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Regional directors chart needs of God's Work

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach encouraged each regional director to see "how the region under his care can best fit in the overall direction and needs of God's Church," in the opening address of a five-day regional directors conference Nov. 28.

Running concurrently with the conference was a computer workshop sponsored by Church Administration and conducted by Computer Information Systems. Mr. Tkach directed CIS to standardize the Church's computer systems around the world.

The conference and workshop began with addresses by Mr. Tkach and evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas.

Mr. Salyer said that "the primary purpose of the regional directors conference was to discuss general administrative matters, church-related issues and needs and doctrinal

matters of importance."

The regional directors discussed administration of tithing, the Feast of Tabernacles, Youth Opportunities United (YOU), media planning, Ambassador College students and budget.

"The conference... enabled us to have a lot of input," said evangelist Colin Adair, Canadian regional director. "There was good camaraderie between the regional directors and Mr. Salyer."

Mr. Adair said he appreciated the smaller meetings when the 12 regional directors met with Mr. Salyer "chatting as friends." He said that "having a chance to give our input, to say what was on our minds, was very much appreciated."

In his opening address the pastor general said: "God will bless us as we strive to do His Work in unity... This requires a sense of urgency—to understand who we are, what we are, and where we are going, and what it's all about—de-



WORLDWIDE CAMARADERIE—Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, and Mark McCulley, Festival Administration manager, conduct a Feast of Tabernacles workshop Dec. 2 for the regional directors. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

termined to grow in His love."

This was the final regularly scheduled annual regional directors conference to take place in November. Future conferences will be conducted in June to give the regional directors sufficient time to prepare budgets for the

following calendar year.

25-year plaque

After his address, Mr. Tkach presented a 25-year plaque to evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director. Mr. Bass and his wife, Millicent, also received watches with the Ambassador College seal on their faces.

Computer workshop

The workshop was the first step in achieving Mr. Tkach's goal of a standard worldwide computer system, according to Olly Efthyvoulos, manager of applications development in Computer Information Systems (CIS).

Mr. Efthyvoulos was workshop coordinator. Sam Lennon, a CIS systems analyst for regional offices,

was moderator for most meetings.

In attendance were computer, mail processing and circulation personnel from the regional offices and headquarters. CIS learned more of the regional offices' computer needs, and the regional office personnel learned more about the data headquarters needs them to gather.

"It was mainly a matter of information exchange in both directions," Mr. Efthyvoulos said. "There was a great deal of enthusiasm and anticipation generated by the prospect of a standard computer system."

"This project is a large undertaking and will require much effort from CIS, the other headquarters departments and the regional offices. The workshop laid a solid foundation of unity for the cooperative effort that will be needed."

'Simply stirring to all of us'

Mr. Tkach visits Charleston

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Before 1,769 brethren assembled in Charleston, W.Va., Nov. 19, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach expounded the seriousness of the times and that Christians must not become lukewarm but red-hot. "We must be one family and participants in God's family."

Mr. Tkach continued: "We must face the battle directly against Satan and grow to a deeper level of understanding. Keep alive the Philadelphia attitude!"

Continuing his visits to church areas, the pastor general flew to Charleston, Nov. 18, aboard a leased Lear 35 jet. (The BAC 1-11 had not yet received final certification at the time of this trip.) Greeting the pastor general were Raymond Taylor, pastor of the Charleston and Logan, W.Va., churches, and his wife, Cynthia.

At Sabbath services brethren represented Hazard, Mount Sterling, Paintsville and Pikeville, Ky.; Cambridge, Ohio; and Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Huntington, Logan, Parkersburg and Summersville, W.Va.

"I've never heard it put so

plainly. What he said about God's armor not fitting on us backward or protecting our backside should have been taken seriously by each one of us," said Stephen Brown, pastor of the Cambridge and Parkersburg churches.

Michael Greider, pastor of the Huntington and Paintsville churches, said: "I really savored the emphasis he put on being on guard against lukewarmness... By his focusing attention on it, and the attitude and approach of really wanting to be zealous and to focus on the forward march, is one that I think is simply stirring to all of us."

Members and youths in the Cambridge and Parkersburg churches, directed by David Rambsel, a local church elder, sang "It Won't Be Long Now," while Youth Educational Services (YES) youths provided sign language for the music.

On behalf of the brethren, Mr. Taylor presented Mr. Tkach with a check for \$2,000, payable to the Pastor General's Scholarship Board for helping Ambassador College students.

"Appalachia is considered to be a poorer part of this country," said John Halford, on-site director of the Church's television crew. "In some ways, I felt this was a very significant and appropriate gift, for education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty that grips so much of this world."

After greeting brethren Mr. Tkach was host to a ministerial meeting, in which he "reviewed a number of the changes that have taken place since he became pastor general," said Mr. Taylor. "He reviewed ways that headquarters is working smarter."

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YOUTHFUL GREETING—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets Amber and Aaron Taylor, children of Raymond and Cynthia Taylor, after landing in Charleston, W.Va., Nov. 18. Mr. Taylor pastors the Charleston and Logan, W.Va., churches. Center is Joseph Locke, Mr. Tkach's personal assistant. [Photo by Marta R. Tankersley]

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

Our daily prayers—I wonder how many of us really understand how important they are for the Work of God.

There is an old saying that an army moves on its stomach. But the Church of God moves on its knees—that is, it moves forward through prayer.

The daily, interested prayers of God's own converted children are the most important aspect of the growth and effectiveness of the Work He is doing through His Church.

Each of us need to be sure that we are carrying the Christian burden of prayer for the furtherance of the Gospel. There is nothing that we can do that will produce more fruit for the Work—in innovative opportunities and open doors, in financial and human resources, in equipment and facilities, even in deeper understanding—than to be faithful and earnest in our daily prayers for every phase of what God is doing.

Fervent prayer is often saved for times of need and emergency, and certainly at such times prayer is needed and vital. But the truth is, prayer is needed and vital all the time, even in times of

seeming peace or so-called good times. Why? Because we are mere flesh. We always need God. And we should continually be giving God thanks and praise, because without Him, we can do nothing.

In John 5:30, Jesus said, "By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me" (New International Version).

Jesus was never satisfied with just His own feeling or viewpoint without the Father's. He discussed everything with the Father, and desired and requested the Father's involvement and direction in everything He did.

We are told, "Let him who thinks he stands, take heed, lest he fall." We cannot afford to get into a frame of mind that is self-satisfied, assuming all is going along just fine with no pressing need to be daily acknowledging our total dependence upon God and need for His help and direction.

If the *World Tomorrow* television program is to remain successful, and to continue to improve, it will never cease to need the diligent prayers of God's people. That is the first imperative for the success of any aspect of God's Work.

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UN debate site: power, prestige at stake

PASADENA—Events continue to move swiftly in the Mideast.

A major move took place Nov. 15 when the Palestine Liberation Organization proclaimed a PLO-run independent Palestinian state. We discussed this in the previous "Worldwatch."

The PLO declaration gained support. By the end of November, about 55 nations recognized the Palestinian paper state.

The United States, Israel's main supporter, withheld recognition. The State Department announced that the PLO declaration didn't go far enough in accepting the existence of Israel. Nor did it unconditionally forswear terrorism.

U.S. Middle East policy, however, began to crumble under the weight of support for the Palestinian cause.

In a shrewd move, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat applied for a visa to go to New York to address the annual UN debate on Palestine. His request was turned down, as he knew it would be. Secretary of State George Shultz personally made the decision, a reflection of his deep-seated aversion to terrorism and the PLO's role in it.

Yet the decision appeared to be in violation of the 1947 host country agreement between the United States and the United Nations, whereby the former agrees to let into the country those individuals invited to speak to the world body.

Because of the U.S. action, support for the PLO rose still further. By a 151-2 vote, the General Assembly deplored the U.S. decision.

Only Israel joined Washington on the negative side. While Britain abstained, the rest of Europe sided with the PLO.

The General Assembly then issued an ultimatum: Grant Yasser Arafat a visa, or we will move the debate to Geneva, Switzerland. The United States refused.

The switch to the UN's European office in Geneva for the Dec. 13 to 15 session will be the Assembly's first move outside New York since taking up residence at its newly built headquarters in 1952.

The General Assembly decision, reported the Associated Press, Dec. 2, amounted to a "historic rebuke" of the UN's host country. In ordering the move, many additional costs will be absorbed by the financially strapped world organization.

"The three-day meeting at Geneva's stately Palais des Nations, the UN European headquarters," continued the AP, "will require an additional appropriation of \$440,700. . . The United States probably would be expected to pay a quarter of the additional cost, in accordance with its one-fourth share of the regular annual budget.

"The cost includes. . . \$159,000 for first-class travel between New York and Geneva for one envoy of each of the 40 UN members designated as the poorest countries in the world."

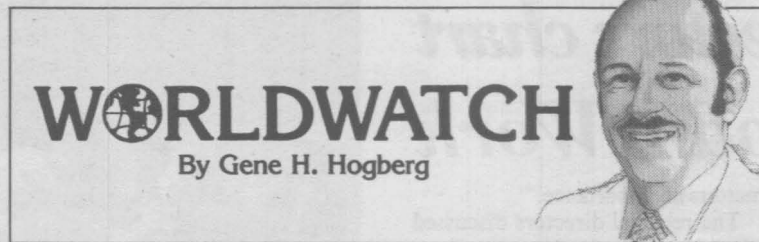
Despite the costs General Assembly officials insisted on the move. This could be a precedent, presaging additional UN operations in Geneva, or even Vienna, Austria.

This blow to U.S. prestige indi-

cates a shift in power away from the United States. Hans J. Morgenthau, the late author of the classic political science text, *Politics Among Nations*, had this to say about prestige:

"The policy of prestige. . . finds a

in New York in the aftermath of the Second World War, showed the Soviet Union in what appeared to be a permanent minority, confronted with a majority under American leadership, it advocated the transfer of the headquarters. . . to Geneva,



particularly fruitful field in the choice of a locality for international meetings. . . Frequently, the shift from one favorite meeting-place to another symbolizes a shift in the preponderance of power.

"During the better part of the nineteenth century, most international conferences were held in Paris. But the Congress of Berlin of 1878, held in the capital of the. . . German Empire after its victory over France, demonstrated to all the world Germany's new prestige of being the preponderant power on the European continent.

