leave our rooms for a buffet in the hotel with the Adairs and Nordstroms.

But Mr. Tkach is nowhere to be found. He's left to visit Mr. Maranville in his home and bring Mrs. Maranville back to eat and tour with the group.

"He really encouraged Mr. Maranville," said Mrs. Nordstrom, who had accompanied Mr. Tkach. "And he needed it after

missing all the activities."

After the buffet we are joined on the tour by Mr. Greaves and his wife, Linda. Our bus arrives at Lower Ft. Garry, used as a provisioning station by the Hudson Bay Co. in the 1800s.

In the various buildings at the fort, Mr. Tkach watches actors recreate the flavor of the fur trade in 1851.

The final stop in Winnipeg is the Aviation Museum. Mr. Tkach has quite an interest in aviation and aircraft, since he served in the U.S. Navy and worked for an aviation manufacturing firm before his calling to serve God's work.

Back in the bus, the group returns to the Winnipeg airport.

Bound for Big Sandy

After Mr. Tkach says farewell, we make a 20-minute flight to the International Falls, Minn., airport, to clear customs. Fifteen minutes later we're in the air again, and Mr. Tkach wants to fly over Orr again to bid good-bye.

"You'll never know when the boss will drop in," Mr. Locke quips in passing, as Captain Hopke dips the wings to groups of waving campers.

Approaching the Big Sandy Ambassador College airstrip at 7:45 that evening, those onboard look out the windows to see a side road outlined by campers, cyclists and cheerleaders. Some are on horseback.

Mr. Tkach is welcomed by Larry Haworth, camp director and an Ambassador College faculty member, his wife, Mary, and ministers, faculty members and their wives.

After hugs and handshakes, Mr. Haworth invites the pastor general into his golf cart, and they proceed down the side road, between walls of waving campers shouting "Welcome!"

We follow Mr. Tkach to the guest home on the shores of Lake Loma, where he'll spend the night.

The next day, June 29, the pastor general, clad in a green YOU T-shirt and white slacks, meets campers and staff in the Field House Auditorium.

For 45 minutes he speaks about reaching into the future but never forgetting the past.

"Hopefully we can instill in you a desire to be different and the courage to face difficulties and overcome peer pressure."

He cautions the group about the wrong kinds of music, referring to a newspaper clipping from Winnipeg, describing how two teens brutally murdered a 93-year-old man.

Mr. Tkach relates: "Just before the old man died, he asked why they were doing that to him, and the kids said, 'Because we're bored.' Because we're bored!"

"Now they're finding out that it was because of the kind of music they listen to. The group Black Sabbath was instrumental in influencing them."

He closes with an article by Ted Koppel, a television news commentator. "What Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai were not the 10 suggestions."

Ten Commandments quiz

"I want to see how familiar you are with the Ten Commandments. Let's take the next five minutes and see if you can write them out in any form, short or long.

"Back in Pasadena, I can show you 4- and 5-year-olds who can re-

cite the Ten Commandments, long form, short form, maybe even backward. Besides, they know all the states and their capitals. It's not because they are extremely bright, but because of dedicated parents involved in taking the time and making the effort to sit down with them."

After Mr. Tkach's address, while he pauses for a group photo, Helen Galloway, 82, a widow in the Big Sandy church, says: "I wish we had known these things when we were young, the part about the relationship between children and their parents. But we just did what our parents did and what their parents did and so on."

Says Benjamin Faulkner, an associate pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., congregations: "These kids will listen to Mr. Tkach... He seems to be able to relate to them."

Jerald Aust, associate pastor of the San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches and instructor in softball, volleyball and basketball, points out: "If you notice on the back wall, we have Mr. Tkach's three Os: order, opportunity and oneness... Most people are always watching the time, right? When they look up at the clock, they see, It's time for the three Os."

Just before Mr. Tkach goes to eat lunch with the campers, Dorm 1B performs "The Y Factor" cheer for Mr. Tkach. Joe Banek, 17, from the Houston, Tex., East church, explains, "We're a unit, and the only difference between unit and unity is a y."

In the afternoon the pastor general inspects classes in cycling, Christian living, basketball, softball, swimming, golf, horsemanship and music styles.

Coach Haworth announces the results of the Ten Commandments test. About 40 percent wrote them correctly and in order, and 60 percent wrote them correctly but out of order.

At cycling, instructor Paul Sullivan from Pasadena explains that aspects of team racing have been incorporated into team touring, a relatively new concept in the United States.

Mr. Sullivan says: "Team touring is a lot of encouragement and helping each other out. There's a lot of communication. Everyone

makes it, helping out their fellow cyclists, working together as a unit, going down the road and contributing."

"It sounds like a smaller, scaled-down example of what the whole Church is trying to establish," Mr. Tkach remarks.

At softball Mr. Tkach pitches to some campers. At golf he is interested in learning to putt and chip correctly. He rides a horse named Misty outside a newly completed 12-horse stable.

After seeing a proposed shooting range near the college farm, Mr. Tkach suggests that the camp curriculum include riflery next year.

At the music appreciation class, Mr. Tkach asks instructor David Bilowus if he can put music to lyrics titled "We Are One Family," written by Paul Kurts, associate pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches and golf instructor.

After a 10-minute videotape about music, Mr. Bilowus has the song ready and sings it while playing the piano. After applauding, the pastor general says, "If only one child out of the whole class is motivated to get involved in music, he can make a great contribution to the Church."

In the Administration building Mr. Tkach stops for a visit with Sondra Manteufel, who, with her late husband, Allen Manteufel, a minister, "were our closest friends in Chicago," Mr. Tkach says. Mrs. Manteufel's daughter, Dorothea, is also present.

