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'God poured out blessing,' says minister of Atlanta trip

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"There was a tremendous rapport between Mr. [Joseph] Tkach and the churches here in the Southeast," said Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Atlanta, Ga., East and West churches, about the pastor general's April 22 to 24 visit to Atlanta.

"Mr. Tkach said he would try to convey that spirit of camaraderie, teamwork and family to the Church at large," Mr. Martin added.

Aboard the Church's Gulfstream III jet, Mr. Tkach and his traveling party touched down in Atlanta April 22, after a visit to Washington, D.C., where the pastor general met government officials and toured government facilities.

After Mr. Tkach arrived in Atlanta, evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, joined him at the hotel. They walked next door to the offices of BDA/BBDO (Burke, Dowling & Adams/Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), an advertising agency that handles the Church's account. (The Atlanta BDA/

was host to a buffet for Nihad Safieh, owner of Blue Bell Tours, who handles arrangements for the Feast of Tabernacles in Amman, Jordan, with his brother, Tewfil, owner of a travel agency in Atlanta.

"They work together getting people to Amman and handling all the ground transport, hotel accommodations and convention center arrangements," said Joseph Locke, Mr. Tkach's assistant. Tewfil Safieh and his wife, Bitsie, were also guests.

On the Sabbath, April 23, in the Atlanta Civic Center, Mr. Tkach spoke to 3,916 brethren, some traveling from as far as Charleston, S.C., about 265 miles away.

Before his address a combined choir composed of Atlanta East, West and North brethren sang "Ye Shall Be My Witnesses." Charles Horton directed the group, and Karen Tollner accompanied on piano.

Mr. Tkach was given a hand-blown glass etching depicting two hands, one holding the earth and the other sewing a common thread through engravings of people. An inscription read: "Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

During a ministers meeting Mr. Tkach explained cost-saving measures used in the Church's Work, and how to work smarter and harder.

According to Mel Olinger, Mr. Tkach's chauffeur, who traveled to Atlanta as a guest with his wife, Loretta: "I was impressed by Mr. Tkach's willingness to have input

from the ministry. We know rule and authority come from the top down, but ideas and counsel can be a two-way street."

Mrs. Olinger's sister, Sonja Lavender, and Mrs. Lavender's daughter and son-in-law, Steve and Sabrina Nelson, are members who attend the Atlanta West church. The Nelsons have a daughter, Jessica, 2½.

Mr. and Mrs. Olinger spent time with relatives in Atlanta after the April 16 death of Mildred Lavender, Sonja Lavender's mother-in-law and Mrs. Nelson's grandmother. Mrs. Lavender was a Church member for more than 30

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MOMENT OF HUMOR—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, ministers, deacons and their spouses share a light moment at a meeting after Sabbath services April 23 in Atlanta, Ga. [Photo by Michael Estes]

'The family of servants is growing' Three evangelists ordained

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach ordained three evangelists at Sabbath services in the Ambassador Auditorium April 16.

They are Donald Ward, vice chancellor of Ambassador College, Gregory Albrecht, Pasadena dean of students, and David Albert, a *World Tomorrow* presenter and professor of psychology.

Mr. Tkach called Dr. Ward, Mr. Albrecht and Dr. Albert to the stage to assist with the ordinations of Carrol Miller, director of the

Personal Correspondence Department; Gary Richards, student housing officer; and Jeb Egbert, coordinator of student employment.

As the men began to leave the stage, Mr. Tkach said: "Gentlemen, there's more to come. I thought we'd have a little surprise here."

Then, assisted by several evangelists in the congregation, Mr. Tkach raised the men to the rank of evangelist.

"It's always a joy and thrill to see someone ordained and elevated to whatever rank God has chosen to

use him in," Mr. Tkach said. "The family of servants is growing."

David Albert

David Albert, 46, was born in Aberdeen, Wash., grew up in the upper Midwest and graduated from high school in Arizona. His father's health and his profession as a chiropractor made it necessary for the family to move.

When he graduated from high school in 1959, Dr. Albert headed straight for Ambassador College, where he graduated in 1963.

"Dad had a strong humanitarian concern as a chiropractor," he said. "His deep religious interest and concern shaped my values, and it was my Dad [not a Church member at the time] who introduced me to



FORGING FRIENDSHIPS—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets two of the 3,916 brethren who met in Atlanta, Ga., April 23. [Photo by Michael Estes]

BBDO office is a branch of BBDO Worldwide, headquartered in New York.)

"Since the purchasing of media time and space has been moved to the Atlanta office of BBDO, it was appropriate for Mr. Tkach to review current policies and work in progress," said Mr. Hulme.

After a one-hour briefing with Peter Shelton, senior vice president, and Donald C. Mitchum, chief executive officer, Mr. Tkach attended a reception with 27 staff members and toured the offices.

Later that afternoon Mr. Tkach

PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

Greetings again from Pasadena!

I was very thankful to be able to report to the ministry in the April 26 "Pastor General's Report" that New Zealand regional director Peter Nathan's surgery to remove a brain tumor was successful, and Mr. Nathan is already home with no pain!

Karen Nathan wrote to me in a fax on April 19: "The tumor came away cleanly and Peter noticed an almost immediate improvement in his speech. The surgeon was aware of considerable pressure being released and felt that was the cause of his immediate speech recovery."

The Nathans sent their grateful thanks to all who have been praying for them. They have certainly seen God's hand in both the success of his operation and the speed of his recovery.

I am also pleased to report that we ordained three new evangelists on Sabbath, April 16. I was joined by more than a dozen headquarters and field evangelists (here for the new Refreshing Program) in raising to evan-

gelist rank David Albert, Ambassador College faculty member and one of our presenters on the *World Tomorrow* television program; Greg Albrecht, Ambassador College dean of students; and Donald Ward, Ambassador College vice chancellor.

It was a joyous, yet sobering occasion. We are thankful for the spiritual growth in these men and for the fruit God has been able to produce through them. I'm sure they would appreciate you remembering them in your prayers as they take on this additional responsibility.

As I have written many times during the past two years, we are continually looking for wiser and more effective means of doing the work of proclaiming the Gospel to the world. As we ask God for inspiration and direction, we strive to leave no stone unturned in exploring possibilities and ideas. I have frequently reminded our headquarters personnel that as stewards in God's service, we need to work not only *harder*, but *smarter* as well.

We look to God to guide us, knowing we can do *nothing* without Him. This is His Work,

not ours, and we must be diligently *desiring* His lead and be *anxious* to follow it. When we are faithfully striving to please God, and are acknowledging Him in all our ways (Proverbs 3:6), then we are truly able to have solid *faith* and *confidence* that He is indeed directing our paths. Then we can indeed be courageous and "bold as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1) in doing the Work He has given us.

As part of the ongoing process of analyzing all the various programs of the Work, we have undertaken a careful evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of the now 13-month-old revised United States newsstand program. Although we are quite pleased with its success thus far, it has become clear that it is time to transfer the bulk of the newsstand funds to other, now deemed more effective, means of promoting and distributing the *Plain Truth* magazine.

This transfer will take place after the next phase, which will begin in June, has been completed. Ray Wright, worldwide *Plain Truth* circulation manager, will give more details in a coming issue of *The Worldwide News*, but I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have been so diligently involved in this program, and who have made it so successful to this point.

I pray that the same fine de- (See PERSONAL, page 7)



DAVID & SIMONE ALBERT

the [World Tomorrow] program as a high school senior."

Dr. Albert asked to receive *The Plain Truth*. "I came to Ambassador College largely as a result of being impressed with the writers of the magazine. I wanted to know the Bible as well as these people knew the Bible, and I was interested in being baptized."

After his junior and senior years at Ambassador College, the summers of 1962 and 1963, Dr. Albert went on baptizing tours in the Northwest and Canada. "Those were some powerful training experiences."

He was ordained as a preaching elder May 25, 1963—the weekend before graduation.

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U.S.: two-party politics, one-party press

PASADENA—Over the past few years, considerable criticism has been leveled at the news media. Perhaps if more of the journalists and anchor personalities had both the experience and perspective of Arnaud de Borchgrave, the situation would not be so critical.

In American journalism Mr. de Borchgrave is unique. He is editor in chief of *The Washington Times*, the conservative newspaper in the nation's capital. He occupies the same position atop the staff of *Insight*, a weekly newsmagazine.

Before this, Mr. de Borchgrave was on the staff of *Newsweek* magazine for 30 years, the last 25 of which he was a senior editor.

Few journalists can match Mr. de Borchgrave's experience as a foreign correspondent. He has interviewed many heads of state and government, including 13 sessions with the late president of Egypt, Anwar Sadat. He did seven reportorial tours of duty in Vietnam, where he was wounded twice.

April 13 Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and others heard Mr. de Borchgrave address the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. Ronald Toth, a *Plain Truth* editorial assistant, and I talked with him at a press conference beforehand.

After the proceedings our nearly universal opinion was that we had heard some of the most refreshingly realistic viewpoints in a long time. Following is what this seasoned reporter and editor said about some of today's issues.

With regard to the Mideast, Mr. de Borchgrave held out little hope

for anything substantial from U.S. diplomatic efforts. No progress, he said, is likely this year, with both the United States and Israel facing elections. But 1989 could be "the year of decision," if Washington appoints a respected full-time negotiator, such as former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Still, to get the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and its chairman, Yasser Arafat, involved in the peace process may prove to be impossible, even for Dr. Kissinger. "Arafat has lied to me over and over again," said Mr. de Borchgrave.

Part of Mr. Arafat's reluctance is his stature as a world figure. "It's far more exciting to be a revolutionary leader," said Mr. de Borchgrave, "than to accept the responsibilities of statehood." The PLO chairman would lose prestige should he become "only" the prime minister of a tiny (one million population) Palestinian state.

Mr. de Borchgrave expressed a gloomy outlook about U.S. fortunes in Central America. Responding to a question from Mr. Toth, he said that there is "no question" that we are witnessing the collapse of the Reagan administration's foreign policy in the region, especially in the support for Nicaraguan anti-Marxist *contra* forces.

The situation is grimmer than most Americans realize, he said. At a closed-door briefing in Washington, which he attended, a top administration official admitted that the United States has "lost the *contra* war."

Then, to Mr. de Borchgrave's as-

tonishment, the same official (who could not be publicly named) said that "our job is now trying to find green cards for those wanting to come to the U.S." (Green cards are resident-alien worker permits, which in this case would presumably be issued to *contra* fighters and supporters.)

that the media personnel are for the most part one-sided, "about 85 to 90 percent" of them being liberal.

The media, he further explained, pose "as the center, but [are] on the left." There are individuals designated by the press as "right-wingers," but rarely is anyone identified as a "left-winger." Therefore,

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



Mr. de Borchgrave then moved on to the issue of South Africa. Limited U.S. economic sanctions have so far produced only unintended results. They have thrown thousands of blacks out of work, he said, at the same time creating 167 new white millionaires who now run the businesses that Americans were forced to sell.