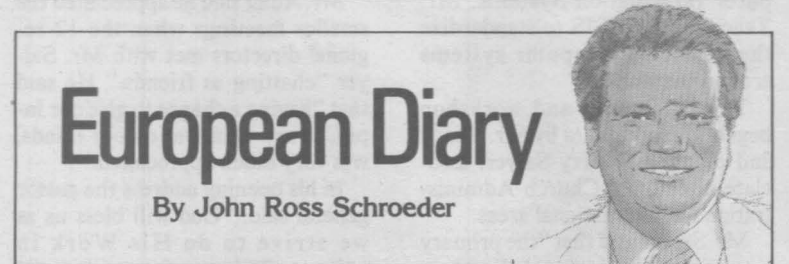
"Originally, the Soviet Union opposed the choice of Geneva as headquarters of the United Nations; for Geneva, the former headquarters of the League of Nations, was symbolic of the low point in Russian prestige in the period between the two world wars.

"When the distribution of power within the United Nations, meeting

which carried no symbolic reference to American supremacy."

However, U.S. prestige was too high. The United Nations was set up in New York, not Geneva. But we could be seeing the beginning of a switch now, which could be permanent later.

The United Nations has changed



Humanity under siege in Western civilization

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Tabloid news stories are horrific. One can only stomach them once in a while.

Take note of one week's headlines: "Old Lady Is Savaged by 7-Year-Old," "Wire-Brush Torture" (requiring 120 stitches), "Girl, 4, Killed by Hit-Run Maniac." The driver sped away with a dying child on his hood.

But bizarre violence is just one type of human cruelty. Another is unbelievable insensitivity.

Take this story from the Oct. 16 *Daily Telegraph*. The headline is "Parents Move House to Lose Teenage Son." The first paragraph begins: "A schoolboy's life of misery plunged to the depths when he came home for his summer holidays to find his parents had moved without telling him."

Why such callous behavior? Why do some human beings act with such indifference toward others?

Movies are one reason. A British film company produced a movie called *Drowning by Numbers*. Reviews tell us that this is the story of three women who drowned their husbands, each as if she were discarding a worn-out coat.

In this film the women get away with the murder of their husbands. They feel little remorse. There is little or no condemnation of their actions.

Immorality in films is bad enough, but this is blatant amorality. Much worse because murder is portrayed as a feasible option—something for which a person will probably escape punishment—either from God, his conscience or the State.

Konrad Lorenz is a Nobel Prize winner and a fellow of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. He has specialized in surveying human behavior over much of the 20th century.

His latest book, *The Waning of Humaneness*, shows from a secular viewpoint what's gone wrong with mankind's behavior. He sees our humanity as being under threat. A person's behavior can become so bad as to render him, metaphorically speaking, a nonhuman being.

Dr. Lorenz said that "in *Brave New World* and *Brave New World Revisited*, Aldous Huxley has out-

lined a dismal picture of a future in which the species *Homo sapiens* does in fact survive and does develop a stable system ensured against all dangers but in which being human is not possible since all humaneness has disappeared" (page 141).

Aloneness and alienation characterize Western society. They play a great role in the waning of humaneness. More people are loners than ever. More people live apart from family than any previous time.

And many who dwell in family homes are estranged from other members of the same household. Some hardly speak to one another.

Dr. Lorenz observed: "A normal human being follows these commandments [the Ten Commandments] from natural inclination—when his behavior involves personal friends.

"One does not lie to a friend or steal from a friend, and one does not covet a friend's wife; least of all does one kill a friend" (page 126).

Well said. Dr. Lorenz continued, "The Ten Commandments begin to lose their fundamental effectiveness when the anonymity of human society increases."

Our technocratic way of life cannot escape responsibility for the human condition today. The way our society is organized often drives families apart.

The Western extended family is a thing of the past. Old support functions are fast disappearing. Often the individual is at the mercy of a cruel, uncaring world.

Young people grow up in an age largely devoid of meaning. They see competitiveness in their elders. They see parents striving for status. They see materialism. They see little true spirituality.

No wonder they despair of this world and begin to turn to alcohol and drugs for solace.

Dr. Lorenz has part of the solution to the plight of these young people. He wrote: "Educating our children to perceive the beautiful and the harmonious, to recognize the disharmonies of sick systems. . . is certainly one effective measure that could be taken against the increasing dehumanization of Western civilization" (page 218).



How's your reputation?

A powerful government figure fell in love with an actress. For several months he showered her with attention and squired her about in the most fashionable circles.

Before deciding to marry her and to guard himself against a rash mistake, he hired a private investigator to look into her past.

At last he received his agent's report: "Miss Hope enjoys an excellent reputation. Her past is spotless. Her associates have been irreproachable. The only breath of scandal is that, in recent months, she has been often seen in the company of a government official of doubtful reputation."

The first scripture I think of is, "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour" (Ecclesiastes 10:1).

Being a Christian gives us a reputation to uphold. We are told in Hebrews, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering" (Hebrews 10:23).

Further, Paul told Timothy that he had "professed a good profession before many witnesses" (I Timothy 6:12).

The Bible tells us to maintain our reputation. After mentioning some who destroyed their reputations (II Timothy 2:17-18), the apostle told Timothy, "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (II Timothy 2:19).

Again, Christianity is a profession that demands the preservation of one's reputation. We name the name of Christ, therefore we must uphold the integrity of that name.

If you ruin your good name by

your conduct, it also hurts the name of the Church.

The Christ whom we profess, whose name we profess, is holy and sinless, as He was even in the flesh. As Hebrews says, "For such an high

God is concerned not only that we maintain our own reputation but our neighbor's as well.

priest [Christ] became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Hebrews 7:26).

But Christians cannot afford to let the matter rest with Christ's holiness. We are told, "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Peter 1:16).

In other words, we are to be perfect (Matthew 5:48). Still another way of putting it is, "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord" (Isaiah 52:11).

One of the Ten Commandments is designed to protect the reputation and integrity of other people.

"The Ninth Commandment says: 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour' (Exodus 20:16), and it is repeated in the same form in English in Deuteronomy 5:20.

"Although the English form is in both cases *false witness*, the Hebrew is different. In the Exodus version the meaning is lying or untrue; in the Deuteronomy version the meaning is insincere, empty, frivolous.

"The meaning is not essentially different, but it might be said that

the Exodus version thinks rather more of the nature of the evidence and the Deuteronomy version thinks rather of the spirit in which it is given" (Barclay, *The Plain Man's Guide to Ethics*, pages 183 and 184).

We are to protect our neighbor's reputation not only in the strict letter, but also in the spirit. The emphasis on the Ninth Commandment is lying about others.

Many verses in the Psalms and Proverbs concern this folly. God hates a false witness. "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to

mischievous, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16-19).

False witness springs out of man's nature (Matthew 15:19).

As Mr. Barclay wrote, "Many a person who enjoys gossip, who repeats gossip, and who initiates gossip would be shocked to be called a malicious liar, but that is precisely what he or she is" (page 190).

Nothing destroys a reputation like gossip. Scripture speaks against it. God is concerned not only that we maintain our own reputation but our neighbor's as well.

There is also the matter of silence. How often are humans silent when a right word would restore a reputation? People know differently but remain silent.

I recall a quote from *The Youth's Companion*, the magazine Herbert W. Armstrong read as a young man. "Reputation is precious, but character is priceless."

Guard your reputation, but also remember, reputation is what people think you are; character is what you really are.

Q&A

from the Pastor General's Report

I understand that the Church is the Bride of Christ. But how do people converted in the Millennium fit into the picture? Are they to be children of the Bride?

The Bible uses the term *Bride* to describe spiritual Israel, the Church of God of all ages. We who are converted now are betrothed to Christ (II Corinthians 11:2).

This means, in essence, we have formally agreed, in the presence of witnesses (at baptism), to marry Him. He has given us the Holy Spirit as the token of the covenant. We belong to Him.

The official consummation of the marriage is coming when Jesus returns from heaven (Revelation 19:7-9) to take us to Himself so that from that time on where He is we shall also be (John 14:3, I Thessalonians 4:17).

The marriage of the Lamb is coming, and the Bride will have made herself ready.

Unlike physical marriages as we know them, however, this Bride is a collective group, and the number in that group will continue to grow.

The new covenant will continue to be proposed to humans during the Millennium (Jeremiah 31:31) and even through the White Throne Judgment period. That is the time when ancient national Israel will be given opportunity to enter the new covenant with Christ (Romans 11:23-26).

The prophets spoke of this new marriage covenant. Hosea foresaw the return of Israel (when converted) to her husband (Hosea 2:14-23).

Jeremiah gave Israel a glimpse of the new covenant to be offered in the future (Jeremiah 30 and 31). Isaiah said that the millennial marriage would encompass the land of Zion and Israel (Isaiah 62).

Thus, it is clear that the marriage is a continuing event, not an event that occurs at a single time, as would a human marriage.

Some analogies have referred to people converted in the Millennium as children rather than as part of the

Bride. This, however, is for the purpose of showing that those in the first resurrection have a special position in the Kingdom. While this point is true, it can be confusing if combined with the marriage analogy.

There are many analogies in the Bible. Each has a valid point. But not all analogies are meant to be mixed together.

In one analogy, for example, Jesus is likened to a mother hen. In another, He is the Shepherd, and we are His sheep. A shepherd does not marry his sheep! Neither does a hen marry her chicks, nor does brother marry brother. We must be careful not to mix analogies.

Spiritual Israel, when spoken of as a body, is the Bride. As individuals we are children of God, and at the same time, part of Christ's Bride.

Should I get a polio vaccine if my child is given one? I have not been vaccinated and I heard I could contract polio if my child is given a vaccine.

Whether to receive vaccines—or any other medical procedure of drug—must be a personal choice. There are too many medical options and circumstances for the Church to make recommendations for individual cases.

The Church encourages members to gather information to make wise decisions. It is not wise to blindly trust every doctor's recommendation. Nor is it wise to blindly disagree with every doctor.

Many medical procedures, including some vaccines, have been tested for years. Numerous of these have been proven effective in reducing the frequency and severity of various physical, biological or biochemical problems. But almost all medical procedures also include a certain amount of risk for each individual.