Thomas Erickson, a counselor from Pasadena Ambassador College, who was bitten by a spider the night before, is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

It's time to go back to the airstrip, where a group sees Mr. Tkach off at 5:30 p.m. With Captain Hopke at the controls, the G-III makes two swoops over the campus, before returning to Burbank.

Miss Stocker reflects on the trip. "I think my overall impression of the SEP camps is that a lot of the campers have a hero in Mr. Tkach. They saw a hero in the fact that he was participating. I don't think there are any real heroes around any more, and Mr. Tkach gives them someone they can emulate and look up to."

Q&A from the Pastor General's Report

Question: What is the proper dress for Bible studies?

Answer: Dress for Bible studies may be somewhat less formal than for Sabbath services. Here at headquarters, Bible studies are conducted at the beginning of the Sabbath (Friday evening) so men are expected to wear a coat and tie. Women also are expected to wear Sabbath dress.

However, because the majority of Bible studies are conducted during the week, it may not be possible for some to dress as they would for Sabbath services. Some must come to Bible study directly from work and may not always have the time to

change clothes. Sometimes extreme cold dictates warmer clothing for women.

In any case, God's people should always try to appear their best when they assemble before God to hear His Word expounded.

For a midweek Bible study it would not be wrong for women to wear a *tasteful* pantsuit. But clearly, jeans, shorts, sandals and other obviously casual wear should be avoided. Sabbath wear would be best, but extenuating circumstances should permit reasonable exceptions.

The example of the ministry and other leading families in the church should set the tone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ABRELL, John and Debbie (Smith), of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Janelle Rachelle, April 28, 11:15 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 girls.

ANDERSON, Jeff and Juliana (Hiebert), of Winnipeg, Man., boy, David Russell Gillan, May 30, 3:41 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

BAILEY, Randall and Sylvia (Young), of Winchester, Va., girl, Adrienne Lynette, April 18, 11:32 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BLEVINS, John and Rebecca (Wooten), of Flint, Mich., boy, John Matthew, March 10, 3:32 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

CHIMEZIE, Boniface and Phoebe (Iwuagwu), of Owerri, Nigeria, boy, Dean Chimere, Feb. 27, 3.2 kilograms, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

CHRISTENSEN, Chris and Donna (Ewing), of Davenport, Iowa, girl, Tiffany Diane, Jan. 25, 10:19 a.m., 5 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

CORBIN, John and Holly (Jeffries), of Lafayette, Ind., girl, Jenalee Lynn, May 12, 3 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

CZEKALSKI, Christopher and Marion (Pawloski), of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., boy, Stephen Brent, May 16, 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

DAVIS, William and Dara (Koher), of Akron, Ohio, boy, Neal Austin, May 1, 5:26 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

DELGADO, Jesse and Diana (Galvez), of Chicago, Ill., girl, Jennifer Marie, March 27, 7:17 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

EKAMA, Jerrit and Kathleen (Wong), of Paris, Ohio, boy, David Charles, May 28, 10:38 a.m., 8 pounds, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

ELLIOTT, Ian and Cheryl (Dunn), of Everett, Wash., boy, Charles Hammond, May 17, 11:41 a.m., 9 pounds, first child.

FARNSWORTH, Andy and Becky (Baugh), of Little Rock, Ark., boy, Zachary Thomas, May 27, 9:27 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

FISHER, Andrew and Jane (Hutchison), of Aberdeen, Scotland, girl, Mary Jane Laird, May 17, 7:29 p.m., 9 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

FOSTER, George and Dalphine (Black-shear), of Houston, Tex., girl, Danielle Nicole, March 22, 7:05 p.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

GROTHENHUIS, Kim and Dorothy (Walker), of Grand Rapids, Mich., boy, Michael James, May 28, 2:49 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HAGE, James and Barbara (Joyce), of Washington, D.C., boy, Andrew James, March 23, 6:15 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

HALVERSON, Marlin and Cassandra (Thomas), of San Bernardino, Calif., boy, Elyan Raynor Olvaer, March 23, 3:55 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

HEATER, Stephen and Deborah (Heath), of Concord, N.H., boy, Charles Everett, Nov. 27, 1986, 12:43 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

HERRIMAN, Richard and Joanne (Raspberg), of Grande Prairie, Alta., girl, Damaris Patricia-Jo, May 4, 12:12 a.m., 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

JAEGER, Jim and Betty (Buechter), of Jefferson City, Mo., girl, Lori Ann, May 11, 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LIEBOLD, Gary and Karen (Knorr), of St. Petersburg, Fla., girl, Kerry Beth, May 22, 10:06 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

McCONNELL, Ted and Sandra (McIntyre), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Brian Alexander, May 20, 4:45 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

McDUNN, Harold and Debbie (Lundquist), of Great Falls, Mont., girl, Jennifer Nicole, May 7, 5:20 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

McIVER, Randy and Diane (Ritenbaugh), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Joshua Richard, May 5, 1:14 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

NELSON, Bryan and Shawn (Ocker), of State College, Pa., boy, Brandon Lee, March 1, 3:30 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

PHILO, Colin and Violet (Blye), of St. Albans, England, girl, Deborah Ruth, May 19, 8:30 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROBINSON, Perry and Candace (York), Hayfork, Calif., girl, Kindra Rose, April 12, 2:20 p.m., 6 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SIVLEY, Chester and Karen (Berg), of Fort Wayne, Ind., boy, Darren Lee, May 30, 11:15 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

TAYLOR, George and Melody (Dorr), of Big Sandy, boy, Sterling David, May 15, 7:07 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

TSOTETSIS, Elijah and Josephine (Ntabeni), of Soweto, South Africa, boy, Karabo Tsepo, April 26, 4 p.m., 3.55 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VARGO, Joseph and Cindy (Musilli), of Pittsburgh, Pa., boy, Joseph William, April 17, 1:27 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WADE, Rob and Janet (Bellamy), of Huntsville, Ala., boy, Justin Richard James, March 15, 12:07 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WASHINGTON, Lester and Sarah (Joubert), of Shreveport, La., girl, Vicola Johnetta, May 22, 2:20 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILLIAMS, Greg and Susan (Lang), of Glendora, Calif., twin boys, Glenn Lang and Garrett Greg, May 21, 12:44 and 1:08 p.m., 3 pounds 7 ounces and 3 pounds 12 ounces, first children.

