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French ministers meet at refreshing program

By Kerri Dowd and David Bensinger

PASADENA—Twenty-four French-speaking ministers and their wives are here for a session of Ministerial Refreshing Program (MRP) V, Jan. 11 to 24.

This number includes Blaise Franklin from Haiti, who was ordained a local church elder at Sabbath services in the Ambassador Auditorium, Jan. 14.

The ordination was videotaped for Mr. Franklin's friends in Haiti, according to evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director.

Also attending the session are two deacons, Lunganga Mvita from Kinshasa, Zaire, and Jean-Paul Njamta from Cameroon.

This is the second time the French ministers have gathered for a session of the refreshing program. Mr. Apartian and his wife, Shirley, were hosts at a reception for the French ministry, in their home Jan. 21.

Mr. Apartian said that because Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has visited most of the French-speaking brethren, "he very well understands their needs."

"Mr. Tkach is endeavoring to help the Work in French-speaking areas become financially independent in the foreseeable future," said Mr. Apartian.

More money will be spent in various media. "Primarily we are going to use direct mail," he said.

Mr. Apartian said that the biggest present needs in the French area of the Work are for Cameroon and Zaire to obtain official recognition.

In Zaire, where about 220 brethren live, the church can assemble. The group, organized by the deacons there, listens to cassette tapes.

Following are reports from some of the areas that the French Office serves.

French Canada

"Membership in Quebec is growing steadily," said Donat Picard, Montreal North and South (French) pastor. "In the last five years we have had eight to 10 percent growth."

There are about 1,300 French-speaking people attending services in Canada, primarily in Quebec and New Brunswick.

In September a new congregation began meeting every other

week in Saguenay, Que.

Unemployment in the Church in the area is about 2 percent, compared to the national rate of 9 percent, although "some heads of household are underpaid," Mr. Picard said. "The economy is doing well, and the area is not poor, but not rich."

One problem facing the Church in French Canada is a movement called Project Cult, which investigates religious organizations to determine whether they are cults, Mr. Picard said.

In Quebec the *World Tomorrow* telecast can be seen on four stations in English and one in French. About 150 brethren are involved in a *Plain Truth* newsstand program.

"We have had good results with the newsstand program," Mr. Picard said. "It is helping the Church to be known."

A winter camp took place for the first time at Vendee, Que., site of the area's Summer Educational Program (SEP). About 100 youths attended the camp Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

France

About 250 people attend the Paris church. Many of these are from the West Indies, according to pastor Samuel Kneller.

Paris is one of 11 churches in France. About one half of the baptized members in Paris are single. Mr. Kneller said this is because about one third of Paris's population is single.

About 35 French singles will participate in a four-day activity in February. This will be the first time singles from throughout France will get together, according to Mr. Kneller.

Last summer about 80 youths from 10 nations attended a camp in Dabo, France.

Response to public lectures is high in France. When Mr. Apartian gave the last one, in 1988, 300 *Plain Truth* subscribers attended. An average of 50 new people attended each of seven follow-



FRENCH SERVANTS—French-speaking ministers and their wives attending a session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena, with regional director Dibar Apartian (eighth from left). Second row, far right: Blaise Franklin from Haiti, who was ordained a local church elder Jan. 14. [Photo by Hal Finch]

up lectures, Mr. Kneller said.

Belgium

Twenty-two new members were added to the churches in Belgium in 1988, according to Jean Carion, pastor of the Brussels and Liege, Belgium, churches. Attendance is about 250. "We expect to have around 300 by the end of this year," Mr. Carion said.

Responses to *The World Tomorrow* on television and radio are good; both cover Belgium. "Unfortunately the telecast appears . . . around midnight. A better time would produce twice or three times as many responses," said Mr. Carion.

Some of the members in Belgium became unemployed when several factories closed in the past two years, but the area is beginning to recover.

"The church is blessed," Mr. Carion said. "People have positive attitudes and are strong. We have also had several complete and sudden healings just after anointings."

West Africa

Two hundred brethren attend

services in Zaire, where "people earn an average 5,000 to 6,000 zaires (about \$22-26) a month. Salaries have only increased about 10 percent in the last two years," said Mr. Mvita.

Members in Zaire face difficulty in obtaining transportation. Few public buses are available, according to Geneva, Switzerland, pastor Bernard Andrist, who visits Cameroon and Zaire about twice a year.

Members still come to services, even if they have to walk two to three hours in the rain with their children on their backs. "They come to services no matter what," said Mr. Mvita.

"Some take taxis, but it is not possible to take one directly from one place to another. They have to change taxis several times, and they go way over their budget."

There are many prospective members in Zaire. One reason is

that it is common for people to gather for prayer groups of mixed religions. "Many teach there with *The Plain Truth*," Mr. Mvita said.

Because the Church is not officially recognized in bilingual Cameroon, brethren cannot at present assemble for organized Sabbath services. There are about 80 Church members in the country.

In Cameroon there is a lack of activities for the youths, said Mr. Njamta. "There are not enough activities as they grow."

The Church bought a car for the brethren there, which allowed the youths from all areas to gather for a harbor tour in August.

"Up to the last two years there have been no economic problems," Mr. Njamta said. "But Cameroon is an agricultural country. We depend on the sale of coffee and co- (See FRENCH, page 7)

Meetings in Big Sandy: closer to accreditation

By David Bensinger

PASADENA—Evangelist Donald Ward, vice chancellor of Ambassador College, met with the faculty and administration of the Big Sandy campus and selected administration and department heads of the Pasadena campus in Big Sandy Jan. 5 and 6.

The meetings were to prepare for Big Sandy to extend to a four-year institution.

Accompanying Dr. Ward from the Pasadena campus were evangelist Richard Ames, registrar and director of admissions; Nina Rogers, associate registrar; William Stenger, dean of instruction; Aaron Dean, instructor in business administration; Charles Wakefield, associate professor of computer information systems; and Mary Hegvold, professor of home economics.