There is a certain risk in taking a vaccine, and there is another risk involved in not taking it. Taking a vaccine is not sin, but some, because of conscience or personal choice, may choose to avoid vaccines.

The risks may be different for different vaccines, different in different nations, different for men and women, different for babies,

children, adults and senior citizens or because of variation in health history.

With that in mind, we will give more information about polio vaccines, because many have asked about them. There are two types, named after their inventors.

The Salk vaccine uses dead, inactive viruses. It must be injected. The dead viruses help the body know what the "enemy" is. Antibodies will then be formed that fight any future polio virus that might somehow get into the body.

The Sabin vaccine uses live viruses that have been weakened. This vaccine can be swallowed. The viruses cause a weak infection in the intestines, where—under normal circumstances—they do no harm, but still cause the body to form antibodies that will fight polio viruses.

In the Western world, most polio vaccinations are given to children. Since children generally

do not like injections, U.S. medical authorities prefer the Sabin vaccine, and the Salk vaccine is not often used.

In areas where most children have been vaccinated, extremely few get the disease—far fewer than before the vaccines were used. But, ironically, a few—very few—people get polio because of the Sabin vaccine.

Some medical authorities therefore recommend that anyone in the following categories should avoid the live Sabin vaccine:

- anyone with cancer, leukemia or a disease that lowers the body's resistance to disease
- anyone taking cortisone or any other drug that lowers the body's resistance to disease
- anyone who lives in a household with someone with low resistance to disease
- anyone 18 or older
- pregnant women
- anyone sick with any disease more serious than a cold

Note for parents who have not been given a polio vaccine:

Children who have been given a live (Sabin) polio vaccine can give active viruses to others. For four to six weeks after the child receives the live vaccine, dirty diapers, stools and vomit can contain live viruses. In most cases, this does not cause a problem. But in rare cases it can cause polio disease in an adult or child who has not been vaccinated.

Parents should take great care to ensure that their immunized children do not come in contact with people who have not been immunized. Those who have not been immunized should avoid those immunized with a live virus for up to one month.

The chances of infection are low enough that the U.S. Public Health Service recommends that children be given the live vaccine anyway. For those who want to reduce this risk, the dead Salk vaccine is still

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In religious programming

Viewing audience changing

PASADENA—"Some astonishing changes are taking place in the religious viewing habits of the American public," reported evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, after analyzing Arbitron ratings of the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

Despite dramatic drops in viewing levels of other religious programs, *The World Tomorrow* "is holding its own and even gaining ground in some age groups," said Mr. Hulme.

July Arbitron figures show that the religious audience is declining, partly because of scandals. Out of a U.S. population of about 245 million, only some 13 million watch religious television. The top 10 religious television programs have lost more than 30 percent of their audience (2.6 million viewers) since November, 1987.

"Meanwhile the *World Tomorrow* audience is proving to be stable," said Mr. Hulme.

He added that audience levels for the telecast have generally remained at consistent levels, with slow but steady growth in all categories.

Traditionally, more women watch religious television than do men, Mr. Hulme said. Robert Schuller, the most-watched religious program according to Ar-

bitron, has an audience of about 70 percent women and 30 percent men.

The *World Tomorrow* audience is much more even, with 41.39 percent men and 58.61 percent women.

Further analysis of the Arbitron ratings showed that *The World Tomorrow* attracts a younger group of people than other religious programs.

"In recent months other religious

programs have lost more than 50 percent of their audience in this group," said Mr. Hulme. "People are simply turning off."

He added: "All of the above strongly suggests that the *World Tomorrow* audience is more broadly based than traditional religious audiences. Thus, many are exposed to God's truth who otherwise might not be reached."

History comes alive in slide presentation

By Carla Pearson

PASADENA—No. 11 is not just another tour of churches worldwide for traveling evangelist Gerald Waterhouse.

With the international leg of his latest tour beginning after the Feast of Tabernacles in South Africa, Mr. Waterhouse will give a 35-mm. slide presentation to the brethren in the congregations he visits.

"The Work has gone through many changes over the years, at headquarters and in the regional offices around the world, and the slides provide a valuable update for the brethren," said Joseph W. Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration for the United States.

Under the direction of Mr. Tkach Jr. and Michael Feazell, personal assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, the slide production was coordinated by Greg S. Smith, manager of Photography Services. Photographer Barry Stahl did the majority of the work to assemble the

slides. Photographers Warren Watson and G.A. Belluche Jr. assisted with the project.

The script was written by evangelist Ronald Kelly, booklets editor.

"The script is very flexible, so there is room for Mr. Waterhouse to elaborate on the presentation," Mr. Smith said.

The dual commission of preaching the Gospel and feeding the flock is the focus of the slide show, said Mr. Kelly. It's through preaching the Gospel that the flock of the Church heard the word and was called.

The slide presentation's 216 images trace the history and development of the Church from the beginning to the present.

The presentation is continually being updated with new slides from the regional offices, which are sent to Mr. Waterhouse.

Mr. Waterhouse keeps headquarters updated on the comments received and sends suggestions for additions to the program.

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Blind elder ordained, first in God's Church

FARGO, N.D.—The first blind local church elder was ordained here on the Feast of Trumpets, according to Joseph Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States.

Charles Hanson, 50, who served as a deacon in the Fargo church since 1970, was ordained by evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, and Michael Blackwell, pastor of the Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., churches.

Dr. Hanson is in charge of finding halls for Sabbath services and other church activities and helps coordinate transportation needs. He and his wife, Mavis, "are a real team," Mr. Blackwell said.

Mrs. Hanson has served as a deaconess since 1977 and serves as her husband's driver when he visits brethren.

The Hansons began attending Sabbath services in 1966 and were baptized in 1967.

Through the use of braille, Dr.

Hanson gives sermonettes and split sermons. "For the untrained ear, it is hard to tell when he's reading braille," Mr. Blackwell said.

Dr. Hanson was born in 1938 and went blind as a teenager. At age 13 he was cranking an engine on a model airplane when the propeller broke and a part of it stabbed him in the eye.

The eye became infected and was removed, but the infection spread to the other eye and he went blind.

In 1963 Dr. Hanson earned a degree from Palmer Chiropractic College in Iowa. In 1969 he began teaching computer science at a business college in Fargo.

For the past 16 years Dr. Hanson has operated his own piano tuning business. His wife drops him off in the morning and picks him up in the afternoon.

The Hansons have three sons, Van, 26, Andrew, 22, and Tony, 20. Tony is a sophomore at Ambassador College in Big Sandy.

Report from

the Treasurer's Office

Leroy Neff

PASADENA—We have done a lot of work, especially since the Feast, to prepare the 1989 budget. This is a necessary chore each year so that we may keep expenses in line with expected income. The income in this final month of 1988 will determine what our beginning cash reserves will be in 1989.

The October report was encouraging because of a year-to-date increase of 7.1 percent. However, this upward trend did not continue in November. There was a decrease of 9.4 percent for the month compared to November, 1987. This brought the year-to-date increase down to 5.8 percent more than last year.

We believe we need a 6 percent increase for the year and hope that you will join us in praying for these needs to be supplied.

Feast sign-up lists available for five international sites

PASADENA—The following Festival sites are available for sign up: Amman, Jordan; Brno, Czechoslovakia; Chianciano, Italy; Chiang Mai, Thailand; and Trabolgan, Ireland; according to Mark McCulley, Festival Administration manager.

If you are interested in attending one of these sites obtain an application from your pastor. Fill out the form and return it to your pastor.

"These five sites are the only sites open to applications at this time," Mr. McCulley said. "The rest of the sites worldwide will be announced in February."

No money is required with these application forms, although a deposit is required upon acceptance to any of these sites.

"Please apply immediately," Mr. McCulley said. "Acceptances will be sent out in early January. We hope that these sites will be filled by that time."

The Mediterranean Festival cruise is full, and no additional applications can be accepted.

Amman, Jordan

Amman, Jordan, will be host to 200 brethren. The group will leave the United States, Wednesday, Oct. 11, and return Sunday, Oct. 22. Members will see Amman, Petra, Mt. Nebo, Madaba, Jerash and the Ambassador Foundation-sponsored schools.

The package will include air fare, 10 nights in a deluxe hotel, two meals a day, entrance to all sites, tips, tax, transfers and portage.

The price for each person (double occupancy) will be about \$1,390 from New York. The land portion only will cost about \$800.

Two optional packages are an eight-day tour of Israel or a seven-day tour of Egypt. Prices based on double occupancy are: Jordan, Oct. 11 to 22, \$1,390; Jordan and Israel, Oct. 11 to 30, \$2,150; and Jordan and Egypt, Oct. 11 to 29, \$2,290.

Indicate on the application which tour or tour combination you wish to take part in.

Rates will be reduced for children less than 12. Those rates and any additional costs, such as single occupancy, will be available later.

A deposit of \$150 for each person is due upon acceptance. The air fare will be billed upon acceptance of the offered itinerary. The remainder of the ground cost will be billed June 15 and be due July 14.

Brno, Czechoslovakia

Brno will be open to 300 brethren, with space for 150 transfers. Services will alternate between German and English, with translations.

The basic Festival package price includes nine nights in the Hotel Voronez in Brno with buffet breakfast, lunch and three evening activities with dinner.

The cost for each person will be about \$700 for a single room, \$650 for double occupancy and \$550 for triple occupancy. Air fare is not included. Other optional activities will be available during the Feast at

an additional cost.

A pre-Feast tour of Prague, Czechoslovakia, beginning Oct. 11, including a hotel for two nights, meals, sight-seeing, concert and bus transfer to and from Brno, is available for \$300 for a single room and \$230 for each person in a double room.

The most convenient major airports are Prague and Vienna, Austria. From these two cities, the Church has a bus transfer to and from Brno for \$50 round trip.

Members could also fly into Frankfurt, West Germany, and go by train or rental car to Vienna or Prague if more sight-seeing along the way is desired.

Rental cars can be driven to Brno, but personal transportation during the Feast is not needed because transportation is provided to all activities and to shopping areas in Brno.

A \$200 deposit is required upon acceptance and final payment will be due in June or July.

Chianciano, Italy

The new Italian site for 1989 is Chianciano, a town known for centuries as a natural hot-spring spa.