ZEBROWSKI, Mark and Brenda (Tessitore), of Orange, Calif., boy, Nathaniel Stephen, April 2, 5:44 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

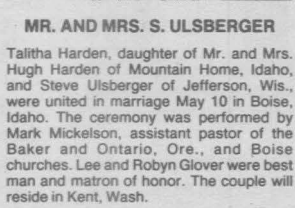
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Booth of Orangevale, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sundi Renee to Timothy Dean Boon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Boon of Citrus Heights, Calif. A July 26 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. TERRY HAYES

Doyala Lynne Turner and Terry Wade Hayes were united in marriage May 17. The ceremony was performed by Kent Fentress, pastor of the Bowling Green, Ky., and Clarksville, Tenn., churches. Lorne Turner was maid of honor, and Bryan Hayes was best man. The couple reside in Gallatin, Tenn.



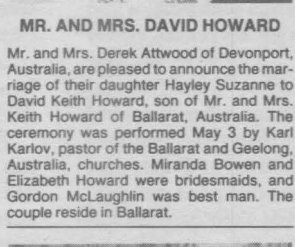
MR. AND MRS. S. ULSBERGER

Talitha Harden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harden of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Steve Ulsberger of Jefferson, Wis., were united in marriage May 10 in Boise, Idaho. The ceremony was performed by Mark Mickelson, assistant pastor of the Baker and Ontario, Ore., and Boise churches. Lee and Robyn Glover were best man and matron of honor. The couple will reside in Kent, Wash.



MR. AND MRS. CARL MUCKE

Sheri Lynn Meyer of Portland, Ore., and Carl Alan Mucke of Whittier, Calif., were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony took place in Los Angeles, Calif., and was performed by Terry Mattson, pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif., church. Vicki Long, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Scott Christian was best man. The couple reside in Whittier.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID HOWARD

Mr. and Mrs. Derek Attwood of Devonport, Australia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Hayley Suzanne to David Keith Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Howard of Ballarat, Australia. The ceremony was performed May 3 by Karl Karlov, pastor of the Ballarat and Geelong, Australia, churches. Miranda Bowen and Elizabeth Howard were bridesmaids, and Gordon McLaughlin was best man. The couple reside in Ballarat.



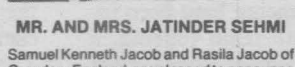
MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY STEVENS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Strelow of Franksville, Wis., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Linda Marie to Jeffrey Thomas Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stevens of Merrill, Wis. The ceremony was performed March 7 in Merrill by Norman Strayer, pastor of the Wausau and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., churches. Cheryl Strelow, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mark Jones was best man. The couple reside in Merrill.



MR. AND MRS. JATINDER SEHMI

Samuel Kenneth Jacob and Rasila Jacob of Croydon, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Robina to Jatinder Sehmi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mohan Singh Sehmi, Feb. 22. The ceremony was performed by John Meakin, pastor of the Croydon, Maidstone and Brighton, England, churches. Tony Gallagher was best man, and bridesmaids were Reuhi Jacob, Rabinder Sehmi and Wenda Mooji. The couple reside in Amiens, France.



MR. AND MRS. IAN ELLIOTT

Cheryl Louise Dunn and Ian Elliott were united in marriage Aug. 3, 1986, in Everett, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Richard Duncan, pastor of the Everett and Sedro-Woolley, Wash., churches. Matt Jones was best man, and Dawn Elliott, sister of the groom, was maid of honor.



MR. AND MRS. MARK NICHOLAS

Alicea Ann Watts, daughter of Mary N. Joiner of Hammond, La., and Mark D. Nicholas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Nicholas of Hahnville, La., were united in marriage April 25 in Baton Rouge, La. The ceremony was performed by Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., churches. Janet Simpson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Todd Corrioles was best man. The couple reside in St. Rose, La.



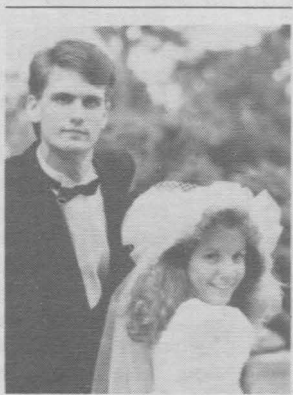
MR. AND MRS. IAN PIKE

Anna Margaret Prior and Ian Norman Pike were united in marriage March 8 in Masterton, New Zealand. The ceremony was performed by Donald Engle, pastor of the Hamilton, Rotorua and Tauranga, New Zealand, churches. Jane Blandford and Philippa Laird were the bride's attendants, and Barry Pike and Greg Watson were the groom's attendants. The couple reside in Auckland.



MR. AND MRS. L. BARTOK

Laszlo Bartok and Ruth Stonier of Kingston, Ont., were united in marriage Sept. 28, 1986. The ceremony was performed by Jonathan Kurmik, pastor of the Kingston and Smiths Falls, Ont., churches. Don Pattemore was best man, and Ramona Juozapaitis was maid of honor. The couple reside in Amherstview, Ont.



