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## Efficiency, planning hallmark regional directors conference

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"We should always be on the lookout for a better way, a wiser way, a more efficient way or a more productive way," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach Nov. 15 in his keynote address to 12 regional directors, their wives and business managers.

Convening here for the sixth in a series of conferences that began in 1982, regional directors also heard from evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, evangelist Leroy Neff, Church

treasurer, and operation managers of various departments. The regional directors attended roundtable sessions and individual meetings with headquarters personnel.

"Mr. Tkach has set some very clear goals about where we're heading," said Peter Nathan, New Zealand and South Pacific regional director. "He is focusing more on where we're going and how we're going to accomplish it."

Mr. Nathan continued: "Mr. Tkach is reaching out and encompassing the whole world, and he's getting everybody else focused on that too. But Pasadena is not just focusing on the world, our minds and attitudes and whole motivation are being directed toward Pasadena."

The pastor general told the group to avoid complacency. "We must never be satisfied with how effective the work is or how productive or how efficient or how cost effective it is."

He said: "When God sees an atti-

tude of real desire to do His work in the best way possible, He will certainly bless our efforts in direct proportion . . . We have to put effort into whatever it is we're doing. We have to feel the challenge."

Mr. Tkach solicited ideas from the group. According to evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director: "This conference is an experience in two-way communication. Regional directors are giving increased input, and I believe it is being listened to and will be given consideration."

"Headquarters talks and then asks for feedback; regional directors talk and headquarters listens," he added.

"More input is the key," said Bram de Bree, Dutch regional director.

The pastor general directed that future conferences take place in June. "This will give us a half a year lead time before implementation of

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CONFERENCE—Twelve regional directors, their wives and headquarters personnel pause on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus Nov. 15. [Photo by Warren Watson]

## Mr. Tkach inspires courage in people'

# Pastor general visits three areas

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Continuing his visits to churches worldwide, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach addressed brethren in Saskatoon, Sask., Oct. 31 and St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 26. He spoke in Anaheim, Calif., on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 24.

### Saskatoon

Traveling to Saskatoon two weeks after the Feast of Tabernacles, Mr. Tkach's Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 trip was likened to "a continuation of the Feast spirit" by Glen Weber, pastor of the Regina, Sask., church.

According to Owen Murphy, Saskatoon pastor and trip coordinator: "Mr. Tkach's visit did so much for the brethren, as far as bringing the days we're living in right before us and giving us courage. Mr. Tkach inspires courage in people and is truly a leader in every sense of the word."

Touching down at the Saskatoon airport, the pastor general and his party were met by evangelist Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, his wife, Margaret, Mr. Murphy and his wife, Meredith.

"They were expecting snow," Mr. Tkach said. "When we were planning the trip, we were told to bring a topcoat and some warm gear. But we managed to fool them. We brought in almost 70-degree weather."

Traveling with Mr. Tkach on both Canadian visits were Joseph Locke, his personal assistant; Ellen Escat, administrative assistant to Mr. Tkach; Julie Stocker, an administrative assistant to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs; Lois Weber, an executive office secretary, who is also a sister of Mr. Weber; Michael Rasmussen, executive office aide; and Mr. Rasmussen's wife, Juli.

Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich, a local elder in the Long Beach, Calif., West church, and steward Jay Brothers served as Mr. Tkach's Gulfstream III crew.

On the Sabbath, Oct. 31, Mr. Tkach addressed 1,304 brethren (some traveled 350 miles) from Kerrobert, Maple Creek, Moosomin, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Tisdale and Yorkton, Sask.; Lloydminster, Alta.; and Minot, N.D.

"Mr. Tkach spoke on how oneness in the Church can only come through God's Holy Spirit in us and overcoming Satan, the world and our own ways," Mr. Murphy said.

Special Sabbath music was per-

formed by the Saskatchewan Festival choir, conducted by Scott Friesen and accompanied on trumpets by Richard Gillis, Kendra Slotsve and Gary Yeomans.

The pastor general was given an 80-pound sculpture of a farm family working together at harvesttime.

Mr. Murphy explained the significance of the gift: "Mr. Joseph W. Tkach has been prepared by God to reap the harvest God has provided, and we present this gift, an original bronze sculpture depicting one family reaping the harvest, just as we are one family and are reaping God's spiritual harvest under Mr. Tkach in this end time."

After shaking hands with  
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## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren,

As world conditions bring us steadily closer to the prophesied time of great trouble that will mark the beginning of the

very end of this age, we need to continually take stock of our relationship with God and our spiritual growth.

We have emphasized the fact that God's Church is really one family grown large. It is a *spiritual* family, bound together not by *human* heredity, but by the powerful bonds of God's *Holy Spirit*.

God has called each of us to be a part of His spiritual family, that we might be "fitly framed together" and *grow* into a "holy temple in the Lord." We are joined together in Christ for a habitation of God through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:20-22). That is, God dwells in us, His Church, which is a unified *body*, the Body of Christ, through His Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:17-19 "that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

The key to unity, to the spiritual *oneness* to which God has called us—the key to being filled with all the fullness of God, is *godly love*, described by the Greek word *agape*.

Jesus had a lot to say about that love in the gospel of John. In John 17:23 we read that He prayed, speaking of those who would be called through the ages, "I in them, and thou in me,"  
(See PERSONAL, page 4)



FORGING LINKS—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach takes warmth and leadership to three church areas. Counterclockwise from top: Mr. Tkach greets 1,304 brethren in Saskatoon, Sask., on the Sabbath, Oct. 31; members wait for Mr. Tkach to step off a bus in St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 27; and during Feast of Trumpets services in Anaheim, Calif., the pastor general presents a 25-year plaque to evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches. [Photos by David Schulz, Frank Burke and Warren Watson]

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# Repercussions from the Crash of 1987

PASADENA—Monday, Oct. 19, a thunderous financial earthquake rocked New York and other world stock market centers. Wall Street suffered its worst day in history. The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, representing a 22.6 percent free fall.

Looking back, there is no doubt that a correction was long overdue, coming on the heels of a long upward bull market. Many financial experts attributed at least the last 700 points added to the Dow Jones Industrial Average (which peaked at 2,722 in late August) to sheer speculative greed.

It may or may not be significant that the collapses of 1987 and 1929 occurred on the first Monday after the Feast. This year it was Monday, Oct. 19 (the Last Great Day was Thursday, Oct. 15). Fifty-eight years ago the crash occurred over a two-day period, Monday, Oct. 28, and Tuesday, Oct. 29 (the Last Great Day being the previous Sabbath).

## U.S. weakness exposed

As in any literal earthquake there have been many minor aftershocks since Black Monday. The capital markets are extremely nervous, with jittery investors and speculators jumping at every nuance of either good or bad news.

Generally however, the markets have settled down, permitting financial and political analysts to more calmly assess the longer-range ramifications of the Crash of '87.

Reading through the extensive reporting of the past month, one theme stands out. The crash stripped away the veneer of superficial prosperity from the U.S. economic structure. It has exposed the rusting superstructure beneath, corroded by years of burgeoning indebtedness and lack of political will

to repair the damage.

The U.S. government has little latitude in tackling its economic problems. It is now so far in debt that continuous infusions of foreign capital are required to finance that debt. It must continually run, cup in hand, to the Japanese in particular for fresh injections of cash. Instead of lending to foreigners (Deuteronomy 28:12), the United States is now painfully dependent upon borrowing from them (verse 44). Read also Proverbs 22:7.

America's economic sickness doesn't stop at water's edge. U.S. leadership of the Western world is in doubt. How much longer can the United States both lead and protect (with its nuclear umbrella) allies to whom it owes billions of dollars?

Europeans of all persuasions are concerned that the United States may be unable to climb out of its financial hole. British journalist Paul Johnson wrote in the Nov. 7 *Los Angeles Times* that "if there is no decisive action from Washington, the effect in Europe will be profound, and it will not be confined to the economic sphere. What will be called in question will be the fundamental power and ability of the United States to lead the Western world... Is the United States, as some over here already believe, a superpower that is past its peak and now in irreversible decline?"

Anthony Hartley, writing in Britain's *Sunday Telegraph* of Nov. 1, declared that for "over a decade there have been signs that American leadership was faltering. Now the turmoil in the markets has shown Washington's deficiencies in a dramatic form, and the psychological impact will be lasting... At present the allies of the United States feel the ground moving beneath them..."