Situated in the rolling hills of Tuscany, 65 miles south of Florence and 80 miles north of Rome, Chianciano offers a wide range of high quality hotels and restaurants.

Its centralized location places it within easy driving distance to Florence, Assisi, Siena, Perugia and Arezzo—cities known for art, history and beauty—and the Chianti

region, Italy's largest and most famous wine-growing area.

Services will be conducted in English with Italian translations. The meeting hall is within walking distance of each of the hotels. Attendance will include 425 overseas transfers and more than 200 Italian brethren.

The land package, which will cost about \$595 (about 335 pounds) for each person, will include transportation from the Rome airport to the hotel in Chianciano and back to the airport in Rome; baggage portage; bus tour of Rome en route to the hotel; 10 nights in a four-star hotel (Oct. 12 to 22—the Italian Office recommends that everyone arrive on or before Oct. 12); breakfast and dinner daily; lunch on the Holy Days; sight-seeing tours to Florence, Siena and other area attractions.

A New York to Rome round-trip APEX fare is listed at \$599; from Los Angeles \$778. Discounted air fares will be offered through the Church's Travel Department. Details on group rates and any other discounts will be given to you by the Italian Department at a later date, upon acceptance.

A deposit of \$150 for each person is due upon acceptance. The air fare will be billed upon acceptance of the offered itinerary. The remainder of the ground cost will be billed June 15 and be due July 14.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Chiang Mai will be host to 375 brethren. The tour to Thailand will leave the United States Oct. 10 and return Oct. 22.

The cost of the basic tour package will be \$1,850 for each person. This includes air fares from the West Coast of the United States to Bangkok and Chiang Mai and return; hotel costs (double occupancy) in Bangkok and Chiang

Mai; all meals and all touring expenses. Not included are tips, laundry and other incidentals.

A brief tour is planned to Taiwan. This tour will leave Oct. 4 and spend several days in and around Taipei, the capital. Although arrangements are not complete, the cost for this add-on portion will be about \$850 to \$900 for each person. This will include all transportation, meals, air fares and hotel costs.

It is important that members indicate on their form whether they wish to be considered for the Thailand portion of the trip only, or would also like to be included in the Taiwan portion.

A deposit of \$150 for each person is due upon acceptance. The air fare will be billed upon acceptance of the offered itinerary. The remainder of the ground cost will be billed June 15 and be due July 14.

Trabolgan, Ireland

A maximum of 500 will keep the Feast in Trabolgan, Ireland, limiting the space for transfers to 200.

Services take place at the Trabolgan Holiday Centre, a self-contained complex with modern apartments, halls and sports facilities.

Housing includes bungalows and one- and two-story apartments sleeping two to seven people. The cost ranges from 290 to 585 Irish punts (\$435 to \$877.50; as of Dec. 6 one Irish punt is worth about \$1.50) for nine nights. This includes linens and electricity.

Members should make their own transportation arrangements. The closest airport is 28 miles away in Cork. You could also travel from London, England, by train to Fishguard, Wales, and take the ferry to the Cork Ferryport.

A deposit of 75 Irish punts (\$112.50) is due upon acceptance, with the final payment due six weeks before the Feast.

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

DANCE FOCUSES ON ABRAHAM'S BLESSINGS

PASADENA—The annual Thanksgiving Ball took place in Pasadena Nov. 20.

The senior class chose the theme "Pilgrims of Yesterday, Pioneers of Tomorrow." Music was provided by the college dance band and the Young Ambassadors.

Entertainment featured the seniors in songs and dances from America's past and a humorous skit portraying student center dining. The entertainment was capped by the seniors singing "Golden Dream" with slides of America's famous sites and landscapes in the background.

"The senior class wanted to focus on the blessings of Abraham, show what those blessings have done for us today and what they portend for the future," said Bradley Reed, senior class president.

During the dance William Crow, from Katy, Tex., was named freshman class president.

THANKSGIVING BALL 'A FAMILY TRADITION'

BIG SANDY—"A Family Tradition" was the theme of the Big Sandy Thanksgiving Ball Nov. 20.

Under the guidance of President Timothy Gander, members of the sophomore class transformed the Ambassador College Field House into a park complete with a gazebo, under which the college dance band played throughout the evening.

Entertainment featured an Ambassador College freshman writing home to tell of his experiences at college, depicted in individual skits.

The finale was a slide show set to Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A."

Noah Fiedler of Toledo, Ohio, was named freshman class president and Angela Quesinberry of Roanoke, Va., freshman representative for

Women's Club.

WOMEN ASK MEN AT TURNABOUT WEEKEND

PASADENA—Turnabout Weekend took place Nov. 11 to 13. This is when the women ask men out on dates.

Some women made brunch and dinner for their dates and some took the men out to restaurants.

Sunday evening, Nov. 13, the

women took their dates to the annual movie night.

A Pictorial contest was conducted to encourage students to get to know one another. Prizes were awarded to the couples who could identify all the pictures of their fellow students.

Open house took place Nov. 13. Students toured each of the dormitories, which the residents decorated.

Prizes were awarded for the best theme, best refreshments and the friendliest dorm for the men and women. David Bensinger's and Linda Stash's dorms were the overall winners.

FACULTY TOPS IN FLAG FOOTBALL

PASADENA—Vice Chancellor Donald Ward, as coach and quarterback, led the faculty to a 4-0 record in the men's flag football season, which ended Oct. 26. The seniors took second place with a 3-1 record.

The women's volleyball season ended Oct. 22. The juniors took first place with a 7-0 record. The sophomores were second with a 4-4 record.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD DAY

PASADENA—The student body took part in its annual Educational Field Day, Nov. 9. "Educational Field Day," according to Kevin Brownlee, student body president, "is an opportunity for students to visit some of the educational institutions in Southern

California."

Students spent the morning at either NBC studios, the LaBrea Tar Pits, J. Paul Getty Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry, Museum of Natural History, or the Los Angeles Times and City Hall.

Everyone ate lunch at Griffith Park and from there went to the L.A. Zoo. The students returned to campus for a family-style dinner.

IN BRIEF

● Dr. Ward left Nov. 28 for a two-week trip to the Ambassador Foundation's projects in Sri Lanka and Thailand. He was to give the graduation address at Waterfield Institute in Sri Lanka.

● A plan was announced Nov. 17 for students to join faculty on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the faculty dining room for lunch so the faculty could "get to know the students better in a semiformal and also friendly setting," according to evangelist Gregory Albrecht, dean of students for Pasadena Ambassador College.

● Evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director, was host to an etiquette dinner in Pasadena Nov. 6.

● The Big Sandy Ambassador Chorale performed special Sabbath music for the Fort Worth, Tex., West congregation, Nov. 12.

● The Big Sandy Young Ambassadors performed for Annie's Pecan Festival, an annual festival of arts, crafts and music, Nov. 13 and 14.



YOUNG AMBASSADORS PERFORM—The Big Sandy Young Ambassadors perform traditional American songs at Annie's Pecan Festival in Big Sandy, Nov. 13 and 14. It was the group's first public performance of the year. [Photo by Ian Bearman]

Life north of the Arctic Circle

TANA, Norway—One Church member is closer to God than others. God's throne is said to be in the north (Isaiah 14:13, Psalm 48:2), and Olav Johansen is the only Church member north of the Arctic Circle.

Mr. Johansen, 43, and his wife, Jorunn, live in Tana, Norway, 275 miles (440 kilometers) north of the Arctic Circle.

The Johansens moved from southern Norway to the Tana Valley in 1972. It was then that Mr. Johansen learned of *The Plain Truth*.

After visiting their new neighbors, his wife told him the neighbors' daughter subscribed to an American magazine he might be interested in. The next day, the girl gave him a stack of *Plain Truths*.

"*The Plain Truth* certainly fascinated me," Mr. Johansen said. "I fell in love" with it. Within two weeks he sent for his own subscription.

Mr. Johansen was baptized in 1977 while attending a university in Oslo, Norway.

The Johansens haven't had many

visits from Church members—12 since 1977. John Halford and his wife, Patricia, and a television crew visited in July. The Johansens appeared in a segment of *We Are One Family Part IV* shown during the Feast.

Mr. Johansen attends services only once or twice a year. "I really miss seeing people of like mind," he said. The nearest church is in Oslo, about 1,400 miles (2,000 kilometers) away. The nearest member lives in Oulu, Finland, about 500 miles (800 kilometers) away.

In July, Mr. Johansen met Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in Oslo.

The Johansens have three children: Erling, 23; Anne, 21; and Roar, 18.

"Even if my family isn't in the Church, they say they have had so many opportunities because of my membership," Mr. Johansen said. "The hospitality we have met in England and other places certainly helps my family in the right direction."

Mr. Johansen has been a teacher for 21 years. Since 1983 he has served as director of education in Tana. Mrs. Johansen is a supermarket clerk.

Since 1987 Mr. Johansen has translated articles each month for the Norwegian *Plain Truth* (*Den Enkle Sannhet*).

"Every day now means new doors to go through, new opportunities, new challenges, opportunities to train for the Kingdom," Mr. Johansen said.

Living north of the Arctic Circle poses problems. There is snow on the ground from mid-October till May, and it can be very cold.

The coldest temperature he remembers is about minus 42 degrees Celsius (about minus 43 Fahrenheit). However, it also gets warm. The hottest temperature he remembers is 35 degrees Celsius (about 95 degrees Fahrenheit).

Keeping the Sabbath so far north is challenging. "Initially I had problems deciding when the Sabbath

starts and ends here during the winter because the sun isn't visible," Mr. Johansen said. During the summer, the problem is just the opposite—the sun doesn't set for at least



OLAV JOHANSEN

two months. "I was told to keep the Sabbath according to Jerusalem time."

Being an isolated Church member can, at times, be trying. "Despite the distance from Tana to Pasadena, I feel close to Mr. Tkach and headquarters," Mr. Johansen said.

"Scattered brethren feel more lonely from time to time than brethren who have someone to talk spiritual things over with," he said. "At least they have their pastor not too far away, which, I think, is one of the privileges they have."

Cancer claims minister's wife

PASADENA—Inez Elaine Schreiber, 61, of Oceanside, Calif., died Nov. 19 after battling melanoma cancer for seven years. Mrs. Schreiber's husband, Leonard, is a pastor-rank minister.