MR. AND MRS. SHANE COOPER

Jodi Kay Thomas, daughter of Charlie Thomas, and Shane Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper, were united in marriage May 24 in Big Sandy. The ceremony was performed by Martin Yale, a local elder in the Big Sandy church. Vicki Taylor, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Graeme Wallace was best man. The couple, both Big Sandy Ambassador College graduates, reside in San Marcos, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. ERIC NELSON

Jackie Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royston Page of Prince George, B.C., and Eric Nelson of Pasadena were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, pastor of the Prince George church. Michelle Page, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Greg Neller was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. LOUWDYK

Mr. and Mrs. Louwdyk of Melbourne, Australia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 16. The Louwdyks have four children, Glen, Nathan, Karen and Kim.

Russell and Dorothy Kubon of Muskegon, Mich., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary May 24 with their four children, three sons-in-law, seven of their eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Kubons were married May 23, 1942, and Mrs. Kubon has been a Church member since 1968.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. W. ANDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson of Charles County, Md., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary May 8. The Andersons have attended the Washington, D.C., church for 14 years. They have two children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



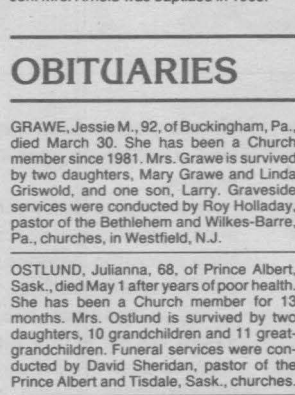
MR. AND MRS. EARL EYMAN

Earl and Gladys Eymann celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 28. The Eymanns have been Church members since 1968. They had three daughters, one of whom died in youth; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. The Eymanns attend the Springfield, Ill., church.



MR. AND MRS. H. ARNOLD

Irene and Harry Arnold of New Orleans, La., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 18. Family members and friends attended a reception in their honor given by their daughter, Shirley Fink, her husband, Raymond, and grandsons Ray, David and Stephen. The Arnolds have one granddaughter, Rebecca, daughter of their late son. Mrs. Arnold was baptized in 1968.



GRAWE, Jessie M., 92, of Buckingham, Pa., died March 30. She has been a Church member since 1981. Mrs. Grawe is survived by two daughters, Mary Grawe and Linda Griswold, and one son, Larry. Graveside services were conducted by Roy Holladay, pastor of the Bethlehem and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches, in Westfield, N.J.

OSTLUND, Julianna, 68, of Prince Albert, Sask., died May 1 after years of poor health. She has been a Church member for 13 months. Mrs. Ostlund is survived by two daughters, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by David Sheridan, pastor of the Prince Albert and Tisdale, Sask., churches.

KELLEY, Mark Richard, 22, of Pasadena died May 5 of cardiomyopathy. He is survived by his parents, Richard and Marge Kelley; two grandmothers; one grandfather; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kim and Gary Petty and Pamela and Allen Dance; two nephews; and two nieces. Funeral services were conducted by Victor Root, associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

MERISON, Leendert, 85, of Deventer, Netherlands, died April 23. Mr. Merison was born Sept. 11, 1901. He was married Nov.

18, 1928, and his wife died May 24, 1986. Mr. Merison and his wife were baptized in 1977. He is survived by three children, including a son, Henk Merison, and a daughter, Joke Kanis, both Church members; and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Johannes Wilms, office manager for the Church's Dutch Office.

CHILDERS, Mary Evelyn, 82, of Los Molinos, Calif., died May 5 after several months of illness. She has been a Church member for 30 years. Mrs. Childers was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by two daughters, Edna Martin and Dorothy Childers; one son, Ernest; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters; and other relatives. Ray Lisman, pastor of the Chico and Eureka, Calif., churches, officiated at graveside services in Los Molinos.

THORNTON, Ezra Arvin, 56, of Logan, Ala., died May 6 after a series of heart attacks. He was baptized in 1986. Mr. Thornton is survived by his wife, Barbara; seven daughters, Aline Holladay, Alice Dover, Susan Tatum, Betsy Helms, Belinda Miller, Kimberly Denton and Tabitha Denton; three sons, William Daniel, Dennis Donald and David; 12 grandchildren; four brothers; and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Smylie, pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M., Bessemer and Jasper, Ala., churches.

BUDRO, Margaret Ann, 45, of Goodrich, Tex., died May 3 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1974. She is survived by her husband of almost 30 years, Lonnie; nine children, Roger, Virginia Weese, Margaret Green, Mary Giles, Lonnie Jr., John, Susie, Dewey and Dan; and 10 grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted by John Ogwyn, pastor of the Houston, Tex., North church.

HAMPTON, Carmalita G., 70, of Indianapolis, Ind., died May 15 of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was baptized in 1959. She is survived by three sisters, Aletra Hampton and Virtue Whitted, both Church members, and Dawn Hampton; one son; one daughter; one granddaughter; a nephew, Arnold Hampton, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., Southside church; and brothers Clarke, Locksley and Maceo, pastor of the Blue Springs, Mo., church. Funeral services were conducted by Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches.

MUNRO, Donald, 66, of Brisbane, Australia, died May 18 of double pneumonia after suffering many years of arthritis. He has been a Church member since 1965. Mr. Munro is survived by his wife and two married daughters. Ross Beath, pastor of the Brisbane, Australia, South church, conducted the funeral services.

HARRE, Mary A., 77, of Pueblo, Colo., died May 17. She has been a Church member since 1973. Mrs. Harre is survived by her husband of 57 years, Adolph; three daughters, Jean Reese, Karen Harre and Lola Oliver; all Church members. She is also survived by two sons, Adolph Jr. and Wayne, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. David Carley, pastor of the Pueblo, Alamosa and Colorado Springs, Colo., churches, conducted funeral services.

HARTLEY, Anthony, 43, of Liversedge, England, died June 3 after an epileptic seizure. He has been a Church member since 1982. Mr. Hartley is survived by his wife, Sylvia, and a son, David, 16. Funeral services were conducted June 9 by David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, churches.