Votes in the U.S. Congress on sanctions, moreover, do not reflect the reality of events in southern Africa. (All nations in Africa, save one, trade with South Africa, either openly or secretly.) Rather, he said, congressional actions reflect primarily U.S. domestic politics.

Mr. de Borchgrave saved some of his choicest remarks for the news media. The U.S. media, he said, have "awesome power" but are "out of control and responsible to no one." A big problem, he added, is

he emphasized, the United States now has a "two-party democracy, with a one-party press."

Mr. de Borchgrave referred to an interview of his with former President Richard Nixon in explaining how the press came to have such liberal viewpoints.

In it, Mr. Nixon responded that "the media stars get their views . . .

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Historical author charts future state of Europe

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Keeping up with the news is no easy chore. Continually you have to update your understanding. Sources are important. First there are the surface sources of television and radio news. Daily newspapers give more in-depth coverage.

Good dailies analyze day-to-day events, but a weekly perspective is often lacking. This vacuum is filled by newsmagazines.

But monthly magazines offer a broader context. The historical is important since articles are usually written months before publication. They must be time-proof—protected from all but the most radical swings in the near future. But even the most clever writers are sometimes caught by unforeseen events.

Safest is a book carefully underpinned by historical facts. The background of a topic is explained in-depth. Time to research and consider is the big advantage the author has over the day-to-day journalist.

One needs to read a book from time to time to bring news events into line with history. *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers* is such a book. Written by Paul Kennedy, it is about economic change and military conflict from 1500 to 2000.

Of the European Economic Community (EEC) Mr. Kennedy wrote: "It is only in the EEC that an organization and structure exists, at least potentially, for a fifth world power."

"But it is precisely because we are examining the EEC's potential rather than its present reality that the problem of guessing what it may be like in the year 2000 or 2020 is compounded" (page 471). The author is saying that Europe's future is hard to predict. For him that's true—from a human point of view—without any biblical guidance.

Another factor is found in his statement: "Of the five main concentrations of economic and military power in the world today, the only one that is not a sovereign nation-state is Europe" (page 471). The United States, Japan, Soviet

from our academic institutions, where 90 percent of the professors of political science and 80 percent of the history departments are liberal, on the left. This affects schools of journalism, even business schools. The conservatives who graduate from these same elite schools tend to go into business. The liberals go into the media and teaching."

Worst, the media bias has produced examples of censorship by omission. Mr. de Borchgrave described one: Since January, 1982, the general news media have suppressed evidence of Cuba's involvement in channeling illegal drugs into the United States. Rare was the newspaper that published the comment by Premier Fidel Castro that "we must flood the U.S. with drugs because it will weaken the citadel of capitalism."

If Chile's right-wing leader, Augusto Pinochet, had made that remark, it would have been front page news, he said, and rightly so. However, in his view, the media have consistently downplayed Cuba's anti-U.S. role in the hemisphere.

Thankfully, there are individuals like Arnaud de Borchgrave who courageously publish information not considered popular.

Union and China are nation-states.

This is the crux of Europe's problem. The cooperation of 12 sovereign nation-states is usually required for concerted action.

Nonetheless Europe's potential is enormous. Mr. Kennedy continued: "In its potential, the EEC clearly has the size, the wealth, and the productive capacity of a Great Power . . . Its twelve-member population now totals around 320 million—which is 50 million more than the U.S.S.R." (page 472).

It's no wonder the Bible predicts incredible achievements for Europe—if only temporary ones.

But political integration is the key to success. Without effective leadership unity won't happen.

Consider another crucial point Mr. Kennedy addressed. "We are still left with some states which are members of an economic-political organization (the EEC) but not of the chief military alliance (NATO), with others which adhere to the latter but not the former, and with important neutrals which are members of neither" (page 471). These anomalies must eventually go.

The following scenario is fictional, but not impossible. Some East bloc states (possibly East Germany, Poland and Hungary) may combine with Western Europe. In this event, Brussels, Belgium, may not be viewed as a fitting capital for all of Europe.

Should East and West Germany reunite (at least in a federation), Berlin would be the natural geographic choice. Knock the Berlin Wall down and the city represents East and West—a fitting compromise for a capital city. Rome is, of course, the religious capital.

Consider the effects of a change of capital city. A move deep into Central Europe—to Berlin—means such states as Britain and Denmark may be considered peripheral to Europe. They may not have a long-term future in the EEC.

The exact details are uncertain. But we are to watch world news (Luke 21:36). The Bible gives us the overview and the overall outline.



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Too busy to care?

Julia Ward Howe, a social reformer, once tried to get a U.S. senator interested in the case of a person in need.

But the senator refused, saying, "Julia, I've become so busy I can no longer concern myself with individuals."

Mrs. Howe replied: "Senator, that is quite remarkable. Even God hasn't reached that stage yet!"

The story is not here to expose the callousness of a senator. It is to illustrate an excuse sometimes used by us as Church members when we don't want to get involved.

Sometimes it may be appropriate to say no if many others could help and you are already committed to another job. But sometimes the "commitment" is made up after the help has been asked. "Well, I'd like to help, but I'm busy that day . . ."

God is love. God wants us to be compassionate, just as He is. No excuses are acceptable.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has emphasized that Church members form a family. But the model shouldn't be the modern families that have no loyalties, no commitments and no permanence.

Our Church family ties are lifetime commitments. When one member suffers, the others should also (I Corinthians 12:26, New King James throughout). That's compassion. When one member needs help, we should help in whatever way we can (Proverbs 3:27, James 4:17). That's action.

But sometimes the ones who are most able to help are also the least willing. Although they have an abundance of things—which they could use to help others—they al-

low their things to run their lives and make them too busy. Without meaning to, they allow possessions to become more important than people.

"He who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful"

God cares about every member of His family. Compassion is His job, His nature and His being. It should be ours too.

(Matthew 13:22). Wealth can be deceitful, causing more work than it saves.

Jesus, though He was never sick, was "moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick" (Matthew 14:14). But perhaps you think you can't heal the sick. Jesus couldn't heal the sick, either; He used the Father's power.

And so can we. We can pray to the Father with boldness, using Christ's name and authority, using Him as intercessor. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

Sometimes God does not heal right away because He knows we need to learn lessons. But who can learn—only the one who is sick? Not at all! Through the trial, the whole family can learn—and that includes all of us. If we suffer with those who suffer, we will all learn.

Some, through callousness, refuse to learn from the trials of oth-

ers. But since our training is one of the most important aspects of life—more important than health and wealth—God will make sure that every member learns, each in his or her own way.

Do we have to suffer illness ourselves before we have compassion for a brother who is suffering?

In *Newsweek* magazine, April 18, a reader responded to an article in an earlier issue titled "The Golden Years": "Samuelson should ease up on the elderly until he gets a little closer to the moment of truth himself. Then, when his senses dim, his income is fixed and his nest egg is threatened by catastrophic illness, he might feel a little differently about some of the modest perks that go with old age."

We can apply this principle in many ways as James 1:27 (King

James Version) clearly points out. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

One indicator of compassion is prayer. We can examine our prayers for outgoing concern for others. What are we telling God about ourselves, about our emotional attachment to His family members?

God, as Mrs. Howe observed, is not so busy that He has no compassion. He notices every sparrow that falls, and cares about every member of His family. Yet He is the busiest Being in the universe. So how does He have time for compassion?

Because He chooses to. Compassion is His job; it is His nature and His being. It should be ours too. We should be about our Father's business. We should not be too busy for compassion. We should be busy with compassion.

PERSONAL

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gree of enthusiasm and involvement you have given to the newsstand program will be transferred to serving one another locally, to personal overcoming and strengthening family relationships, and to other programs such as the waiting room and card-holder programs.

As we draw ever closer to the end of this age we must not lose sight of the need to put our hearts into *overcoming*. This present society literally *teaches* people to disobey God. Television programming, magazine arti-

cles, entertainment, even schools and colleges tell people it is OK, even respectable and appropriate, to do whatever they want to do. What *God* says is deemed utterly unimportant—not even to be considered.

Yet God has called a few, a little flock, out of this world's ways and attitudes. We are called to be *DIFFERENT*, in this world but not *of* it. We are to be led by God's own Spirit. Jesus Christ Himself is living in us through that Spirit. The ways of this world are *not* God's ways, and neither should those ways be ours! We *cannot* be living in the same manner and with the same perceptions about life as the

world around us! *We are God's elect!*

What about you! Are you growing? Is God's law *bound up* in your heart and mind? Are you seeking first and foremost the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? Are you learning how to get along with—how to love—others the way God teaches you in His Word?

Brethren, I hope and pray that each of us can keep the vision ever before us of what God has called us to do and to become! Let's move forward as God's army—*on our knees!* Let's draw closer to our Father and Elder Brother daily. Let's make our calling and election *sure!*

Visits offices, churches, SEP

Europe growing, says official

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—Evangelist Larry Salyer, assistant director of Church Administration for international areas, and his wife, Judy, returned March 23 from a visit to three regions of the Work and members in Ireland and Scotland.

Richard Steinfort, WN correspondent in the Netherlands, also contributed information for this article.

"I felt it was an exceptionally profitable trip in that we visited three regional directors, saw the office in Holland for the first time and had the opportunity to meet and speak with so many brethren," Mr. Salyer said.

"It definitely helped to increase our awareness of the needs of God's Work outside the United States."

The Salyers left March 7 and arrived March 8 in Duesseldorf, West Germany, where they met with John Karlson, German regional director, and his wife, Kristina.

The next morning Mr. Karlson and Winfried Fritz, business manager for the German Office and pastor of the Bonn-Duesseldorf and Darmstadt, West Germany, churches, drove the Salyers to the Netherlands. On the way they discussed the Work in the

German-speaking area.

In the Netherlands, the Salyers toured the regional office and met the office staff. That evening, Thursday, March 10, Dutch regional director Bram de Bree and his wife, Trudy, were hosts at a dinner in their home for the Salyers, and the three elders who serve in the Netherlands.

"Friday we had a change of pace," Mr. Salyer said. "We visited one of the largest flower auctions in

warm and open with one another."

Sunday, after a scenic drive through County Wicklow and lunch with the Goudies, the Salyers continued on to Scotland.

March 21 Colin Wilkins, pastor of the Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Irvine, Scotland, churches, and his wife, Sylvia, drove the Salyers out for their first visit to the site of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp at Loch Lomond, Scotland.

"The field was somewhat soggy as usual, but the lake was as still as glass—just a mirror with the surrounding hills and trees reflecting. There were a few puffy clouds, which created interesting light and shadows. It was just so peaceful and breathtakingly beautiful," Mr. Salyer said.

"Of course, we had to break the silence. All around the lake were smooth, flat rocks, and Mr. Wilkins and I had to skip them across the lake like a couple of small boys. Our wives stood by and grinned. They enjoyed watching our departure from the usual coat-and-tie duties."

The group had lunch at a country pub and drove through the country to Edinburgh. "The day gave us time to become better acquainted with the Wilkinses, who are long-time servants in God's Work, and also to discuss the SEP and the growth of the Work in the British Isles."

After a day touring Edinburgh, the Salyers flew back to Los Angeles, Calif.



