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Scandinavia, Scotland trip boost to scattered members

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"It doesn't make any difference whether the group is 40, 400 or 4,000, everybody is a part of the Body of Jesus Christ," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach after his July 14 to 25 trip to Scandinavia, London and Scotland.

Aboard the Church's Gulfstream III jet, the pastor general left Burbank, Calif., at noon July 14 and arrived in Oslo, Norway, more than 10 hours later.

Fjords, mountains, valleys, plains and tundra shape the Kingdom of Norway, whose rugged, island-fringed coastline reaches 1,700 miles from the North Sea to the Arctic Ocean.

Greeting the group at Oslo's Fornebu International Airport were evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East, his wife, Sharon, and Peter Shenton, pastor of the churches in Scandinavia.

Mr. Shenton's wife, Heather, who suffers from multiple sclerosis and was unable to accompany her husband, "was very moved by a bouquet of flowers that Mr. Tkach sent to her," said Mr. Shenton.

After a day of recuperation from jet lag, Mr. Tkach spoke to 69 adults and 13 children from Oslo and Stavanger, Norway, and remote areas in the SAS Scandinavia Hotel on the Sabbath, July 16.

"As ambassadors of God we should represent God and reflect God's way of life in our daily life," the pastor general said. "We should regularly examine ourselves—not only at Passover—to see if we measure up to God's standard."

A Norwegian women's quintet, accompanied by Anthony Miles on piano, performed "Pray for Love" for special music. On behalf of brethren in Norway, Mr. Shenton presented Mr. Tkach with a silver-plated Viking ship.

That evening Mr. Tkach was host at a buffet for ministers, wives and others.

"It was encouraging and inspiring to see how the members responded to our visit there," said Mr. Tkach. "From the standpoint of promoting peace, unity and harmony within the family of God, our presence alone seemed to be very stimulating for the membership."

"An old friend of ours who worked and served here in Pasadena, Mr. San [Sandrup] Abrahamsen, sends his love and greetings to all of you," Mr. Tkach told Pasadena Auditorium P.M. brethren July 30.

Mr. Abrahamsen, who with his wife, Hjordis, was baptized in 1966, worked as a carpentry foreman for Ambassador College until 1981. He also helped build the fountain near the campus library and the new stream, laying about 80,000 pieces of mosaic tile.



MUSICAL GIFT—The pastor general tries his hand at the bagpipes, which were presented to him by brethren in Glasgow, Scotland, July 23. [Photo by Neil Dougal]

Sunday, July 17, Mr. Tkach, his traveling party and the Church's television crew (which flew to Europe by commercial jet) visited the Viking Ship Museum, Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Holmenkolen Hotel and the Resistance Museum.

Featuring exhibits, recordings and photos of Norway's resistance to the Nazi occupation from 1940 to 1945, the Resistance Museum "struck a chord in my mind," Mr. Tkach said.

"We haven't had to live under the authority of the Nazis' abuse, mistreatment and torture, living with the enemy side by side, coexisting, trying to stay alive, yet not collaborating to the point of being traitors to country and fellow human being," the pastor general explained.

"But we too are coexisting with an enemy that has overrun our country. We can't see this enemy, but he's in authority right now.

"Satan, who is the prince of the power of air, certainly has his army and is moving around just like the Nazis in World War II, trying to destroy and rob us of our heritage."

He continued: "We're looking forward to overrunning and overpowering that enemy, and for those who not only endure to the end but who overcome all the obstacles of our human flesh and the problems and the difficulties and the trials that we have . . . we are going to be



SCANDINAVIAN SERVANTS—Some of the men and wives who serve the Scandinavian area are pictured with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (third from left) in Oslo, Norway, July 16. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]

victorious and we are going to assist Jesus Christ in establishing His government around this world.

"I believe that there is a great deal to learn from the things others

go through," Mr. Tkach said.

Denmark

Monday, July 18, the group, ac-
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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

Just what is the great commission of the Church of God?

Has God given His Church a great commission to preach the Gospel to the world, and another, secondary or lesser commission to feed the flock?

Is there in reality a first commission, and a less-important second commission?

Though I have written on this subject before, it is of such vital importance that I feel it needs to be repeated.

It may surprise some to realize that the phrase great commission is nowhere found in the Scriptures. Nor are the phrases first commission or second commission found in Scripture.

Of course, there is no question that the commission given to God's Church is indeed a great one. But we need to understand that the commission is not made up of two unequal parts, with one part being larger, greater or more important than the other.

The idea of a primary first or great commission and a secondary second commission stems chiefly from confusing the prophecy in Matthew 24:14 with the commission to the followers of Christ in Matthew 28:19-20.

The direct, spoken commission Jesus gave to the Church of God is found in Matthew 28:19-20, and has never changed: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world [age]. Amen."

Whom would the apostles be able to teach to observe all things Jesus commanded? Only those whom God chooses to call, of course. While others may hear the message, they do not repent, that is, change and begin to obey God.

So when Jesus commanded His disciples to "teach all nations," He was referring to those whom God would see fit to call from among the various nations

through the ages—those who would repent, who would be baptized, who would become a part of the begotten family of God.

It is they who would be taught to observe all things Jesus commanded. As Jesus told Peter, the leader among the apostles, in John 21:15-17, "Feed my sheep."

Just as Malachi prophesied of John the Baptist and the angel Gabriel expounded, a people would be prepared for God. From the Ephesian era until now, the Church of God fulfills that role of preparing a people for God. It is through His Church that God calls and prepares His firstfruits—the Bride of Christ—His elect.

The final phase of that process was begun, as Jesus said, through John the Baptist (Luke 1:16-17), and has continued through the ages by the successive eras of the Church of God. Today, God has made available to His Church greater power than ever before to make the truth of His Word known to the world in general, and to teach His ways to those He chooses to call out of this world.

God's Church proclaims the future coming of the Kingdom of God with the WARNING to repent, to "save yourselves from this untoward generation," as Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:40). And it also teaches God's ways to all those whom God decides to call into the Body of Christ.

The apostle Paul explained in Hebrews 11:39-40 that all the saints of God throughout the ages are to receive their promise at the same time. In Ephesians 2:19-22 Paul shows that all the saints are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus the chief cornerstone, and are fitly framed together and growing as a habitation of God through the Spirit.

The apostle John recorded in Revelation 19:6-7 his vision of
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Mt. Pocono reopens for 1988 Fall Festival

PASADENA—After "lengthy and difficult" negotiations with attorneys from U.S. Senda Group and the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau in Stroudsburg, Pa., an agreement has been reached that will allow the Church to conduct the Feast of Tabernacles at its formerly owned property in Mount Pocono, according to Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States.

"We are pleased that this arrangement was possible, especially considering our more than 20-year relationship with the business community in the Mount Pocono area," said Mark McCulley, Festival administration manager.

The site was canceled July 28 in an official memo to Church pastors and in press releases to the Mount Pocono community because of a disagreement over the lease held by the Church, which the Senda Group refused to honor. "There is a certain minimum amount of time necessary to allow brethren to make alternative arrangements at other sites. It

was at the point we reached that minimum that the decision had to be made to cancel the site," said Mr. McCulley.

When the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau and the business community heard the news, "they immediately inquired if their involvement could assist in some way," said Mr. McCulley.

"The vacation bureau contacted the attorneys for Senda Group and was able to arrange, through intensive negotiations stretching from July 28 to August 2, a lease that would allow the Church to use the facilities."

The Church's involvement in the Mount Pocono area began in 1966 when the Church purchased about 250 acres to construct the convention building. In January, 1978, a snowstorm collapsed roof sections of the main facility. The building was rebuilt and additional facilities were added, and the site was reopened in 1981. It was sold in 1987 to the Senda Group.