Mrs. Schreiber was born Aug. 10, 1927, in Tawas City, Mich. She married Mr. Schreiber in 1943. They were baptized in 1960.

Mr. Schreiber was hired into the ministry in 1964, and the couple served in 15 churches in California, Nevada, Minnesota and Oregon.

Mrs. Schreiber described her life as "a life of adventure" (see "Minister's Wife Surveys Life," Sept. 19 *WN*).

Mrs. Schreiber is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and John Orchard and Terry and John Beaver; one son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Kay Schreiber; and four grandchildren, Tara and John Orchard III, an Ambassador College sophomore, and Brandy and Amanda Schreiber. All attend Sabbath services.

Mr. Orchard is assistant pastor of the Minneapolis North and St. Cloud, Minn., churches; Mr. Beaver is an associate professor of English at Pasadena Ambassador College; and Randy Schreiber pastors the Reno and Battle Mountain, Nev., churches.

Mrs. Schreiber is also survived by three sisters, Nancy Sass, Bea-

trice Charters and Rosalie Wojohn, and two brothers, Len and Keith Freel. Mrs. Sass is a deaconess in the Escondido, Calif., church.



INEZ SCHREIBER

Evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the Escondido and San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches, conducted a graveside service Nov. 23 at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, Calif. Mr. Beaver sang "How Great Thou Art."

The following poem by Henry Van Dyke "was written in Mom's Bible, and helped sustain her through her seven-year illness," said Mrs. Beaver.

Peace
With eager heart and will on fire,

I fought to win my great desire. "Peace shall be mine," I said. But life

Grew bitter in the weary strife. My soul was tired, and my pride was wounded deep. To heaven I cried,








"God grant me peace, or I must die." The dumb stars glittered no reply. Broken at last, I bowed my head, Forgetting myself, and said,

"Whatever comes, His will be done." And in that moment, peace was won.

KEEP THE LABELS COMING—Imperial Schools needs Campbell's and Campbell Cousin soup labels. Imperial is saving for a Dodge van, which requires one million labels. About 680,000 have been collected. Imperial has used soup labels to obtain studio camera carts, computer tables and playground equipment. If you have any of the labels shown below, please send them to Imperial Schools, c/o Scott Lord, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Here's what to save:

Look for these "Campbell Cousin" brands...

 <p>Save the Quality Pledge panel from Mrs. Paul's® Products</p>	 <p>Save the front panel of the label from Prego® Spaghetti Sauces</p>	 <p>Save the front panel of the label from Franco-American® Products</p>	 <p>Save the UPC Symbol (Universal Product Code) from V-8® Juice Boxes</p>
 <p>Save the front panel of the label from Swanson® Canned Foods</p>	 <p>Save the lid from Vlasic® Pickle Products</p>	 <p>Save the proof of purchase seal (UPC Symbol) from Pepperidge Farm® Products</p>	

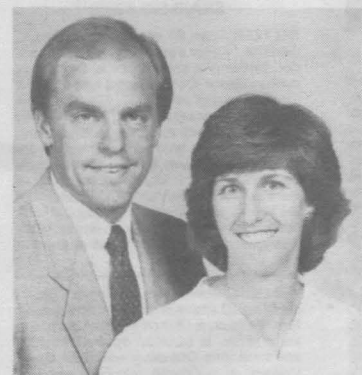
And keep saving these Campbell labels...

Family gets protection when car strikes truck

PASADENA—"We definitely feel that God intervened. It could have been a lot worse, so we are very grateful for that," said Jeb Egbert, student employment coordinator at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Mr. Egbert, his wife, Barbara, and their two sons, John and James, escaped injury in a car accident Nov. 27.

After spending Thanksgiving



JEB AND BARBARA EGBERT

with Mrs. Egbert's parents, Bill and Lois Quillen, who pastor the Las Vegas, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz., churches, the Egberts left at about 8:40, Sunday morning.

"We were about two hours from Las Vegas and coming into Yermo [Calif.] on Interstate 15 heading for Los Angeles.

"We were about a half mile from a California agricultural checkpoint station when traffic began slowing and finally came to a complete stop.

"Then it began moving again. I was picking up speed when I saw a stake-bed truck in front of me veer to the left. When he did that I veered to the right.

"What I didn't know was that he had already made contact with the car in front of him, which had made contact with the car in front of him—it was a six-car pileup."

As Mr. Egbert's car hit the truck in front of him, a steel reinforcement came through their windshield.

The car hit the steel reinforcement, "which was at head level. I was able to duck out of the way. It tore up the whole top left side of the car.

"Thankfully my wife, Barbara, was sitting in the back right and not in the back left, and my son James was in the middle, strapped in.

"As soon as we made contact, the back window shattered. Of course, shivers of glass went everywhere.

"My wife had to comb some glass out of James' hair, and she found that when she changed his diaper that there were shivers of glass in it, but there was absolutely not a scrape on any of us."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BLATTNER, Steven and Rosalinda (Calmen), of Tacloban, Philippines, boy, David Judah, Sept. 22, 11:55 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

CAPO, James and Nancy (Donnell), of Harrisburg, Pa., girl, Jacqueline Lee, Oct. 27, 7:36 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

CRIST, Michael and Linda (Wallace), of Oklahoma City, Okla., boy, John Charles, Oct. 20, 11:39 a.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CRUMP, Robert and Lauri (Banfield), of Wellington, New Zealand, boy, William Peter, Nov. 8, 11:03 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

DIFRANCO, James and Mary (Ackroyd), of Rochester, N.Y., girl, Elizabeth Anne, Oct. 5, 6:20 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ESPIRITU, Rodrigo and Violeta (Madrid), of Marikina, Philippines, boy, Andrew, Oct. 8, 4:30 p.m., 6 pounds, now 3 boys.

FALK, Steven and Belinda (Davies), of Pasadena, girl, Emily, Nov. 12, 5:38 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FUENTES, George and Tracy (Keyser), of Pasadena, girl, Natalie Raquel, Aug. 28, 10:31 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

GORDON, Dale and Maria (Storch), of Fort Wayne, Ind., girl, Andrea Katherine Marie, Oct. 16, 9:42 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

JENDREK, Paul and Olga (Otasovic), of Bayonne, N.J., girl, Tanya Ashlea, Sept. 29, 10:24 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

JERSETT, Myron and Missy (Zirkel), of Jamestown, N.C., girl, Kimberly Jayne, Oct. 22, 1:22 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

KRICK, Daniel and Barbara (Mende), of Tomahawk, Wis., girl, Leigh Anne, Oct. 15, 6:32 p.m., 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

LEBLANC, Richard and Mary (Hofer), of Montreal, Que., girl, Laura Ashley, Oct. 6, 9:53 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

MARRS, Edwin and Cynthia (Watson), of Alhambra, Calif., girl, Krystin Nicole, Aug. 27, 12:45 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MOATS, Thomas and Helen (Ailing), of Sanborn, N.Y., girl, Elizabeth Michelle, Oct. 31, 1:16 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

MOHAJANE, Stephen and Emily (Mashiya), of Soweto, South Africa, boy, Samson, Oct. 6, 2:30 a.m., 3.03 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

NEWSOM, Barry and Anne (Fehr), of Vancouver, B.C., girl, Alysa Zona Naomi, Oct. 3, 3:07 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

PARKER, Calvin and Colene (Thompson), of Freeport, Bahamas, boy, Calvin Chaz, Sept. 24, 3:07 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

PARMAN, Farron and Kim (Hacker), of Tacoma, Wash., boy, Jordan Scott, Oct. 13, 3:45 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROCKEY, Guy and Cori (Hubbard), of Denver, Colo., boy, Kyle Howard, Oct. 25, 2:45 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

SOLCA, David and Jane (Thomson), of Gold Coast, Australia, girl, Caitlin Rosalie, Sept. 10, 4:20 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 girls.

WAYNE, Randy and Anna (Freese), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Samuel Martin, Nov. 1, 8:13 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys.

WEBBER, Reginald and Sharel (Shearer), of Front Royal, Va., boy, Travis Nelson, Nov. 4, 2:42 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WELLS, Mark and Cathy (Kidd), of Paintsville, Ky., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Oct. 5, 10:58 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

YOUNTS, Thomas and Sharon (Neidhardt), of Muskegon, Mich., girl, Shannon Marie, Aug. 17, 7:16 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Damore of Hacienda Heights, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Teresa Marie to Andrew Donald Graham of New Zealand. A Feb. 12 wedding at Pasadena Ambassador College is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Oakes of Waco, Tex., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Paula to James Franklin Coker III of Dallas, Tex. A Dec. 17 wedding in Dallas is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS BURKES

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Griffin of Fort Collins, Colo., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Heaven Lee to Douglas W. Burkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Burkes of Fresno, Calif. The ceremony was performed Aug. 7 by David Kenders, a Fort Collins minister. Holly Ann Griffin, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Darryl Burkes, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in San Jose, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. MATTHEW LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith Sr. are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Leanne Elizabeth Keating to Matthew Lester Ladner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ladner. The ceremony was performed by David Stone, Hattiesburg, Laurel and Meridian, Miss., pastor. Abby Scrodlil was maid of honor, and C.A. Walker was best man. The couple live in Poplarville, Miss.



MR. AND MRS. ELIJAH ANTOINE

Mr. and Mrs. Headley White of Brooklyn, N.Y., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Marcia Noelle Ann to Elijah Antoine. The ceremony was performed Sept. 18 by Carlos Perkins, Brooklyn North pastor. Vivienne Reid, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Lazarus Antoine, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Brooklyn.



MR. AND MRS. ELROY MAASCH

Elroy E. Maasch and Audrey J. Daley were united in marriage July 17. The ceremony was performed by Joel Lillengreen, Waukesha, Wis., pastor. The bride's four children were attendants. The couple live in Oconomowoc, Wis.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN BRUNNER

Donna Louise Fulps and John Martin Brunner were united in marriage Aug. 7. The ceremony was performed by Braden Veller, a Tampa, Fla., minister. Deanna Nobles, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and David Capitano was best man. The couple live in Brooksville, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS RANDLE

Deborah Annette Solberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Solberg of Twin Valley, Minn., and Thomas Craig Randle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Randle of Minneapolis, Minn., were united in marriage July 31. The ceremony was performed by Michael Blackwell, Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., pastor. Janet Solberg, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Paul Arnold Jr. was best man. The couple live in Minneapolis.