LARRY AND JUDY SALYER

the world near Rotterdam [Netherlands]."

Theo de Groot, a Church member who works in public relations for the auction, gave them a tour of the auction. Afterward they toured Rotterdam harbor, the largest port in the world.

"We had a brief glimpse of the incredible industrial capacity of modern Europe," Mr. Salyer said.

On the Sabbath, March 12, the Salyers met brethren from all of the Dutch-speaking churches, who combined for services in Apeldoorn, Netherlands. About 450 people attended, including visitors from West Germany.

"I was impressed that virtually all of the members were able to converse briefly in English. Holland has the highest percentage of English-speaking citizens of any country in Europe," Mr. Salyer said.

That evening they flew to London for the British ministerial conference March 13 to 15 (see March 28 *WN*).

After the conference the Salyers remained in London, where they discussed plans and decisions for the Church in the United Kingdom until March 18, when they flew to Dublin, Ireland.

They had dinner with Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Dublin and Galway, Ireland, churches, and his wife, Penelope. On the Sabbath the churches in southern Ireland combined for services near Dublin.

An annual dinner and dance took place that evening. "It was a fine opportunity to get to know the brethren and learn about Irish culture," Mr. Salyer said. "They like to have fun and are obviously close knit and

Transfers announced

PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ministerial transfers to take place this summer.

Church pastors and their new areas are Craig Bacheller, New York (Spanish) and Queens, N.Y.; John Bald, Corpus Christi and Harlingen, Tex.; Karl Beyersdorfer, Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan.; Daniel Bierer, Rapid City, S.D., and Chadron, Neb.

Steve Buchanan, Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz.; Melvin Dahlgren, Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich.; Thomas Damour, Champaign and Springfield, Ill.; John Dobritch, Covington, Ky.; Joe Dobson, Kansas City South and Topeka, Kan.; Guy Engelbart, Tacoma and Olympia, Wash.

Robert Flores, Wilmington and Seaford, Del.; Kenneth Giese, Big Sandy; David Gilbert, Waterloo and Mason City, Iowa; Bruce Gore, New Orleans and Raceland, La.; George Hart, Bessemer and Jasper, Ala.; Charles Holladay, Cincinnati, Ohio, West; Roy Holladay, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Randy Holm, Prescott and Flagstaff, Ariz.; Michael Horchak, Clarksburg, W.Va.; James Jenkins, Houston West and Victoria, Tex.; Dennis Johnson, Hartford and New Haven, Conn.; Al Kersha, Lake of the Ozarks and Rolla, Mo.; John Knaack, Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa.

Victor Kubik, Minneapolis North and St. Cloud, Minn.; Ellis La Ravia, Wausau and Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Burk McNair, San Antonio West and Uvalde, Tex.; Carl McNair, Great Falls, Butte and Helena, Mont.; Steven Moody, San Antonio, Tex., East; Walter Neufeld, Albany, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass.

Steve Nutzman, Minneapolis South and Mankato, Minn.; Thomas Oakley, Brooklyn, N.Y., South; Gregory Sargent, Union A.M. and P.M. and Jersey City, N.J.; Steven Schantz, Fort Myers and Sarasota, Fla.; Paul Shumway, Rochester, Minn., and La Crosse, Wis.

Andrew Silcox, Birmingham and Gloucester, England, and Llanelli, Wales; Thomas Smith, Belle Vernon and Washington, Pa.; Kenneth Smylie, Cocoa and Port St. Lucie, Fla.; Norman Strayer, Tyler, Tex.; Kenneth Treybig, Hammond, La., and Picayune, Miss.; Bruce Tyler, Canberra, Australia.

Larry Walker, El Paso, Tex., and Las Cruces, N.M.; Lyle Welty,

Cleveland, Ohio, East and West; Glen White, Vancouver, Wash.; Peter Whitting, Hagerstown and Cumberland, Md., and Front Royal, Va.; Earl Williams, Atlanta, Ga., East and Northeast; Lawrence Woolbridge, Bethlehem A.M. and P.M. and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and Ray Wooten, Birmingham, Ala., A.M. and P.M.

Associate pastors

Associate pastors and their new areas are Randi Bloom, Atlanta, Ga., East and Northeast; Martin Davey, Bethlehem A.M. and P.M. and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; James Duke, Dallas, Tex., West; Benjamin Faulkner, Mobile and Monroeville, Ala., and Biloxi, Miss.

Lloyd Garrett, Baltimore, Md.; William Gordon, Knoxville A.M. and P.M. and Cookeville, Tenn.; Ronald Howe, San Antonio West and Uvalde, Tex.; Allen Olson, Atlanta West and Carrollton, Ga.; Gary Pendergraft, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.; and Donald Wendt, Tacoma and Olympia, Wash.

Other assignments

Ernest Prociw will serve as assistant pastor in Toledo and Findlay, Ohio. David Rothwell will serve as a ministerial trainee in the Cleveland, Ohio, East and West churches.

Michael Kuykendall, 1988 Pasadena Ambassador College student body president, will serve as a ministerial trainee in the Orlando, Fla., A.M. and P.M. churches. Steven Glover will serve as assistant pastor of the Hattiesburg, Laurel and Meridian, Miss., churches.

Robert Collins, associate pastor of the Birmingham, Ala., A.M. and P.M., churches, will be placed on medical leave. Harry Sleder, pastor of the Vancouver, Wash., church, will retire.

Charles Crain, associate pastor of the San Antonio East and West and Uvalde, Tex., churches, will transfer to Pasadena to work for Computer Information Systems, and Ronald Reedy, associate pastor of the Bethlehem A.M. and P.M. and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches, will serve in the Personal Correspondence Department.

Spanish transfers

The Spanish Office announced the following transfers in Mexico.

Salvador Barragan to Chihuahua, Pablo Dimakis to Mexico City, Gilberto Marin to Guadalajara, Alfredo Mercado to Jalpa de Mendez, Felipe Neri to Monterrey and Daniel Vazquez to Tepic.

flavor coming from our "brother" across the sea.

I want to thank you for all your articles but especially for this most recent two-part series on why religious views differ in America and Europe (*Worldwide News*, Jan. 18 and Feb. 1). I read it with special interest. As a result my prayers for a better time slot for the *World Tomorrow* broadcast via Sky Channel in Europe will be in greater number and with more fervency.

How sad that a very real and most fundamental need for all people, one of spiritual hunger, has not been satisfied. What a priceless opportunity and special privilege to be able to offer that spiritual meal not only to Europe but to the world.

Lynné Neer
Helena, Mont.

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Autobiography

I have just finished reading Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's autobiography, volume II, and can't thank you enough for making this book available to us. Coming into God's Church in recent years, we can so easily take for granted the building of this era of His Work.

Mr. Armstrong's autobiography took me through all the stages of pain and anguish, joy and faith, which Mr. Armstrong experienced throughout the years, as God used him to build up the present magnitude of this great Work—and all from such humble beginnings.

Zoe Summers
Leichhardt, Australia

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Healing

In particular, I want to relate to you how the new understanding you've been led to concerning healing has impacted my life. From 1984 until 1987, I had to use crutches to get anywhere. My right foot was diseased as a complication of diabetes.

It hurt all the time, but sometimes much more than others. All of the bones below the ankle were broken or dissolved. The doctors said it would never heal. The worst part of the trial was the restrictions it placed on my participation in church activities.

Then last Passover you wrote a "Personal" in *The Worldwide News* that started me thinking. The end of the matter is that I had that diseased leg amputated and the results have been amazing. I now have a prosthetic leg which allows me 100 percent mobility and permits me to function as a two-legged, jump-in-and-participate member of God's family. Thank you for your insight.

Ron Davis
Katy, Tex.

I just reread the article on healing in *The Worldwide News*. So much has cleared in my mind. I know more will come. What a relief! I've been in a wheelchair for 2½ years now, and I have

learned so much more than I have on my feet.

The main things I have learned are compassion, empathy and concern for God's beloved Church. I got a much better look at myself as I reread about healing. I don't mind being crippled as long as I'm able to enjoy such joy and peace.

Even in this world I'm eagerly [looking] forward to God's Kingdom. I would like to be able to help and serve others on my feet, but find that is not the only way to serve.

Eudele Athey
Springfield, W.Va.

I've been studying the changes about the healing doctrine, and I would like to express my thanks for a very clear explanation. I know that God is truly using your character and giving you understanding to be able to lead His Flock in a more unified way, especially during this end time... I firmly believe that this is God's true Church because we are willing to change.

Josephine G. Rimardo
Long Beach, Calif.

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"European Diary"

Your column ["European Diary"] is always interesting with its international

Efficiency, quality keynote service attitude in Publishing

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"Some see things as they are and ask 'Why?' I see things as they never were and ask 'Why not?'"

This quotation by Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw occupies a prominent position on the desk of Ray Wright, operation manager of the Church's Publishing Services Department.

"I've found this a very productive tool in management," Mr. Wright told *The Worldwide News*. "I encourage the managers here not to be satisfied with what they're doing currently, but to look to the future and how to do the job more effectively, more efficiently."

Mr. Wright considers Publishing a service department. "Our job is to publish the Gospel message by serving the Work's print and promotional needs and managing our resources in the wisest manner possible.

"It's a collective, team effort," he added. "It's no one man sitting in an office in Pasadena."

Publishing is composed of 118 employees (including Ambassador College students) who work in print buying, prepress, multiprint, promotion, circulation and other production areas.

In March Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach named Mr. Wright worldwide circulation manager. He will oversee media tracking—be a media watchdog, of sorts—and formulate a media mix, a package of recommendations incorporating some 13 available media tools such as direct mail or print advertising.

Mr. Wright spoke about reducing *Plain Truth* costs. "Mr. Tkach wants us to take the magazine down to 9 cents a copy. We've taken it from 20-plus cents to 11½ cents, but we're not quite there yet."

Negotiating paper prices, re-vamping distribution techniques and changing from offset printing to gravure printing are responsible for most of the cost cutting.

"We have to seek ways of doing things better, more efficiently, more economically. State-of-the-art electronics offers us such a way." Without such equipment three times as many employees would be needed in some areas, he said.

Mr. Wright related how outside representatives are impressed by how well the four media departments in Pasadena work together.

"But they can't get everybody together. We get it together, because (1) we have God's Holy Spirit binding us together, and (2) we have a government that emanates from headquarters, as it says in I Corinthians: one body, speaking the same thing."

A major concern for Publishing is selecting outside printers. Said Mr. Wright: "We look for a printer who has a clean, neat operation, because a clean shop is an orderly mind. They are better organized."

"We have had very few errors over the years. That's why planning,

coordinating, scheduling and monitoring all through the system is so incredibly important."

Working with printers

Print buying is handled by Roger Lippross, Publishing's production director, who has worked in the publishing field for 28 years.

Mr. Lippross negotiates contracts, selects papers and determines the best way of distributing the magazine through the postal system.

"Last year we saved \$600,000 by coordinating print runs and negoti-



WORLDWIDE MAGAZINE—Roger Lippross, Publishing's production manager, coordinates printing of *The Plain Truth* at seven locations worldwide. [Photo by Warren Watson]

ating with printers," said Mr. Lippross.