"The Church, in conjunction
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Far-reaching portents of '88 convention

PASADENA—The Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, Ga., July 18 to 21 proved to be full of portents for the future. This I discovered, along with my press colleagues, Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Atlanta West and Carrollton, Ga., congregations, and Randi Bloom, associate pastor of the Atlanta East church.

In Atlanta the delegates selected Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts as their presidential nominee in the Nov. 8 election against Vice President George Bush. But looming over proceedings was the growing presence of the man who came to the convention with the second largest number of delegates, Jesse Jackson.

In Atlanta, Jesse Jackson moved one step closer to his ultimate goal: the White House. His quest began in 1984. This time, having captured several primaries, his name was placed in nomination.

One of those seconding his nomination, the aggressive California assemblywoman, Maxine Waters, confidently proclaimed to the roar of Jackson delegates that "this one man, Jesse Louis Jackson, will one day be President of the United States of America!"

For the time being the Jackson forces have no alternative but to support Gov. Dukakis. Should the Democrats win Nov. 8, Mr. Jackson can say he was instrumental in bringing out the vote to capture the White House.

On the other hand he wants to make sure he cannot be blamed for a Dukakis defeat by Republican can-

didate George Bush.

Jackson aides explained that their strategy will be to "get behind and beyond the ticket." They intend, as one said, to "push, press, prod and make life uncomfortable" for Mr. Dukakis so that he increasingly incorporates the Jackson domestic and foreign policy program.

Several Jackson principles have already been adopted, such as the platform plank declaring South Africa a terrorist state.

Mr. Jackson knows he needs the enlarged support of other disfavored groups. His convention address stressed the theme of common ground—of reaching out to hard-pressed farmers, Hispanics, feminists, AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) victims, homosexuals and lesbians, among others.

Together, these minorities and special interests represent Mr. Jackson's Rainbow Coalition. One campaign official speaking before the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus declared that "by the year 2001, the minorities will be the majority."

But perhaps the most underreported aspect of the Jackson campaign is its foreign policy orientation. One afternoon, we attended an eye-opening forum on Jackson Doctrine and Foreign Policy.

Jackson officials outlined their "progressive" foreign policy. Then the seminar divided into three discussion groups whose tones were set by invited guest speakers.

Two Palestinian activists conducted the Middle East symposium.

In the Central America section the director of a leftist foreign policy lobby was joined by a representative of the communist guerrilla forces in El Salvador.

The biggest stunner was the discussion on southern Africa. We were treated to one-sided testimony on South Africa's alleged terrorism

needed to band together.

The Jackson campaign chairman, California Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown Jr., said he expected Mr. Jackson, 46, to run again for President in 1992 if the Democratic ticket loses or later if it wins this year. Mr. Jackson himself said on the day before the conven-

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



by five spokesmen, one of whom represented the African National Congress (ANC) and another, the South-West Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO) of Namibia.

On the way out I spotted a flyer titled "Where Do We Go From Here? The Fight Goes On..." It called for making "every legislative district, city and precinct a battleground" to establish "the unity of the working class across color lines."

It was sponsored by the Communist Labor Party. I asked an official whether this was a part of the Rainbow Coalition. She said no, that someone "had just placed these papers here."

I inquired of one spokesman why some of the words he used and those on the flyer were the same. He would only say that all leftist forces

recall, He chooses to completely forget them.

What an example of forgiveness. When one forgives the other, he or she blocks the incident out of his or her mind and promises never to bring it up again.

Those who really forgive have grasped the deeper meaning of love. Finally, the third step: We must do the works we did at the beginning. In my case I clearly remember what they were! I proudly tell my children and friends about the young woman who captured my heart years ago.

We were childhood sweethearts. We grew up together and attended Ambassador College together. Our song back in those days was and still is, "Memories Are Made of This." What is yours?

One of the most welcome, emotion-tingling phrases any marriage

partner can utter is, "I remembered the moment, the event, the day." If you say "I forgot" to your love mate, you're telling a lot about yourself. This is what kills the sparks of love. Evaluate your marriage. How are you doing?

Here are some easy ways to help us remember:

Pay attention. Believe what your mate is doing or saying is the most important thing at the moment. When he or she says something, repeat it to yourself. Write it down. Reread it. Work at it daily.

Love does not grow without proper cultivation and hard work. Scripture tells us: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

The choice is ours. Love is as strong as we make it. Love is building for eternity. Keep your love growing and alive!

What Mr. Delors is, in effect, predicting constitutes a united states of Europe by the year 2000.

Journalist Owen goes on to quote Mr. Delors: "My feeling is that we will not be able to take all the decisions which will be necessary from now until 1995 unless there is the embryo of a European Government in one form or the other."

David Buchan of the *Financial Times* quoted Mr. Delors forecast that "in 10 years time 80 percent of economic, perhaps even social and tax, legislation will be of Community origin."

Alan Osborn, *Daily Telegraph* reporter, quoted Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany as backing up Jacques Delors' predictions. Mr. Kohl said: "In 1994, Europe's citizens will be taking part in elections for a European Parliament that will have powers not far below those presently enjoyed by national parliaments."

I have left John Palmer's article for last. He covers Europe for *The Guardian*. The *World Tomorrow* program interviewed Mr. Palmer in Brussels. His article was the most comprehensive.

He said: "While members of the European Parliament prepare to leave Strasbourg this week for their long summer break, they are more confident than for many years that fresh authority is coming their way."

"The European Community suddenly appears to have wind in its sails. The internal budget crisis has been solved; the recent Hanover [British spelling] summit launched the EEC down the road to economic and monetary union; and all talk is of the 'inevitability' of the completion of the Community's barrier-free internal market by the end of 1992."

The Plain Truth has been predicting a united Europe since the 1930s. It has taken 50 years to really begin to get off the ground. But events are now finally speeding up.

The *Financial Times* article reported Mr. Delors as saying: "The Community had achieved more in the past six months than in the previous 10 years."

Mr. Jackson, wrote A.M. Rosenthal in *The New York Times*, "intends to be right there in American politics, more and more prominently, for years and years... He has made some of his passions come alive... the battle against drugs, child care, better housing..."

"But he is also a fountain of demagogic rhetoric... He prides himself on reaching out to Cubans, Koreans, Mexicans, just about everybody, but has never found it in him to reach out so eagerly to Jews... The idea of Jesse Jackson in command of national defense or relations with NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization], may bring on more heart attacks than cholesterol."

Should Gov. Dukakis be elected, Jackson forces will indeed lean heavily on his administration. But if Mr. Dukakis loses, adds *New Republic's* Morton Kondracke, "it's almost a lead-pipe cinch that Jackson would immediately begin running for president again and might start out as the front runner."

A Bush victory, coupled with an economic slowdown, would position Mr. Jackson well in '92. Millions more might be anxious to join the Rainbow Coalition.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



EC leader urges unity at German conference

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Journalists at the European Economic Community conference in Hannover, West Germany, June 27 and 28, rushed reports around the world on an hourly basis. But often the really important newsbreaks emerge in the aftermath.

Much more has happened in the wake of Hannover. The lion's share of this activity seems to center on Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission.

Even before Hannover, French President Francois Mitterrand, according to the June 6 *Business Week*, wanted "a sweeping increase in the powers of the Brussels-based President of the European Commission, the EC's administrative authority."

Furthermore, Giles Merritt, the *International Herald Tribune's* man in Brussels, put forward the suggestion May 31 that "Mr. Delors could be Mr. Europe."

Then at Hannover Mr. Delors was appointed for a third two-year term—the first man in nearly a generation to serve so long.