"What can Europeans do to ensure their own security? At the very least they could begin to discuss it. And they have. Last week's meeting of the Western European Union (WEU) believed that the organization should be revitalised as a forum

rethink its long-standing role as military hegemon of the non-communist world."

In an article in the Spring, 1987, issue of *Foreign Affairs* (written before the collapse of the stock market), C. Fred Bergsten

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



for the discussion of European security."

### Wake up, America!

The Nov. 16 *Business Week* appeared with a stunning cover—bold, black, block letters proclaiming, WAKE UP, AMERICA! The editors grimly portrayed America's slumping global economic and geopolitical position. It's interesting to note that Herbert W. Armstrong warned *Plain Truth* readers, first in January, 1980, that they should prepare to drastically reduce their standard of living. Now this reality is striking home.

"The stock market may recover somewhat," said *Business Week*, "but the message underlying the crash remains largely unheeded. We have spent too much, borrowed too much, and imported too much. We have lived beyond our means, relying on foreigners to finance our massive budget and trade deficits. The bill is now coming due: America's standard of living seems bound to suffer..."

"And pressures to reduce the federal deficit will tighten the lid on defense spending and force the U.S. to

asked: "Can the world's largest debtor nation remain the world's leading power?... If the United States turns increasingly protectionist and thereby disrupts the trading system, can it hold its allies together by managing the security system?"

Author Bergsten here brings up

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Britain's heritage of trees: generations of giants gone

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Reacting to the fall of the London Stock Market Oct. 20 a *Daily Mail* editorial said that "unlike those great trees that have been laid low, there is no inherent reason why the share values of our thriving companies should not rise again."

This was an acknowledgement that a valuable part of England's environment had been seriously damaged by the October storm. Stocks can fall and rise in one day. But it takes years to grow trees. The national misfortune is incalculable.

Reported the agriculture correspondent of *The Times* Oct. 26, "More than a million trees are believed to have been brought down by the gales which brought havoc to southern England."

Now Louise Court in the Oct. 17 *Daily Express*: "Centuries of Britain's heritage lay in ruins yesterday after 100 mph gales swept Kew Gardens in London. It will take at least 200 years to restore the famous botanical beauty-spot."

The Oct. 20 *Daily Telegraph* said that "the generously wooded landscape of southern Britain will not be the same for generations."

Finally a headline in the Oct. 17 *Independent*: "Generations of Giants Lost in One Night."

### A personal loss

Trees are a personal as well as a national loss. Wrote columnist Christopher Hudson in the Oct. 23 *London Evening Standard*: "In my parents' garden in Benenden the hurricane blew over three enormous cypresses... After 28 years of tending what a horticulturist called one of the prettiest small gardens in the South, who can blame them for hardly having the heart to start all over again."

Said cabinet maker Viscount Linley, "The destruction has caused me great personal sadness—both as a carpenter, to see so much timber wasted, and because I love the countryside" (*The Mail on Sunday*, Oct. 25).

The paper paid to have a fallen walnut tree donated by the royal parks made into a bureau. Mr. Linley himself will do the crafting. It will be a kind of memorial to

a critical point. The U.S. Congress is on the verge of passing self-destructive protectionist trade legislation. America's trade partners in Europe and Asia have given notice that such legislation—reminiscent of the Smoot-Hawley tariff bill, which helped turn a post-1929 recession into the Great Depression—would be met by retaliatory measures.

David D. Hale, chief economist of Kemper Financial Services, summed up the crisis in an article titled "Twilight of Anglo-American Power" in the September-October issue of *Challenge* magazine.

In it he wrote, "The Reagan period will go down in history as an Indian summer reprieve from America's imperial retreat, not a rejuvenation of the economic engine necessary to sustain a large international role."

The 1987 stock market crash signals that we have entered a new chapter in world affairs—the end of America's leadership role. Europe and Japan are going to have to fill the developing power vacuum.

Britain's lost heritage.

Some of this heritage is royal. Said Ashley Stephenson, royal parks bailiff in London: "I'd say we have 3,000 trees down in the Royal Parks. Who knows how many thousands more will have to come down because they're damaged. Look at all this, they've all gone in a couple of hours, mature healthy trees" (*Daily Mail*, Oct. 20).

Later Mr. Stephenson revised that figure to 5,000. Henry VIII had seen some of these trees. Other kings too. Painters immortalized a few on canvas.

By the time you read this column, chainsaws will have cut away much of the debris. The damage will be consigned to history and forgotten.

### Planned restoration

Government ministers are planning the long-term restoration. Wrote John Deans, political correspondent, in the Oct. 22 *Daily Mail*: "The government will spend 3 million pounds, with more to come, in an effort to restore the green and pleasant landscape disfigured in last Friday's storm. The aim is to replace up to 300,000 of the lost trees by next spring."

Appeals for private money will be launched by various charities. Institutes and organizations—both from the public and private sectors—will have a go at the problem.

### Trees a gift from God

Not many realize that Britain is the proud possessor of 1,500 species of trees. Many were unknown to northern Europe until explorers and botanists brought them back from Britain in the early 19th century. The United Kingdom is a paradise for tree watchers.

We take trees for granted. We enjoy the shade they provide and the beauty they add to the landscape. But there is more to it than that—trees help support human life. They give off oxygen for man and animals to breathe. Without trees fertile lands turn to deserts.

The Bible compares the man or woman who observes God's ways to a tree "that brings forth its fruit in its season" (Psalm 1:3, New King James).



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## Joy is a choice

Not long ago, during a difficult period of my life, a friend sent me a memo. It was just what I needed.

Memorandum to: Mankind  
From: God

Hang in there. The experiment in which you are participating will turn out just fine.

In his book *Profiles in Courage*, John F. Kennedy wrote, "Great crises produce great men and great deeds of courage."

While it is true that a crisis or trial helps to make a person, it is also true that a crisis helps to reveal what a person is made of. Pilate faced a crisis when the mob wanted Jesus killed, but his handling of the situation did not reflect either courage or greatness. How we handle the difficulties of life depends largely on what kind of character we have.

How are Christians supposed to respond to trials?

James wrote: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:2-4).

If we are to have the kind of joy that James encouraged in our lives, we must first discover what joy is. Joy is not just a feeling; it is a choice. It is not based upon circumstances; it is based upon attitude. It is the by-product of a growing rela-

tionship with God. It requires commitment, courage and endurance.

When the apostle Paul listed the fruits of the Spirit, he named joy second (Galatians 5:22-23), reminding us that joy is a high priority in our growth process.

In the first three fruits of the Spirit listed—love, joy and peace—it is joy that holds love and peace together!

Think about it. Joy is far more important than any of us has ever imagined. And it is far more available than any of us has ever realized.

Pain, suffering, distress are inevitable. We cannot avoid all the pains of life, but we can avoid joy. Our Creator allows us to be as miserable and wretched as we want to be!

There is no question that life is difficult at times. It has been said that God promises the four Ps: peace, power, purpose and pain.

In John 16:33 Christ reminds us quite boldly that in the world there will be trouble: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." That encouragement should be ingrained in our memory.

But many of us have only gotten half the message. We gloomily drag our minds and bodies through each day, mumbling about our burdens and woes. How many of us start the day by saying "Woe is me" or

"Why me, Lord?"

Joy doesn't depend on circumstances, but that's an attitude many in God's Church share. It's easy to get into the "as soon as" frame of mind.

"As soon as" the kids are grown, you'll see me shine. "As soon as" I get a better paying job, I'll be more productive. "As soon as" I lose weight, then I'll make more friends. "As soon as" the car gets fixed, "as soon as" the bills get paid, "as soon as" I get my health back—as soon as, as soon as, as soon as.

You can buy almost anything today. Security, comfort, convenience, status and even momentary happiness can be purchased. True joy has a different kind of price tag.

True joy isn't found at the end of the rainbow. It isn't waiting for us at the top of the ladder of success. Its price tag is faithfulness, endurance and perhaps sorrow at times.

God is the greatest optimist in the universe! And He has given us His own mind through His Holy Spirit so we can think the way He does.

Remember Paul's words: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

If we're truly converted, Jesus Christ's mind is in us through the Holy Spirit. That means we can win the battle against discouragement. Take God at His word. He promises joy as one of the fruits of His Spirit. Claim that promise.

Strive to stay positive and joyful all the time, not "as soon as." Remind yourself daily, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

We've been given the truth, the tools, the knowledge to live happy, prosperous, abundant, productive, positive lives, even now. We can enjoy life. We can enjoy each other and the Church. God has promised to fight every one of our battles for us. We will win in the end. Let's be more positive Christians. Choose joy now!