The Plain Truth is printed at seven printers worldwide: one each in the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

"We also advise regional directors in the selection of paper and monitor the relative costs in each overseas area to help us make decisions as where to print our overseas publications," he added. "This has saved the work millions of dollars in the past few years."

Each publication has its own requirements, said Mr. Lippross. Some printers have better prices, better delivery or different postal requirements and mailing rates.

There are 53 versions of *The Plain Truth* alone. "You have the member version, newsstand version, subscriber version, renewal version," according to Mr. Lippross. "Multiply that by seven languages, and there's 28 versions right there."

Although some versions may be identical, the printers regard each as separate, because they are bound and mailed differently and have varied promotional cards attached.

A quality assurance group assures the quality of the publications printed worldwide. Dave Bradford, based in Springfield, Mo., is one of four employees working in quality assurance for Publishing.

Three others are based in Pasadena and primarily handle

printers on the West Coast.

A mail monitoring system, "one of the most extensive in the country," said Mr. Wright, incorporates a quality analysis of each issue.

"It's been so successful that outside consultants are recommending it," Mr. Lippross said. "Philip B. Crosby, who wrote the book *Quality Is Free*, is using us as a good example of how a publishers quality control program should be run."

Mr. Lippross is also responsible for the inventory of booklets. Computers maintain correct levels and signal for reprinting when supplies run low.

Mr. Lippross' working philosophy is that printing is part of an overall team effort to get the publication into the hands of the reader.

"That effort is finished when it gets to the mailbox of the reader. And we monitor the process all the way through."

Production management

Ron Taylor manages the prepress areas, including production planning, composing, film assembly and multiprint. In short, all in-house printing.

Factors in whether to print in-house (at multiprint) or at an outside printer are the size of job, time limitations, number of colors and equipment needed.

"We are not in the printing business, but the publishing business," Mr. Taylor said. "It is more flexible and economical for us to buy our bigger printing jobs outside, because of paper availability, enormous equipment costs and [the cost of] maintaining crews."

In-house print jobs primarily serve the Church, Ambassador College and Ambassador Foundation. The jobs include co-worker letters,



PUBLISHING ADMINISTRATION—Directed by Ray Wright (center), managers in the Church's Publishing Department are (from left) Bob Jones, Herb Vierra, Don Patrick, Roger Lippross, Mr. Wright, Ron Taylor, Terry Warren, Boyd Leeson and Ronald Sower. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

some Youth Educational Services (YES) lessons, brochures, bulletins, forms, flyers, manuals, envelopes, reprints, announcement bulletins, student training manuals, Spokesman Club manuals and letterhead stationery.

Mr. Taylor has worked for Publishing for 19½ years—13½ in the United States and six at the formerly Church-owned printing press in Radlett, England.

"At any given time we have about 300 jobs at some stage of production," he said, pointing to 30 pages of jobs in progress. "We make an annual schedule for U.S. publications and tie other jobs into it."

Mr. Taylor said, "There are an incredible number of steps to produce a magazine" (see box, this page).

Circulation, media promotion

As circulation manager of the Church's publications, Boyd Leeson employs media and promotion tools to maintain subscriber lists and newsstand distribution for



SERVICE DEPARTMENT—Publishing director Ray Wright and his secretary, Mary Ann Keesee, are part of a team effort. "There's something exciting going on all the time in the media and Church publications," Mr. Wright said. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Church publications.

Among the media tools at Mr. Leeson's disposal are direct mail, space advertisements and the supermarket, waiting-room, card-holder and subscription brochure programs.

"Each program reaches a different segment of the population," he said.

When targeting a certain promotion, Mr. Leeson meets with Terry Warren, creative director of promotion services, to brainstorm for ideas. "It's a collaborative effort," said Mr. Leeson.

He said the market constantly changes. "What works today may not have worked last year."

Placement, wording and color are important. Red and yellow, action colors, get people involved.

Mr. Leeson relies heavily on computer modeling software called "Lighthouse," which gives him the ability to examine the circulation lists for the Church's publications.

Truth in Reader's Digest.

He began working for the Church in 1967 in advertising. The promotion services area, under Mr. Warren's supervision, has won national and regional awards for direct mail and other promotional work.

International print advertising in 1987 reached an estimated 14 million people and added more than 92,000 *Plain Truth* subscribers in 28 countries.

"Boyd develops strategies and determines the media we'll use, and I determine the device. His is strategic analysis; mine is design."

'Dynamic department'

"Publishing is a dynamic department, and I'm privileged to be here," said Mr. Wright.

"I don't think many people realize how complex our publications are, how many component parts and coordinated efforts go into producing just a single issue of one magazine. It's a massive undertaking, accomplished by God's Spirit."

Media Production Services, coordinated by Bernard W. Schnipfert, "is pulling the four media areas [Editorial, Mail Processing, Media Services and Publishing] together, producing better products more efficiently and cost-effectively.

"We are different personalities from different backgrounds, so when you put all of us together on a subject, you're getting different points of view, and each one of those adds a dimension that perhaps another hadn't considered," he said. "So the collective material coming out of our areas has to be stronger."

"The quality of the message will even be better, because we have collaborative input. We have a group standing together, backing each other up, working together, sharing with one another. That's unifying!"



PRESSMAN—Harvey Friddle, an Ambassador College senior, operates a sheetfed offset press in Publishing. [Photo by Warren Watson]

From Print Request to Printer

When a print order comes into Publishing, it is routed in the following manner:

- Customer meets with artist
- Job is scheduled
- Promotional graphics does design
- Layout and copy are sent to typesetting, color photos to separator
- Proof is made from separated film for color guidance
- Typeset text is proofread
- Final pasteup is shot by camera onto film
- Film is combined with separation film of pictures
- Pictures are positioned according to layout
- Bluelines and color keys are checked
- Final film is packaged and sent to printer

The Plain Truth About Healing

Chapter six Medical science and the Bible

Should a Christian use the services of medical doctors? Does the Bible forbid the use of medicines?

Even more importantly, if God has allowed a sick person to remain ill and if it is not God's will to heal him at this time, would it be wrong for a person to seek medical aid? Would not seeking such aid be interfering with God's will?

These are important questions because the answers have serious implications—implications of suffering or relief, life or death. They are also questions that may not even occur to most people, and may seem superfluous to some. But the questions would and do occur to sincere persons who, perhaps unbeknown to themselves, are laboring under certain false impressions about divine healing and the Bible position on it.

What the Bible says about doctors and medicine

Since the Bible is the basis for a true Christian's faith, we should seek the basis of our answers there. When we do look into the Bible, we find this: *God has nowhere in His Word specifically commanded Christians to avoid doctors or checkups, nor to refuse medicines, blood transfusions, inoculations or surgery.*

Certain verses that are misunderstood by some as dictating against medical aid will be reviewed shortly. But many other scriptures either show God's neutrality toward medicine, or even lean toward the use of medicines as appropriate.

Genesis 17:10-14, for example, commands the procedure of circumcision to Abraham. Clearly, God ordained this minor operation, so there is obviously nothing sacrosanct about human skin nor inherently defiling about cutting into the flesh for medically related purposes.

Physicians are called Joseph's "servants" in Genesis 50:2. And the word for physicians here is the same word used for God as healer in Exodus 15:26.

Proverbs 17:22 states, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." This verse certainly does not cast medicines in a negative light. To the contrary, the metaphor is clearly a positive one.

In Isaiah 38:21 we find the prophet Isaiah (upon God's directive) prescribing a poultice for Hezekiah's boil. While the healing may have been supernatural, with the poultice only symbolic, clearly such a self-help procedure was not considered wrong. If the healing was not supernatural but the result of the poultice, then we actually find God prescribing a helpful medicinal technique that worked! If the healing was supernatural, here is strong proof that one may be healed by God even though he or she uses a self-help procedure as well!

In Jeremiah 8:22 the statement about Gilead approves of physicians, albeit metaphorically. Jeremiah 30:13 equates the lack of medicine with a consequent lack of healing, and Jeremiah 51:8 says medicine is the way for Babylon to be healed. Although all these examples are metaphors, one can hardly conclude that God is against physicians or medicines by such neutral (or perhaps even positive) usage.

Ezekiel 30:21 speaks of Pharaoh's arm being broken and not being healed because it was not bound up. This is clearly metaphorical language, but it logically follows—without the slightest contrary indication of it being wrong—that Pharaoh's arm might

have been "healed" had it been bound.

One final verse from the Old Testament is especially telling. Ezekiel 47:12 shows healing medicine will be made from the leaves of trees that are nourished by waters from the new Temple. Revelation 22:2 echoes a similar scenario.

In the New Testament Jesus Christ said, "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick" (Luke 5:31). See also Mark 2:17 and Matthew 9:12. Further, in Luke 4:23 Jesus quotes the proverb, "Physician, heal thyself," and applied it to Himself. In neither case does Christ give so much as a hint at denigration toward physicians.

Colossians 4:14 refers to Luke as the "beloved physician," showing that Luke was a physician and was well thought of. The Bible nowhere states that Luke stopped using all his skills after conversion, and it would not be proper to conclude that he did merely from the Bible's silence on the subject.

Although our survey has been brief, taken as a whole, no one can

medical aid of that day (which He didn't in this section of Scripture), His condemnation would not apply unqualified to our day, since the medicine of that day and our day are so dissimilar. They share little in common but the names. This section of Scripture simply cannot be used to prove a Christian should not seek medical care.

In summary, the Bible does indeed often condemn ancient practitioners who relied on pagan gods, amulets, incantations or magic. But it simply does not at all condemn one for seeking practical and scientific help with his illness if he first has his *trust* resting squarely upon God.

But the supposed proofs against the use of medicines or doctors propounded by some people do not all rest upon misused specific scriptures. Rather, the reasons of many people rest upon arguments that seem logical to them, but which inevitably rest upon fallacies.

Illogical arguments

The first such argument says that to use doctors is a sin because doing

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conclude from these verses that the Bible in any way condemns doctors or medicines. On what grounds, then, do some conclude that medicines and doctors are wrong? The answer is that this misconception arises both from (1) misunderstanding certain verses that at first reading can appear to urge against the medical profession but that in reality do no such thing, and (2) faulty conclusions of reasoning even apart from specific verses.

Misunderstood verses

The verses cited most often in supposed proof against the use of physicians or medicines are II Kings 1:1-4 and II Chronicles 16:12-13.

II Kings 1:1-4 cites the example of King Ahaziah of Israel, who was sick and sent to Baalzebub the god of Ekron to see if he was to recover from the disease. God's response through His prophet Elijah in verse 3 was, "Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?"

These verses in no way dictate against physicians nor medicines. The context makes plain Ahaziah's fault was in *inquiring of another god*—Baalzebub, the patron deity of medicine—to inquire about the future. Medical care is not mentioned at all. Ahaziah was condemned for *idolatry*.

II Chronicles 16:12-13 is the other oft-quoted section of Scripture used by some to conclude that the use of medicine and doctors is wrong. Here recorded is the story of Asa, who was diseased in his feet and "in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians" (verse 12).