MR. AND MRS. HERB KREBES

Monica Lansing and Herb Krebes were united in marriage July 1 in Edmonton, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Gordon Graham, Edmonton South associate pastor. Grace Fitzmaurice, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Eric Krebes, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Edmonton.



MR. AND MRS. R. PLUMLEE II

Deborah Leanne Solima, daughter of Sabina Solima of Brisbane, Australia, and Ronald E. Plumlee II, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Plumlee of Topeka, Kan., were united in marriage Oct. 4. The ceremony was performed by William Sidney, Brisbane North pastor. Denise Warren and Susan Velazquez were the bride's attendants, and groomsmen were Ron Guizado and Damian England.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN S. JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Wright of Atlanta, Ga., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Paula Marler to John S. Johnson. The ceremony was performed Aug. 7 by Douglas McCoy, a Buford, Ga., minister. Jennifer Morgan was maid of honor, and Reggie Garretson was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. D. DAUGHERTY

Deborah Green and Donald Daugherty were united in marriage Aug. 20. The ceremony was performed by Reinhold "Shorty" Fuesel, Pensacola, Fla., pastor. Dee Dee Green, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor, and Raymond Tucker was best man. The couple live in Pensacola.



MR. AND MRS. C. BACHELLER

Cheryl Ann Spiegelhalter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Spiegelhalter, and Christopher Charles Bacheller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Bacheller, were united in marriage Jan. 17. The ceremony was performed by Craig Bacheller, New York (Spanish) and Queens, N.Y., pastor. Deane Schmidt was maid of honor, and Troy Clowdus was best man. The couple live in Palm Bay, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID PRESLEY

Annette Irene Hunsberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hunsberger of Pasadena, and David Lynn Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Presley of Midland, Tex., were united in marriage June 12 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Clint Zimmerman, a pastor-rank minister who works in Church Administration. Stacey Black was maid of honor, and Herschel Presley was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. HEMAN MULLEN

Roswitha Hauter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Hauter of Cape Town, South Africa, and Heman Mullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mullen of Easton, N.S., were united in marriage Aug. 28 in Annapolis Royal, N.S. The ceremony was performed by Jack Kost, Halifax, Sydney and Digby, N.S., pastor. Nancy Izzatt was matron of honor, and Jim Izzatt was best man. The couple live in Easton.



MR. AND MRS. GERRIT KANIS

Corina Schenk of The Hague, Netherlands, and Gerrit J. Kanis of Vianen, Netherlands, were united in marriage July 19. The ceremony was performed by Bram de Bree, Dutch regional director. The couple live in Vianen.



MR. AND MRS. MARK GARZILLO

Marci Redanz and Mark Garzillo of Bethlehem, Pa., were united in marriage Aug. 28. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Clifford Redanz, a Bethlehem minister. Tammy Fattoroso was matron of honor, and Paul Garzillo, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Easton, Pa.



MR. AND MRS. KING FINLAY

Virginia Kovacs and King Finlay of Bethlehem, Pa., were united in marriage Sept. 17. The ceremony was performed by Clyde Klough, son-in-law of the groom and pastor of the Jonesboro, Ark., and Poplar Bluff, Mo., churches. Georgene Leight, daughter of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Finlay III, brother of the groom, was best man.



MR. AND MRS. KURT HOYER

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cox of Lafayette, Ind., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Dawn to Kurt Jacob Hoyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hoyer of Olympia, Wash. The ceremony took place in Indiana Aug. 14.



MR. AND MRS. DEAN KNUTSON

Marvin and Karen Edelbach of Tacoma, Wash., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Tresa Kara to Dean Knutson, son of Lloyd and Janet Knutson of Gully, Minn. The ceremony was performed Aug. 21 by Victor Kubik, Minneapolis, Minn., North pastor. The couple live near Minneapolis.



MR. AND MRS. JON KILLION

Diane Schaeffer and Jon Killion were united in marriage Sept. 17. The ceremony was performed by Frank McCrady Jr., Indianapolis, Ind., pastor. Denise Mazingo was matron of honor, and Dave Cripe was best man. The couple live in Indianapolis.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MISCO

Lorene Kloska and William J. Misco were united in marriage March 6 in Kenosha, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Joel Lillengreen, Kenosha pastor. Kathy Czepinsek was maid of honor, and Jeff Kloska was best man. The couple live in Kenosha.



MR. AND MRS. KLARON COGDILL

Klaron Cogdill and Joann Bonnarens were united in marriage July 24. The ceremony was performed by Fred Bailey, Springfield, Mo., pastor. Aquella Cogdill, daughter of the groom, was maid of honor, and best men were Justin Bonnarens, son of the bride, and Aaron Cogdill, son of the groom. The couple live in Springfield.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN KUCZAJ

Christine Mary Dziak and John Eugene Kuczaj were united in marriage Aug. 7. The ceremony was performed by Vincent Szymkowiak, Detroit, Mich., East pastor. Jacqueline Manetta was maid of honor, and Anthony Pipia was best man. The couple live in Roseville, Mich.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. RONALD PLUMLEE

Ronald and Peggy Plumlee celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 24. The Plumlees have two sons, Ronald and Bradley, both Church members. The couple attend the Topeka, Kan., church.



MR. AND MRS. JACK BERG

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berg, members who attend the Everett, Wash., church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 27. Family members honored the couple with a dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Berg were baptized in 1988. Their daughter and son-in-law, Marlyne and Larry Ray, are also Church members.



MR. AND MRS. MYLES JACKSON

Mr. and Mrs. Myles Jackson of Wetaskiwin, Alta., were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary with a potluck and dance given by family members and brethren Oct. 29. The Jacksons have three daughters, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two daughters and sons-in-law,

Gayle and Larry Seim and Dorothy and Dave Hofforth, and their families also attend Church services.

Harvey and LaVerne Williamson, members who attend the Topeka, Kan., church, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Aug. 15. They have three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Will and Gwendolyn Benus, members who attend the Kansas City, Kan., South church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 29. Members sent a flower basket in honor of the occasion, which was also celebrated Oct. 30 with family and friends.

OBITUARIES

SWEET, Bessie Grinstead, 84, of Boise, Idaho, died Nov. 4. Mrs. Sweet, a Church member since 1970 and a widow since 1968, is survived by a sister, three nieces and two nephews.

SMITH, Mary, 90, of Middleton, Idaho, died Nov. 3. She was baptized in 1951, and she was the oldest member attending the Boise, Idaho, church. Mr. Smith died in 1953.

JORDAN, Albert S., 74, of Star City, Ark., died Aug. 17 after a massive stroke. Mr. Jordan, a Church member since 1972, is survived by his wife, two sons and four grandchildren.

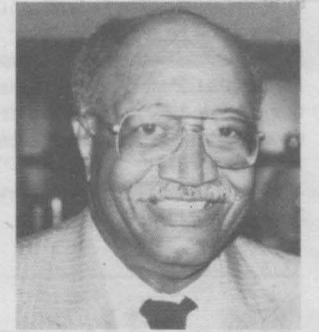
RICKMAN, Claude W., 85, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Oct. 5 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Rickman, a Church member since 1971, was preceded in death by his wife, Cleo. He is survived by a son, Claude E.; a daughter, Joan McBee; and four grandchildren.

BAGNALL, Evelyn, 43, of Winnipeg, Man., died Nov. 7 of cancer. Mrs. Bagnall, a Church member for about 16 years, is survived by her husband, Herbert; a daughter, Anne-Louise; and two sons, Brian and Kevin.



CATHERINE FITZGERALD

FITZGERALD, Catherine, 48, of Peoria, Ariz., died Nov. 7 of cancer. Mrs. Fitzgerald, a Church member since 1962, is survived by her husband of seven years, Frank, three sons and three daughters from a previous marriage and one grandson.



THOMAS B. HINDMAN

HINDMAN, Thomas B., 64, of Indianapolis, Ind., died Nov. 2 of a heart attack. Mr. Hindman, a Church member since 1968, is survived by his wife, Emma, a Church member, two daughters, five stepchildren, six grandchildren, a brother and his mother.



SHARI SELTZER

SELTZER, Shari, 21, of Minneapolis, Minn., died Oct. 15 after a yearlong battle with cancer. She was a sophomore at Big Sandy Ambassador College and has been a Church member since 1987. Miss Seltzer is survived by her father, Paul, a Minneapolis North local church elder; her mother, Mary; a sister, Vania; a brother, Nathaniel; an uncle, Thomas Seltzer, also a local church elder; and an aunt, Rosella. Funeral services were conducted by Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis North and St. Cloud, Minn., churches. In lieu of flowers an Ambassador College scholarship fund was opened in Miss Seltzer's name.

VEILLEUX, Aurelie, 68, of Regina, Sask., died Aug. 23 after a short battle with cancer. Mrs. Veilleux, a Church member since the early 1970s, is survived by one daughter and three sons. One daughter-in-law, Dawn Veilleux, is a Church member, and two granddaughters also attend services.

PILSNER, Joe, 67, of Regina, Sask., died Sept. 29 of a heart attack while playing golf at the Feast of Tabernacles in Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Pilsner, a Church member since 1970, is survived by his wife, Theresa, also a Church member, two daughters and one son. One daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Greg Trischuk, and their son, Jeff, are Church members. Two grandsons also attend services.

HICKS, James, 75, of Franklinville, N.J., died Nov. 11 after a series of strokes. Mr. Hicks, a Church member since 1965, is survived by his wife, Dorothy, one sister, nieces and nephews.

PERSONAL

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The writers, editors, cameramen, directors, sound mixers and other technicians and support personnel of the entire department need prayer. The process of selection and acquisition of stations and airing times needs prayer.

Likewise, if *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News*, *The Worldwide News* or *Youth 88* are to continue to improve, whether in content, graphics, print quality or production costs, they will continue to need the prayers of God's people.

The quality of instruction at Ambassador College, the train-

ing and preparation of local ministers, the effectiveness of the programs for our young people, our various promotional and advertising programs for the publications and television program—all need the concerned prayers of the brethren of God's Church.