SUPER, George I., 52, of Newport, Pa., died May 17. He has been a Church member since 1970. Mr. Super is survived by his wife, Cora; three daughters, Carol, Marilee and Tracy; his mother, Isophene Frey Super; and two sisters, Wanda Boyer and JoAnn Long. John Foster, pastor of the Harrisburg and Selinsgrove, Pa., churches, conducted funeral services.

ATHEY, Charles L., 43, of Jackson, Mo., died June 1. He has been a Church member since March, 1985. Mr. Athey is survived by one son, one daughter, two brothers and one sister. Interment was in Cheshire, Ohio.



DANIEL CURTIS HEAD

HEAD, Daniel Curtis, 1, of Coweta, Okla., died April 30 of cancer. Daniel is survived by his parents, Hendrix Jr. and Tanya; a sister, LaDonna; grandparents, Hendrix and Beatrice Head; a grandmother, Marcia Henderson; and great-grandparents, George Taylor and Helen Hollis. Graveside services were conducted by Donald Mason, pastor of the Tulsa, Okla., A.M. and P.M. churches.

RAY, Vinnie, 90, of Burlington, Iowa, died Feb. 1. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. Ray is survived by two sons, Richard and Michael. Funeral services were conducted by Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Peoria and Macomb, Ill., churches.

BERRY, Sandra, 46, of Chicago, Ill., died May 11. She has been a Church member since 1973. Mrs. Berry is survived by her husband, Sherman; one daughter, Layzette; her mother, Jessie Payne; and two granddaughters. Funeral services were conducted by Arnold Hampton, pastor of the Chicago Southside church.

PLINE, Stanley Jay, 58, of Lebanon, Mo., died May 13 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1967. Mr. Pline is survived by his wife, Joan; a daughter, Cherry Carrel; a son, Doran J.; his mother, Alpha; one sister; one brother; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Joe Dobson, pastor of the Lake of the Ozarks and Rolla, Mo., churches.

HARRIS, Frank, 78, of Ballarat, Australia, died May 23, after a year of ill health. He has been a Church member since 1967. Funeral services were conducted by Karl Karlov, pastor of the Ballarat and Geelong, Australia, churches.

DeCAMP, Mary, 96, of Statesboro, Ga., died April 12 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1963, and was the oldest member attending the Savannah, Ga., church. Mrs. DeCamp is survived by two nieces, Cynthia Kinkel and Carole J. Farr.

Ministerial transfers released

PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ministerial transfers.

Church pastors and their new areas are: Guy Ames, Lakeland, Fla.; Fred Bailey, Springfield, Mo.; Robert Berendt, Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany; Alton Billingsley, Midland, Tex., and Hobbs, N.M.; Michael Booze, Buffalo South and Olean, N.Y.; Stephen Brown, Parkersburg, W.Va., and Cambridge, Ohio; Mark Cardona, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.; Leroy Cole, Phoenix, Ariz., East.

Randal Dick, Orlando, Fla.; Walter Dickinson, Seattle and Bellevue, Wash.; Stephen Elliott, Bowling Green, Ky., and Clarksville, Tenn.; Kent Fentress, Wheeling, W.Va.; Ross Flynn, Grand Junction, Meeker and Durango, Colo.; Jim Franks, Houston, Tex., North; Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Geneva, Ala.; Daniel Hall, Pine Bluff and El Dorado, Ark.

George Hart, Augusta and Dublin, Ga.; Felix Heimberg, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M.; William Jacobs, San Jose and Aptos, Calif.; Judd Kirk, Long Beach, Calif., East and West; James Lee Jr., St. Louis, Mo., South; Dennis Luker, Garden Grove, Calif.; Donald Mason, Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C.; Marc Masterson, Montvale, N.J., and Middletown, N.Y.; Terry Mattson, Fort Worth, Tex., West; Les McColm, Fresno and Visalia, Calif.; Frank McCrady III, Dallas, Tex., West.

Stanley McNeil, Wichita, Kan.; George Meeker, St. Louis, Mo., North; Ronald Miller, Missoula and Kalispell, Mont.; Steven Moody, Wilmington and Seaford, Del.; James O'Brien, Mobile, Ala., and Biloxi, Miss.; John Ogwyn, Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La.; Douglas Peitz, Pikeville and Hazard, Ky.; Bill Quillen, Las Vegas, Nev.; David Register, Boston, Mass.

Earl Roemer, Tulsa, Okla., A.M. and P.M.; Norman Smith, San Bernardino and Banning, Calif.; Robert Smith, Phoenix, Ariz., West; Robert Spence, Evansville, Ind., and Madisonville, Ky.; Henry Sturcke, Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, and Stuttgart, West Germany; Guy Swenson, Beckley and Summersville, W.Va.; Raymond Taylor, Charleston and Logan, W.Va.; Rowlen Tucker, Kansas City North and St. Joseph, Mo.; James Turner, Anchorage, Palmer, Soldotna and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Keith Walden, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla.; Don Waterhouse, Fort Worth, Tex., East; Ronald Weiland, Erie and Franklin, Pa.; Glen White, Portland, Ore., South; Dean Wilson, San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz.; and Douglas Winnail, Providence, R.I. (formerly associate pastor of the Boston, Mass., and Providence churches).

Associate pastors and their new areas are: John Amos, Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla.; Rodney Dean, Elkhart, Plymouth and Michigan City, Ind.; Warren Heaton III, Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis.; Charles Holladay, Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va.; John Knaack, Daven-

port, Iowa City, Waterloo and Mason City, Iowa; Spaulding Kulasingham, New Orleans, La.; Edwin Marrs, San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz.; Norm Myers, Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.; Carlos Nieto, Norfolk and Richmond, Va.; Gary Smith, Dallas, Tex., East; Ronald Smith, Columbus, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.; William Swanson, Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind.; and Gene Watkins, Boise, Idaho, and Baker and Ontario, Ore.