During the two days several meetings took place.

In a general faculty meeting Dr. Ward addressed the Big Sandy faculty and those who accompanied

him from Pasadena.

Dr. Ward said: "I discussed the need for unity, communication and the philosophy for the development of curriculum. We want to really define and develop what we are already doing before we branch out into other areas."

Afterward the various department heads met to decide the curricula for the various majors and minors that will be offered next year.

Majors and minors will be offered in theology, business, management information systems and home economics. Additional minors will be offered in mass communications and English.

The decision to offer a four-year program in Big Sandy next school year is part of the first step in the accreditation process, Dr. Ward said. It was announced in September that Big Sandy Ambassador College will seek accreditation.

Accreditation will make it easier for Ambassador College graduates to pursue graduate degrees without repetition of course work.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

I am thrilled to announce that our new booklet, *Who Was Jesus?*, written by Paul Kroll, is now printed and ready for mailing.

Until now, we have not had a booklet devoted entirely and specifically to teaching people about who Jesus was, what He did and is now doing, His purpose, and the supreme importance of what it all means to each human being.

As you probably realize, though most people in the Western world consider themselves religious and believe in God, they are surprisingly ignorant

about even the most fundamental facts and concepts the Bible gives about Jesus Christ and true Christianity. United States churchgoers as a whole are sometimes called Bible illiterates.

This new booklet will help provide a vital part of the necessary foundation of understanding about the Savior of mankind, the foundation that can enable people to go on to grasp more firmly the full range of teaching that Jesus revealed personally and through the apostles.

I believe this will be one of our most important pieces of literature as we continue to do the job of preaching and teaching the full gospel of Jesus Christ—the unparalleled good news about

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Remarkable period draws to a close

PASADENA—Along with millions of Americans, I was misty eyed as President Ronald Reagan concluded his farewell address to the nation Wednesday evening, Jan. 11.

The nearly 21-minute nationwide broadcast was of vintage stock. It drew on familiar Presidential themes of the past eight years—of economic expansion, restored national prestige, of service to country and confidence in the future.

A remarkable era is indeed drawing to a close, even though incoming President George Bush, Mr. Reagan's vice president for all eight years, may continue many of the same policies.

As has so often happened in history, Mr. Reagan is a leader who came on the scene at the right time. This is no coincidence. One reflects on the profound words in the book of Daniel that "the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses" (4:25, New King James throughout).

During Mr. Reagan's two terms in office, God's Work experienced remarkable growth and stability. God heard our prayers for "all who are in authority" (I Timothy 2:2).

Mr. Reagan, who said he "never meant to go into politics" when he was young, made a belated run for the Presidency in 1976. But his time had not yet arrived. The country still had to run its post-Vietnam and post-Watergate course.

Throughout the remainder of the

1970s the United States floundered. Its top leadership bemoaned publicly of a "national malaise." This only made the national mood more sullen.

Upon taking office Jan. 20, 1981, Mr. Reagan showed he was determined to reverse the country's flagging fortunes. This attitude took hold of the public imagination, even though the United States still had to undergo a severe recession in 1981 and 1982 before economic expansion took off.

This writer has attended, as a press representative, all of the big power economic summits in the Reagan era. The one thing that impressed me above all was the dominating presence of Mr. Reagan among his peers. (Only Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has attended these summits longer.)

Invariably, as those of us in the international media waited for the assembled leaders to arrive for some meeting, an air of electricity built up whenever Mr. Reagan was about to appear.

When all of a sudden a newsman would shout "Reagan's coming!" the reporters scrambled all over themselves, jockeying for position to hurl their questions.

In his farewell address, the President acknowledged that he had won a nickname for himself during his two terms in office—"The Great Communicator." But he added, correctly, that it wasn't primarily his style of speaking, but the con-

tent of his messages that hit home with the American people.

Fortune magazine, Sept. 15, 1986, said that "more than other recent Presidents . . . Reagan has . . . succeeded in translating his vision into a simple agenda, with clear priorities that legislators, bureaucrats, and constituents can readily understand . . . When he gives speeches, he speaks in lan-

guage his audiences can readily understand . . . His message is generally encouraging."

Time magazine July 7, 1986, said about the President that "Americans respond to the strength and clarity of his character, the predictability of his resolve."

Mr. Reagan's predictability was evident in both good times and bad. In times of national triumphs and heroic, individual efforts, the President was certain to invite honorees to the White House for Presidential citations.

At times of national sorrow, he personally comforted the grieving, such as when he and his wife, Nancy, hugged the family members

to their demands. He fired the strikers even though replacements were tough to find.

As commander in chief, he took military action when he felt there was no alternative. In 1983 he responded to the request of six worried Caribbean leaders and dispatched American troops as part of a combined force to eliminate a communist beachhead about to be established on Grenada.

Mr. Reagan took heavy international flak for this decision. But this firm resistance helped contribute to the changed attitude we see now in Moscow.

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resses for the retiring chief executive to give a warning to the American people. In his remarks, Mr. Reagan urged the nation to make sure that the patriotic surge he presided over doesn't falter. America's youths, he added, need to be taught history "based not on what's in fashion, but what's important" in the nation's past.

The President pointed to problems in the area of mass culture. Whereas movies and television formerly "reinforced the idea that America was special," now it's different, he said.

For those who create today's popular culture, Mr. Reagan continued, "well-grounded patriotism is no longer in style . . . I am warning of an eradication of the American memory that could result, ultimately, in an erosion of the American spirit."

The most lasting impression I personally have of President Reagan occurred last June in Toronto, Ont., at the final press conference of his last economic summit.

I was seated in the third row of the audience directly in front of the President, who was on the stage next to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada.

In the row in front of me, just to my right, a young conference aide pulled out his rather simple personal camera to take a shot or two for his own record. As he focused on the President, Mr. Reagan caught his eye, gave him a big smile, a wink and a thumbs-up sign.