These events have encouraged Mr. Delors to speak boldly. And this he has done. Here are headlines from the papers July 7. All were written from Strasbourg, France, covering Mr. Delors' address to the European Parliament on results of the Hannover conference.

- "Delors Looks to Single Government for Europe."
- "Delors Sees Need for a Form of European Government in 1990s."
- "Europe Rules, OK?"
- "EC Nations Warned to 'Wake Up' to Loss of Sovereign Power."

None of the above were front-page stories. All were sandwiched somewhere in the middle.

Richard Owen reported for the *Times*: "M Jacques Delors... yesterday stunned Euro-MPs by declaring that the existing system of national parliaments would have to give way to the 'embryo' of a European Government within seven years."



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Keeping love alive

A woman at the bank told my wife and me that she had finally gotten a divorce after 23 years.

"Wished I had done it sooner!" she exclaimed. "The flame went out long ago. Now I'm free." My wife and I, speechless, tried to hide our sorrow and disgust.

Twenty-three years, two sons, love, sweat, toil and heartache, all for a piece of paper that said "divorced."

My uncle once told me that marriage is like a hot coffee pot placed on a cold stove—it soon cools off. Unless we take precautions, that can happen.

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love," Christ said to the Church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:4). But cooled-off love can be rekindled, and relationships can be restored.

How? "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works" (verse 5). This instruction from Paul applies to our physical as well as our spiritual married lives.

"Remember"—that is the first step. God gave us memories. We must live in the present, but we dream of the future and we learn valuable truths from the past.

Do you recall the time you encountered your first love? I remember my first meeting with the young woman I was to wed. As she descended the porch to the yard of her country home in central California, she looked like a fresh flower.

My heart must have flipped several times, because it has never been the same since. I remember walking

in green fields and lovely country roads on warm summer evenings as she slipped her hand into mine and gently squeezed it.

I remember her kissing me as she awoke me to tell me it was time for her labor. Before long she gave me our first son. Such memories reignite love in both of us.

I remember my first meeting with the young woman I was to wed. My heart must have flipped several times, because it has never been the same since.

"Repent" is the second step. Love includes being able to say you're sorry and really mean it. When was the last time you said "I'm sorry"?

Forgiveness is an integral part of every good marriage. We can easily wrong others—even the one we love most intimately.

We need to change—to constantly strive to improve. Sometimes even little habits can greatly annoy our mate. We should be sensitive and willing to adjust.

Some, when offended, react with resentment and punishments. Remember: God will forgive our trespasses only as we forgive those who have wronged us (Matthew 6:12).

Some of the nicest words we can hear are, "I forgive you." The Bible says that when God forgives us our sins, He remembers them no more. In other words, even though He has the power of complete and instant

Brethren offer suggestions for making '88 best Feast yet

The *Worldwide News* would like to thank everyone who responded to our request for Feast suggestions. We received more than 75 letters. Following are some of the suggestions you sent.

Dean Rammelsberg, Coralville, Iowa: Mark belongings with your Feast and home addresses and phone numbers.

John Baliga, Fort Wayne, Ind.: Take notes so that a stranger could understand, and you will understand them in years to come.

Judith Johnson of Norfolk, Va., suggests using a penlight for taking notes during filmed services. "With the penlight you have just enough light to see well without disturbing others."

Patricia MacLaim, Nottingham, England: For muddy sites, bring plastic bags and rubber bands to protect shoes.

Kathy McKay, Cibola, Tex.: Enjoy special foods during the Feast without gaining extra weight by beginning a diet and exercise program several weeks beforehand.

Steve and Kathy Kakacek, Idaho Falls, Idaho: Since many restaurants serve large portions, why not split a meal? This eliminates extra calories and discomfort and leaves a clean plate.

Jim Evans, Summersville, W.Va.: Don't leave money for the restaurant bill on the table. Someone other than the waiter or waitress could take it. Wait until the waiter or waitress picks it up. Check, too, to see if the tip has already been figured into the bill before leaving one.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Newell, Sarasota, Fla.: Make a Feast album for each child. Children can include ticket stubs, programs or brochures from activities, pictures of new friends and places visited, announcements from the bulletin and pictures of the children's choir.

Else Kuhar, Eppstein, West Germany: Make a book with blank pages for each child and add drawings or pictures of things related to the Feast such as a trumpet, happy faces, animals, a picture of Mr. Tkach and words and meanings of the Feast. Refer to this book

throughout the year. Make a new one for each year.

Barbara Allen, McLean, Va.: Present small gifts such as quiet toys to children before services. This can help children view services with positive anticipation and minimize distracting behavior.

William Butler, Pasadena: Prepare to give joy and happiness to others at the Feast. Start a list of ways to provide joy to others, and bring it with you to the Feast.

Paul Farrier, Troy, Ohio: Set goals for your family to work on such as cooperation or fellowship and focus on improving in that area throughout the Feast.

Jeffrey Smith, East Peoria, Ill.: If it is within your means, fulfill someone's dream by giving them a gift or an experience.

Wade Sickinger of Vacherie, La.:

Avoid leftover good intentions—plan before the Feast to spend specific evenings during the Feast taking others out to dinner.

Anthony Curry, St. Louis, Mo.: Families should work on drawing closer before the Feast. If you neglect your family during the rest of the year, don't expect to suddenly get close during the Feast.

Sarah Miles, Morgantown, W.Va.: Choose a disabled member to talk and laugh with each day of the Feast. Perhaps give a gift to this person at the end of the Feast.

Donna Goodrow, Alamosa, Colo.: Say hello to the deaf brethren. Many can read lips, and most can read notes.

Vyonne Bowers, Anaheim, Calif.: "I live near Knott's Berry Farm and most people have heard of their famous jellies, jams and hon-

eys, so what I do is buy their tiny little jars of jellies and flavored honeys. I wrap them . . . then as I go to services in the mornings, I hand them to different people I pass. People are so tickled to receive a surprise gift. This could also be done with any home-crafted ideas."

Debbie Westcott, Belleville, Ill.: Service is possible for even the young ones, and they can serve just by making conversation with someone single or elderly or disabled.

Mrs. Jerry Garber, West Milton, Ohio: Leave a daily tip for hotel housekeeping personnel, not one lump sum at the end of the Feast. This is only fair because the person who cleaned the room most of the time may not be the person who cleans it the final day.

Beth Linehan of Hudson, Wis., said she appreciated a man who contacted elderly people and bought copies of the *Envoy* for those who didn't already have one.

Rick and Beverly Clowdus of Chattanooga, Tenn.: Why not bring a meal to the room of an elderly or disabled member who finds it difficult or awkward to make trips to restaurants? Many restaurants have

takeout service.

Anonymous suggestions

- Each congregation could post a list of those who cannot attend the Feast so members can remember them.

- Try to remember faces of brethren so that when you are out dining you can pay for someone's meal anonymously.

- Pray about the Feast as a family before leaving home.

- For incontinent elderly or children: take along flannel-backed plastic tablecloths. Put the flannel side up for a comfortable sleep without worrying about ruining the hotel mattresses.

- Avoid blocking the aisles while fellowshiping.

Speaking the same thing

Several members gave the following advice.

- Prepare in advance with extra prayer and Bible study and don't slack off in these areas during the Feast.

- Monitor your attitude and remember the meaning of the Feast.

- Don't be too involved in activities and forget to serve.

- Write notes quickly during services and rewrite them later after services more neatly and in more detail.

- Write down the names of people you meet and where they are from.

- Closing notebooks and Bibles and gathering belongings creates noise and distracts the speaker and those in the audience. Refrain from doing these things until the speaker has finished speaking and begins to walk away from the lectern.