# Visits

(Continued from page 1) brethren for 1½ hours, the pastor general led a ministers meeting and was host to a buffet for ministers, deacons, deaconesses and spouses later in the evening. The group also met for brunch the next morning.

"The stage setup and the general focus of services had a theme of thanksgiving and harvesttime, so it seemed the people too were in a thankful and enthusiastic frame of mind," said Miss Weber.

Cecil Maranville, pastor of the Winnipeg, Man., East and West and Thunder Bay, Ont., churches, who because of health reasons was unable to attend services during Mr. Tkach's June 26 to 28 visit to Winnipeg, and his wife, Karen, were also on hand for activities.

"Being able to go in person provided such an impact that it's difficult finding the words to express it," said Mr. Maranville.

Mr. Tkach and his party left Sunday, Nov. 1. "It was like a part of the family had left," said Mr. Murphy. "His warmth and sincerity are so real and very encouraging."

### St. John's

Sept. 25 the pastor general and his party traveled to Newfoundland, North America's most easterly projection into the Atlantic Ocean.

Newfoundland is closer to England than the Canadian province of Manitoba, and as close to Italy as British Columbia.

At the St. John's airport the group was met by Terrence Roth, St. John's and Corner Brook, Nfld., pastor, and his wife, Linda.

Members of the Church's television crew (John Halford, on-location director, who traveled with his wife, Patricia, cameraman Gary Wering and remote operations engineer Steve Bergstrom) flew to St. John's by commercial jet.

Attending services the next day were William and Beatrice Moyles, who traveled from Wabush, Labrador, to see Mr. Tkach. "Because of their isolation, their travel is restricted to once a year, when they attend the Feast," said Mr. Roth.

"Every cent we paid to fly here was well worth it," said Mr. Moyles.

The pastor general spoke about seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, said Mr.

Roth. Afterward the St. John's chorale, with Mrs. Roth on piano, sang "No Man Is an Island."

The Newfoundland coat of arms etched in glass and framed with stained glass was presented to the pastor general. The provincial motto, patented in 1637 and translated into English, reads: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

Afterward Mr. Tkach shook hands with the 305 brethren and posed for pictures, Mr. Roth said.

"He's fantastic!" said Beverly Maher, a member from Torbay, Nfld. "You can see the love flowing out of him and his twinkling eyes."

"I'm looking forward to a much more unified Church," said Reg Chaytor, a member from Mount Pearl, Nfld. "Like Job said, 'My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you.' You really have to meet someone to really know just what he's like."

Instead of conducting a ministers meeting, Mr. Tkach ate dinner with elders, deacons and wives in the Stone House restaurant Saturday evening.

After a brunch Sunday morning, Sept. 27, at the Hotel Newfoundland, the group toured Signal Hill, where Guglielmo Marconi received the first transatlantic radio telegraphic transmission in 1901; Murray Premises Museum, featuring natural, merchant marine and military history; and Cape Spear lighthouse, which is 65 meters (about 215 feet) above the Atlantic on a rock promontory and the most easterly point of North America.

The G-III left Newfoundland shortly after 4 p.m.

### Anaheim

"It's my responsibility to really be encouraging everyone and to set every one of us on fire," Mr. Tkach told about 2,000 brethren from Garden Grove, Long Beach East and West and San Diego, Calif., Yuma, Ariz., and Mexicali, Mexico, on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 24.

Accompanied by several headquarters guests, the pastor general spoke in the Anaheim Convention Center. The Garden Grove church was host to the visit.

Before Mr. Tkach's sermon, "With the Sound of Trumpets" and "One World" were performed by a combined choir under the direction of Daniel Salcedo, a local church elder in Garden Grove.

"These days that we are living in are truly the exciting times of God's work," Mr. Tkach said. "The exciting thing about it is that you and I, all of us together collectively, are a part of it."

Brethren applauded after he announced that the *World Tomorrow* program had moved ahead to the No. 3 spot in terms of total viewing audience for religious programs in the United States, according to Arbitron ratings. "And you know God is the one who gets all the credit."

After his sermon Mr. Tkach called evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the San Diego and Yuma churches, to the stage and presented him with a 25-year plaque. He gave Mr. Wilson and his wife, Marolyn, gold watches.

After giving the closing prayer, evangelist Dennis Luker, Garden Grove pastor and trip coordinator, gave the pastor general a handmade lead crystal globe with the continents cut into it.

"It depicts what Mr. Tkach has been doing in unifying us as one family worldwide," said Mr. Luker.

After greeting brethren for 90 minutes, the pastor general was host to a banquet for about 120 minis-



**BONDS OF UNITY**—Clockwise from lower left: Evangelist Dennis Luker, Garden Grove, Calif., pastor, and his wife, LeeAnn, chat with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach after Feast of Trumpets services in Anaheim, Calif.; in Anaheim members greet Mr. Tkach with a hug and handshake; and a little boy anticipates a hello in St. John's, Nfld. [Photos by Warren Watson, David Updegraff and Carmel Smith]

ters, deacons, deaconesses and spouses at the Anaheim Hilton Hotel.

Mr. Tkach and his party were driven back to the Pasadena campus that evening.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Feast chuckles

Aside from the seriousness and great joy of the significance and experience of the Feast of Tabernacles, I encountered a couple of incidents that did bring a chuckle during my arrival at the Vail, Colo., Feast site.

Upon unpacking and arranging clothing in my hotel chest of drawers, I noticed another book under the Gideons Holy Bible. It was entitled "The Teachings of Buddha"...

A restaurant advertisement taken from the local newspaper... [was] headed "Welcome Worldwide Church of God." The first listed entree is braised

rabbit at \$9.95.

Neither of the aforementioned was tempting, but the timely nature of the incidents was rather amusing.

Dale Martzell  
Winchester, Ind.

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### Like a letter from home

I have been going through the last *Worldwide News* and copying information into my prayer folder. Then I cut out Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach's "Personal," the new "Question and Answer" section and Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner's "Just One More Thing," also "Iron Sharpens Iron." Every time I receive a

new *Worldwide News* it's like a letter from home—I devour it, laugh, cry and thank God for it.

Jean Dupont  
McGregor, Minn.

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### 'For All You Care'

I was so moved with emotion after reading Dexter H. Faulkner's Sept. 28, 1987, article [in] "Just One More Thing," "For All You Care." It is such articles like this and the personal experiences of yourself and others that keep you realizing the almighty power of God.

Yes, God does care and answers prayer. We can know this by our daily blessings and the miracles that God supplies us with, if we are carefully aware and watching.

Joycelyn I. Moore  
New Orleans, La.

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### Prayer list

Especially, I want to comment on the articles written on the personal lives of Mr. Larry Salyer, wife and family, Mr. Joseph Tkach Jr., wife and family, [and] Mr. James Peoples, wife and daughter. Please accept my thanks for these articles.

It helps us to be able to pray for individuals and thereby please God by praying for others. Pictures help, also, to know those who work among us.

Jean Lyman  
Caputa, S.D.

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### Thanks for the music

I have decided to practice Proverbs 3:27 [New King James]: "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due," by thanking you sincerely for the excellent tapes we received at the Feast. The quality and selection of songs and instrumental pieces is appealing to all generations. Our children were immediately attracted to the songs and learned the words quickly.

This high caliber of edifying vocal music is desperately needed to influence our impressionable youth. Thank you for providing a genuine festival of music.

Brenda Robinson  
Palm Bay, Fla.

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### Church news photo

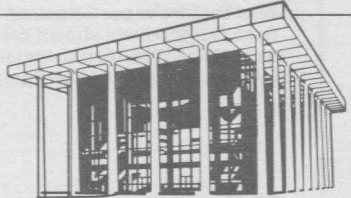
I just wanted to point out that the number 666 was in one of the photos of the Sept. 28 issue of *The Worldwide News*. It appears on page 6, in the "before" picture of the article titled "Teens Clean Trash Stash." It is painted on a mattress in the lower right of the picture.

I attach no special significance to this... I just wanted to point this out in case you hadn't noticed it previously.

Dean Hardester  
Eagle Creek, Ore.

Thank you. We did not notice it until you pointed it out, but we were pleased to see that the teens cleared it away.