That's the way I will always remember this remarkable man.

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



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Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Sabbath: day of delight

Not long ago I received a letter from parents asking about proper activities for their children on the Sabbath. But, first let's examine why God created the Sabbath.

In Mark 2:27 we find that God created the Sabbath for man. The Sabbath fulfills man's needs for physical and spiritual rejuvenation.

On the Sabbath we set aside our cares and spend time with our Creator and our families.

What does God tell us to avoid on the Sabbath? One of the main principles is found in Isaiah 58:13-14. "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the Lord" (New King James throughout).

God instructs us to put aside our own ways, pleasure and words. What does He mean?

First, we should not be involved in our normal work around the house, farm or office.

Our own pleasure includes sports or other pleasures that take our minds off the Sabbath, and what it means, for long periods of time.

What about our own words? "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). What we talk about reflects what we think.

This doesn't mean we can't say anything about physical things, but we should put our minds on the positive purposes of the Sabbath and get them off our own ways and pleasures. It is an especially good time to encourage one another.

Now we know what we shouldn't do. What should we do? Here are

some suggestions to help make the Sabbath a delight for your family.

Preparation. Have most preparation done before Friday afternoon. Don't leave chores until the last minute. This will only make you crash, exhausted, into the Sabbath and you won't be able to enjoy it.

Family meals. The Sabbath, particularly Friday night, is an ideal time to get the family together for a relaxing meal. Your meal might be a formal occasion or casual—whatever style suits your family.

A Sabbath brunch or lunch is a possibility, depending on what time you have Sabbath services.

Uplifting music sets a peaceful mood for conversation. On occasion, invite a widow, widower or single person to join your family meal.

Use these special meals to talk to your mate and children. Share events, opportunities and anecdotes that happened during the week.

Many people enjoy occasionally going out for meals on the Sabbath—sometimes with other Church families. (This also gives Mom a break.)

Special activities. The Sabbath should be a day of family unity. It is an ideal time to teach children about God's way of life.

Play games with your children, such as naming Bible books or characters, or have them draw pictures of biblical events.

It is OK for a child to be a child. We should not expect children to suddenly start behaving like baptized adults on the Sabbath.

Read to children from *The Bible Story* and teach them to pray. Family prayers should be short so children don't become restless.

It can also be a good time to observe God's creation. Take a walk or visit a botanical garden, a park or

the mountains, if they're not too far away. Occasionally pack a picnic lunch, and give the children time to play.

A staff member remembered he and his brothers and sisters acting out Bible scenes, and the whole family taking turns reading aloud from Church literature.

In your family Bible studies, let your children ask questions, suggest and discuss the topics. They will be more interested and learn more when they participate.

Other suggestions: Call or write relatives or update a journal.

To help children look forward to the Sabbath, have special toys or books they play with only on that day. They should be taught to read or play quietly so that you and your mate have time for Bible study and prayer. And husbands, make sure your wives have enough time for these important activities.

When your young child wants to play early Sabbath morning, put together a weekend toy box. Fill the box with interesting toys. After the child is asleep on Friday, set out the box for play the next morning. When you wake up, help your child put away the toys for next week. Change toys every month.

When our sons were small they had a special activity they looked forward to every Sabbath. They would awaken early and play quietly until I walked into the living room. Then they would get so excited, both talking at once, and run to get their Sabbath wood-building blocks. We would build towers, bridges, houses or anything their imaginations could dream up.

Plan activities for before and after services to help children burn off the energy they store up. Consider cutting down on sugary, high-energy foods; give them those that break down more slowly, such as complex carbohydrates. Even young bodies need to rejuvenate.

The Sabbath shouldn't be a burden or a day of abstinence from all that is enjoyable, but just the opposite. Use wise judgment when deciding what should or shouldn't be done, or ask your minister for his advice. Use this time to draw closer to God and to your family, and the Sabbath will be a delight.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Picking up the PT: more than meets the eye

EN ROUTE FROM BERLIN TO HANNOVER, West Germany—My wife, Jan, and I were in West Berlin.

We passed a rack filled with copies of *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*). It is in front of a newsstand in the Berlin Zoo railway station. We boarded the train for Hannover.

Soon a man of about 40 joined us in our compartment. We began talking. Eventually he asked my occupation and the conversation led to *The Plain Truth*.

Could he buy it at a newsstand? No, he could pick up a copy free. How is it financed? My wife and I explained that as well.

I told him that we have a German edition. He then reached into his bag and produced *Klar & Wahr*.

It turned out that the newsstand was filled with people and he picked up the magazine because he wanted something to read on the train. He was in a hurry—no time to buy a magazine.

I was shocked. Somehow it had not occurred to me that people sometimes pick up the magazine for mundane reasons. One conceives of people carefully looking through *The Plain Truth*—and then deciding to take a copy based on the interesting titles or maybe a thought-provoking cover.

No, this person was pressed for time and just grabbed a copy off the rack.

This man was an academic—well versed in history and Russian. He enjoyed reading. The main subject of this *Plain Truth* was the decline of American moral values.

He was surprised that a magazine based in America would be critical

of U.S. behavior. I explained why.

This was his first contact with the truth. What started out in a mundane manner may someday end up with him attending a Church meeting, maybe in West Germany. Only God knows when—in this age or the next.

We all had to start somewhere. The telecast. The broadcast. *The Plain Truth*. Someone in Christ before us. Maybe we were born into a Church family. The variety of first-contact experiences is enormous.

Occasionally when riding the London Underground, I see someone reading a *Plain Truth*. The last time it was a family of three—a man, his wife and their little girl. They were all eagerly looking at it together. I observed them out of the corner of my eye.

Who knows why they took a copy of *The Plain Truth*? Who knows when they will be comfortable talking to a minister?