This Church and the Work it is doing is the Church and Work of God. It is not, and has never been the Church and Work of a man or men. That is why it depends on the prayers of God's people, those whom He has called out of the world to be part of what He is doing.

Brethren, let's remain ever mindful of the vital importance of prayer. Let's never forget how much we depend upon God, and

how crucial prayer is to our personal development as Christians.

It is such a vital key to our success in growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and in developing the mind of Christ. God is our ever-present strength, our

help, our solace and refuge.

Let's learn to depend on Him, to rely on Him, and to acknowledge Him in all our ways (Proverbs 3:5-7). As Peter wrote, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (I Peter 5:7, New King James).

Brethren, as we unitedly lift our voices to God in prayer for one another and for the Work God has given us to do, He will bless us and lead us through every wise door and around every obstacle. Let's show God where our hearts are!

Q & A

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available, although not common.

The Salk vaccine injection is recommended for children who have low resistance to disease or are living with someone with low resistance. It is recommended for previ-

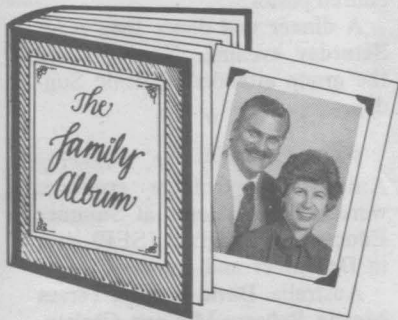
ously unvaccinated adults who plan to travel to a nation where polio is common, or for previously unvaccinated adults whose children will be given the live vaccine.

The Church does not approve nor disapprove these medical recommendations. We are merely reporting information that some members want to be aware of. The Church is not in the business of

making medical decisions.

In Western nations, the risk of catching polio is small, whether the adult receives a vaccine or not. Medical authorities think the risk is smaller if the adult is given a vaccine. Each adult should make his or her own decision.

More information can be obtained from government health departments.



PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)

Hong Kong

By Kerri Dowd

HONG KONG—Amid this bustling trade and banking center are six Church members.

Crowded against the border of the People's Republic of China, they live in this British crown colony, covering 403 square miles but maintaining a population of 5.65 million. In some areas as many as 360,000 people live in one square mile.

Britain's lease on the colony expires in 1997, and the area will become part of communist China.

This small group gathers weekly for Sabbath services at the home of one of the members, where they listen to tapes supplied by the Australian Office. Robert Fahey, regional director for Australia and Asia, is church pastor and visits about once every two to three months.

Because of traditionally strong family ties divorce and other marriage problems are less prevalent here than in other parts of the world.

Brethren here face problems with keeping the Sabbath and getting time off for the Holy Days.

Visiting brethren and ministers are warmly welcomed, and since Hong Kong is on the way to and from many parts of the world, guests are common.

Minnie Ko

The group included seven baptized members until Minnie Ko was accepted to Pasadena Ambassador College as a freshman.

Before college she was a researcher for *Asiaweek* magazine. Her responsibilities included proof-reading and checking facts for the literature page and news stories.

Miss Ko learned of *The Plain Truth* through an ad in a television magazine. After requesting the magazine and booklets and attending Bible lectures, she was baptized in 1983.

'Bugsy' Daswani

"Aug. 16, 1983. I still remember," said Bhagwan "Bugsy" Daswani, who was born in India into a Hindu family. "That was the first day I ever saw a Bible. When I read it things fell into place."

He began reading *The Plain Truth* in 1980 when his brother sent in his name. "When I saw I John or other references, I didn't know what it was."

He learned that he should keep

the Sabbath and asked his brother, with whom he works in the export business, for Saturdays off. He works Sundays instead, when necessary, "but my brother regrets sending my name in to this day."

Mr. Daswani said "the books that changed everything were *The Incredible Human Potential* and the *Ten Commandments* booklet."

Just before he became a member, Mr. Daswani was so excited about the truth that he distributed cards advertising *The Plain Truth*. The ministry "put a stop to that," he said. "I look back and say, 'Did I really do that?' I tried to convert a lot of people."

Ma Ming Tak and Mary

Ma Ming Tak and his wife, Mary, were married in 1987. Mrs. Ma is from Penang, Malaysia, and the couple met at the Feast of Tabernacles in Malaysia. Their first child, Joseph Ka-Wing, was born June 3.

Mr. Ma is a barrister in private practice. Hong Kong practices the British system of law, and English is used in court. He works mainly with litigation.

Mr. Ma was the first member in Hong Kong. He came into contact with the Church through a *Reader's Digest* ad and was baptized in 1971.

Mrs. Ma learned of the Church through a friend in Malaysia, Daniel Tay. She noticed that he did not eat certain seafoods and began to ask questions.

As she learned she began trying to keep the Holy Days by her own calculations. She worked as sales manager for a skin-care company. When she stopped working on the Sabbath, "the company was furious."

In 1986 she learned of Sabbath services, but there was no church in Penang. Then she heard that Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the churches in Malaysia, was there to visit members. She tried to arrange a visit, but Mr. Yong was not available at the time.

That night she got out of bed when she heard a loud noise. "I took two steps toward the light when there was a crash and the other two girls [her roommates] screamed. One thought it was a bomb, and one

thought it was a plane crash," she said.

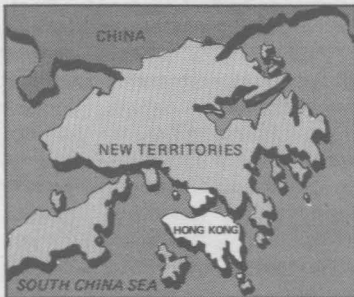
"When I turned on the light I saw that the ceiling fan had fallen on the pillow. My head would have been there."

She called Mr. Yong again in the morning, and he visited. She began to attend services.

Jimmy Wong

"We have Chinese and English names," said Jimmy Wong. "If you don't have a Chinese name, you're not Chinese. If you don't have an English name, you're not fashionable."

Mr. Wong lived seven years in Australia, where he went to a uni-



CROWN COLONY—Hong Kong, home to six Church members, is a crossroads for many who travel around the world.

versity. "I was fortunate. When I applied for an extension to study, I got approval to stay. During the second period I came into the Church."

He learned of the Church through a *Reader's Digest* advertisement. One day he took a *Plain Truth* into a movie theater, and a man, who turned out to be a Church member, asked him what he thought of the magazine.

"He asked me if I wanted to contact a minister. I said yes, and a minister called."

Mr. Wong went to a parochial school when he was growing up. "They made us recite one of the gospels, and they used to really whack us if we didn't know how to recite it."

When he was being called, Mr. Wong said he could see on close reading that he had been taught wrongly. "What hit hardest was that the Sermon on the Mount was not for the public, and the parables



HONG KONG MEMBERS—At the first Church wedding in Hong Kong in 1987 are (front row, from left): Irene Lee, Minnie Ko, Mr. and Mrs. Ma Ming Tak and Colin Kelly, associate pastor of the Gold Coast, Australia, church. Back row: Peter Lam, Buggy Daswani and Jimmy Wong.

were not to make things clear."

He commented about the size of the church here: "One reason people in Hong Kong aren't called is because of their pride. Material success is stressed. Appearance is important. Success is climbing the ladder. It is the custom to work on Saturday. People think you're lazy if you don't... A person willing to sacrifice his or her job is looked upon as crazy."

Mr. Wong and his wife, not a member, have one son, Wallace, 10. Wallace attends some activities and meetings with the group and this year he accompanied his father to the Feast of Tabernacles for the first time.

Irene Lee

Irene Lee began reading a *Plain Truth* that a family member received. But she wasn't reading seriously.

Then, in 1985, she happened to see the *World Tomorrow* program. (It was only on the air in Hong Kong for one to two months.) She wrote to the Australian Office and was visited by Colin Kelly, now associate pastor of the Gold Coast, Australia, church. She was baptized that year.

Mrs. Lee is also married, and her husband is not a member. She is unable to see other members as often as she would like.

A cancerous tumor was removed in 1987, but Mrs. Lee now battles migraine headaches.

Mrs. Lee works with her husband importing and exporting shoes.

Peter Lam

Peter Lam went to Taiwan in 1967 to study. Mr. Lam subscribed to *The Plain Truth* through a *Reader's Digest* ad, and after three issues thought it must be published by a group of churches.

He returned to Hong Kong in 1968, when he became ill. He requested *The Good News* but thought it was impossible to do what was required.

In 1981, after a series of events brought "complete failure and poverty, I had nothing to do but ask God for help, and I began to study *The Good News* and booklets."

Mr. Lam was baptized in 1984. He works as a certified public accountant, and his employer became curious. "He wanted to know what the advantage was to keeping the Sabbath. He was interested until he found out he'd have to tithe."

In Asia young adults generally live with their parents until they marry. Mr. Lam lives with his mother and stepfather.

"In Hong Kong most people have no religion," he continued. "When they are in trouble they will turn to any god or maybe several to be on the safe side."

Mr. Lam was born in China and carries a certificate of identity instead of a passport. He has had difficulty getting a visa to Malaysia, where Hong Kong members kept the Feast of Tabernacles until the site in Singapore opened in 1987.

Mr. Lam attended the Feast in the Philippines for four years, and this year, for the first time, he attended with the other Hong Kong members in Singapore.

The church in Hong Kong is "very close—a family unit," said Mr. Daswani. "We really care about each other. It's true here that when one weeps we all weep, and when one rejoices we all rejoice."

Statistics

Attendance	8
Teens	0
Pre-YOU	2
Ministers	0
Singles	2
Over 60s	0

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PASADENA—The *World Tomorrow* telecast, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," presented by evangelist **David Hulme**, drew 53,759 calls when it aired Nov. 19 and 20.

This number is 78 percent higher than the year-to-date average and the fifth highest response the telecast has produced. The last telecast on this topic—in March—produced 53,759 calls.

"The Adultery Syndrome," presented by evangelist **David Albert** Nov. 26 and 27, brought in 42,862 calls. "This is the highest call volume ever received during a Thanksgiving weekend," said evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

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KINGSTON, Jamaica—"Things are improving slowly but surely," said **Michael Mitchell**, a Church employee here, 2½ months after Hurricane Gilbert ravaged Jamaica.