## Onstage at Ambassador



Ambassador International Cultural Foundation

## Flutists accent orchestra: an extraordinary success

### By Michael Hale

PASADENA—One cool evening last summer I took my binoculars and sat under the stars among thousands of other James Galway

tem ensured that the woodwinds could be heard for a few square miles.

A few months later, Saturday evening, Oct. 17, in the intimacy of the Ambassador Auditorium, the much-heralded flutist teamed up with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and guest conductor Ransom Wilson.

*Michael Hale, graphics editor for Youth 87, performs in Ambassador College and Church musical productions.*



JAMES GALWAY

fans to see one of the world's finest flutists in performance at one of Southern California's huge outdoor amphitheatres, the Hollywood Bowl.

An immense amplification sys-

Mr. Wilson began the evening by conducting the highly acclaimed Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra in a well-received *Entrance of the Queen of Sheba* (from *Solomon*) by Handel, and *Symphony No. 42 in D Major* by Haydn.

After intermission Mr. Wilson took flute in hand and joined Mr. Galway in a performance of the *Concerto in G Major for Two Flutes and Orchestra* by Cimarosa.

According to Wayne Shilkret, director of Performing Arts, "The en-

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## PERSONAL

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that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

Love is the glue of unity. God is love (I John 4:8). When we are at last fully born of God at the return of Christ we too will be love. It is in godly love that we are to be growing daily as Christians.

John wrote in I John 4:20, "If a man say, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

Most people in this world would agree with these concepts about love. The only problem is, they don't know what love is. They don't know what defines love. They don't recognize the authority that tells us how to love and what constitutes love.

Jesus made it quite clear. He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

In John 14:23 He said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." God actually dwells with us through His Spirit if we love Him, and if we love Him we will keep His commandments.

Furthermore, *the way we are able to have godly, or agape love for one another is to keep His commandments.* Notice I John 5:2-3. "By this we know that we love the children of God [fellow brethren in the Church] when

we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

Jesus set the example. He said in John 15:9-10: "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

The love of God is defined by His commandments. The apostle Paul said in Romans 7:12, "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."

David said in Psalm 119:172, "My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness."

God's way of life produces peace, happiness, joy and unity. And unity is built and maintained in the Church of God through the process of obeying God!

Like the old saying goes,

"To live with Those above they say is glory,  
but to live with those below is another story!"

Human beings like to believe they can be at one with God while rejecting His law about how to treat each other.

Our relationships with one another must be based upon godly love through obedience to God. God shows us in His Word how to get along with one another. He shows us how to resolve our problems or disagreements that are bound to arise between human beings.

It is up to us, then, to do it God's way! To believe His Word

and follow His teaching!

As we draw closer to God, overcoming and growing in obedience to Him, *we will also be drawing closer to one another.* As we conduct our relationships with one another according to God's living laws that produce peace and harmony we will as a consequence become more unified and closer knit as a spiritual family.

Yes, God's Church truly is one family grown large. It is one family because each family member shares in common the very *divine nature* (II Peter 1:4) of God through His Holy Spirit. Each is attached to the one True Vine—Jesus Christ. Any branch that is not attached to that True Vine is not a part of the family.

Jesus said in John 15:1-2: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

What is this "fruit" Jesus is talking about? The apostle Paul describes it in Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering [patience], gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance [self-control]: against such there is no law."

If we are indeed attached to the True Vine, indeed a part of the Body of Christ, and indeed keeping the commandments of God in letter and in the Spirit, we will be growing in these fruits.

Notice that LOVE is listed first. The other fruits listed are

in many ways amplifications or elaborations of love. In fact, all the other fruits listed are either impossible or without value *apart from love!* After all, "love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10).

It is one thing to tout "family" as a nice saying or a nice sentiment. But it is quite another to put words into actions! It can be easy to delude ourselves that all is well when all may not be well. We can say "we are one family" all we want, but if we are not expressing the love of God toward one another in the way He has taught us, then we are *not* one family!

Love is the tool God gives us through His Spirit to use in growing closer to Him and to one another. It is *not* just a feeling. It is a WAY OF LIFE!

It is a way of life that is totally surrendered to and committed to God. And it is a way of life that produces the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and DOETH them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24).

The Rock upon which our house must be built is Jesus, Himself. He must be our foundation, our support and the whole of our lives. We must be completely wrapped up in Him, His way and His truth. As He explained, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

We must every day take a

good look at how committed to the Source of all our strength we really are. Are we growing in the fruit of the Holy Spirit? Are we growing in love toward the other members of our spiritual family? How do we treat one another? How do we talk about one another? How do we think about one another?

Are we developing the mind of Jesus Christ? Are we beginning to think like He does—with patience, mercy, compassion, concern and love? Because our thoughts will ultimately control what we do and how and why we do it.

As God's people, let's realize that "we are one family" is *far more* than mere words or some cute slogan. Let's make sure that the love of God in us through His Spirit does not lie dormant and unused. "Abide in me, and I in you," Jesus said. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" (John 15:4).

Let's put the wonderful gift of God's Holy Spirit into action! And let's never lose sight of the need to continually "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Prophecy marches on. The storm clouds over a disobedient world are gathering that will one day result in the frightening commencement of the great tribulation. Let's grow in love for God and for one another, putting our hearts into doing the Work He has entrusted to us, and hastening toward the return of Jesus Christ! Our lives are in His hands.

## Australian minister dies

By John Curry

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Trevor Higgins, the longest-serving Australian minister, died Sept. 5 at age 88. Mr. Higgins was bedridden for 18 months after suffering a stroke.

*John Curry is an employee in the Australian Regional Office.*

Mr. Higgins was one of the first Church members in Australia. He first heard the *World Tomorrow* program in 1959. One week later he met with evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, then regional director in Australia. Mr. Higgins was baptized in 1960.

In 1963 Mr. Higgins retired from his position as finance director for an English-based firm and was

hired to work as director of Festival planning in the Australian Office, which was then in Sydney.

He was ordained a deacon by the late Herbert W. Armstrong in 1964, and a local elder in 1966.

In 1973 Mr. Higgins came to Burleigh Heads to purchase the land where the regional office now stands.

Mr. Higgins retired from employment with the Church in 1974. That year he married Margaret Millar from Southland, New Zealand.

Funeral services were conducted by William Winner, director of Ministerial Services in Australia. Mr. Higgins is survived by his wife, a brother, a son and two daughters from previous marriages, and six grandchildren.

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# More than 1,000 send entries for YOU journalism contest

PASADENA—Judging of the 1987 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) international journalism contest was completed in September.

"I was impressed with the number of entries we received from Church youths around the world," said Kermit Nelson, who coordinates YOU in Church Administration.

"The topic of family generated a lot of interest, and more than 1,000 entries were received," he said.

In past years teens participated in an essay contest. This year they were asked to write magazine-style articles. The theme of the contest was family, and writers could choose any aspect of family life.

The articles were read by a YOU panel, and 30 to 40 in each division were sent to Editorial Services, where staff members did the final judging.

Teens placing first, second or third will each receive a plaque. A letter of commendation will be sent to those who earned honorable mention.

"Some articles are being considered for publication in *Youth 87*," said Micheal Bennett, managing editor of *Youth 87*. "The topic was broader than in the past, which gave them more leeway for creativity."

"I especially enjoyed the personal stories and the warm human interest in many of the articles. It shows me that many teens are putting high priority on developing their family relationships," Mr. Bennett said.

Church youths who placed first,

second or third in each category are as follows:

**Senior boys:** Dan Sanders, 16, Tacoma, Wash.; Doug Neufeld, 16, Abbotsford, B.C.; and Darren Stephens, 18, Toronto, Ont.

**Senior girls:** Leisha Whetstone, 17, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Shawn Gillen, 17, Paducah, Ky.; and Sharon Subero, 19, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

**Junior boys:** Rex Burks, 13, Shreveport, La.; Kelly Shelton, 13, Texarkana, Tex.; and Mark Friesen, 15, Prince Albert, Sask.

**Junior girls:** Pamela Willie, 15, Picayune, Miss.; Windy Spero, 15, Nashville, Tenn.; and Loretta Der-aas, 15, Duluth, Minn.

### Honorable mentions

Honorable mentions went to the following youths:

**Senior boys:** Joey Braud, 17, Picayune, Miss.; Ted Holladay, 18, Bethlehem, Pa.; David Hudson, 16, Terre Haute, Ind.; Matt Sibley, 16, Davenport, Iowa; Gerald Stanley, 17, Auckland, New Zealand; and Kirk A. Trickett, 19, Youngstown, Ohio.