One advantage of *Plain Truth* availability on the newsstand is its anonymity. Especially in Europe, people want to pursue these things privately. It's a big deal for many of our European subscribers to write and say they would like an appointment with one of our ministers. They don't come to that point easily.

All of these people are important to God. He is concerned with their progress. He will call some into the Church in this age. They'll be among the firstfruits. Others may have to wait for the Millennium—or even the second resurrection.

Are we concerned for those the Eternal God is calling into His family? One way to express it is on our knees.

Churches make parade biggest fund raiser ever

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—"Another outstanding job by God's people," said Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach about fund-raising efforts by brethren from Southern California and Ambassador College on the centennial Tournament of Roses Parade here.

The Pasadena churches' biggest annual fund-raising project involved about 1,500 members and 700 students, who ushered 110,000 spectators at 59 grandstands and parked cars and buses at 61 lots. Only six grandstands along the 5½-mile parade route were not manned by Church members.

Church members rode on three floats in the parade, conducted Jan. 2 this year, following a 100-year tradition that the parade not take place on a Sunday.

A breakfast for presidents of service clubs and a luncheon for Rotary officials took place on campus.

"The civic opportunity and chance to let our lights shine, far supersede the fund-raising aspects," said Robin Webber, Imperial P.M. pastor. Mr. Webber and John Kennedy, an assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church, coordinated the overall effort involving 12 churches.

The first parade, sponsored by the Valley Hunt Club, took place Jan. 1, 1890. The parade is now conducted by the Tournament of Roses Association.

Work begins

The fund-raising effort began at 6 p.m., Dec. 31, about one hour after the Sabbath ended. Cleanup and final inventories were completed about 48 hours later.

Mr. Tkach helped park recreational vehicles and visited members working in concession stands Jan. 1 until past midnight and was back again at 5:30 the next morning to help park 60 buses in a lot across from the college.

A gentle rain fell Saturday evening keeping New Year's eve revelers off the streets.

"If you don't understand rain in due season you should now," Mr. Kennedy joked. The weather for the parade was "absolutely magnificent," he said.

Members distributed seat cushions advertising Pepsi Slice at the parade and Rose Bowl football game. The company received some negative advertising when football fans threw them onto the football field and delayed the game. Brethren served as hosts and hostesses at a hospitality concourse at the football game.

The Pasadena churches and Ambassador College earned a record \$94,000 for their fund-raising efforts. Half of the funds go for Ambassador College activities. The five Pasadena congregations receive a percentage of the remaining 50 percent, based on the number of people in their congregations.

The other Southern California churches were paid \$8,000 by the companies or vendors they worked for.

"The Tournament of Roses has its origin in civic pride," Mr. Webber said.

"Over the years the Rose Parade has expanded with technology and media exposure. This naturally attracts thousands of people to Pasadena," he said.

Members ride floats

Church members rode three floats in the parade.

Dana Nelson, 16, an Imperial High junior, rode the Burger King float as one of three grand prize winners in an essay contest the fast food restaurant sponsored.

The float's theme was, "Education Is the Answer."

She was accompanied on the float by her history teacher, Michael Carter, assistant principal.

"It was a lot of fun," Dana said. "I saw tons of people I know."

Contestants were asked to write an essay on what they felt was the most important event in the past 100 years.

Dana wrote about the assassination of Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand, which led to World War I. In addition to riding on the float Dana won a \$5,000 scholarship, \$1,000 in spending money, five Rose Parade tickets and six Rose Bowl tickets.

Dana plans to use the scholarship to attend Ambassador College and then pursue her interests in fashion



PARADE PARTICIPANTS—From top left: Marcia Antoine, a Church member from Brooklyn, N.Y., Michael Carter, a faculty member from Imperial Schools, and Dana Nelson, an Imperial High School student, ride floats in the parade; Bottom: Dennis Van Deventer, head of the campus security crew during the parade, and members of the parking crew: Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, Robin Webber, John Kennedy, Art Krzywicki and James Peoples. [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

consulting and design.

Marcia Antoine, a member from Brooklyn, N.Y., rode on the Home Savings of America float.

Mrs. Antoine, a customer service representative of the Bowery Savings, which is owned by Home Savings, was one of two people selected by her manager. Her name was sent to corporate headquarters, where she was one of 10 employees chosen to ride the float out of 13,000.

"It was a great experience," Mrs. Antoine said. "I was glad that God afforded me that opportunity. Looking at all of those people made me think about the amount of peo-

ple that we are going to be working with eventually in the world tomorrow."

Three Imperial students rode the Rotary International float, which had a theme of "Making Childhood Dreams Come True." They are Omar Cova, Jennifer Goodwyn and Kelly Webber.

Rotary International President Royce Abbey and his wife, Jean, from Australia, were guests of the college.

Organizational task

Organizing Rose Parade activities begins after the Feast and is mostly complete by mid-December, according to Mr. Kennedy.

"You can see God's government in action," Mr. Kennedy said. "The fund-raising efforts are administered from God's approach to government, and are used at many church activities throughout the year, such as serving 1,000 people at the Auditorium P.M. congregation's annual pancake feed."

"The parade itself is not a mad rush," Mr. Kennedy said. "Our people are so dependable. They show up on time and do their jobs. All we as organizers do is handle emergencies."

Said Sinee Anderson, general manager of Sharp Seating Co.: "Ambassador College does a superb job. I don't know what we would do without them."

"I started parking vehicles on Saturday, and I had to use another source, and I don't think I have ever appreciated Ambassador College more by that evening . . ."

"We have problems every year, but that's expected with that many people."

Said Mike Brown, whose company provides most of the grandstands: "Over the years I don't know what we would have done without them."

It would be difficult to put the parade on without Ambassador College people, said Jim Stivers, chairman of liaison and planning for the Tournament of Roses.

After the parade Mr. Brown and

Mrs. Anderson meet with Mr. Kennedy to discuss any problems and how they can be solved next year.