Assistant pastors and their new areas are: Steven Andrews, Tulsa, Okla., A.M. and P.M.; Martin Davey, Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South; Oleh Kubik, Hammond, Ind.; Mark Mickelson, Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., and Sioux City, Iowa; Warren Waian, Garden Grove, Calif.; and Greg Williams, Denver, Colo., East and West.

Joseph McNair, a ministerial trainee, will serve in the Greensboro and Winston-Salem, N.C., churches.

Thomas Lapacka, formerly pastor of the Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, and Stuttgart, West Germany, churches, now serves as assistant director of Media Purchasing in Pasadena.

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ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Nassau chorale stages public concert

The Nassau, Bahamas, Church Chorale presented "Songs of Joy" May 17 at the Dundas Centre for the Performing Arts in Nassau.

Selections included works of Handel, Mozart and Vivaldi, Bahamian folk songs and a four-part

concess in the Nassau church, was soloist. Her selections included works by Brahms, Bach and Hall Johnson. She joined the chorale for "The Holy City."

The chorale was directed by Clifford Barton, a deacon in the Nassau

church. Some chorale members from the Freeport, Bahamas, and Miami, Fla., churches learned the music and traveled to Nassau to augment Nassau's 23-voice chorale. The concert was open to the public. *Greg Ritchie.*

Spanish

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ing" to see what tithing does for the members. The Chilean economy has been in a recession for the past five years. However, brethren with no hope of a job or with inadequate jobs have radically improved their status because of tithing.

"I have no complaints from members about tithing," Mr. Seiglie said.

Argentina

About 225 people attend services at four churches in Argentina. Many were former members of the Israelitish Church of the New Covenant, which kept the Sabbath and Holy Days.

Alberto Sousa serves the members in Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, with his wife, Elizabeth.

About 75 percent work in construction. In the Buenos Aires church there are middle-class businessmen, office workers, government employees and professionals.

None of the Argentinean members are unemployed, however many receive low wages for the type of work they do. Most of the members are unskilled laborers, and pay for them is low. Inflation is 6 percent a month.

"But they are faithful tithe payers," Mr. Sousa said.

Most members own their homes. First they buy land, and then they buy bricks to build the house. Members help each other build homes.

The family unit is being destroyed by liberalization of society. Divorce was made legal in May.

Argentineans are not sure of what to expect day by day. Even if they are educated and talented they cannot be sure of a good job.

Mr. Sousa visits the 34 members in Uruguay every two months. He travels to Brazil every two months to visit the 17 members there.

Spain

Fernando Barriga, pastor of the Pasadena Spanish church, has visited members and prospective

members in Spain and Portugal for the past 12 years. His most recent trip, accompanied by his wife, Acelia, was May 5 to June 10.

Mr. Barriga visited all of the members on the Iberian Peninsula — 23 members in Spain and 10 in Portugal. He also saw 24 people for the first time. Of those 12 are now prospective members.

Mr. Barriga said: "It has been very hard in Spain trying to learn submission to authority. There is no respect for the government. However, the new people that are coming along are more submissive."

The late Francisco Franco, Spanish head of state until 1975, said, "There are 20 million presidents in Spain."

No church congregations meet in Spain or Portugal. Two men from the Iberian Peninsula, Joseph Pons from Gibraltar and Pedro Rufian from Spain, have attended Ambassador College. Mr. Rufian is in Santiago, Chile, receiving ministerial training. "God is just waiting for someone to take care of these people," Mr. Barriga said.

For the first time three youths from Spain and one from Portugal will attend the Summer Educational Program in France.

Mr. Barriga said that one of the problems brethren face in Spain is persecution from relatives. In Portugal three members receive third-tithe assistance. These people are working but cannot earn enough money. Most of the brethren in Spain are employed.

Pasadena Spanish church

Church attendance is growing in the Pasadena Spanish church, according to Mr. Barriga. It has gone from 175 after the Feast of Tabernacles to an average of 200.

About one third of the adults in the church speak English fluently.

Many of the brethren have big families and financial difficulties. Most are employed in some way, but they do not always have a steady source of income.

The congregation formed a YOU chapter this year, and is active. "There is good cooperation among the people," Mr. Barriga said.



SOPRANO KAYLA EDWARDS

arrangement of Ross Jutsum's "It Won't Be Long." Mr. Jutsum is the director of Music Services at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Soprano Kayla Edwards, a dea-

Work crews revitalize SEP camp

More than 150 brethren from Eau Claire, Wis., St. Paul, Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., and Fargo, N.D., drove to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Orr, Minn., to help with maintenance Memorial Day weekend, May 23 to 25.

Carpenters, electricians, plumbers, roofers and laborers contributed more than 3,000 hours repairing the camp and preparing for the summer program.

Church members remodeled classrooms, put on new roofs and brought the water plant up to state codes. Grass was cut, dorms were cleaned and painted. Women helped with cooking and cleaning. *Oleh Kubik.*

ATTENTION 'ACCENT' WRITERS

Thanks to those of you who have submitted "Accent on the Local Church" reports that were not published. We appreciate your efforts and regret that we cannot acknowledge each report.

Because "Accent" now occupies less space in the paper, we cannot report the majority of events from each church area. Instead, the focus will be on human interest and ideas that may be beneficial to other areas.

We will rarely run articles on activities such as Spokesman Club meetings or ladies nights, district family weekends and other activities most church areas have—unless an area has implemented a new idea that could be encouraging or helpful to other areas. We ask that writers (1) focus on unusual aspects of activities, (2) include how the activity was organized, (3) use comments from brethren to add interest to articles, (4) be selective about which activities to write about and (5) send in no more than four items each year.