- Several days or weeks before the Feast make a paper chain with a link for each day. Children can tear off one link each day and count the remaining ones to determine how long until the Feast.

- Get involved, meet people and don't forget to serve.

- Be alert to the needs of others.

- Be a gracious receiver.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Second tithe

As the Feast of Tabernacles is fast approaching, I feel the need to heartily thank all the brethren for seeking out the widows in God's Church. I am a "spiritual" widow, as my husband . . . does not attend God's festivals.

We are limited (physically) in what we can do since we are on second-tithe assistance. However, my children and I have experienced dining in elegant restaurants and have enjoyed rich fellowship.

I have found that the less I have, the more I am able to give, because God truly provides exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think. Because of the blessings extended to us through the brethren, we have been able to invite others to share a meal with us. We are never in a position where we can't give, because God provides so abundantly.

So once again, thank you, to all the brethren around the world who have taken the time to seek out one of God's physical or spiritual widows. May God richly bless you.

Defiance, Iowa

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Letter of encouragement

I am a prisoner and have become a member of God's Church since being in prison. During my last imprisonment, I was serving time in a different institution, but with the same warden I have now.

Returning to prison, I felt that the warden looked down upon me. It looked

as though I would have a rough go of things here. The warden even had me fired from what is considered a good job in the prison. He gave no explanation, but I felt sure that it was because I was imprisoned on some serious charges.

I began to put into practice the seven laws of success and asked God to help me have the proper attitude toward authority. God started helping me and changes began to come.

I had entered the prison system with a ninth grade education. Now I have completed a two year college program and I have an even better job in the prison, a job considered to be the best.

But that of all is the change in the warden's attitude. Just a couple of days ago the warden brought some visitors by my room. He told the visitors that he has known me a long time and although I committed some serious crimes, I have made some real changes during the last couple of years.

He said that if all inmates were like me he would not even have to come to work at all.

Chester, Ga.

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Youth magazine

Thanks very much for sending me the free copies of your very excellent magazine. I have seen students use them and they have really been helped socially and spiritually by your down-to-earth articles about topics teens are very concerned about . . . Keep up the great work! The very colorful editions and short but pithy articles really catch students' imaginations.

Biddleford, Maine

I would like to let you know how much I enjoy reading your magazine. When I am finished, my friends at school like to read it also. I really appreciate the articles you write, especially the ones about premarital sex and relationships . . .

My boyfriend and I would read the articles together and we both felt very moved . . . Just recently, we made an honest commitment to God, ourselves and each other and . . . it is great! Truly, things have never been better.

Hillsville, Va.

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'Improving Your Marriage' telecast.

I'm desperate for the booklet! Please send it as quickly as possible because my divorce hearing is next week, and I want to try and save my marriage.

Big Lake, Tex.

I watched your program today for the first time. It's probably the only reason I am not filing for a divorce. I missed church today because one of my four children was sick.

Winlock, Wash.

My wife and I decided to separate but then saw your program. Now we no longer want to. Please send the booklet special delivery. I am so happy we saw your program.

Minneapolis, Minn.

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Poconos

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with the convention bureau, negotiated a new lease. The lease called for additional moneys from the convention bureau because they did not want to lose the Church's attendance, since it is their largest convention of the year," said Mr. Tkach Jr.

Members who canceled housing reservations in Mount Pocono will need to reinstate them, if they still plan to attend there, according to Mr. McCulley.

"However, we ask that members call only the hotel or realtor where their original reservation was made. Members who have made firm plans to attend another site may go ahead with those plans, but they may wish to consider returning to the Poconos in consideration of our relationship with the community at that site," he said.

Members having difficulty in changing air travel arrangements may call the Church's travel office at 818-304-6088 (8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Pacific Daylight Time) for assistance.

You've saved all year . . .

How to spend second tithe

By Joseph W. Tkach Jr.

Once again, it is time to be planning for the Feast. If you have been faithfully saving your second tithe, now you must consider how to spend it (Deuteronomy 14:22-26). Here are some points to remember.

Joseph W. Tkach Jr. is associate director of Church Administration for the United States.

It is the wage earner's responsibility to carefully plan the financial aspect of the Feast. One of our initial responsibilities is to send in a tithe of our second tithe to the Festival Office. This allows the Church to have funds in advance to make arrangements for the choice of Feast sites and motels and to obtain equipment for musical performances and special broadcasts from headquarters.

Using the Festival Planner, you should find the accommodations that will meet your family's needs, yet are reasonable for the amount of second tithe you have.

The next consideration typically is travel arrangements. Many drive to the Feast, leading to the question, "How much is appropriate to spend to prepare my car for such a journey?" A simple approach is to spend no more on preparing your vehicle than it would cost to rent a car of the appropriate size for your family.

It should be obvious that one should not purchase airline tickets and have insufficient funds remaining to feed and entertain your family. But it seems every year a few ignore this obvious point.

What about gifts?

A frequently posed question is, "How much can I spend on a gift for my wife or children?" This question takes many forms. Some ask if it is appropriate to buy bicycles, jewelry, clothing or toys. Here are three guidelines to follow:

(1) Will purchasing the item adversely affect the amount of money for travel, housing and meals?

(2) Will purchasing the item assist in the physical and spiritual appreciation of the Feast?

(3) Will the purchase of the item assist in focusing on the family at the Feast of Tabernacles?

Let's look at the notion of buying a bicycle for your child in the light of these three guidelines. The individual finds that (1) sufficient second tithe is available, and (2) feels it will help the child appreciate the Feast. The third guideline will answer the question for you. "Will the gift of a bicycle increase the focus on the family during the Feast?" The answer depends on a few variables. Will the child be apt to ride the bicycle much of the time during the Feast, which would keep the child away from the fellowship of the family, or is this going to be an occasion when Dad spends extra time with the child teaching him or her how to ride for the first time? Will he or she enjoy the company of other children while riding?

It should be obvious that what is acceptable for one family may not be as wise for another family.

In any case, the Feast should not become a form of Christmas. This can easily happen if we focus on buying gifts for everyone. The Feast is not the time to replace your wardrobe, but if you are prudent with your second tithe, a new dress or sweater or even a suit is a nice item to purchase. It serves as a physical reminder of the Feast each time you wear it during the next year.

Excess second tithe

Another question that arises is, "What should I do with my excess second tithe?" This is another one

of those questions that takes many forms, such as: "May I save my excess second tithe to supplement the amount I will have for next year? May I give some of my second tithe to others whom I know do not have much? Do I turn in all of my excess tithe? May I supplement my offering with second tithe?"

Again, there are guidelines we can use to assist in answering the questions for ourselves. Do you have significant excess second tithe? People who find themselves in this state could focus their attention on hosting an occasion or two and entertaining others who may not have the same abundance.

For those who wish to financially assist others, here is a guideline: Do you know the reasons why another individual does not have a sufficient amount of second tithe? That you desire to help another person or family is honorable; however, a person may be paying the penalty for mishandling finances, and your invitation to assist without knowing

the facts may not help that person. Seek ministerial counsel before giving large sums of money to others.

Supplementing your offering with second tithe is certainly permissible. The amount is strictly up to the individual. The giving of an offering is a personal form of worship in which you thank God for the blessings received during the year. You must consider that you have a sufficient amount of second tithe to return home and an additional amount in case of an emergency.

What about the possibility of keeping the Feast in an exotic setting the following year? Carrying over a reasonable amount of second tithe to make such an event possible can be discussed with your local pastor.

By using these few principles you should be able to answer many of your own questions about what is the proper use of our second tithe. If you are uncertain of the use of second tithe, you should certainly seek the advice of the ministry.