Campus events

Friday, Dec. 30, a breakfast took place at Ambassador Hall for international and area leaders from 10 service clubs representing 164 nations.

Jan. 2 a luncheon was conducted in faculty dining for about 30 officials of Rotary International. Mr. Tkach invited about 40 people including diplomatic officials from Australia, Austria and South Africa.

Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, addressed the luncheon on behalf of Mr. Tkach. Mr. Hulme spoke about the purpose of the Church to promote family and unity, and the purpose of the Ambassador Foundation.

Ross Jutsum, director of the Ambassador College Music Department, organized a participants gala reception before the parade. The Ambassador College Big Band provided music.

Service areas and their coordinators were: ushering, Ronald Sower; parking, Michael Rasmussen; food concessions, Victor Root; film and souvenir sales, Murray McClung; building security, Donald Contardi; and cushion distribution, James Reyer, assisted by Robert Elliott.

Ambassador College students were directed by Roger Widmer and Kevin Brownlee, student body president. Service areas and their coordinators were: program sales, Rad Arner; parking, John Rasmussen; Rose Parade concessions, Dan Vander Poel; Kim Tours, Danny De Jarnette; Rose Bowl concessions, Jerry Benedetti; clean-up Don Michaud; security, Jamie Chandler; Rose Bowl cushions, Lister Chen; and Rose Bowl parking, Darryl Monson.

Participating congregations were Los Angeles, Reseda, North Hollywood, Long Beach, Glendora, Bakersfield and Mojave.

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Healing

I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I felt I absolutely had to write and tell you. I just finished reading your "Personal" column in the Nov. 28 issue of The Worldwide News. It is the one where you shared the letter you wrote to a person who was having trouble understanding the healing booklet. It was so well written, so concise and to the point and so right on target that I cried as I read it. I know you were inspired.

May I also say that I am not in the Church. My husband is a member and has been for the last 12 years. And I admit that at times it has been really hard for both of us. This has been an area where we have had trouble, mostly over our child and his care.

I sat down once and wrote Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong after we had been up and down almost all night with our 5-year-old, who was sick and had a high fever and my husband would not let me give him an aspirin.

I've said to him so many times, "Is it more righteous to suffer?" But, he is a man of much faith and he would wait on God for healing.

Thank God that He has blessed our

son with good health. Maybe He had mercy on me as He knew I couldn't take it . . .

I pray God will bless you mightily.
Crosby, Tex.

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Mr. Tkach's trips

Thank you for sharing your trip and experience with us. They do inspire us and motivate us to keep our eyes on the goal of being members of the God family. We know that you are weaving us together in God's love. May we respond to your teaching and loving example and pray that God will provide your necessities and that you will be able to go through the open door that God is opening up to us.

Chicago, Ill.

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"Children explain God's way"

After reading the article "Children Explain God's Way" in the Nov. 14 edition of The Worldwide News, I really was surprised to learn of a child's big potential in wisdom and knowledge.

This helped me to understand Jesus' teaching about becoming like children in our lives. With a child's mind it is easier to learn and to keep God's lessons as the most important in our lives.

The adult mind has a fight between the false values of the world and the new mind that God has put in us.

Cochabamba, Bolivia

Venezuelan brethren: fruits of first member's example

By Thomas C. Hanson

BARQUISIMETO, Venezuela—"Directly or indirectly most of the members in Venezuela came into the Church through Hilda Belly," said Reginald Killingley, Venezuelan pastor. "God used Hilda to raise up the church here."

About 36 people attend weekly services here, and 26 attend in Caracas.

In "belated recognition of the fruits of her life," Mr. Killingley ordained Mrs. Belly a deaconess on the first day of Unleavened Bread in 1987.

Mrs. Belly was born the fifth of seven children Feb. 14, 1929, on a farm 1½ hours from here. She attended a farm school with little

more than 100 students.

In 1961 Mrs. Belly moved to the United States and lived there 10 years. In Cleveland, Ohio, in 1963 she heard *The World Tomorrow* and began attending services.

She returned to Venezuela in 1971 and was the only member here until 1975.

Back in her hometown without money, Mrs. Belly worked long hours in the insurance field and lived in an apartment.

As the church here grew she prayed for a larger dwelling that the church could also use. She acquired land and designed the house. Each week she paid the laborers from the money she earned.

By Venezuelan law a potential landowner can only purchase land when the construction of a dwelling is 80 percent complete. This serves as an incentive for the landowner to build.

Mrs. Belly had the house built larger than she needed, so she could use it to serve the church. Included is a baptismal pool, since the church had none. She paid for the house in 2½ years, far short of the normal 20-year mortgages.

When the home was completed in 1981 Mrs. Belly asked then-pastor Pablo Gonzalez to visit and offered the house to him for church use.

Passover services are conducted in her home, and twice a month 15 members watch *The World Tomorrow* there.

During the Feast in 1986, 16 members stayed in her house.

Venezuelan church grows

Before Mrs. Belly left Venezuela

for the United States a friend who was a Seventh-day Adventist tried to convince her of the Sabbath. He was surprised when she returned to Venezuela keeping the Sabbath as a member of the Worldwide Church of God.

When asked about her beliefs, she does not preach but advises people to write to Pasadena for literature. Her friend wrote Pasadena and eventually became a member.

Jorge Salazar, who owned the gas station where Mrs. Belly's friend worked, was impressed with his example and became a member too. Mr. Salazar returned to Caracas and was one of the founding members there. Of the 26 who attend in Caracas, 14 are Salazars or related to the Salazars.

When the Venezuelan economy was strong during the days of higher-priced oil, members attended the Feast in the United States. In other years they went to Colombia or Puerto Rico. The first Venezuelan Feast took place in Barquisimeto in 1986. Members met here again the next year, before the Feast site was moved to the Caribbean resort of Puerto La Cruz.