**Senior girls:** Stacey Anne Bitter, 18, Trenton, N.J.; Debbie Brittain, 18, Oakland, Calif.; Melissa Chalmers, 18, Lansing, Mich.; Bridget Ann Davis, 16, Tyler, Tex.; Susan J. Hughes, 17, Brisbane, Australia; Janet McTiernan, 16, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Cindy A. Stites, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Debra J. Villiers, 17, Sydney, Australia; Valerie Weideman,

17, Duluth, Minn.; and Regina L. Whitaker, 18, Flint, Mich.

**Junior boys:** Daniel Bartholomew, 14, Macomb, Ill.; Paul Chilton, 13, Picayune, Miss.; Chuck Daniel, 15, Somerset, Ky.; John Dudley, 15, Providence, R.I.; Raymond Gwin, 13, Norfolk, Va.; William J. Harris, 14, Wellington, New Zealand; Ian Hurd, 13, Maidstone, England.

Stefan Ludgate, 13, Middlesbrough, England; Brett Manwaring, 14, Temora, Australia; Carsten Sprotte, 15, Austin, Tex.; Joe St. Clair, 14, Cambridge, Ohio; Todd Woodall, 15, Norfolk, Va.; and Sam Watts, 15, Greensboro, N.C.

**Junior girls:** Shellie Clauson, 13, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Jamie Dunbar, 15, Lafayette, Ind.; Machelle Forrey, 13, Boise, Idaho; Stacey Grupp, 13, Davenport, Iowa; Colleen Helwich, 15, Chicago, Ill.; Kristina L. Humphrey, 14, Lafayette, Ind.; Audrey Knick, 15, Findlay, Ohio; Jennifer Krob, 14,

## 1988 Israel Tour

PASADENA—Openings are available for baptized members and prospective members to join a 22-day tour of Israel June 26 to July 18. The tour will include biblical and historical sites throughout the country, including the Temple Mount, Hezekiah's Tunnel and archaeological excavations in Jerusalem, and Masada, Jericho, Hazor, Megiddo, Dan, Tel Aviv and Caesarea.

The cost of the tour is \$1,902 from New York, N.Y.; \$2,012 from Chicago, Ill.; \$2,030 from Dallas, Tex.; and \$2,085 from Los Angeles, Calif. Rates from other cities are available on request. Prices include air fare, accommodations, breakfasts, dinners, most lunches, transportation, entrance fees, tour guides, taxes and tips.

Those interested should immediately send their names, ages and location of the closest major airport to: Richard Paige, Faculty Offices, Ambassador College, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. Those accepted will receive notification and a complete itinerary.

Those accepted as tour participants will be required to submit a nonrefundable \$150 deposit payable to Ambassador College by Jan. 21, 1988. Please do not send deposit until accepted.

Fairfield, Calif.

Sophia Lantz, 13, Jonesboro, Ark.; Erin MacDonald, 14, Wellington, New Zealand; Rachel McElroy, 14, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Juanita Pryce, 14, Wellington, New Zealand; Daniella Spitz, 14, Grand Island, Neb.; Melissa Spykerman, 13, Brighton, England; Precious

Stahl, 13, Lafayette, Ind.; Celine Tessier, 14, Providence, R.I.; and Teresa A. Yates, 15, Richmond, Va.

Another journalism contest is scheduled for next summer, July 1 to August 31.

"We will be announcing the new theme at a later date," Dr. Nelson said.

## Directors

(Continued from page 1) the budget for the succeeding year . . . In addition, we will have a quarterly review to determine how well we are doing."

Mr. Tkach concluded his address: "We're constantly thinking, constantly looking for ways that we can improve [and] be more efficient in carrying out the work that God has commissioned us to do."

### Key links

Mr. Salyer addressed the group later that morning. He explained how each regional director is an extension of headquarters—a "key link between the Church membership and headquarters."

He spoke about feeding the flock, including ministers in their regions. "It's good for you to be motivating them, to remind them who they are and what their responsibilities are, to encourage them and to help them when they are down."

He continued: "You as the regional director must be supervising the pastors to see that the quality of services to the brethren is maintained, the high quality and standard that would be acceptable to God and to headquarters."

Concluding, he said, "We must be looking much further down the



KEYNOTE ADDRESS—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach launches the 1987 regional directors conference Nov. 15. [Photo by Warren Watson]

line and seeing the priorities of the next five to 10 years."

### Strong leadership

According to Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director: "Mr. Tkach is identifying problems. He sees problems I don't see from there in Australia."

"One feels strong leadership and direction of where we're going," he said. "We're trying to become more

efficient and eliminate duplication, which is very good. Everybody is in a cooperative mode, trying to work together."

Evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director for southern Africa, said: "The ideas are coming out in ways that will be a tremendous boon to all of the areas . . . Everything is directed to a point down the road that we are working toward."

## Australians take part in national talent event

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Marion Shepherd of Sydney placed first in the instrumental category of the 1987 Australian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national talent contest. Tammy Stevens of Perth took first place in the vocal category.

Finalists representing the six YOU regions in Australia performed at the Sleeman Theatre in Chandler Aug. 9. Marion presented a tap dance routine and flute solo of "In the Mood" by Glenn Miller.

Tammy sang "Through the Eyes of Love," from the movie *Ice Castles*.

Pianist David Chivers of Melbourne was runner-up in the instrumental category. He played a

Beethoven sonata. Runner-up in the vocal category was Melody Smith of Brisbane, who sang "Somewhere" from the musical *West Side Story*.

Other contestants were Randal Muir of Devonport; Susan Coleman, Mackay; Chris Tanner, Brisbane; and Carine Murphy, Perth.

Gary Regazzoli, YOU office manager in the Australian Office, was master of ceremonies. Robert Fahey, regional director for Australia and Asia, presented awards.

Mr. Fahey said he was impressed with the talent. "I wish all the members in Australia could have been present for this wonderful occasion. To see so many talented and happy Church young people performing together was very inspiring."



TAMMY STEVENS



MARION SHEPHERD

## BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

### FASTING

- God expects us to fast (Matt. 6:16-18; 9:14-15). It shows that we really want to humble ourselves and depend on God.
- God was able to bless many people after they humbled themselves through fasting. King Ahab's life was prolonged (I Kings 21:17-29). Nineveh was spared from destruction (Jonah 3:4-10). Jesus was able to resist Satan's temptation (Matt. 4:1-11). The early Church leaders were guided in decision making (Acts 13:1-3).
- The biblical example of a true fast is not partaking of either food or liquid (Ex. 34:28). The Bible records one-day fasts (Lev. 23:27, 29). It also teaches that two- or three-day fasts are appropriate on occasions (Esther 4:16). However, a person's physical condition must be considered. If a person is not in good health, the advice of a licensed medical doctor should be obtained to determine if a fast is medically prohibited in his or her case.
- Avoid seeking your own pleasure, doing unnecessary work or justifying your carnal ways during a fast. Don't view it as a form of penance designed to force God to do what you want (Isa. 58:3-4). Don't do it to be seen of men

- (Matt. 6:17-18). Rather, let God reveal to you any areas where you are self-centered or weak.
- Consider selecting a specific purpose to concentrate on while fasting. It might involve overcoming a personal problem, receiving guidance in decision making, gaining better understanding or seeking blessings needed in God's work or in someone's life (Isa. 58:6-7; Esth. 4:16).
- Pray, study God's Word and meditate. Admit where you have sinned (Dan. 9:1-19). Think about God's greatness and your need to depend on Him (Jas. 4:9-10; I Pet. 5:5-6). Seek a deeper understanding of God's will and the strength to live it (Isa. 58:10-11). Make changes that will increase the love you show toward God and your fellowman (Rom. 13:8).
- After drawing closer to God, make your requests known. Also give thanks for your blessings (II Chron. 33:11-13; Phil. 4:6).
- Reap the rewards of a better attitude, more understanding and more direct intervention by God (Job 22:29; Ps. 9:11-12; Prov. 22:4).
- Fast often enough to stay close to God. By doing so you'll be much stronger spiritually (Matt. 23:12).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT BERENDT**  
Valerie Jane Webb and Robert Henry Berendt were united in marriage Sept. 20 in Edmonton, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton North and South churches. The couple reside in Freilassing, West Germany. Mr. Berendt pastors the Vienna and Salzburg, Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches.