Trip

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accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mr. Shenton, flew 50 minutes to Copenhagen, Denmark.

Denmark, a country of great power during the days of the Vikings (790 to 1030), was occupied by Nazi Germany early in World War II until liberation by the British in 1945.

Monday evening Mr. Tkach conducted services for 56 brethren from Aarhus and Copenhagen, Denmark, and shook their hands afterward. Members gave him a Scandinavian family album and a vase of Royal Copenhagen porcelain.

The next day the group drove through central Copenhagen to Amalienborg, where they saw the four royal palaces, and visited Langelinje for a garden walk and the modernized seafaring quarter of Nyhavn.

At Frederiksborg Castle, which is moated and walled, Mr. Tkach was shown through collections of treasures, paintings, furniture and clocks that depict Danish history.

Lunch was served at the 311-year-old Country Inn in Sollerod, a picturesque Danish village. After lunch the group was driven to the airport, where they boarded the G-III for England.

England

Touching down at Luton airport, Mr. Tkach was met by Francis Bergin, business manager in the British Office.

Wednesday morning, July 20, Mr. Tkach, his assistants Joseph

Locke and Michael Fezell, and Church attorney Ralph Helge, who joined the group in London, were driven to the British Office at Elstree House in Borehamwood for the annual general meeting.

After the meeting the pastor general was host at a lunch for board members and their wives in the conference room.

The group left for Stockholm, Sweden, the next morning.

Sweden

Just larger than California, Sweden is known for its towering mountains among vast forests, rivers and thousands of lakes. Yet Sweden is an industrial nation. In Stockholm the sun rises at 4:11 a.m. and sets at 9:46 p.m. in mid-July.

Here the G-III was greeted at Arlanda Airport July 21 by Mr. Shenton and the television crew, which was filming in central Sweden.

Sixty-six brethren, about twice the number anticipated, attended evening services in Stockholm. Some Finnish brethren attended, including a woman who traveled 600 miles from Oulu to Helsinki, Finland, and then by ship to Stockholm. Others came from near the Soviet border.

Special music was again performed by Mr. Miles, who played "Summer Song" on piano. After fellowship and refreshments the evening ended at about 11 p.m.

"Mr. Tkach's visit was a great boost to these very scattered members," said Mr. Shenton. "The Swedish and Finnish brethren gave Mr. Tkach a beautiful cluster of natural amethyst in deep apprecia-

tion of his visit."

Friday, July 22, the group toured the old city by bus, saw the Stockholm Fjord and visited Wasa Museum, which houses the restored hull of a galleon that sank in 1625.

Mr. Tkach and his party ate lunch while touring the Stockholm archipelago by boat.

Later in the afternoon the group, accompanied by Mr. Brown, left on the G-III for Scotland.

Scotland

Glens, lochs and the rugged, windswept Highlands of Scotland greeted the pastor general as the G-III descended into Glasgow.

Colin Wilkins, pastor of the Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Irvine, Scotland, churches, his wife, Sylvia, Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services in the British Office, his wife, Jane, and Mrs. Brown welcomed the group.

"In the airport a lone bagpiper in full Highland gear played a traditional skirl to welcome Mr. Tkach," said Mr. Brown.

At Sabbath services July 23, 812 brethren from Scotland, the Shetland Islands and England heard the pastor general speak about learning to practice the love of God in dealing with others.

"That is what will bind us together in unity," said Mr. Wilkins.

A choir of boys in kilts and girls in white dresses with tartan sashes sang a song composed by a member in Edinburgh.

Brethren gave the pastor general a set of handcrafted bagpipes with pipes made from ivory.

After meeting brethren for about two hours, Mr. Tkach was host at an

Pre-Feast Sabbath Services

Because the Feast starts Sunday evening this year, many brethren will travel on Thursday and Friday and will visit various church areas on the Sabbath, Sept. 24. The telephone response area anticipates hundreds of calls for locations and times of Sabbath services. Please plan ahead and request this information a week or two before the Feast of Trumpets.

Calls should be placed on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). The number is 1-800-423-4444. Please do not call on the weekends. This will help keep the lines free for calls responding to the *World Tomorrow* program during the busy weekend period.

After the Feast of Trumpets this information can only be obtained by calling 1-818-304-6111. If you call 1-800-423-4444 after the Feast of Trumpets you will be referred to the other number.

WATS Volunteers Needed at Four Feast Sites

Volunteers are needed to help answer WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) calls at four U.S. Feast sites: Big Sandy, Pasadena, and Pensacola and St. Petersburg, Fla. Baptized Church members 18 years or older who would like to serve as operators may sign up for a shift at the WATS information table when they arrive at the Feast site. No experience is necessary. A brief training session will be conducted at the beginning of each shift.

evening buffet, arranged by his staff, in the Albany Hotel for ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses.

"Mr. Tkach has the unique gift of being able to knit God's people together as we prepare to complete the Work," Mr. Wilkins said.

Sunday, July 24, Mr. Tkach, his party and area ministers and their wives toured Edinburgh Castle, the Museum of Old Scottish Regiments and the Scottish Pigeon Racing Club.

Mr. Tkach, who raises pigeons, talked to the secretary of the club about pigeon racing and exporting.

"As they were swapping pigeon stories, it became obvious to those of us who were in the loft with him that Mr. Tkach too has been in the pigeon business a long time, when he deftly grabbed a bird in one lightning movement and examined it like an expert!" Mr. Wilkins observed.

Monday, July 25, the group left for home in the G-III.

'Generosity of spirit'

"If anyone could not get Mr. Tkach's infectious enthusiasm and generosity of spirit, they would be missing out on something very great indeed," said Heather McCarthy of Stoke-on-Trent, England.

"Mr. Tkach's warning . . . of the Laodicean era is sobering," said Hamish Dougall, a local church elder in Edinburgh. "His sermon was very encouraging and inspiring, and he is obviously totally committing himself to the responsibilities he has."

Steve Bergstrom, who traced his family's genealogical records to 1600 in Borlange, Sweden, said: "Mr. Tkach was eager to deliver God's message and enjoyed doing it. He is a round peg in a round hole, rare in today's world."

"A visit from the pastor general was something our scattered brethren in Scandinavia could never imagine before," said Mr. Brown. "Now they really feel like a part of the worldwide family of the Church."

The pastor general was accompanied to Scandinavia by Mr. Locke, Mr. Fezell and his wife, Victoria, administrative assistant Ellen Escat, administrative projects coordinator Michael Rasmussen and his wife, Juli, and Julie Stocker, administrative assistant to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

Members of the film crew were John Halford, on-site director, cameraman Gary Werings and Mr. Bergstrom. Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers served as Mr. Tkach's G-III flight crew.



SCOTTISH CHORUS—Boys in kilts and girls in white dresses and tartan sashes sing at Sabbath services in Glasgow, Scotland, July 23. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]



GLASGOW, SCOTLAND



COPENHAGEN, DENMARK



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OSLO, NORWAY

Scandinavia, Scotland

Visiting the Family



GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

MEMBERS OF THE BODY—"A visit from the pastor general was something our scattered brethren in Scandinavia could never imagine before," said regional director Frank Brown about Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's July 14 to 25 trip to Scandinavia, London and Scotland. Clockwise from top left: sharing friendships; (top) Mr. Tkach chatting with Alan and Eva Beal of Copenhagen, Denmark; greeting Fredrik Widvey, son of Hedi Widvey (left), from north of Stavanger, Norway; greeting brethren in a receiving line; Ingeborg Zernichow (left), wife of Diedrik Zernichow, a local church elder in Oslo, Norway, with Irene Lie from Stavanger; at the Scottish Pigeon Racing Club; posing with Stockholm, Sweden, members Ulf and Karen Staahle; keeping dry in Edinburgh, Scotland; and a member plays a skirl on the bagpipes. [Photos by Goeran Bring, Neil Dougall, W.G. Milne, Bill Pentecost, Michael Rasmussen and Diedrik Zernichow]



OSLO, NORWAY



GLASGOW, SCOTLAND



EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND



STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN



COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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25th wedding anniversary July 30 at their home in Elkton, Ky. They were married July 4, 1963. The couple's four children, Patrick, Mark, Janet and Michael were hosts for the celebration. About 100 guests attended.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT NEWBY
Richard Newby, son of Robert and Oradell Newby, would like to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of his parents June 15. Mr. and Mrs. Newby live in Spiro, Okla. They have three sons and one daughter. The Newbys have been Church members since 1969.