Leading member

Mr. Killingley said Venezuelan members look up to Mrs. Belly. In 1984 while flying home from the Feast in Colombia, the airplane in which several members were flying developed trouble. When the other members noticed that Mrs. Belly was calm, they became calm too.

In 1986 Mrs. Belly broke her leg at the hip and cut herself when she



SERVING THE CHURCH—Venezuelan pastor Reginald Killingley visits deaconess Hilda Belly at her home. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

fell from the second story of her home while watering plants.

Since no one saw her fall she sprayed water on the blood to wash it to where someone could see it. A little boy noticed the blood and came to her rescue. Mrs. Belly still walks with a limp and sometimes uses a cane.

The accident kept her from work,

but although she was unable to collect insurance payments from her customers, they sent the money to her anyway.

Mrs. Belly gives God the credit for blessing her with a nice home. When others ask how she can afford it, she replies: "I have a Father who is very rich! He lives far away, but I'll introduce you to Him in time."

Blindness motivation to succeed

By Eleazar V. Flores and Eugene M. Guzon

SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, Philippines—Physical handicaps such as blindness and difficulty in speech could discourage



LAURO PURCIL JR.

some from participating in many activities much less joining and finishing Spokesman Club.

Eleazar V. Flores is assistant pastor of the Puerto Princessa and Quezon City, Philippines, churches, and Eugene M. Guzon is a member who attends the San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, church.

With resolute determination and faith in God, Lauro "Jojo" Purcil Jr., 33, a blind member here, graduated from Spokesman Club with three others at a ladies night Oct. 30.

Mr. Purcil graduated from the club in two years, during which time he received the Most Effective Speech award four times and the Most Improved Speaker award twice.

To recognize his dedication and contribution to the club, he was presented with a trophy for outstanding achievement.

Mr. Purcil has been blind for 19 years, after an illness that he did not think would cause blindness and impair his speech.

While admitting that this trial was hard to accept at first, Mr. Purcil said that without it he could not have had a clear vision of God's purpose for him.

This inspired him to make his life meaningful and productive. In 1986 Mr. Purcil graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of the Philippines in Quezon City.

He also participates in other Church activities. "When God wants you to do something, He will give you the means to do it," he said.

Wrote letter to Soviet President

Teenager meets ambassador

By Leone Schreuders

PERTH, Australia—Cathy Marshall, 13, met R. Samotekin,

Leone Schreuders is a member who attends services in Perth, Australia.

Soviet ambassador to Australia, in October.

Cathy is the daughter of Allen and Sandra Marshall, members who attend services in Perth.

Cathy and 13 others from Western Australia were selected to read letters they wrote to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev for "Letters to Change the World."

This letter-writing project was initiated by a committee of the State School Teachers' Union, which encouraged primary and secondary schoolchildren to think about their futures in positive ways.

Students wrote 1,300 letters to

22 leaders. Seven primary and seven secondary students were invited to read their letters at the October function. Each student brought his or her teacher and one parent.

Cathy's letter addressed the problem of a Soviet satellite, which Australians had been warned could crash onto their continent in October. She mentioned the effects of radiation on the environment, agricultural productivity and the economy.

Other children urged leaders to talk out their differences and wrote about peace, racial harmony, the environment and the Third World.

After the students read their letters, Dr. Samotekin delivered a response from Mr. Gorbachev. Mr. Gorbachev said that Australian children were warm, sincere and open and held bold and wonderful initiatives, and that the project to change the world through human



SOVIET AMBASSADOR—Cathy Marshall, 13, right, and her teacher, Heidi Schmidt, meet Soviet Ambassador R. Samotekin at a meeting of the State School Teachers' Union in November.

Disneyland trip given to terminally ill child

By Jane Hill and Mary Laughland

HAMMOND, Ind.—Tiffany Spangler, 5, who suffers from Werdnig-Hoffman's disease, wanted to go to Disneyland, and the

Starlight Foundation gave her her wish.

Jane Hill and Mark and Sue Spangler are members who attend the Hammond, Ind., church. Mary Laughland is the wife of Ronald Laughland, Hammond pastor.

The Starlight Foundation (Make a Wish society) of Los Angeles, Calif., is an organization that helps children diagnosed as having terminal illnesses. Werdnig-Hoffman's disease affects the horn cell nerves in the spinal cord.

Tiffany, her parents, Mark and Sue Spangler, and brother, Cameron, left for Los Angeles, Oct. 23, and were given first-class service all the way.

They stayed at the Disneyland Hotel and received free passes to the amusement park and Universal Studios, where television shows and movies are filmed.

The family also went to Pasadena to see the Ambassador College campus. They toured the grounds, attended services in the Ambassador Auditorium and met Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

Hospital room is free for woman facing death

QUEBEC CITY, Que.—The doctor who treated Jeannine Arsenault said he has not seen so much faith and serenity in a cancer patient and one facing death, according to Rejean Vautour, pastor of the Quebec City and Trois-Rivieres, Que., churches.

Oct. 31 Mr. Vautour conducted funeral services for Mrs. Arsenault, 56, a Church member for almost eight years.

Mrs. Arsenault worked 18 years in the same hospital where she was cared for before she died Oct. 28.

"When doctors discovered what she had, a fast-spreading cancer, and that she had only several days to live, the hospital's manager decided

to give her a private room at their cost," Mr. Vautour related. "They lavished her with the best care possible."

Mrs. Arsenault was convinced of the resurrection. "All that I ask of God is that He permits me not to suffer too much," she said. Her desire was answered.

Mrs. Arsenault's husband, who is not a Church member but holds the Church in high esteem, told Mr. Vautour that she became the best wife since coming into the Church.

"What a beautiful witness," said Mr. Vautour. "It was easy to see God's hand involved, and she was truly a light to all who came in contact with her."



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Expressing prayerful concern on behalf of future members

By Philip Stevens

Among those who kept Christmas last year was a special group of people.