Basic foodstuffs such as sugar, milk, rice and flour are returning to the supermarket shelves, Mr. Mitchell said. Other countries are sending relief supplies.

Most of the water and electricity has been restored on the island. Fresh fruits and vegetables are in short supply. Farmers have replanted, but the crops have not come in yet.

Food prices are high with no decreases expected in the immediate future, Mr. Mitchell said.

Mike Jones, a member who was in danger of losing his job when his company suffered financial problems because of the hurricane (Oct. 31 *WN*), thanks brethren for their prayers. His company is in good shape financially and he is in no danger of losing his job.

Food purchased by the Church arrived about Feast time and was distributed to brethren. Four thousand pounds of food arrived from Miami, Fla., in November. It was divided into packages and distributed to members on the island.

The packages contained about two pounds of flour, four cans of meat or vegetables, one pound of kidney beans and a pound of powdered milk.

"The worst is over, but some problems still lie ahead," Mr. Mitchell said. "It's now a matter of rebuilding."

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PASADENA—Television Production dubbed a tape of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, "Jerusalem—City of Conflict," for **King Hussein** of Jordan.

Joseph Locke, an Ambassador Foundation vice president, presented the tape to **Adnan Abu Odeh**, minister to the Royal Jordanian Court and personal assistant to King Hussein.

Mr. Abu Odeh was attending a conference in Aqaba, Jordan, with **Hosni Mubarak**, president of Egypt, and **Yasser Arafat**. At the conference an aide to President Mubarak said that while he was in the United States he saw a television program discussing Jerusalem in a fair manner, showing both Christian and Muslim influences.

King Hussein said he would like to see it. President Mubarak's aide told Mr. Abu Odeh the program was produced by the Worldwide Church of God, and Mr. Abu Odeh requested a copy.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Church members from Min-

neapolis North and South and St. Paul, Minn., celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Minneapolis church Sept. 10.

Guests from other Minnesota and Wisconsin churches joined them for Sabbath services and a dinner and dance.

Robert Jones, who served in Minneapolis and St. Paul from 1968 to 1974 and now pastors the Norfolk and Richmond, Va., churches, was the main speaker.

A slide show during the evening traced the history of the church area. The Minneapolis church first met Sept. 19, 1963, with 220 in attendance.

The second Minneapolis congregation began March 4, 1967, and the St. Paul church first met Oct. 11, 1975.

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PASADENA—Media Planning & Promotion is completing packages for a late December direct-mail campaign in Malaysia and Singapore.

The campaign is being coordinated by **Ray Wright**, manager of Media Planning & Promotion, and **Reginald Wright**, supervisor of mail processing in the Australian Office.

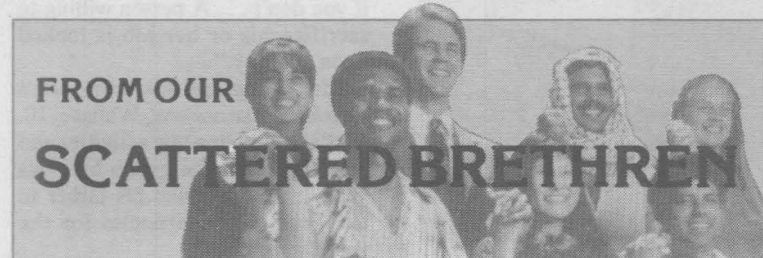
This is the first direct-mail effort in this area. Two packages—both in English—will go to 100,000 prospective subscribers in Malaysia and 30,000 in Singapore.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following transfer: **Nathan Faulkner**, a ministerial trainee in Salt Lake City, Utah, will serve as a media technician for the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College.

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PASADENA—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter



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

PASADENA—Mohan Jayasekera, Colombo, Sri Lanka, pastor, reported Oct. 27 on friction between Tamils and Sinhalese in Sri Lanka.

"All our members and project personnel are safe and well and in no real danger, but having to go about their business in this uncertain situation.

"All schools have been now closed for over six weeks, as extremist elements have forced their way into schools and forced the students, through intimidation, to come out and demonstrate and attack public property.

"In a few cases this has led to confrontations with the police, who have used tear gas and baton-charged these mobs, and also, in some situations, fired live ammunition. A few have been shot dead.

"Now that the schools have been closed, their ploy seems to be to force their way into work places such as offices, factories and the port, and force the workers to come out...

"It is sad that in this situation people are being driven by rumour

scale shook this area at 3:38 a.m., Dec. 3. The epicenter was eight to 10 miles under downtown Pasadena "in a maze of faults," according to the Dec. 4 *Los Angeles Times*.

No major damage was reported, although the quake caused power outages in some areas.

The Ambassador College campus suffered "minor cosmetic damage only," said **Dennis Van Deventer**, director of Security & Safety. "Everything has already been repaired or is nearly repaired. Once again, it is pretty obvious that God has blessed and protected us."

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QUEBEC CITY, Que.—A Nov. 25 earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale, with an epicenter 90 miles north of here, was felt as far south as Washington, D.C., according to the Nov. 26 *Los Angeles Times*.

It was the strongest quake in the area since 1935.

"There wasn't all that much material damage," said **Rejean Vautour**, Quebec City pastor. "The brethren were mostly just scared. None of them received any damage except for a few items in their homes that fell down and broke, but it was very strong."

Mr. Vautour continued, "The brethren fared very well, but it made them realize the times we are living in."

A smaller temblor, measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale, jolted the area Nov. 23. Four hours after the Nov. 25 quake a 4.5 aftershock shook the area.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Ministerial Services here announced the following ministerial transfers to take place in December and January.

David Austin to Bundaberg and Gympie-Maryborough; **Gavin Cullen**, Perth South and Bunbury; **William Dixon**, Perth North; **Mark Ellis**, Melbourne North; **Kerry Gubb**, Ballarat and Bendigo; **Mark Gully**, Waco, Tex.; **Christopher Hunting**, Ipswich.

Colin Kelly, Mackay, Rockhampton and Clermont; **Karl**

1988 Donation Receipts

PASADENA—The end of the year is approaching and it will soon be time to file U.S. income tax returns. The Mail Processing Center (MPC) offers the following information for your consideration.

• Donations must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be eligible for a 1988 receipt.

• Annual receipts will be mailed out after Jan. 20 and should reach you by the end of January or the first week in February.

If you have any questions about receipts, contact MPC by letter or by calling 1-800-423-4444 during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time).

Karlov, Blaxland and Bathurst; **Robert Regazzoli**, Sydney South and Wollongong; and **Orest Solyma**, Melbourne West and Geelong.

D'Arcy Watson, pastor of the Adelaide church, will also pastor the Mount Gambier church.

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MIDLAND, Tex.—The church here celebrated its 25th anniversary Nov. 19 and 20.

Services were first conducted in Midland Oct. 12, 1963.

Guests included evangelists **Larry Salyer**, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, and **David Albert**, one of the presenters of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, who was the first pastor of the church, **Dean Blackwell**, a doctrinal adviser in Church Administration, and **Edward Smith**, who now serves in the Cincinnati, Ohio, North church.

Keith Walden, pastor of the Gainesville and Ocala, Fla., churches, who pastored the Mid-

land church for eight years, was also present.

Hal Finch of the Church's Photography Services Department took photos. "His wife, Terri, was the first pianist, and we had her play again," said **Alton Billingsley**, church pastor.

A dinner and dance took place Saturday evening, Nov. 19, and the group attended a picnic Sunday.

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PASADENA—The following Ambassador College students were chosen to serve at Summer Educational Program (SEP) sites in December and January.

Australia: **David Harper**, **Teresa Mastin**, **Rebecca McCann**, **Christopher Miller**, **Marlene Myers**, **Laurance Nicholls**, **Douglas Orban**, **Suzanne Reeves** and **Nicola Smith**; New Zealand: **Susie Kuipers** and **Brett Langford**; Nigeria: **Peter Francis**; Ghana: **Earl Campbell**; Austria (Winter Educational Program [WEP]): **Eva Drosdek** and **Paul Sternberg**.

Charleston

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The pastor general was also host at a buffet for ministers, deacons, deaconesses, their spouses and his traveling party.

"Having Mr. Tkach come here is really lifting us up out of the world," said Mr. Ramsel. "The anticipation, the expectation, the preparation, the excitement of it all, is something we've been looking forward to."

"The sense of urgency flows from

to improved communication and efficiency.

"All being well, the staff plans to move there at the end of December," Mr. Brown said.

Language training

Norwegian is now competing with English as the main language of communication within the Scandinavian Department, quipped **Roy Oestensen**, *Plain Truth* translation editor.

Julie Urquhart is attending Norwegian-language evening classes in London.

Having worked closely with Mr. Oestensen for three years, Miss Urquhart has acquired a basic reading knowledge of Norwegian, regularly reading and translating mail in the Scandinavian languages, as well as typing correspondence and magazine articles in Norwegian.

Geoff Sole, who works on page makeup for Norwegian-language publications using Bedford typesetting equipment, is continuing his language studies with the aid of books and tapes.

Scandinavian wedding

Robert Zambelli and **Dorthe Joergensen** were married Sept. 24 in the first wedding ceremony in a Scandinavian language.

The wedding, performed by **Diedrik Zernichow**, a local church elder in the Oslo, Norway, church, is the second church wedding in Denmark.

Brethren attended a reception for the Zambellis at the Feast in Bredsten, Denmark.

Mr. Tkach in such a powerful way," Mr. Taylor said. "His tenderness toward all the brethren is most inspiring."

Mr. Tkach, accompanied by his personal assistant **Joseph Locke**, administrative projects coordinator **Michael Rasmussen** and executive office aide **Brian Young**, returned to Burbank, Calif., Sunday morning, Nov. 20.

Serving as the pastor general's flight crew were **Captain Bruce Gubberman** and co-captain **Randy McNeil**, and steward **Jay Brothers**. (Captain **Ken Hopke** and co-captain **Lawrence Dietrich** were receiving flight instruction on the BAC 1-11 jet.)

The Church's television crew flew by commercial jet to Charleston. Directed by Mr. **Halford**, the other crew members were **Steve Bergstrom**, cameraman and remote operations engineer, and **Mark Broadwater**, cameraman.

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