Youths fish in derby

Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., Church youths participated in a fishing derby April 26 at Lake Conway, north of Little Rock.

The group fished until noon. Prizes, which were awarded to all participants and to those who

caught the biggest and most fish, included a radio, tackle boxes, fishing poles and lures. First prize for the largest fish went to Erryon Stuckey.

The Little Rock and Searcy singles and YOU group sponsored the derby. *Gil Goethals.*



FIRST PRIZE — Erryon Stuckey receives a tackle box for catching the largest fish in a Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., fishing derby April 26.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Printing of the *Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong, Volume 2*, began the first week of June, according to **Greg S. Smith**, director of the Church's Photography Services Department and designer of the book.

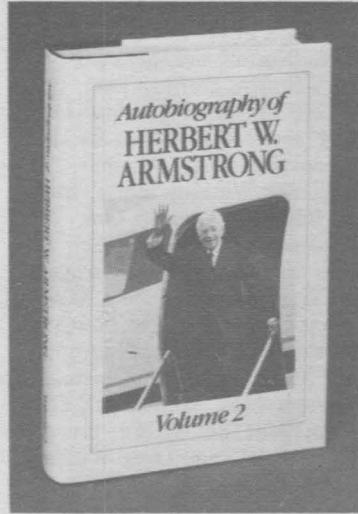
Volume two was edited by evangelist **Herman L. Hoeh**, *Plain Truth* editor. Printing of the text and binding of the book were done at Arcata Graphics in Fairfield, Pa. Color signatures and the cover were printed at Strine Printing Co. in York, Pa.

The book contains 736 pages, including 64 pages of photographs. It is scheduled for distribution at all English-speaking Feast sites, Mr. Smith said.

Chapters 40 through 72 cover 1938 to 1960. This section "contains what Mr. Armstrong wrote as autobiographical material," said Mr. Smith. Chapters 73 through 84 review the member and co-worker letters Mr. Armstrong wrote between June 29, 1959, and Jan. 10, 1986.

Chapter 85 includes Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach's** letter an-

nouncing the death of Mr. Armstrong, and chapter 86, the final chapter, is titled "One Year Later." It features updates from the Mail Processing Center outlining the growth in the work in the year after the death of Mr. Armstrong.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY, VOLUME 2

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PASADENA—**Ghuseon Kareh**, director of the Bunyat Center in Amman, Jordan, arrived on campus June 26 as a guest of the Ambassador Foundation. She was accompanied by her husband, **Abdul**, an administrator for Jordan University in Amman, and their two children, **Ahmad** and **Serene**.

The Karehs were in Pasadena until July 1. They attended a brunch June 28 with **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, assistant director of Church Administration, his wife, **Tamara**, **Robert Cote**, vice principal of Imperial Schools, and students who have served or will serve on the Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan.

June 29 Mr. Kareh met with **Raymond McNair**, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College.

The Karehs traveled to the Sum-

mer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Orr, Minn., July 1. They were accompanied by **Joseph Locke**, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation for international projects.

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PASADENA—The first Summer Educational Graduate Program (SEGP) for graduates of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) began June 23.

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** addressed the 96 youths from 33 U.S. states and four other countries (Australia, Bahamas, Philippines and Canada) June 24.

Mr. Tkach said the group includes one student body president, one student body vice president, one senior class vice president, six newspaper or yearbook editors, eight who are in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and 18 members of the National Honor Society.

The pastor general challenged the group to kindle "a burning desire to achieve success."

The SEGP is designed to develop leadership potential and ability of YOU graduates.

Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College, is program director. **Roger Widmer**, a 1987 graduate, is assistant director. The program ended July 5.

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PASADENA—Choir singers, vocal soloists and instrumentalists planning to participate in special music at the Vail, Colo., Feast site, should note the following change of address.

Please send all requests for information to **John D. Schroeder Jr.**, c/o Allen Andrews, Ambassador College Fine Arts, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations.

Frank Brown, regional director.

His next stop was Oslo, Norway. There he conducted a baptism, continued baptism counseling with another person and visited a *Den Enkle Sannhet* (Norwegian *Plain Truth*) reader who speaks English and came into contact with God's Church through the *World Tomorrow* telecast on cable television. This man is studying the Correspondence Course and is interested in attending Sabbath services, according to Mr. Shenton.

On the Sabbath, May 16, Mr. Shenton spoke in the morning in Oslo and in Copenhagen in the afternoon.

Mr. Shenton spent most of Sunday, May 17, in Gothenburg, Sweden, where he counseled two prospective members and one member. He returned to Denmark to conduct a Bible study in Arhus and concluded his tour in Copenhagen May 19, where he visited Church members and three candidates for baptism.

Diedrik Zernichow, a local church elder in the Oslo church, visited people along the west coast of Norway May 31 and June 1. His first two stops were Tromso and Bodo, both north of the Arctic Circle.

Mr. Zernichow also made visits in Trondheim in central Norway and Bergen in the southern part of the country.

Firstfruits

The first prospective member visit in Jordan took place. Richard Weber made the visit to an Arab *Plain Truth* reader on behalf of Ministerial Services in Borehamwood, England.

Elsewhere, Hilda Belly was ordained a deaconess April 14 in Venezuela. She is the first deaconess in South America and the only deaconess in a Spanish-speaking country other than Mexico.

African ministers meet for conference in Kenya

By Frank Brown

MOMBASA, Kenya—This ancient Arab-founded city on the Indian Ocean was the scene of a conference for ministers and their wives from East and West Africa June 14 to 16.

In attendance were evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, and his wife, Judy.