It is plain here that Asa's error was in seeking the physicians *instead* of seeking God. Certainly, no Christian should ever seek men *instead* of God, nor trust in the medical profession *as if it were* a god. Jeremiah 17:5 states, "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord."

Much of medical practice in that day was not the strictly disciplined science we have now. Even if God had specifically condemned the

so denies the sacrifice of Christ, who was beaten and carried upon Himself our sicknesses. This argument is founded upon the misconception that sickness is the result of "physical sin" and the belief that healing is the forgiveness of such "physical sin" through Christ's beating. Both of these misconceptions were disproved in detail in the first chapter.

We saw that illness is *not* due to so-called "physical sin," and that healing is simply the answer to prayer. We also saw that supernatural healing is an answer to prayer not linked to Christ's sacrifice in any way different from any other answered prayer. When we see this, we can see that seeking physical help in sickness is no different than seeking financial help when you lose your job. Neither act impinges on the sacrifice of Christ.

Another contention put forth by some who believe that use of doctors

is wrong is the statement quoted at the beginning of this chapter. They say that if it is God's will not to heal us, then we shouldn't contravene His will by trying to heal ourselves with medicines.

But this reasoning is *wrong!* It confuses two different subjects—namely, God's will in not supernaturally healing us, and God's will about us being sick. It assumes that if it is God's will *not* to heal us supernaturally, it must also be God's will that we stay sick and *not* use medicines. On what ground is this assumption made? Certainly not upon biblical ground. The Bible does not say God wants us to stay sick. And we have already shown the Bible does not say we should not help ourselves with medicines or doctors.

Is it common sense to believe that just because God decides not to supernaturally intervene, He also desires you to suffer pain? Is it common sense to believe that God wants you to stay sick? Is it common sense to believe that just because God does not decide to supernaturally intervene, He doesn't intend your body naturally to get better, or that He is therefore down on doctors and medicines and doesn't want you to use them? No, that is not common sense.

Common sense actually dictates otherwise—namely, that God would want you to learn how to handle the trial of illness *as wisely as any other kind of trial*. It dictates that He would want to see how much judgment and wisdom you use in taking advantage of all lawful means at your disposal to help yourself, while trusting ultimately in Him. This is the purpose of any trial—to learn lessons and wisdom as you help yourself all you can while trusting in Him.

Nor can a person conclude that just because God hasn't healed one of a life-threatening illness that God wants this person to die. The presumption is the opposite—namely, that God has given you life and that it is your solemn duty to safeguard that life by whatever *reasonable and wise* course is open to you that does not contravene His law.

Obviously, there is a time to die, and there is a time when more medical treatment merely prolongs agony. Everyone must make his own decision about such things in a spirit of prayer and meditation. *But because you MAY die if you do nothing does NOT mean God wants you to do nothing.* He may want you to

learn to take some responsibility for yourself, learn to manage the trial of illness with all lawful means and live for many years in service to Him and in good health!

Further, to teach you lessons, it is possible that God will intervene to heal you, but that He will intervene slowly—perhaps even through various circumstances He leads you into—rather than supernaturally and all at once. Some of these circumstances during which He intervenes could include even medical procedures. Certainly God is in no way stopped from intervening any way He sees fit, even while one is in a hospital bed or during surgery. His hands are not tied!

This does not mean He cannot heal immediately, only that He alone can choose the time and type of His intervention. But for you to refuse medical aid since God did not heal you immediately is to eliminate one of the avenues through which God might help you—to say in effect, "Heal me my way or not at all." On what logical grounds would you do that?

God doesn't want you to be sick

Just because God doesn't heal you doesn't mean He *wants* you to be sick. He may have allowed the illness, but He probably didn't cause it (although in some rare cases He may have). *You* may have caused it—although perhaps in ways you don't realize. But no matter what caused it, He may want you to get well, although He may want you to learn how to deal in wisdom with the self-help measures at hand so you learn wisdom and judgment.

In most cases God uses illness as He uses any trial humans face in life. He uses it to test and try our faith *and* our wisdom in seeking solutions. To become sick and then refuse to do anything about it because it might not be God's will to supernaturally heal you—that is, to freeze in your tracks and do nothing—is as wise as refusing to look for a job when you are out of work and God doesn't supernaturally send someone to your door with money! It just makes no logical sense.

Again, not to seek medical aid because God hasn't healed you is to conclude that because He hasn't chosen to intervene supernaturally, He wants you to stay sick or wants you not to help yourself by medicines or any other way. *The* (See HEALING, page 7)

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

BAPTISM

What baptism pictures

- Those who have been baptized have been baptized into Christ's death (Rom. 6:3).
- We were buried with Christ through baptism (Rom. 6:4, Col. 2:12).
- The old man is crucified with Christ (Rom. 6:6-7, Gal. 2:20).
- We are raised with Christ to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4-5, Col. 2:12).

Commanded for salvation

- Told to the apostles (Matt. 28:19).
- Commanded to the people (Acts 2:38, 10:48).
- Jesus' example (Matt. 3:13-15, John 3:22, 4:1-2, I John 2:6).
- Example of the early Church (Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:41, 8:5-12, 36-38, 9:17-18, 10:48, 16:33, 18:8, 22:16).

Count the cost

- Seek God's Kingdom first (Matt. 6:33).
- Be willing to lose life (Luke 9:24).
- Love family and self less than Christ (Luke 14:26-27).
- Count the cost (Luke 14:28-33).
- Forsake all (Luke 14:33).

- Be a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1).
- Be willing to suffer persecution (John 15:20, 16:2, 33, Acts 14:22, II Tim. 3:12).
- Be aware that Christianity can be difficult (Matt. 7:14, Luke 9:23, 13:24, Phil. 2:12).

Requirements

- Repentance (Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3, Acts 2:38, 13:24).
- Belief (Mark 16:16, Acts 8:12, 36-38, 10:43, 48, 16:31-33, 18:8).
- Repentance and belief (Acts 19:3-4).

Purpose

- To symbolically wash away sins (Luke 3:2-3, Acts 2:38, 22:16).
- To be given God's Spirit (Acts 2:38, 19:1-6).

A lifetime commitment

- Those who endure to the end will be saved (Matt. 24:13).
- No one who looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God (Luke 9:62).
- If people fall away after receiving God's Spirit, they will not repent (Heb. 6:4-6).
- If they know Christ but return to the world, their end is worse than the beginning (II Peter 2:20).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALLEN, Richard and Dee Dee (Wells), of Hazard, Ky., girl, Cherie Netania, Feb. 22, 1:25 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

ANDRUCHOW, Clark Patrick and Pamela (Wolsey), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Joseph Armond Brahm, Feb. 4, 6:14 a.m., 7 pounds, now 4 boys.

BEHREND, Steven and Joan (Gassman), of Pompano Beach, Fla., girl, Emily Ann Ardis, March 14, 1:30 p.m., 11 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BRANN, James Jr. and Wendy (Brosky), of Miami, Fla., boy, Jonathan Edmond, Feb. 19, 9:15 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

BRINCKMAN, Thad and Ella (Cox), of Michigan City, Ind., girl, Amanda Ruth, March 14, 1:49 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

CHERNEY, James R. III and Karen (Walters), of Jacksonville, Fla., girl, Amy Sonja, March 18, 4:53 p.m., 4 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

CYMAN, Theodore and Dawn (Tracey), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Stacey Ann, Feb. 9, 1:49 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 girls.

FULLEM, Lynn and Tina (Ortmann), of Belle Vernon, Pa., boy, Zachary Allen, Jan. 4, 11:23 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

HANOPIOL, Francisco and Wendy (Horton), of Montreal, Que., boy, Jesse, March 11, 10:44 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

HENDERSON, Don and Lory (Cura), of Invergardon, Scotland, girl, Nadia, March 5, 9:45 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

HOBSON, Jim and Annie (Jacobsen), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Spring Serenade, March 27, 11 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

JOHNSON, Mark and Susan (Jalas), of West Bend, Wis., boy, Benjamin David, March 17, 9:07 a.m., 10 pounds, first child.

JONES, Bobby and Yolande (Chango), of Pasadena, boy, Aaron David, Feb. 1, 2:49 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

KLEIN-BOONSCHE, Tony and Jenny (Harris), of Wodonga, Australia, boy, Brendan Anthony Robert, Nov. 17, 1987, 12:12 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MCDOWELL, Brian and Debbie (Volker), of Grand Island, Neb., girl, Amanda Christine, Feb. 27, 5:32 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MCNIEL, Jerry and Caroline (Crow), of Brownfield, Tex., girl, Elaine Danielle, Jan. 7, 11:03 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

MILLER, Tyrone and Sharon (Thomas), of Lafayette, La., girl, Sarah Abigail, Feb. 12, 7:12 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 boys, 6 girls.

MONTGOMERY, Gary and Carol (Elmore), of Kamuela, Hawaii, girl, Sarah Kelalani, Dec. 13, 1987, 1:15 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MURDOCK, Charles and Ramona (Binford), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Elliott Joseph, March 14, 8:18 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

OBBERMEIT, Klaus and Eva (Eisermann), of Sarasota, Fla., girl, Shana Marie, March 22, 11:57 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PATE, Lynn and Michelle (Novak), of Reseda, Calif., boy, Eric Samuel, March 30, 9:32 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

PRICE, David and Tilda (Hall), of Charleston, S.C., boy, Seth Rivers, April 2, 8:21 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

RAY, Curtis and Gwen (Sparks), of Waco, Tex., girl, Crystal Gwen, March 25, 7:30 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

RUDER, Terry and Tammy (Troughton), of Olathe, Kan., boy, Richard Edmund, Feb. 11, 4:40 a.m., 8 pounds 12 1/4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SHERIDAN, David A. and Cathy (Loyle), of Prince Albert, Sask., girl, Karen Geraldine, March 24, 3:50 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

TAILLIER, John and Lorraine (Jardine), of Perth, Australia, girl, Aimee Rachelle, March 3, 3:47 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TARKINGTON, Beau and Anita (Wilson), of Sparta, Ill., boy, Friedric Kristen, March 31, 12:32 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

TAYLOR, Ronald and Veronica (Martin), of Pasadena, girl, Kathleen Hall, March 19, 6:48 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

TORRANCE, David and Kathleen (Richter), of Baton Rouge, La., girl, Anna Jo-Lynn, Jan. 14, 6:08 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

VALEKIS, Jim and Becky (Cermak), of Birmingham, Ala., girl, Ashley Rebecca, March 7, 9:40 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

WALTERS, Brent and Cheryl (Edmondson), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, Ryan Sean, March 17, 4 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WOOD, Harold and Lisa (Burnham), of Denver, Colo., girl, Savannah Leigh, Feb. 22, 4:23 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WORDEN, John and Della, of Big Sandy, girl, Sarah Emily, Feb. 20, 3:18 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Arnold and Barbara Bearman have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Maria to Peter Cicero of Brisbane, Australia. A Sept. 18 wedding is planned.