**MR. AND MRS. KEVIN L. WRIGHT**  
Greer Annette Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Lane of Tehachapi, Calif., and Kevin L. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale G. Howard of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage July 12. Michael Germano, associate pastor of the San Bernardino and Banning, Calif., churches, performed the ceremony. Gretchen Creamer, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, Calli Wilson was maid of honor and Paul Wright, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Riverside.



**MR. AND MRS. K. STEINEMANN**  
Linda M. Kschesinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kschesinski of Listowel, Ont., and Kerry A. Steinemann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steinemann of Montrose, B.C., were united in marriage Aug. 2. The ceremony was performed by Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East, West and Central churches. Debra Kschesinski was matron of honor, Ilonka Warjion was maid of honor and Gordon Fall was best man. The couple reside in Don Mills, Ont.

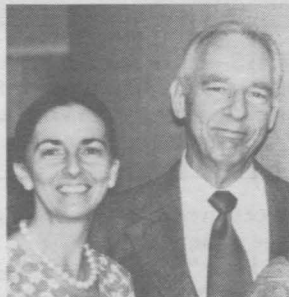
Patricia Wall and James Mossbarger were united in marriage Sept. 5. The private ceremony was performed by David Mills, pastor of the Macon and Columbus, Ga., churches, at his home. The couple reside in Andersonville, Ga.



**MR. AND MRS. JOE FRANKLIN**  
Saletta Iaquinta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Iaquinta of Calgary, Alta., and Joey Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Franklin of Midfield, Ala., were united in marriage July 5 in Calgary. The ceremony was performed by Robert Berendt, now pastor of the Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches. Marisa Ferrise, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.

Betty Jane Ruggiero and Cody Allan Tenney were united in marriage Aug. 31. Guy Engelbart, pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, East and West churches, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Lakewood, Ohio.

## ANNIVERSARIES



**MR. AND MRS. RICHARD COLE**  
Richard Sterling and Irene Mary Cole, members who attend the Raleigh, N.C., church, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 14. They have been Church members since 1973. The Coles have three daughters, one son, one son-in-law and one grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kivisto of Superior, Wis., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Oct. 6 in Rapid City, S.D. They have two children, Jonell and Aaron. The Kivistos attend the Duluth, Minn., church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rathe of Le Sueur, Minn., celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary Oct. 17. They have three children, Connie, Amy and Karl. Mrs. Rathe attends the Mankato, Minn., church.

## ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD

The Youngstown, Ohio, church gave a surprise party May 30 honoring couples who

have been married more than 50 years. Those recognized were Fred and Libbye Kehrle, married 50 years; Victoria Augustine, married 54 years; Dorcas Weinel, married 56 years; George and Mary Jorza, married 60 years; and Dorothy Burkhart, married 65 years. Each couple received a gift of a rechargeable hand mixer, and cake and coffee were served.



**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE ARNOLD**  
George K. and Alta Arnold celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 14. They have been Church members for 20 years. The Arnolds have four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their children arranged an open house party for them Oct. 18 at their home in Somerset, Ohio.



**MR. AND MRS. R. SCHORZMANN**  
Sioux Falls, S.D., brethren served coffee and cake in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Schorzmann Aug. 22. The Schorzmanns have two daughters, Darleen Auch and Marilyn, five grandchildren and two great-grandsons.



**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE LAWRENCE**  
George and Wilhemina Lawrence of Manhattan, N.Y., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 24. The Manhattan church honored them with a bouquet of flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have been Church members for 17 years. They were married Sept. 24, 1927.



**MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR JACKSON**  
Arthur and Mary Francis Jackson of Joplin, Mo., celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Sept. 2. They have been unable to attend services since 1986 for health reasons. The Jacksons have seven children, 20 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Mr. Jackson was baptized in 1960, and Mrs. Jackson was baptized in 1961.



**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE PIKE**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Pike celebrated their 70th anniversary Sept. 18 at a reception in their honor. Mrs. Pike was baptized in 1950. The Pikes have two children.

## OBITUARIES

**SPENCE, John Bain Jr.**, 26, of Pinellas Park, Fla., died May 2 after he was struck by an automobile. Mr. Spence is survived by his parents, John and Phyllis; three sisters, Rebekah Jones, Amy Zadar and Laura; and one brother, Larry. Memorial services were conducted by Ronald Howe, pastor of the St. Petersburg, Fla., church.

**BUGNET, Charles**, 82, of Ottawa, Ont., died Sept. 28 after months of declining health. He has been a Church member since 1979. Mr. Bugnet is survived by his wife, Vivian, four sons and four daughters, 10 grandchildren and several brothers and sisters. He was predeceased by one son.

**HIGGINBOTTOM, Sarah Audrey**, 87, of Sydney, Australia, died July 17. Mrs. Higginbottom is survived by five children, 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Her daughter, Nola Stapleton, and two grandsons, Douglas and Warren Stapleton, attend Church services. Aubrey Pye, a minister in the Sydney South church, conducted funeral services.

**SCOTT, Ruby Lucille**, 78, a deaconess in the Philadelphia, Pa., church, died Sept. 27 after a stroke following a lengthy illness. She was baptized in 1959. Funeral services were conducted by Arthur Dyer, pastor of the Vineland, N.J., and Philadelphia churches.

**SHORES, Marion Ray**, 70, of Cartersville,

Va., died of lung cancer Sept. 17. He has been a Church member since 1966. Mr. Shores is survived by two daughters, Kathy Tipton, a Church member, and Pamela Hubbard; one son, Kenneth; four sisters; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Val Burgett, associate pastor of the Richmond and Norfolk, Va., churches.

**MARSHALL, Leslie L.**, 82, of Sturgis, Mich., died July 22 of congestive heart failure. He has been a Church member since 1961. Mr. Marshall is survived by his wife of 52 years, Evelyn, a Church member; two brothers; two sons, Robert, a Church member, and Richard; three daughters, Judith Swanson, Sally Einerson and Candy Hochstetler, all Church members; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial services were conducted by Lambert Greer, pastor of the Kalamazoo and Coldwater, Mich., churches.

**HARRIS, John Sidney**, 74, of Noraville, Australia, died June 22. He has been a Church member for about 25 years. Mr. Harris is survived by his wife, Joyce; sons, Lee and Adrian; and eight grandchildren, all of whom attend Church services. Terence Villiers, pastor of the Sydney North and Newcasttle, Australia, churches, conducted funeral services.

**CUNNINGHAM, Reginald Martin**, 61, of Axtell, Tex., died Sept. 11. He was baptized in July. Mr. Cunningham is survived by three daughters, two sisters, two brothers, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Walter Johnson, associate pastor of the Austin and Waco, Tex., churches, conducted funeral services.

**WESTCOTT, Evelyn Jewel**, 52, of Harrison, Ark., died Sept. 8. She was baptized in 1980. Mrs. Westcott is survived by her husband, Loren, a Church member; two daughters, both Church members; six sons; four grandchildren; her parents; one brother; one sister; and numerous nieces and nephews. Dan Creed, pastor of the Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill., churches, performed a graveside service.

**BOWERS, John**, 74, of Franklin, Minn., died Oct. 7 of a heart attack moments before leaving for the first service at his first Feast of Tabernacles. He was baptized in July.

**PULLEN, Ethel**, 73, of Waco, Tex., died Oct. 12. She has been a Church member since 1974. Mrs. Pullen is survived by two aunts and several cousins. Harold Lester, pastor of the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches, officiated at graveside services.

**GILBERT, DONALD G.**, 45, of Ashdown, Ark., died Sept. 14 of leukemia. He has been a Church member since 1970. Mr. Gilbert is survived by his wife, Betty, a Church member; three sons, Scott, Jeff and Michael; his mother, Jonnie Phillips, a Church member; and a brother, Jack Cunningham. Charles Bryce, pastor of the Texarkana, Tex., and Shreveport, La., A.M. and P.M. churches, conducted funeral services.

**PETTIT, Garnett**, 67, of Hattiesville, Ark., died July 24 while recovering from lung cancer surgery. He was baptized in 1954. Mr. Pettit is survived by his wife of 45 years, Pearl, a son, Gary, a deacon in the Russellville, Ark., church, and two daughters, Priscilla Keaton and Deborah, all Church members. He is also survived by a daughter, Marilyn Fiehart; two sisters, Naomi Matchett and Jewell Griffin; four granddaughters; and one grandson, Gene Griffin, a minister in the Jacksonville, Ark., church, and Robert Bragg, pastor of the Russellville and Mena, Ark., churches, conducted funeral services.