They, like most around them, probably enjoyed a festive dinner. They opened gifts around a tree. They may have gazed at the traditional nativity scene, and thought how cute it all looked.

Philip Stevens is a regular contributor to The Good News.

In fact, they were ordinary people enjoying Christmas in much the same way as they had for many years. Yet, nonetheless, they were special.

How many were in this group we

cannot know. Neither can we tell where they are living. Men and women are in this select group, but the numbers are unknown.

They did, however, have one thing in common. And that is what made them special.

This was the last Christmas they will keep.

Not that they will die before Christmas 1989—well, not in a physical sense anyway. But during the year ahead, they will receive a calling from God. And during the conversion process, they will learn that Christmas, Easter and the other supposedly Christian holidays are wrong. And by the time Dec. 25, 1989, comes around they will no longer be celebrating.

The question is, Do we—who

don't keep Christmas—ever think about such people in our prayers? It's too easy to forget those who are on their way into God's Church.

Jesus thought a great deal about those who were following his way. And about those who would come along later in the same category.

But it shouldn't be that way.

The middle ground

In Ephesians 6:19 Paul tells us that we should be concerned about the Work of God. It is right and

proper that the Work take a high priority in our prayer life.

In the previous verse, Paul reminds us to pray for those who are in the Church. That certainly is a responsibility we all have on our shoulders.

But what about the people who, as it were, are in the middle? What about those who have benefited from our prayers for the Work and who have seen the telecast or picked

our Christian responsibility to remember those whom God is calling.

And those people need our prayers. As they learn about the Sabbath they may face opposition from family members who have little patience with this newfangled religion.

Wives may need to tell their husbands, "I love you, darling, but I want to attend church services each Saturday even though it upsets you." That takes courage—and we need to ask God to give strength to such people.

Similarly, a prospective member may not realize that miracles may be needed for him or her to keep a job because of the Sabbath. In those early days of a calling, it is understandable that a new person may leave God out of the picture as he or she seeks an answer to this new situation. We can back up such people with our heartfelt supplications on their behalf.

The Feast may present difficulties, and this has to be handled with wisdom. We can pray that God will grant that quality to prospective members.

Then there's tithing. Or the thought that friends will desert someone following God's way.

Caring atmosphere

We need to pray for these people. In doing so we will create a warm and caring atmosphere in each congregation—an atmosphere into which God will be happy to bring new people.

And let's face it: Maybe it was Church members praying for us, five, 10, 20 years ago, that was a factor in our being brought to conversion.

The new Roman year has started. By the time it ends and Christmas 1989 comes around there will be people in the Church who aren't here now.

Let's make sure we pray for them.

Men brave storm for four days

Two missing hunters rescued

MISSOULA, Mont.—The lure of the hunt. A sudden Montana storm. These factors combined to leave Brent Evans, a Missoula member and an experienced hunter and outdoorsman, and his friend, Dan Moen, lost in the Bitterroot Mountains.

This article was compiled from reports by Michael Wallace and Brent Evans, members who attend the Missoula, Mont., church.

For three freezing nights and four long days they were subjected to the unrelenting exposure of a full storm.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Moen, both 31, planned to spend one day, Nov. 6, hunting in the Hoodoo summit area on the Montana-Idaho border. When the two did not return by late that evening, Mr. Evans' wife, Florence, contacted her father-in-law, Lavern Evans.

The search

The senior Mr. Evans and a friend went to search for the men. They found the hunters' two vehicles, parked at different locations, but not the men. After several hours, they notified the sheriff's office that the men were missing.

The next day searchers from the sheriff's office, the county search and rescue team, loggers, mill workers, pilots and other volunteers went out in force to find the missing men. The search was continually hampered by severe weather.

Missoula pastor Ronald Miller asked brethren to pray for the effort, and a group of members was organized to help in the search.

The next day Mr. Miller rented two snowmobiles, and Michael Wallace, a member, supplied two others. By this time, 10 snowmobiles, two horses, several airplanes, a U.S. Air Force helicopter, the Black Paws avalanche search dog team and several employees of the Forest Service had joined the search.

By the end of the day, the

search and rescue team stopped looking for live hunters, and the search parties were beginning to wear out.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, the weather began to clear, and the searchers went out again. More members were recruited, and another dog team was added to the search. A storm warning was posted for late that afternoon.

Church members Rich Barnard and David Steindorf started on horseback. At 2:30 p.m. Mr. Barnard uttered a silent prayer and immediately saw something moving several hundred yards ahead. The two men went to investigate.

Meanwhile at 3:30 the sheriff's office called Mr. Evans' parents and told them the search was being called off because of the approaching storm. The risk to the searchers was too high, and the chances of finding the lost men were minimal. Mr. Evans' wife and children were also notified.

But at 3:35 p.m., Mr. Barnard and Mr. Steindorf drove into the command station at Hoodoo Pass with Mr. Evans and Mr. Moen. Both hunters were free of frostbite and in excellent condition. The search parties were called in and the families were telephoned.

Lost in the storm

Early Nov. 6 Mr. Evans and Mr. Moen discussed whether they should call off their hunt because of the weather. They decided to hike in to the state line and see if the weather had let up. It hadn't, so they opted to head back to one of the vehicles.

Driving snow brought visibility down to about 100 to 300 yards, depending on the wind. They dropped off the edge of the summit and into thick timber, where visibility was better. But they soon realized they were lost.

"We believed, according to our map, that we were in Trapper Basin, and if we followed it down to the bottom we would... end up at Dan's pickup," said Mr. Evans.

At the bottom they were soaked, so they built a fire to dry

out and then headed a little farther.

"After about an hour of hiking, we heard the roaring of water," Mr. Evans said. "We both knew... that there was not this much water coming out of the mountains in the area we were supposed to be hunting."

The two men found an abandoned camp, where someone left behind a small tarpaulin, 10 pounds of potatoes, an onion, a can of Crisco (shortening), a jug of syrup and a box of macaroni and cheese. The men had with them two sandwiches, some candy, dry soup mix and matches.