Roger Herbert of Johannesburg, South Africa, has pleasure in announcing the engagement of his eldest daughter, Robyn, to Lee Page of San Bernardino, Calif. A July 3

wedding in Johannesburg is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. MARK T. MULLINS
Melissa Bloomer, daughter of Charles and Laura Bloomer of Rogersville, Tenn., and Mark T. Mullins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Mullins of Abingdon, Va., were united in marriage Sept. 5, 1987, in Kingsport, Tenn. The ceremony was performed by Randall Kobert, pastor of the Pound, Va., and Kingsport churches. Rita Johnson was maid of honor, and Robbie Harper was best man. The couple reside in Kingsport.



MR. AND MRS. HUBERT KRAUSE
Hubert Krause and Artemis Filis were united in marriage Jan. 24 in Melbourne, Australia. The ceremony was performed by Gavin Cullen, pastor of the Melbourne North and West churches. Peter Mackay was best man, and Tine Oldfield was maid of honor. The couple reside in Melbourne.



MR. AND MRS. JOE SALVIA
Connie Wright and Joe Salvia were united in marriage Nov. 22, 1987. The ceremony was performed by James Rosenthal, pastor of the Brick and Trenton, N.J., churches. Kim Lastichen was maid of honor, and Michael Salvia, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Brick.



MR. AND MRS. MICHEL OUELLET
Michel John Ouellet and Claire Landry were united in marriage Nov. 8, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Daniel Samson, pastor of the Edmunston and Bathurst, N.B., churches. The couple reside in Montreal, Que.



MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY NEWBY JR.
Kim Denise Means and Johnny Lowe Newby Jr. were united in marriage Nov. 21, 1987, in Van Buren, Ark. The ceremony was performed by Charles Zimmerman, pastor of the Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Ark., churches.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL PALLADINO
Paul K. Palladino and Donna Schaefer were united in marriage June 14, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Earl Williams, pastor of the New York (Spanish), Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y., churches. Kathy McCormack, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Holbrook, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT FULLER
Judy Marguita Roach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Chase of Barbados, and Robert Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fuller Sr. of St. Matthews, S.C., were united in marriage Sept. 27, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Victor Simpson, pastor of the Bridgetown, Barbados; Kingstown, St. Vincent; and Castries, St. Lucia, churches. The couple reside in Columbia, S.C.



MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN GORE
Stephen Robert Gore of Montreal, Que., and Victoria Rae Murney of Minneapolis, Minn., were united in marriage Jan. 10 in Pasadena. Arthur Suckling, financial aids officer for Pasadena Ambassador College, performed the ceremony. Cathy Norrod and Diane Seelhof were the bride's attendants; Richard Gore and Todd Gjesvold were the groom's attendants. The couple, graduates, reside in Regina, Sask.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD GARDNER
Liette Pellerin and Ronald R.D. Gardner were united in marriage Dec. 6, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Johnson, pastor of the Ottawa, Ont., church. Kevin Armstrong, a ministerial trainee in Ottawa, provided translation. The Gardners reside in Ottawa.



MR. AND MRS. KWOK CHEE SENG
Kwok Chee Seng and Elsie Teo, Church members who live in Singapore, were united in marriage March 27. Sun Chon Vee was best man, and Anna Teo, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Kuala Lumpur and Johore Bahru, Malaysia, churches.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT CRUMP
Robert Crump and Lauryl Banfield were united in marriage June 14, 1987. The ceremony was performed by John Croucher, associate pastor of the Napier, New Plymouth and Palmerston North, New Zealand, churches. Avril Hooper was maid of honor, and David Schutz was best man. The couple reside in Wellington, New Zealand.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM FERRIER
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dax of Sheboygan, Wis., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kelli Marie to William Daniel Ferrier, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ferrier of Prescott, Ariz. The ceremony was performed Oct. 4, 1987, by David Morgan, a minister in the Milwaukee, Wis., church. Christine Dax was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Escondido, Calif.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. BERLE OLSON
Berle and Helen Olson of Duluth, Minn., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 5. The Olsons were honored by the Duluth church with a reception and gift after Sabbath services Feb. 6. The couple have one daughter, three grandsons and one great-grandson. The Olsons were baptized together in 1963.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD LAMM
Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Lamm, members who attend the Belle Vernon, Pa., church, were honored with a surprise presentation Jan. 23 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Lamm received roses, and cake and punch were served after Sabbath services. The Lamms have been Church members since 1967. They have four children, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. LUPITA AYALA
Angel and Lupita Ayala celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 7. The couple immigrated from Mexico in 1966. Mr. Ayala was baptized in 1964, and Mrs. Ayala was baptized in 1977.

OBITUARIES

FORD, Gareld F., 81, of Spokane, Wash., died Feb. 26. He was baptized in 1977. Mr. Ford is survived by his stepmother, Madge Ford; three sisters; and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by David Treby, pastor of the Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Spokane churches.

WOLFE, Francis A., 76, of Pasadena died Feb. 9. She has been a Church member since 1971, and she worked in the Church's Accounting Department until she had a stroke in 1979. Mrs. Wolfe is survived by three daughters, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Robin Webber, pastor of the Pasadena Imperial P.M. church.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Sarah Wright, daughter of John and Joan Wright of Fort Worth, Tex.

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FEATHERSTONE, Melvin, 61, of Altadena, Calif., died Jan. 7 after a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1960 and served as a deacon. Mr. Featherstone is survived by his wife, Flora; a daughter and son-in-law, Princess and Philip Robinson; three granddaughters; one grandson; one great-granddaughter; one brother, Telemaque Whitehead; two sisters, Sarah Poston and Ruby Jean Reeves; a brother-in-law, James Reeves; and a niece, Fradia Scott, all of whom are Church members. Graveside services were conducted by Curtis May, associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

FRITZ, Donna P., 78, of Princeville, Ill., died in an automobile accident March 3. She has been a Church member since 1963. Mrs. Fritz is survived by a daughter and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Daniel Herridge, a minister in the Peoria, Ill., church.

GRIFFEE, Beulah, 60, of Cadillac, Mich., died Feb. 29. She has been a Church member since 1966. Mrs. Griffie is survived by her husband, Paul, four children and three sisters, all of whom are Church members, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Garvin Greene, pastor of the Cadillac and Midland, Mich., churches.

OLSEN, Louis, 83, of Moosomin, Sask., died Feb. 20 after a long illness. He and his wife, Joyce, who survives him, were baptized together 27 years ago. Jonathan Buck, pastor of the Moosomin church, conducted funeral services.

ZIMMERMAN, Dave, 80, of Walnut Ridge, Ark., died Feb. 6. He has been a Church member since 1969. Mr. Zimmerman is survived by two brothers and three sisters. One brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gaiher Zimmerman, are Church members, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Clyde Kilough, pastor of the Jonesboro, Ark., and Poplar Bluff, Mo., churches.



PAUL KLEM
KLEM, Paul, 87, of Windsor, Ont., died March 6 after a stroke. He has been a Church member since 1972. Mr. Klem is survived by a son, Nestor, and his wife, Pat; three daughters and their husbands, Ollie and Mary Parks, Sally and Don Dupuis, and Mary and Darwin Brandt; grandchildren, Kevin and Donna Parks, Evelyn and Dan McBride, Debbie and Walter Dickenson and Krystal and Bradley Brandt; and great-grandchildren Jessica Parks, Tamiema and Daniel McBride and Wait and Luke Dickenson; all of whom attend Church services. Mr. Klem is also survived by three other sons, Maurice, Tony and Bill, and their families; and a grandson, Darren Dupuis. Mr. Klem's wife, Mary, and granddaughter, Darlene Parks, preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted by George Lee, pastor of the Windsor church.

DUNN, Leroy, 39, of Ellington, Mo., was killed Dec. 11, 1987. He has been a Church member since 1981. Mr. Dunn is survived by his wife, Debbie, also a Church member; three daughters, Tammy, Julie and Amy; one son, Michael; his parents; four brothers; and one sister. Funeral services were conducted by Clyde Kilough, pastor of the Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Jonesboro, Ark., churches.

GORSUCH, John Wesley, 76, of Glendora, Calif., died Feb. 9 after a long illness. He has been a Church member since 1970. Mr. Gorsuch is survived by his wife, Adelaide, two sons, one daughter and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Dennis Wheatcroft, pastor of the Glendora church.

KEDEY, George, 83, of Hammond River, N.B., died March 17. He has been a Church member since 1971. Mr. Kadey is survived by his niece, Marcia Macaulay, a Church member, and her children, Vanessa and Roby; a sister, Margarat McPhee; and other relatives. Gary Moore, pastor of the Fredericton and Saint John, N.B., churches, conducted the funeral service.



REBA LOVELADY
LOVELADY, Reba Joyce, 52, of Amarillo, Tex., died of cancer Jan. 23. She has been a Church member since 1960. Mrs. Lovelady is survived by her husband, Bobby, two children and two grandchildren. Rick Beam, pastor of the Amarillo church, conducted funeral services.

MARTIN, Jeanne A., 65, of Stroud, Ont., died Jan. 1 after a long bout with cancer. She has been a Church member since 1966 and was ordained a deaconess in 1979. Mrs. Martin is survived by her husband, C.D. "Bus"; two sons, John and Steven; and three daughters, Patricia, Karen and Theresa; all of whom are Church members. Mrs. Martin is also survived by 10 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Francis Ricchi, pastor of the Barrie, Ont., church.

KRUSE, Tom, 40, of Cleveland, Ohio, died March 25 after a work-related accident. He has been a Church member for 19 years. Mr. Kruse is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons, Philip, 18, and Timothy, 16; a daughter, Pamela, 13; his mother; and three brothers. Funeral services were conducted by Greg Johnson, associate pastor of the Cleveland East and West churches.

DAVIS, Martha "Jo," 68, of Wichita, Kan., died March 1. She has been a Church member since 1964. Mrs. Davis is survived by her husband, Cecil; a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lenhart; and a granddaughter, Joellen; all of whom attend Church services. She is also survived by two sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Stanley McNeil, pastor of the Wichita church.

TORREY, George, 73, of Wichita, Kan., died March 19. He has been a Church member since 1982. Mr. Torrey is survived by his wife, Naomi; children, Barry Sowder, Micha Elliott and Jack Sowder, all Church members; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Stanley McNeil, pastor of the Wichita church.

HOOK, Jerry, 42, of Wichita, Kan., died March 20 after suffering from leukemia for a year. He was baptized in 1976. Mr. Hook is survived by his wife, Connie; a daughter, Amanda; two sons, Wayne and James; four brothers; and one sister. Stanley McNeil, pastor of the Wichita church, conducted funeral services.



FRANCIS HOUGHTALING
HOUGHTALING, Francis Spencer, 80, of St. Louis, Mo., died March 29 after a six-month battle with cancer of the colon. He has been a Church member since 1970. Mr. Houghtaling is survived by his wife, Mary Katharine Read; six children and 11 grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted by George Meeker, pastor of the St. Louis North and Wentzville, Mo., churches.