**COWDEN, John A.**, 52, of Fultondale, Ala., died Oct. 1 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1975. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Margaret Ann and Bernice; three brothers, Robert, Richard and Mearle; and one sister, Eleanor Bauman. Robert Collins, associate pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M., Bessmer and Jasper, Ala., churches, conducted funeral services.

**COX, Vivian**, 52, of Ridgeville, Ind., died Sept. 8 of a stroke. She was baptized in 1977. Mrs. Cox is survived by her husband, Johnny; two daughters, Ruth and Mary; three grandsons, Lee, James and John; and

one granddaughter, Amy. Funeral services were conducted by Richard Baumgartner, pastor of the Richmond and Muncie, Ind., churches.

**MAPLE, Lillie M.**, 66, of Wellsville, Ohio, died Sept. 24 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. She has been a Church member since 1968. Mrs. Maple is survived by her husband, Allen C., two sons and a daughter. David Urban, pastor of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., churches, officiated at funeral services.

**SPERRY, Winny**, 77, of Birmingham, England, died July 26. She has been a Church member for 16 years. Mrs. Sperry is survived by her husband, four children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Robert Harrison, pastor of the Stoke-on-Trent and Liverpool, England, churches, conducted funeral services.

**WILSON, Cleston D.**, 67, of Tazewell, Tenn., died Sept. 29. He served as a deacon in the Middlesboro, Ky., church and has been a Church member since 1970. Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Velma; a son, James Thomas; and a daughter, Joyce Ann. Funeral services were conducted by Roger West, pastor of the Middlesboro, London and Somerset, Ky., churches.

**MOSTAD, George**, 63, of Minneapolis, Minn., died Oct. 4. He has been a Church member since 1965. Mr. Mostad is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and daughter, Laura Booth, both of whom are Church members; and a son, Neal. Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Mankato, Minn., congregations, conducted a memorial service.

**CHIARILLI, Grace**, 69, of Buffalo, N.Y., died Aug. 5. She has been a Church member since 1982. Mrs. Chiarilli is survived by a daughter, Marge, also a Church member. A memorial service was conducted by Dennis Leap, a minister in the Olean, N.Y., church.

**HIVES, Mary O.**, 85, of Mobile, Ala., died May 25 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1968. Mrs. Hives is survived by three daughters, four sons and 24 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Steven Moody, who now pastors the Seaford and Wilmington, Del., churches.



**WILLIAM KIELCZEWSKI**  
KIELCZEWSKI, William J., 35, of Duluth, Minn., died Sept. 22 of polio. He has been a Church member since 1973. Mr. Kielczewski contracted polio in 1981 and later designed a multitrain wheelchair that can climb 40-degree slopes and navigate rough terrain. Articles about the wheelchair appeared in the Duluth News Tribune & Herald and USA Today. Mr. Kielczewski is survived by his wife, Audrey; two sons, Grant and Cole; one daughter, Adar; his mother, Violet; two brothers, Floyd, site manager for the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Orr, Minn., and Orrah; and three sisters, Elora Moe, Violet Wahl and Linda Kelly. Funeral services were conducted by Leonard Holladay, pastor of the Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., churches.

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Creative crafts challenge Church children

Six years ago Pam Mosher, a deaconess in the North Hollywood, Calif., church, organized the children's Sabbath activity. The idea came when Mrs. Mosher realized that the children needed "something structured and constructive to do." "I realized I didn't have bad children—just bored ones," Mrs. Mosher said. "We ask them to sit

quietly for two hours during services. Then we expect them to stand still after services while we talk to our friends." The activity began one Sabbath when Mrs. Mosher gathered four children, with her minister's approval, and invited them to paint a mural about life in God's Kingdom. "He liked it so much that he asked me to do something similar

every week," she said. "The moment services are over, the children head straight for the activity table." Mary Williams now supervises the North Hollywood children's activity. The Glendale, Calif., church also conducts a children's activity. Projects have included using glue, paper cups and cotton to make lambs before Passover; globe making, where children cut and assembled countries, oceans and continents; popsicle-stick pencil holders for Mother's Day gifts; and egg cartons and gold foil transformed into crowns before the Feast of Trumpets. Cookie decorating and sing-alongs are also popular. Mothers rotate responsibilities by bringing snacks, supervising and being free to fellowship. Members are encouraged to contribute supplies such as yarn, old magazines, calendars and ideas.



**WEEKLY PROJECTS**—Elaine Cobb assists participants in the children's Sabbath activity at the North Hollywood, Calif., church. [Photo by Craig Clark]

## Seniors display varied skills

Six Toronto, Ont., families offered their homes and yards as display areas Sept. 7 for an activity called Seniors Caravan 1987. Displays were set up to show the talents and accomplishments of the senior citizens of the Toronto churches and to share their lives with the rest of the church. At the international pavilion brethren met Wilf Vanderstay, a World War II spy, and Seiko Inamoto, who showed her Japanese portraits and pastels. Elsie Wisdom and Sybil Hawker served Caribbean food. Zygmunt Pozniak showed his Polish-style crafts at the music and woodworking pavilion; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore exhibited their photography collection. The historic pavilion featured the

home of Ethel Bell, an original pioneer stone house and a Toronto landmark. Inside other seniors served refreshments, Thelma Rodgers displayed family history and Minnie Prakken showed needlework. The pottery and photography pavilion featured Millicent Magill, an instructor in pottery who has an oven and kiln in her basement. Toronto's oldest member, Ida Clemens, 92, showed her rug-hooking skills. Brethren saw Tom Peder's war medals and Ivy McClellan's photographs. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foster were hosts to the hobby pavilion, where rug hooking, embroidery and other crafts were displayed by Margaret Pettes and Mrs. Ian Bell. Neil Earle.

## Teamwork raises funds at ball games

Sept. 20 marked the end of the baseball fund-raiser season for the Dallas, Tex., East and West churches. This is the sixth year the two churches have worked in concession stands at Ranger Stadium in Arlington, Tex., home of the Texas

Rangers professional baseball team. According to Wayne Carpenter, coordinator of the ball park fund raiser, about 180 brethren worked 40 home games beginning April 21. "Working at the games not only provides an opportunity to work to-

gether in a fun environment, but it also provides funding for local activities as well as offerings for the Church and the building fund," Mr. Carpenter said. Last year the churches raised \$15,000, and this year they raised about \$19,000. Rich Glasgow.

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA—The Church passed a milestone Nov. 8, when an operator answered the 10-millionth Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) call since the WATS lines began operation in 1972.

Twenty percent of all WATS calls received by the Church were

received in 1987, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center. More than 50 percent of the calls came in the last three years.

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BIG SANDY—Tornadoes

swept across East Texas but missed the Ambassador College campus Nov. 15.

"When it got near Tyler, it sort of lifted and jumped over Big Sandy and Gladewater," said **Melvin Allen**, patrol supervisor for campus security.

Although the tornadoes did not touch down on campus, the storm blew through between 5 and 6 p.m. Heavy rains washed out roadways, high winds blew over about a dozen trees and the campus lost all electricity. About 3¼ inches of rain fell in about 1½ to two hours, Mr. Allen said.

The campus alert system went into effect. Sirens on the campus emergency vehicles signaled everyone to take cover. "Everyone responded very well," Mr. Allen said.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration, presented 25-year plaques and watches to evangelists **Richard Rice** and **Carn Catherwood**

at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet Nov. 3. Mr. Rice's wife, **Virginia**, and Mr. Catherwood's wife, **Joyce**, also received watches.

Mr. Rice and Mr. Catherwood have each served the Church since Oct. 18, 1962.

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** presented a 25-year plaque and watch to evangelist **Dean Wilson** on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 24.

## Ministerial ordinations released

PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations:

**Leroy Cole**, pastor of the Phoenix, Ariz., East church, and **Harold Lester**, pastor of the Austin and Waco, Tex., churches, were raised in rank to pastor during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 9.

**Ronald Miller**, pastor of the Kalispell and Missoula, Mont., churches, was raised in rank to pastor during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 10.

**Donat Picard**, pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South (French) churches, was raised in rank to pastor during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 13.

**Andrew Silcox**, assistant pastor of the San Antonio East and West and Uvalde, Tex., churches, was ordained a preaching elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 24.

**Joel Meeker**, pastor of the Narbonne and Marseille, France, churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 8.

**Romeo Pusta**, pastor of the Marikina and Puerto Princessa, Philippines, churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 10.