MR. AND MRS. R. COUSTON
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Couston of Grafton, Australia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Aug. 5. They have five children, Ross, Roy, Ruth, Gillies and Ben, and two daughters-in-law, Shelly and Sheila.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. F. KOENIG
Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Koenig of the Bonn-Duesseldorf, West Germany, church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 28. A bouquet of flowers was presented to them after Sabbath services July 2. Mr. Koenig was baptized in 1977, and his wife, Herta, in 1984. Two of Mr. Koenig's sisters, Helene Koenig and Lisa Dietrich, have been Church members since 1978. The couple have two children and six grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. CECIL GRANADOZ
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Granadoz, members

who attend the Stockton, Calif., church, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary July 6. The Granadozes have five children, two of whom are Church members. The Stockton church honored the couple with a cake after Sabbath services July 9.



MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD STALDER
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stalder were honored after Sabbath services June 25 by Kenosha, Wis., brethren for their 50th wedding anniversary. A cake, decorated in white and gold, and punch were served. The Stalders, who are longtime Church members, have a daughter and son-in-law who attend the Rockford, Ill., church.

OBITUARIES

WIENCKE, Beulah, 74, of Vermillion, Ohio, died June 22 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1970. Mrs. Wiencke is survived by a son, Alan; three daughters, Donna Boone, Linda Brill and Barbara Andolsek; two brothers, Howard and Orville Hite; and six grandchildren. Graveside and memorial services were conducted by Robley Evans, a local church elder in the Cleveland, Ohio, West church.

GUNNOE, Zella, 66, of Naoma, W.Va., died March 20 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1981. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred. Mrs. Gunnoe is survived by five daughters, seven sons, three stepdaughters, four stepsons, four sisters, two brothers, 53 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Guy Swenson, pastor of the Beckley and Summersville, W.Va., churches.



LEE MCGRAW

McGraw, Lee, 37, of Pasadena, died June 10 after battling cancer for several months. He has been a Church member since 1974, and worked for the Mail Processing Center (MPC) since 1977. Mr. McGraw is survived by his wife, Jane. Funeral services were conducted by evangelist Richard Rice, director of MPC.

CAFEO, Dorothy R., 62, of Palo Cedro, Calif., died April 5 of cancer. She has been a Church member for 21 years and was ordained a deaconess in 1970. Mrs. Cafeo is survived by her husband of 25 years, Daniel J.; two daughters, Georgene Altschaft and Cynthia Broadwater; one sister, Pearl Buckow; and two grandsons, Joey and Casey Broadwater. Funeral services were conducted by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Bernardino and Banning, Calif., churches.

GRAY, Estina, 70, of Nottingham, England, died March 9 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1981. Mrs. Gray is survived by her husband, Simon, seven children and five grandchildren. She attended the Nottingham church with her son, Sam, and her daughter, Louris. Graveside services were conducted by David Bedford, pastor of the Nottingham, Northampton and Sheffield, England, churches.

HARRIS, Errol, 82, of Ulverstone, Australia, died May 31. He was baptized in 1975. Mr. Harris is survived by one brother. Funeral services were conducted by Rodney McQueen, pastor of the Devonport, Hobart and Launceston, Australia, churches.

WRIGHT, Robert J. Jr., 61, of Reno, Nev., died May 2 of congestive heart failure. He has been a Church member since 1961. Mr. Wright is survived by his wife, Clara; his mother, Hilda Wright; one daughter, Candace Bonnett; and two sons, Gary and Mike,

all of whom are Church members. He is also survived by a son, Robert J. Wright III, and four grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted by Randy Schreiber, pastor of the Reno and Battle Mountain, Nev., churches.

BLOOMFIELD, Howard, 73, of Clermont, Iowa, died July 2 of cancer. He was baptized in 1970. Funeral services were conducted by Eugene Zhorne, a local church elder in the Waterloo, Iowa, church.

YOUNGBLOOD, Clarence, 52, of Reeds Spring, Mo., died April 5 after a long illness. He was baptized in 1983. Mr. Youngblood is survived by his wife, Ruth, a Church member; three sons, Albert, Ray, a Church member, and Daniel, who attends services; two daughters, Maxine Middleton, a Church member, and Kay Youngblood; two grandsons; and one granddaughter. Fredrick Bailey, pastor of the Springfield, Mo., church, conducted funeral services.

ROGERS, Isabelle Kathryn, 71, of Lincoln, Neb., died June 19 of a lung disorder. She was baptized in October, 1985. Mrs. Rogers is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and son.

NEIMEIER, Carl, 61, of Plymouth, Neb., died June 29 when he was struck by lightning. He was baptized in April, 1971. Mr. Neimeier is survived by two sisters.

PAGE, Doris Maud, 86, of Howrah, Australia, died June 11 after a short illness. She has been a Church member since 1968. Mrs. Page is survived by her husband of 68 years, John; one daughter, Merle Cordwell, and her husband, Merton, both Church members; five grandchildren, two of whom are members; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted by Rodney McQueen, pastor of the Devonport, Hobart and Launceston, Australia, churches.

PROULX, Ulinda "Lynn," 49, of Federal Way, Wash., died April 30 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., of complications from diabetes. She has been a Church member for 27 years. Mrs. Proulx is survived by her husband, Joseph; three daughters, Linda Jo Park, Liane Wagner and Jodie Proulx; and three grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted by Don Mears, pastor of the Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Gaylord, Mich., churches.

HEINEMEIER, Julius, 81, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died June 14 after a heart attack May 31. He has been a Church member since 1967. Mr. Heinemeier is survived by his wife, Martha, also a member, and one son.

ARGALLON, Rodolfo, 68, of Quezon City, Philippines, died June 18 of a heart attack.

He has been a Church member since 1979. Mr. Argallon is survived by his wife, Modesta, 66, also a Church member; nine children, seven of whom are members; and 14 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Pedro Melendez Jr., pastor of the Quezon City and Puerto Princesa, Philippines, churches.

LAY, Lester, 63, of Tulsa, Okla., died May 9 in an automobile accident. He was baptized in November, 1969. Mr. Lay is survived by his wife, Maxine, a Church member; and seven children, Mark and Luane Smith, Kevin and Teresa Lay, Karen Rogers, and Larry and Louise Barlow, all Church members. He is also survived by three other sons, 11 grandchildren, his mother, two brothers and one sister. Graveside services were conducted by Earl Roemer, pastor of the Tulsa A.M. and P.M. churches.

SMEIGH, Ruth, 95, of Philadelphia, Pa., died June 6. She was baptized in November, 1974. Mrs. Smeigh is survived by a son, Carl, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Roger Ludwig, assistant pastor of the Vineland, N.J., and Philadelphia churches.