MARTIN, Ernest, 80, of Abbeyleix, Ireland, died March 19 after years of suffering with respiratory difficulties. He was baptized in 1970, but was unable to attend Church services for the last three years. Mr. Martin is survived by his wife, Betty, also a Church member; a daughter, Joy; a son, Ian; and two grandchildren, Stephan and Alvina. Funeral services were conducted by Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Dublin and Galway, Ireland, churches.

Ordained

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His first order of business as a minister was to raise up two small churches in Amarillo and Odessa, Tex. Dr. Albert pastored those churches for about three years. "Raising up a church is a beautiful experience. I learned a lot from those experiences in West Texas."

He later pastored the Cincinnati, Ohio, church before returning to Ambassador College in 1968 to teach theology and speech and serve as assistant to the dean of students. In 1971 he was raised to the rank of pastor.

In 1974 at "a time when Ambassador faculty members were encouraged to pursue graduate degrees, I was interested in and encouraged to pursue a degree in counseling," Dr. Albert said.

While working toward his master's degree at the University of Oregon, he pastored the church in Eugene for three years. Then he had a full sabbatical for one year while he finished his doctorate.

In 1978 Dr. Albert came back to Ambassador College to serve as director of career counseling and to teach pastoral and marital counseling at the graduate level to ministers in Pasadena on the sabbatical program until that program was discontinued.

Late in 1985 he did audition tapes for the *World Tomorrow* telecast. "I was informed that I would actually do the telecast on the day of Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong's funeral."

Although the telecast has dominated his attention for the past 2½ years, Dr. Albert still teaches psychology and two advanced homiletics labs.

Dr. Albert has four daughters from his first marriage. They are Brigitte Kurr, Molly, Jennifer and Melissa. Brigitte is married to Michael Kurr and lives in Oklahoma. Molly is a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College. Jennifer is a freshman at Big Sandy Ambassador College, and Melissa lives in Oregon. Dr. Albert also has two grandsons.

In 1980 Dr. Albert married Simone Johnson. "She has been very helpful with the girls and has made a lot of significant contributions to my career with her support and her knowledge about things like nutrition. She keeps and makes a very livable home and provides an incredible base of support."

"I don't feel that this [referring to his ordination] would have ever happened without her help. There is no question that she is half of my ministry."

Gregory Albrecht

"I think I've been able to have a rich background of experiences in the Church that has enabled me to help other people," said Gregory Albrecht, 40.

Mr. Albrecht was born in Herington, Kan., June 8, 1947. About 15 months after he was born, his father was killed in a work-related accident. He and his mother lived with relatives until he was about 7, when they moved to Longview, Tex. His mother began dating Lewis

Greenwood (now a deacon in the Pasadena Imperial P.M. church), who listened to the *World Tomorrow* broadcast. They married, began attending services and were later baptized.

His family moved to Pasadena in 1956, and Mr. Albrecht, his sister and brother attended Imperial Schools.

After high school graduation in



GREGORY & KAREN ALBRECHT

1965, Mr. Albrecht attended Ambassador College. After two years he transferred to the Bricket Wood, England, campus, where he met his future wife, Karen Krueger. They were married graduation weekend, June 15, 1969.

He was asked to be a ministerial trainee in England shortly before graduation, and later pastored several churches there.

"After being ordained, there were two things that I really wanted to do, though I never voiced them to

anyone but my wife," Mr. Albrecht said. "One was to teach freshman Bible at Ambassador College, and the other was to be dean of students. In the years to come, I was able to do both."

Mr. Albrecht was ordained a local elder June 9, 1973, and returned to Pasadena to teach theology classes at Ambassador College in 1974. In 1978 Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong asked him to serve as dean of students.

He was ordained a preaching elder in May, 1977, and a pastor Sept. 16, 1980.

Mr. Albrecht enjoys working with young people because there is "never a dull moment. I like to hope it keeps me young."

The most rewarding part of his responsibility is "seeing people change their lives, grow and yield themselves to God," he said.

Mr. Albrecht said he loves to learn, and his family counts itself blessed to be in the college atmosphere. He and his wife have two children, Karen Cherie, 18, who will be a freshman at Ambassador this fall, and Scott Ryan, 16.

Mr. Albrecht said his wife is an enormous blessing. "She is a talented and energetic person in her own right, and has made many contributions to my life and ministry."

He added, "I could not have done any part of my ministry without the support of my family."

Donald Ward

"Any time a person is ordained to a higher spiritual office," Dr. Ward said, "he feels a sense of added responsibility of upholding that office before God, God's apostle, Mr. Tkach, and the Church."

Dr. Ward, 50, who was named vice chancellor of Ambassador College in November, administers all aspects of the two campuses of Ambassador College, including the curriculum, admissions, facilities and the budget.

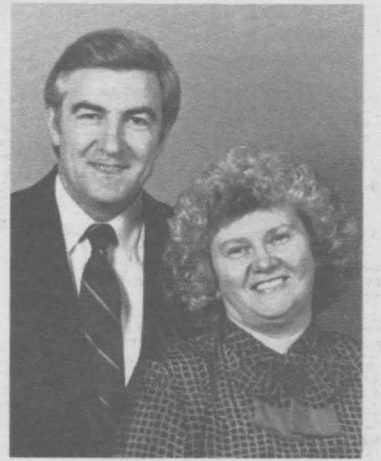
"One of my favorite sayings is that we learn method and not content. I want the students to learn how to learn for the rest of their lives and to develop the kind of inner substance that is reflective of Christ and the way of life He taught."

"My three Cs of leadership are conviction, commitment and courage," he said.

Since coming to Pasadena Dr. Ward has formalized a work-training program for students. Upon completion of the program students will receive a certificate of compe-

tency in that field that they will be able to show to potential employers.

Dr. Ward began his Ambassador career in 1969 when at age 31 he enrolled at the Big Sandy campus as a student. He became a faculty mem-



DONALD & WANDA WARD

ber the next year. In 1973 he was named associate dean of faculty and in 1976 academic dean.

After the Big Sandy campus closed in May, 1977, Dr. Ward was ordained a preaching elder and pastored the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches. He was raised in rank to pastor in 1981.

When the campus reopened in 1981 Dr. Ward was again named academic dean, a post he held until he was named vice chancellor.

Dr. Ward earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education with a minor in social science from Delta State in Cleveland, Miss., in 1961; a master of science degree in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg in 1968; a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Big Sandy in 1972; and a doctorate in education from East Texas State University in Commerce in 1973.

Dr. Ward married the former Wanda Bynum in 1956. They have two daughters, Sherrie, 29, wife of Paul Jarboe, an assistant to James Peoples in Computer Information Systems and Purchasing, and Donna Neller, 24, wife of Jeff Neller.

"My wife is my greatest source of human inspiration and encouragement. She is very perceptive and able to lend her wisdom to me in all areas of life."

They have three grandchildren: Rachel Jarboe, 6, Emily Jarboe, 3, and Lindsey Neller, 4. All the Wards' children and grandchildren attend services in Pasadena.

Healing

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Bible nowhere states or implies this. This reasoning is greatly flawed.

Trusting in man?

Another fallacious argument against doctors is the belief that one who uses them is trusting in man instead of God. This, of course, can be true. It is possible to have no faith in God and almost superstitious faith in man's scientific knowledge. A person can trust man *instead* of God (not just in healing, however, but in any area of life). This *can* be true, but need not be true.

One who seeks medical aid does not by definition trust man instead of God. It is simply a matter of one's internal attitude. We should always trust ultimately in God even though we seek man's help. True faith in God and using self-help are not mutually exclusive. We can use doctors' help without treating them like gods and placing faith wrongly in them.

Some who think use of doctors is wrong say that using a physician is "throwing faith out the window." This statement assumes that faith in God and use of a doctor are opposites. In this sense the statement is merely another way of saying that if you have limited confidence in science, you don't have faith in God (the previously dispelled argument).

Faith in God is a matter of the heart, between a person and God, and is not interrupted by seeing a doctor. If a person thinks his faith is hurt by seeing a doctor, then that person simply has confused some other attitude of mind with faith. He has misread his faith but he has not weakened it.

One who says this doesn't understand what faith is, nor how faith relates to healing. One who knows that faith is trust in God to do what is best simply cannot make this statement. A person with real faith never throws it away. If it can be thrown away it is not faith.

Another argument against doctors is that the medical profession is one of this world's humanly devised sciences made by a civilization cut off from God. This is true, but it is

also true of virtually every other aspect of man's civilization—including the automobile, airplane, computer and artificial football turf! The fact that man has done something without God does not in itself condemn it. The Bible must be our guide for what is sin and what is not. The Bible simply does not label doctors, medicines and operations as sin.

Two final arguments

Two more arguments are often offered as proof that a Christian should not ever use the medical profession. The first is that medical science attempts to stop basic health laws from exacting their penalty. This argument loses most of its apparent force once we remember that breaking a basic health law is not a sin. Since it is not a sin, applying the term *penalty* to sickness is not really appropriate in a spiritual sense. The ultimate spiritual penalty for sin is the second death.

Further, no one can stop any law of God—even a natural law—from working. If you drop a glass, it falls and it may break. You can glue it together again and it may hold water, but it is not a new glass. In like manner, medical procedures simply use one set of natural laws to control other natural laws.

The final argument against the medical profession is that medicines are wrong since they deal with effects instead of causes. This is often, but not invariably, true. But the reason medical science usually deals with effects and not causes is that the causes are often not plain, and even if they are plain, they are often not controllable by the doctor (they may or may not be controllable by the patient). It makes no sense to blame the doctor for what he doesn't know or can't control.

And though it can be argued that the medical profession should look harder for causes, that doesn't mean we shouldn't treat the effect. It is good to help alleviate suffering, that is, to help alleviate effects. It is ludicrous to ignore the suffering of effects just because they are effects. Both the causes and the effects should be dealt with. Finding a cause can help a future patient, but it may do nothing for the one suffering now. Treating the illness—the

effects—does.

This chapter has concentrated upon proving that the Bible does not condemn doctors, medicines nor other scientific methods of helping oneself in illness. And it serves as a fitting climax to the theoretical aspects of the subject of sickness and divine healing.

But remaining are the practical matters of what a sick person should do when he is sick. Is it always best to see a doctor? If one does so, what kind of doctor should one see? Are natural remedies to be preferred over medicines? Also, what position does the Church take about illness and healing, and what advice and service does its ministry extend?

These final questions will now be answered.

(To be continued)

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



ANNIVERSARY GIFT—Bernard Andrist (left), Geneva, Switzerland, Office manager and church pastor, gives evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director, a handcrafted music box at 25th anniversary celebrations of the Geneva Office April 4 in Neuchatel, Switzerland. The office opened in 1962. [Photo by Thomas Erz]

Quebec taps trees for sap

The Quebec City, Que., church was host to brethren from neighboring churches for an annual sugaring off party—*partie de sucre* in French—March 13 on the Island of Orleans near Quebec City. Sugaring off is the process of converting maple syrup to sugar.

A film crew from Pasadena, John Halford, associate producer of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, Gary Wering and Steve Bergstrom, taped the day's festivities for the *We Are One Family* film series.