**Stuart Segall**, associate pastor of the San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 12.

**Christopher Crawford**, a ministerial trainee in the Melbourne, Australia, North church, and **Stephen Gore**, a ministerial trainee in Regina, Sask., were ordained local elders on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 24.

**Anthony Gallagher**, a ministerial trainee in Strasbourg, France, and **Florante Martinez**, a ministerial trainee in Davao, Philippines, were ordained local elders during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 8.

**Paul Brown**, a ministerial trainee in the St. John's, Antigua, and Roseau, Dominica, churches, was ordained a local elder during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 11.

**Cliffon Veal**, a ministerial trainee in Milan, Italy, was ordained a local elder on the Last Great Day, Oct. 15.

**James Baldwin**, a deacon in the Calgary, Alta., North church, and **Bruce Fraser**, a deacon in the Calgary, Alta., South church, were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, Aug. 29.

Local church elders ordained on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 24, are: **Donald Avilez**, a deacon in the Oklahoma City, Okla., church; **Daniel Barnes**, a deacon in the Salem, Ore., church; **Thomas Byars**, a deacon in the Visalia, Calif., church; **Garry Cluley**, a deacon in the Ottawa, Ont., church; **James Deshong**, a deacon in the Indianapolis, Ind., church.

**Stephan Loveall**, a deacon in the Columbus, Ind., church; **Ralph Peterson**, a deacon in the Toronto, Ont., West church; **Francis Roberts**, a deacon in the Plymouth, England, church; **Charlie Rowland**, a deacon in the Ada, Okla., church; **Gary Stein**, a deacon in the Phoenix, Ariz., West church; **Don-**

**ald Toler**, a deacon in the Kansas City, Kan., South church.

**Ernest Watts**, a deacon in the Twin Falls, Idaho, church; and **Frederick Wilson**, a deacon in the New Haven, Conn., church.

**Barry Hickford** and **Seldon Olson** of the El Paso, Tex., church, were ordained local church elders on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 24.

**Daniel Alderfer**, a deacon in the Meeker, Colo., church, and **George Hafer**, a deacon in the Grand Junction, Colo., church, were ordained local church elders Sept. 26.

**Michael Meredith** and **James**

**Valekis**, deacons in the Birmingham, Ala., P.M. church, were ordained local church elders on the Day of Atonement, Oct. 3.

**Kenneth Parker**, a deacon in the Toronto, Ont., Central church, was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 10.

**Crisford Vidal**, a deacon in the Roseau, Dominica, church, was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 11.

**Rees Ellis** of the Brussels, Belgium, church, was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 8.



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

PASADENA—Thirteen Church members live on the West Indies island of Antigua, 250 miles off the southeast coast of Puerto Rico. Twenty-one people attend weekly services.

"The island is relatively well off in the context of the Caribbean, due to a thriving tourist trade," reported evangelist **Stan Bass**, Caribbean regional director. Yet many individual incomes are below \$10,000 per year.

Many members face job difficulties, since working in the tourism industry, the primary livelihood on Antigua, usually conflicts with the Sabbath.

"In teaching, where the majority of our members work, difficulties over getting time off for the Feast have surfaced from time to time," Mr. Bass continued.

Therefore, many Antiguans seek better wage conditions in the United States.

"This trend has also occasionally depleted the number of members in the Church," he said.

The Antigua church, which meets on the third floor of a bank in downtown St. John's, is pastored by Mr. Bass. Mr. Bass is assisted by **Paul** and **Jacqueline Brown**.

"Antiguans are very interested in what is going on at headquarters," Mr. Bass said. "Some have planned future visits to Pasadena."

**Donald** and **Myrna Gardner**, both from Antigua, are attending Pasadena Ambassador College.

### WATS crisis avoided

Also in the Caribbean, Church members, appointed as station monitors, track the *World Tomorrow* program, which airs on 10 television stations.

July 26 **Lorna Ashby**, a member who monitors station WSVI-TV on St. Croix, noticed that the Trinidad telephone number was being aired at the end of the program, instead of the Puerto Rico number.

Mr. Bass said: "Fearing that the program tapes might have been accidentally switched, Mrs. Ashby immediately called the regional office to report the error. The St. Croix program ends at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays, and the Trinidad program follows at 9. So there was not much time to act."

After phoning Trinidad, it was found that the Trinidad station had the wrong tape, with the Puerto Rico number.

"But it was already almost 9 and time to air," Mr. Bass added.

After explaining the problem to the Trinidad station manager, he offered the solution of superimposing the correct Trinidad number over the Puerto Rico number.

"So the ending of the Trinidad program had the correct number flashing over the dubbed-out Puerto Rico number," said the regional director.

Because of Mrs. Ashby's quick response, Trinidad received 232 calls, and a potential problem was avoided.

### Dominican wins top award

Mr. Bass reported that **Fred Emmanuel John**, son of Church member **Lena John**, who attends in Dominica, "made news all over Dominica."

Newspapers and radio stations reported that Fred won the prestigious Island Scholarship. The award means that he is the island's top scholar. "Only one such scholarship is awarded per year among hundreds of candidates," Mr. Bass said.

The fourth of seven children, Fred's family has showed "remarkable academic ability," each rating highly in academic standings.

After passing a national exam at age 10 instead of the usual 11, Fred went on to the nation's top schools, securing scholarships along the way, owing to his academic performances.

"The scholarship he won permits



TURNING HEARTS—**David Stilborn Jr.**, son of **David Sr.** (top) and **Dorothy** (right) Stilborn, members who attend the Regina, Sask., church, affectionately hugs Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** in Saskatoon, Sask., Oct. 31. David's sister, **Sandi**, readies to meet Mr. Tkach. [Photo by David Schulz]

study at any major university on any subject anywhere in the world," according to Mr. Bass. "It includes full tuition, spending money and no obligation to return to Dominica to work."

Fred recommends that aspiring island scholars should study hard and diligently do all the homework that is assigned. "Homework is vital," he said.

Fred plans to start undergraduate study in electronic engineering at Manchester or Sheffield University in England next year.

### Swaziland

The following letter was received from **Jani Simulambo**, a member and soccer teacher in the Kingdom of Swaziland.

"We kept the Sabbath, Sept. 5, 1987, at Mr. and Mrs. **J.M. Dlamini's** home in Ndlalambi, which is way in the countryside. Mr. **J.M. Dlamini** is a deacon and member of the royal family of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

"We meet once a month for Bible study in Manzini. . . Usually 14 members, three prospective members and our families meet.

"Except for Mr. and Mrs. **J.M. Dlamini**, we depend on public transport. In this particular case we all except for one member traveled to Ndlalambi—a distance of over 70 kilometers [about 44 miles] and even over 100 kilometers [62 miles] for a certain member.

"Swaziland is a small country. Traveling was mainly on Friday. During the early hours of the Sabbath we had rain. As we were going to bed, Mrs. **E.J. Dlamini** said: 'It is true God's people are special. Rain is here because of you.'

"During daytime, we indeed had a wonderful Sabbath. As members we learnt that we should always be ready to go to any place God chooses and that as one family, we should keep on sharing things God provides.

"Sir, please accept our sincere greetings to you and all members of staff with you."

On the back of one of three accompanying postcards, Mr. Simulambo wrote, "As compared to many Black Africans, the people of Swaziland still remain very simple in their life-style, regardless of the strong influence from the West."

### Yugoslav prospective member

**Michael Caputo** and **Carmelo Anastasi** set out for their first visit-

ing trip to Yugoslavia Sept. 3.

The 14-hour journey took them from Rome to Pescara, Italy, where they boarded a ferry to cross the Adriatic Sea.

"We now have a new prospective member in Yugoslavia," said Mr. Caputo. "Unfortunately, though, he would have to undergo a 14-hour trip to attend services."

Returning, Mr. Caputo and Mr. Anastasi stopped by the site of Medjugorje, an area in Yugoslavia that has gained public attention because of the supposed visions of Mary, which are reported to occur there daily.

"It has become an international pilgrimage spot, attracting many foreigners," said Mr. Caputo. "I noticed many people from Germany, Scotland, America and Canada."

"This event seems to be reawakening an interest in Catholic mysticism," he added.

Also during September Mr. Caputo followed up on visit requests in Naples, Italy. Other areas he visited were the Ligurian coast, Puglia (the "heel of Italy") and the Adriatic coast, according to evangelist **Carn Catherwood**, regional director.

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