FRANCIS 'BUTSY' BUTTENOB

BUTTENOB, Francis "Butsy," 79, of Howard, S.D., died June 30 of a heart attack. He experienced several years of complications, including blindness, from diabetes. He has been a Church member since 1984. Mr. Buttenob is survived by his wife, Alice; daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and John Wunder; grandson, Colin Wunder and his wife, Jill; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by John Elliott, pastor of the Sioux Falls and Watertown, S.D., churches.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brisbane host to anniversary

Twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations for the Brisbane, Australia, church took place June 25. Attendance was 1,304.

Russell Couston, pastor of the Grafton church, who attended the first services in Brisbane 25 years ago, delivered the sermonette. William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne East and South churches, gave the sermon. Mr. Bradford pastored the Brisbane church from 1968 to 1973.

Services were followed by a historical slide show of the Brisbane

church. Ross Beath, pastor of the Brisbane South and Ipswich churches, and William Sidney, pastor of the Brisbane North and Caboolture churches, acknowledged various individuals for their service to the Brisbane church.

Photographs of activities from the past 25 years were displayed. That evening several hundred people attended a 25th anniversary ball.

The first Sabbath service in Brisbane took place June 22, 1963, with 107 people attending.

Kitchener marks 20th year

The Kitchener, Ont., church, celebrated its 20th anniversary June 18.

Evangelist Colin Adair, Canadian regional director and pastor of the Kitchener church from 1969 to 1970, gave the sermon. Mr. Adair was accompanied by his wife, Margaret, and his mother.

John and Fiona Larkin, Leo and

Jane van Pelt and Dan and Emmalena Fuller, pastors and their wives who served in the area, were also present. Other ministers sent greetings and congratulations by audio and video tapes.

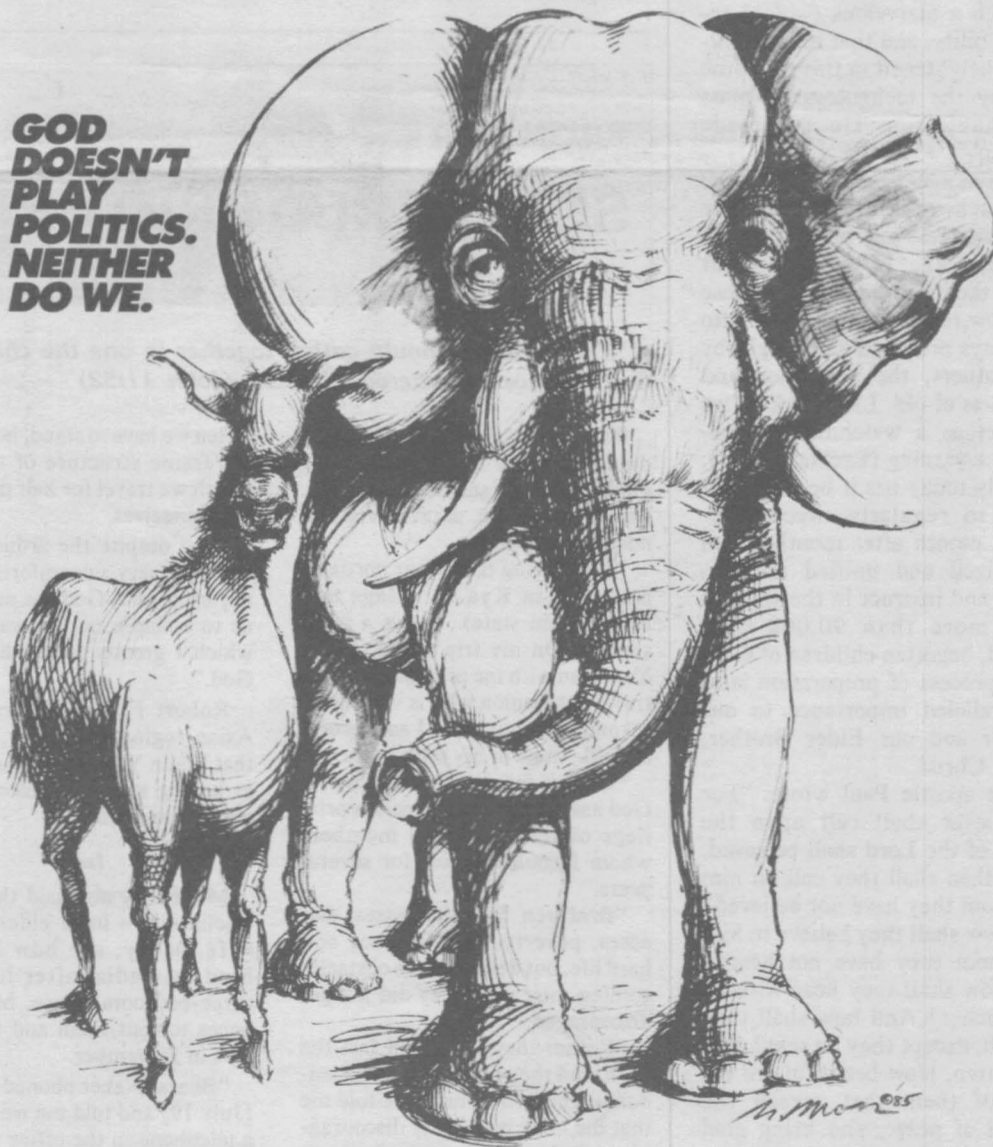
On display were pictures of events from the past 20 years.

A luncheon for 459 brethren took place after services. *Marnie Hills.*



ROUGH AND READY FOR RIVER RAFTING—Members from the Clarksville, Tenn., and Bowling Green, Ky., churches, go whitewater rafting June 19. The five-mile trip took place on the Ocoee River. [Photo by Cherokee Rafting Co.]

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Sixty students and five chaperons from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Japan arrived July 18 to spend 3½ weeks at Ambassador College studying English and participating in cultural activities.

This is the eighth year Bunkyo has sent a group to study English at the college.

English classes this year are taught by Ambassador College faculty members **Mark Kaplan** and **David Maas**, Imperial Schools faculty member **Armando Olvera**, who specializes in ESL (English as a second language) and **Lister Chen**, a University of British Columbia

graduate, who majored in ESL.

"English grammar tends to be emphasized more in Japan," said **Arthur Suckling**, director of the program. "Here we try to stress spoken English, which is the most difficult aspect of a second language. They are making progress in this area."

The group will leave Pasadena Aug. 11 and visit San Francisco, Calif., before returning to Japan.

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PASADENA—**Paul Kroll** and **Ronald Toth**, *Plain Truth* writers, returned July 18 from a 23-day tour of Israel, organized by **Richard**

Paige, associate professor of history at Big Sandy Ambassador College.

The tour group included about 50 Ambassador College students, Church members, ministers and their wives. They visited biblical sites such as Mt. Carmel, the Mount of Olives and the Dead Sea. A few sites, such as Hebron and Samaria were omitted because of unrest on the West Bank.

Sylvia Owen, a 1982 Ambassador College graduate who lives in Israel, served as tour guide. Miss Owen is the only non-Israeli tour guide licensed by the State of Israel.

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PASADENA—*Plain Truth* Bible lectures in Lima, Peru, June 23 to 26 drew 601 new people. This is the highest number recorded and represents a 13 percent response, according to the Spanish Department here.

The lectures were conducted by **Mario Seiglie**, pastor of the Santiago and Temuco, Chile, churches.



MARIO & CATALINA SEIGLIE
Mr. Seiglie traveled 1,575 miles to conduct the lectures.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Richard Ames**, a *World Tomorrow* presenter, and **Peter Lee**, a production manager for the telecast, traveled to South Dakota, Nebraska and Missouri, July 11 to 15 to tape interviews for a telecast on the subject of drought, scheduled to air Nov. 5 and 6.