The Richard Deshaies family arrived by horse-drawn sleigh. Rene Dupont demonstrated tree-tapping techniques, and others watched while a horse-drawn barrel was taken to each maple tree to collect sap.

Outside activities included making and eating *la tite*, a taffy made by pouring thick maple syrup on snow.

Inside, a chorale from Montreal, Que., sang French Canadian songs. Fiddler Paul Cormier played his rendition of "The Mockingbird Reel." Behind the performers was a hand-woven banner that read *Nous sommes une famille* (We are one

family). Members in Martinique presented it to pastor Robert Scott during the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles there.

After a meal, brethren danced to the music of Richard Lefrancois' band. *Robert and Eloise Scott.*

Latin rhythm sets tempo in Queens

The New York, N.Y. (Spanish), church was host to a Latin dance and family social in Queens, N.Y., Feb. 28. About 300 Spanish- and English-speaking brethren from eight churches attended.

A professional Latin band provided music from various Latin American countries, which included rhythms such as the merengue, salsa and bolero.

Selections of Latin food were prepared by brethren from the Spanish congregation. Games and entertainment were available for the children. *Miguel Grullon.*

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

PASADENA—The Church's account at BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), an advertising agency it retains, is being transferred from Los Angeles, Calif., to Atlanta, Ga., said evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

Donald Mitchum, former president and chief executive officer at BDA/BBDO (Burke, Dowling & Adams/Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn) in Atlanta.

A 60- to 90-day transition period will take advantage of "substantial commission discounts" agreed upon just before the decision to move, according to Mr. Hulme.

"We can use this period not only for transition but for the revamping of present systems used in Media Purchasing as we move toward Mr. [Joseph] Tkach's goal of better worldwide organization," he added.

To control costs, Media Purchasing is striving to better monitor media purchases, statistics and station credits relating to the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

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PASADENA—U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation rose to an all-time high of more than four million subscribers. Additionally, 900,000 copies of each issue are distributed through the newsstand program.

"The increase in subscription issues is primarily the result of two recent direct-mail campaigns," said **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

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PASADENA—**John Halford**,

associate producer of the *World Tomorrow* program, his wife, **Patricia**, and his assistant **Tina Kuo** visited the SunSpace Ranch facility, the future site of Biosphere II, near Oracle, Ariz., April 4.

When construction is completed next year Biosphere II will be a totally enclosed, self-sustaining ecological system. Eight scientists plan to enter this habitat for two years beginning in December, 1989.

The scientists will be isolated as though they were living on another planet, according to Mr. Halford. They will be able to communicate with the outside world by radio, but they will have to provide their own food, recirculate their water and regenerate their air because Biosphere II will be sealed.

The purpose of the project is to better understand the earth's biosphere and to evaluate the potential for establishing biospheres in space.

Biosphere II is a potential source of information for articles and *World Tomorrow* telecasts, Mr. Halford said.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—**Roger Lippross**, Publishing Services production director, visited the Church's regional office here March 21 to 25 to discuss printing and production of *The Plain Truth* and related publications.

During his visit Mr. Lippross also met with British printers to discuss production and distribution of *The Plain Truth*.

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PASADENA—*Plain Truth* senior writer **Keith Stump** was transferred from Editorial Services to Television where he serves as a researcher and writer for *World To-*

morrow telecast scripts.

"He will also do some traveling in order to research ideas, talk to people and find suitable experts to interview," said **Larry Omasta**, director of Media Services.

Mr. Stump will continue to write articles for *The Plain Truth*.

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PASADENA—U.S. postal rate increases that went into effect April 3 are expected to increase mailing costs for the Church about 7 percent, according to **Eric Shaw**, supervisor of the Church's postal center.

The majority of the increase will be for first- and second-class mailings such as co-worker and member letters, receipts and magazines. Overall costs in the third-class, non-profit category did not increase significantly.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, assistant director of Church Administration for international areas, presented **Robert Boraker**, head of the Personal Correspondence Department here, with a plaque and a watch in March for 25 years of service in the ministry. Mr. Boraker's wife, **Margaret**, also received a watch.

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PASADENA—**Larry Omasta**, director of Media Services, and other employees attended the National Association of Broadcasters convention in Las Vegas, Nev., April 10 to 12.

The convention allows professionals to see new television equipment and compare the strong and weak points of similar equipment manufactured by different companies, Mr. Omasta said. The exhibit covered more than eight acres.

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PASADENA—Media Services received more than 3,000 requests from Church members in the United States and Canada for videotapes of *Worldwide Festival Entertainment 1987*.



CZECHOSLOVAKIAN VISITORS—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets Vaclav Dvorak (left), director of foreign travel for Cedok, the Czechoslovakian national travel agency, and Josev Vacl, director of Cedok promotions worldwide April 6. Mr. Tkach presented the Cedok representatives with leather-bound copies of the *Envoy* (Ambassador College yearbook), and received from them a set of crystal glasses. Cedok makes arrangements for the Feast of Tabernacles in Brno, Czechoslovakia. Also pictured are Thomas Lapacka, assistant director of Communications, and Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs (far right). [Photo by Warren Watson]

Mailing of the videotapes to members in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean should be completed by the end of the first week in May.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—The Feast sites in Bournemouth, England, and Naro Moru, Kenya, have reached capacity, and no further transfer applications can be accepted.

The site in Malawi is suggested as an alternative to Naro Moru. Services will be in the newly completed Church-owned building, and space is available for 50 transfers.

Qualified applicants are still needed for the sites in Trabolgan, Ireland, and Douglas, Isle of Man.

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BONN, West Germany—The regional office here announced that

the Feast site in Brno, Czechoslovakia, has reached capacity, and no further transfer applications can be accepted.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast site in Acapulco, Mexico, has reached capacity, and no further transfer applications can be accepted.

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NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands—The Feast site in Hoogeveen, Netherlands, has reached capacity, and no further transfer applications can be accepted.

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PASADENA—The Feast of Tabernacles site in Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico, has reached capacity, and no further transfer applications can be accepted.

Atlanta

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years and first attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Belknap Springs, Ore.

A buffet that followed the ministers meeting lasted until past midnight. "Mr. Tkach was still going around to the various tables, talking to people," Mr. Martin said. "Everyone had a lovely meal in a marvelous atmosphere. The deacons, elders and wives so appreciated the opportunity to have such fellowship and food."

Mr. Tkach commented that the same feeling of family closeness that prevailed in that room should go forth to all the churches.

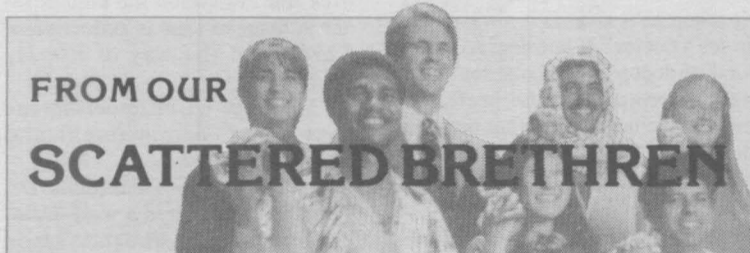
Mr. Tkach was accompanied to Atlanta by Mr. Locke, administrative assistants Ellen Escat and Julie Stocker, executive office aide Michael Rasmussen, and Mr. and Mrs. Olinger. They returned to the Burbank, Calif., airport April 24.

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

Ronald Wallen, pastor of the Athens and Buford, Ga., churches, called the visit "dynamic and motivating."

"Mr. Tkach had time to listen to what the brethren wanted to say to him," said Mrs. Olinger. "No matter how young or old you could see by watching him that he really was concerned for them, and even the ones who only shook his hand without stopping to chat know that for a few seconds his whole attention was directed toward them and not on something else or someone else."

"It was an absolutely delightful weekend," said Mr. Martin. "God really poured out a blessing."



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

PASADENA—Ralph Levy, instructor in Spanish and English at Ambassador College here, conducted Passover services in Madrid, Spain, the first since 1979. Ten members, nine Spanish and one Portuguese, met in Madrid's Gran Hotel Victoria.

The members and their families commemorated the Night to Be Much Observed in the hotel. Twenty-one Spanish brethren, most from Madrid, attended Bible studies conducted by Mr. Levy on the first day of Unleavened Bread.

One prospective member traveled from Malaga, more than 250 miles from Madrid, Mr. Levy said. "The longest-standing Spanish-speaking member in the world, Generosa Lopez, also came from La Coruna," a 300-mile trip.

Mr. Levy returned to Pasadena and members to their homes, where they kept the last Holy Day.

"I think they appreciated the Bible studies," said Mr. Levy. "They were Bible studies, because there is no song leader and no one to give a sermonette, so a study format was better."

"Spanish people eat lots of pork and bread, so the hotel had a little difficulty understanding exactly what we wanted for the meals," he said. "But it worked out."

He said brethren are doing "very well, but they do need a minister. They are dedicated and doing well under the circumstances."

Services on Vanuatu

Rex Morgan, a minister in Auckland, New Zealand, who supervises the Church's activities on the South Pacific island of Vanuatu, conducted the first Holy Day services on Vanuatu.

Six people took the Passover in Vila, the capital, and 24 gathered for the Night to Be Much Observed and services on the first day of Unleavened Bread in the Intercontinental Hotel.

Mr. Morgan, who baptized two people and visited 25 others, said, "Several people are progressing very well and should be ready for baptism on the next trip."

He spent a day with more than 30 *Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) subscribers on the island of Malekula. Financial reasons prevented them from traveling to Vila for the Holy Day.

French-speaking Europe

Evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, French regional director, and his wife, Shirley, visited France, Switzerland and Belgium during the Holy Day season.

Mr. Apartian conducted the

Passover in Paris, France, for 140 members. Services on the first day of Unleavened Bread took place in Geneva, Switzerland, for French-speaking Swiss brethren.

The next afternoon, April 3, he conducted a *Pure Verite* Bible lecture, attended by 24 new people. "That's a good number, considering it was Easter Sunday," he said. "Unlike Americans, Europeans go on vacation during Easter."

That evening he gave another lecture in Lausanne, Switzerland, for 28 new people.

The morning of April 4 he led an annual general assembly of the Church in Switzerland for French- and German-speaking brethren at Neuchatel, Switzerland. German-speaking brethren heard Mr. Apartian's translated message over infrared earphones.

"It is beautiful to see the French- and German-speaking Swiss brethren together," he said. "They are two languages but one united spirit. And they appreciate someone from headquarters."

In the evening Mr. Apartian conducted a lecture attended by 26 new people. "I was surprised and encouraged to see the number of people who listen to the radio broadcast at 4:30 a.m.," Mr. Apartian added.

April 5 and 6, 21 French-speaking ministers and their wives from various parts of Europe gathered in Rougemont, France. Mr. Apartian likes to meet twice a year with the ministry to improve communication and relationships.

On the last day of Unleavened Bread the regional director spoke at morning and afternoon services for 270 brethren in Brussels, Belgium, where "the church is really growing."

Brethren also represented Liege, Belgium, and Lille, France. "The distances are far in these areas, so

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