Evangelist Frank Brown is regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

William Bentley, pastor of the churches in Harare and Chegutu, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, areas administered by the South African Office, also attended. He could not get a visa to attend that region's conference in February, so he and George Efthyvoulos, pastor of the Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, church, received permission from evangelist Leslie McCullough, South African regional director, to attend the conference here.

Ironically, Mr. McCullough was unable to attend because of difficulty in obtaining airline tickets originating in South Africa.

Mr. Efthyvoulos said: "It was good to meet the African ministers and trainees. No longer are they just a name. The various ministers' reports were helpful in getting to know the difficulties in other countries."

All pastors reported growth in attendance and visit requests. Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, has more than 260 visit requests to fulfill. All mentioned the need for properly trained manpower to assist them.

Mr. Edalere said that so far he has been unable to find suitable sites for the Feast of Tabernacles in Nigeria. While he believes that something can be found, it points up the urgency of developing a Church-owned site. He is looking into that, as requested by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach on his trip to Africa in April.

Josef Forson, pastor of the churches in Ghana, said concerning the Church-operated farm, that shortage of rain could cause reduced crop yields this year. However, there has been enough rain to avoid major problems.

Kenneth Buck, associate pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, church, said that the new building being constructed there was ahead of schedule and should be ready for the Feast.

Mr. Salyer commended the ministers and their wives for their dedication in a sometimes difficult area of the world. He said he would do whatever is possible

to help the work in Africa.

"One of the purposes of these meetings was to give me an insight into Africa," Mr. Salyer said. "And I can state categorically that that purpose was fulfilled."

Two men were ordained at the conference. Ben Kaswaga of the Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, church, was ordained a local church elder, and Eke Udeagha, a ministerial trainee in Ghana, was ordained a local elder.

Mr. and Mrs. Salyer returned to Pasadena after visiting Cape Town, South Africa, and London. Before the conference they visited the German Office in Bonn, and Mr. Salyer conducted Pentecost services in South London.



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

PASADENA—Four members, 13 prospective members and their families and 26 new contacts on the southwest Pacific island of Vanuatu received a visit in May from Rex Morgan, *Plain Truth* circulation manager in the Auckland, New Zealand, Office.

On the island of Tanna Mr. Morgan visited Nelson and Lotty Niras, prospective members whose home was destroyed in a cyclone earlier this year (see "From Our Scattered Brethren," March 23).

"The family is still living in a tent, but work is under way on a new house," according to Mr. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Niras and their two children meet with two other families on Tanna each Sabbath to sing hymns and listen to a sermon tape.

On the island of Malekula, Mr. Morgan visited some schoolteachers who were persecuted for observing the Sabbath.

"Their Sabbath problems have now been largely solved, but they are now working on obtaining permission to take off the annual Holy Days without losing their jobs," said Mr. Morgan.

Also on Malekula Mr. Morgan went by four-wheel-drive vehicle to a remote village in the highlands.

"As the truck pulled up alongside the dozen or so thatched huts that made up this village, where very few white men had ever been before, I

sensed that the natives might be thinking that this was a 'meals on wheels' delivery." Mr. Morgan recalled that until the early 20th century cannibalism was practiced in Vanuatu (formerly New Hebrides).

But the villagers were receptive. All 20 of the men in the village assembled for a three-hour Bible study, dinner and several hours of answering Bible questions.

"Mr. Morgan was very encouraged by the trip and the way that God is working with a growing number of people in this remote island nation," said Peter Nathan, regional director.

Jamaica lectures

Heavy rains causing millions of dollars in losses and flooded roads didn't stop 107 new people from attending *Plain Truth* Bible lectures in Jamaica April 25 and 26.

The lectures were conducted by Charles Fleming, pastor of the Kingston, Jamaica, church. Sixty people expressed interest in attending follow-up Bible studies, and 46 requested personal visits.

Scandinavian travels

Peter Shenton, pastor of the Ipswich and Norwich, England; Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; and Stockholm, Sweden; churches, traveled to Stavanger, Norway, May 14, to visit a member and one new person, according to

Donald Mason, pastor of the Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., churches, was raised in rank to pastor on the Sabbath, June 6.

George Hart, pastor of the Augusta and Dublin, Ga., churches; **Paul Luecke**, associate pastor of the Somerset, London and Middlesboro, Ky., churches; **David Myers**, associate pastor in the Albany, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., churches; and **Phillip Rice**, associate pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches; were raised in rank to preaching elder on Pentecost, June 7.

Guy Swenson, pastor of the Beckley and Summersville, W.Va., churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the Sabbath, June 20.

Steven Shepherd, assistant pastor of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., churches; and **Warren Zehring**, assistant pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church; were ordained local elders on the Sabbath, May 30.

Ronald Dick, a ministerial trainee in the Chicago, Ill., Northwest church, was ordained a local elder on Pentecost.

Norman Foster, a deacon in the Salt Lake City, Utah, church; **John Harbison**, a deacon in the Paris, Tex., church; **William Huston** of the Belfast, Northern Ireland, church; **Dan King**, a deacon in the Columbus, Ga., church; **Ian Martin** of the Birmingham, England, church; **Douglas Ruml** of the Union, N.J., church; and **James Stewart**, a deacon in the Chattanooga, Tenn., church; were ordained local church elders on Pentecost.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—The Feast site in Kuala Trengganu, Malaysia, has reached capacity and can accept no further transfer requests.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—The post-Feast London tour organized by the office here is full and no further applications can be accepted.

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BIG SANDY—**Michael Carter** was named assistant principal of Imperial Schools by Pastor General **Joseph Tkach** June 29 while visiting the Summer Educational Program (SEP) here.

"He's had the role for several years anyway, but now we're giving him the title as well as the responsibility," Mr. Tkach said.

Joseph Locke serves as principal and **Robert Cote** as vice principal of the school.

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