They were accompanied by **Mark Broadwater**, cameraman, **Lee Pettijohn**, engineer, and **Rick Morris**, audio technician. Mr. Ames and Mr. Lee interviewed five farmers, a county agent, two scientists, two consultants and one banker about the effects of drought and other agricultural conditions on farming and the economy.

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PASADENA—*The World Tomorrow* on Sky Channel and Super Channel in Europe has brought in more than 7,700 responses since September, 1986. Responses came from Hungary, Yugoslavia, Liberia, Poland, Libya, Malta and Iceland.

Pat would appreciate your prayers for God to help them through this trial," said Mr. Fahey.

Italian Office

In June the Italian Department in Pasadena welcomed **Elena Marsella** from Terracina, Italy, who will be a freshman at Ambassador College this fall.

Miss Marsella is the fifth Ambassador student to come from Italy and the first from the Rome church area. In addition to her studies, she will have on-campus employment in the editorial and proofreading area of the Italian Department.

Spanish lectures

The first *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures were conducted July 16 and 17 in Quezaltenango, Guatemala, by **Herbert Cisneros**, pastor of the Guatemala City, Guatemala, and San Salvador, El Salvador, churches.

Attendance was 196 for the first lecture, and 155 for the second. The number of new people attending was 266, representing a 17 percent increase.

"Mr. Cisneros said he was very impressed with the sincerity of the attendees in Quezaltenango as compared to other areas where he has recently conducted lectures," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, Spanish regional director.

Among those attending were a family that traveled 12 hours one way from their remote village, a high-ranking government official and six or seven Indians fully dressed in native attire, who required translation from Spanish to their Mayan dialect.

"Some family members receive *La Pura Verdad* and translate it into Mam or Quiche, the languages of many Guatemalan Indians," said Mr. Walker.

Reported Mr. Cisneros: "This was one of the most diverse groups I have ever seen—every age, social and economic group was represented."

Mr. Cisneros added that he met with 85 adults and children from western Guatemala Sabbath morning, July 16.

PERSONAL

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the voice of a great multitude proclaiming, "Alleluia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

Can we see the supreme importance to God of the process of preparation of the saints for their change to immortal glory?

Yes, God has given His Church a marvelous twofold responsibility, and that responsibility is heightened in this end-time age by the technology of mass communication He has made available.

Only today has it been possible to reach the millions by the printing press and television with the message of TRUTH about what the future holds for those not now repenting and turning to the ways preached and taught by the fathers, the holy men and prophets of old. Like Ezekiel, we are set as a watchman to proclaim a warning (Ezekiel 33:1-7).

Only today has it become possible to regularly, week after week, month after month, in an organized and unified manner, teach and instruct in the ways of God more than 90,000 converted, begotten children of God! This process of preparation is of unparalleled importance to our Father and our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul wrote: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:13-15).

One of the very last things **Herbert W. Armstrong** told me before his death was that I would need to let God work through me to "get the Church ready." I have been striving to do just that.

God's Church has been given a dual commission by its Head, Jesus Christ. Each part of that commission is of equal importance and significance.

The prophecy in Matthew 24:14 describes an aspect of the commission that will be fulfilled in part by the Church directly, in part by the two witnesses of Revelation 11 and in part by the

angel of Revelation 14:6.

But we are to be preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the world while feeding the flock; that is, teaching and instructing those God calls in His ways, so that we all may be made ready, a people prepared for Him.

And individually, of course, we must be learning and growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ while fulfilling our respective responsibilities in His Work. We must be responsive to the instruction He gives us through His Church.

Brethren, let each of us realize how important we are, personally and individually, to God, as one of those He has chosen to call now—before He calls the vast majority of humanity—to have a part in the first resurrection, to live and rule with Christ for a thousand years and to have a part in ultimately bringing all mankind (who will) to repentance and eternal life in the Family of God!

Let's rejoice in the wonderful calling and future God has in store for each of us! And let's be about our Father's business.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—"Our Burmese members have undergone many kinds of trials," said **Saw Lay Beh**, Burmese pastor, after a visit to northern Burma.

"My visiting trip to our northern members in Kya In village and Haka (Chin state) . . . was a great success. On my trip I took **Mahn Yaw Han** with me as in the past as a travel companion who is very helpful and useful to me as I am becoming old—now in my 64th year.

"On this recent trip to the north, God has given me the precious privilege of seeing several members whom I could not see for several years.

"Brethren face sicknesses, diseases, poverty, insufficiency and hard life, but despite these obstacles coming their way, they did not get discouraged.

"Rather they have held fast the faith, and they never feel like abandoning the faith. They have told me that the more people say discouraging and ill words to them, the more they feel stronger in the faith.

"I hope and humbly request that you continue to pray for our Burmese members. Some of our members, more than half of the members, do not have sufficient clothing and daily food, two of the most essential things, let alone the many other desirable things. And they lack vitamins for good health.

[Aid is being provided by the Australian Office, and members should not send items or money.]

"As usual, our annual visiting trip to our northern brethren is mostly by very overcrowded car. The annual visiting trip is always arduous, difficult and uncomfortable.

Often we have to stand, holding fast the frame structure of the car in which we travel for half day to support ourselves.

"But despite the arduous, difficult and very uncomfortable journey each year, God has not allowed us to collapse on the way and for which I greatly continue thanking God."

Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director, reported that **Mahn Yaw Han** was diagnosed as having stomach cancer and requested anointing.

India

Mr. Fahey also said that **Daniel Zachariah**, a local elder, and his wife, **Mary**, are now living in Madras, India, after locating a three-bedroom house. Mr. Fahey hopes to visit them and the members in November.

"**Bharat Naker** phoned yesterday [July 19] and told me we now have a telephone in the office in India," the regional director said.

Burned home

Russell Couston, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, made the following report:

Del and Pat Richards of Boggabri had a severe trial. Because of droughts and high interest rates they have been under considerable financial pressure for some years.

An electrical fault caused their house to burn down, while they were sleeping. They lost everything except their lives and the clothes they were wearing.

The Grafton church and the Australian Office are helping the Richardses, "but I am sure Del and

"While the numbers are small for these countries, it shows how Sky Channel can literally reach across political borders with *The World Tomorrow*. We are still only airing the English version," said evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

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PASADENA—**Cory Erickson**, a 1988 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, will conduct English-language courses for 15 to 20 prospective Ambassador College students and selected members in Guatemala City, Guatemala, according to the Spanish Department. Mr. Erickson will leave Pasadena Aug. 23 and spend about a year there.

"There are several potential Ambassador College students in that area who might be accepted if they can achieve English-language proficiency," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director.

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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations:

Arnold Hampton, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., Southside church, was raised in rank from preaching elder to pastor on the Sabbath, July 16.

Keith Stump, a local elder in the Reseda, Calif., church and employed at the Church's Television/Radio Production Department, was raised in rank to preaching elder on Pentecost, May 22.

Monte Wolverton of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, May 28.

David Rose of the Ipswich, England, church was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, March 26.

Glenn LaMountain, a deacon in the Nassau, N.Y., church; **Venerando Maramba** of the Dagupan, Philippines, church; and **Andrew Patey** of the Gold Coast, Australia, church; were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, June 11.

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PASADENA—A television station in Chicago, Ill., aired *The World Tomorrow* at noon Sunday, May 7, at no charge.

The station regularly airs the telecast Saturday night at 10 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 a.m.

A station executive wrote to **Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn** (an advertising agency retained by the Church): "We are very impressed with the new *World Tomorrow* format, and we sincerely believe it is a strong asset to our overall programming."

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