Realizing the time was late and the seriousness of their situation, the men stayed at the campsite and built a fire for the night.

Mr. Evans said, "We made it through the first night, each of us getting about one hour of sleep."

The next day the hunters spent half the day hiking around the camp, looking for a way out. When they didn't find one, they returned to the camp, where the fire was smoldering. Running low on energy, they decided to gather all the firewood they could find and then rest to regain strength.

About 5 p.m. the two climbed to a rock outcropping, where they heard an airplane. They took off their orange jackets and waved them, but to no avail. They ran back to the fire and threw green boughs on it to create smoke. Still nothing. The plane flew over again.

"We began to have serious doubts if we would make it out of this nightmare," said Mr. Evans. "We thought about our wives and kids... We made a pact... not to dwell on any aspect of home and family... just concentrate on the immediate job of survival."

Tuesday, Nov. 8, the two men moved their camp to a location that could more easily be spotted from the air. Mr. Evans checked his compass, which showed they were heading south.

"We were not supposed to be heading south," he said. "It meant

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up a *Plain Truth* magazine, but who are not yet part of the Church?

In other words, are we concerned about prospective members?

During His last few hours on earth, Jesus passed on a great deal of information to His followers. He then delivered the real Lord's Prayer.

Notice what He said in John 17:9: "I pray for them [referring to His disciples]: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine."

Jesus thought a great deal about those who were following His way. And about those who would come along later in the same category (verse 20).

But when He uttered these words to His Father in heaven, the disciples were not yet in the Church. It was to be some weeks before they received God's Spirit and became Christians. They were, strictly speaking, prospective members.

Follow Jesus' example

So if Jesus was concerned about such as these, we must follow the same principle today. It is part of

Etiquette at mealtime: Be mindful of others

By David Bensinger

PASADENA—Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Work in French-speaking areas, was host at Ambassador College's annual etiquette dinners Dec. 8 in Big Sandy and Nov. 6 in Pasadena.

The etiquette dinner has been a part of college life almost from the time the college opened in 1947.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor and one of the first four students of Ambassador College, remembers instruction in etiquette in the third year of the college, when students began living on campus, but it wasn't until the fourth year that there were formal dinners at which etiquette was stressed.

Mr. Apartian has conducted etiquette dinners for about 25 years.

After Mr. Apartian opened with comments at this year's etiquette dinner, students began eating. Throughout the meal Mr. Apartian gave instructions and answered any questions the students had.

Following are some of the main points stressed during the evening:

- When dining at someone's home, follow the lead of the hostess. When she begins to eat, you begin.
- Don't chew with your mouth open or talk with food in your mouth.
- Use your knife not your fork to cut anything on your plate. After using a fork, knife or spoon, don't place it on the tablecloth, set it on the edge of your plate or across a clean piece of silverware.
- Don't take a drink with food in your mouth. Swallow and then take a drink.
- Be mindful of the needs of those sitting around you—pass them the salt and pepper, cream or whatever they might need before they ask.
- Butter only a bite-sized piece of your bread or roll at a time—not all of it at once.
- Use only one corner of your napkin to wipe your mouth. After the meal fold your napkin and place it next to your plate—don't leave it on your chair.
- Use utensils and glasses for their specific purposes—don't play with anything on the table, whether full or empty.
- Extend courtesy and politeness to all at the table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BUTZ, David and Cyndy (Kirkland), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Abigail Catherine, Dec. 14, 12:17 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CARLSON, Sven and Vanetta (Blackwell), of Seattle, Wash., boy, Steven Michael, Nov. 21, 6:24 a.m., 7 pounds 12½ ounces, first child.

COLEMAN, Stephen and Angela (Grant), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Stephanie Elise, Aug. 15, 11:50 p.m., 7 pounds 7½ ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CONDE, Brallan and Minerva (Bertematti), of Miami, Fla., boy, Adri Daniel, Dec. 1, 11:25 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

COSTA, Joseph and Rosemary (Tabbita), of Nassau, N.Y., girl, Theresa Marie, Dec. 1, 1:20 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DOUGLAS, David and Linda (Danforth), of Houston, Tex., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Dec. 5, 9:31 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

DUNHAM, William and Sheila (Chingwa), of Gaylord, Mich., boy, William Theodore, Nov. 20, 5:22 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

FRASER, Geddes and Alison (Samuel), of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, boy, Geddes Edgar Jr., Nov. 7, 2:05 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GILLESS, Vance and Claire (Goodman), of Pasadena, boy, Joshua Vance, Dec. 29, 6:23 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

GLOVER, Lee and Robyn (Slatyer), of Boise, Idaho, boy, Aric Sean, Aug. 7, 5:14 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

HOLMES, Kevin and Sheryl (Northrop), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Brianna Danielle, Oct. 27, 10:34 p.m., 6 pounds 7½ ounces, first child.

JACOBSEN, John and Bonnie (Hudson), of South Pasadena, Calif., boy, Daniel John, Dec. 16, 6:36 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

KEMNA, Gerrit and Marga (Vinke), of Zwolle, Netherlands, girl, Josephina Catharina, Oct. 4, 9:50 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KOHLER, James and Felicia (Harrold), of Cadillac, Mich., boy, Andrew Ryan, Dec. 6, 8:55 p.m., 9 pounds 2½ ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LESKEY, Dan and Dee (Marquez), of Duluth, Minn., girl, Katie Marie, Sept. 22, 1:07 a.m., 7 pounds 6½ ounces, first child.

LOOR, David and Galvarina (Calle), of Los Angeles, Calif., boy, Alan Timothy, Nov. 17, 10:35 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

MANDIMIKA, Aldrin and Elinah (Makamure), of Harare, Zimbabwe, boy, Richard David, Nov. 12, 5:10 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

McNAIR, Joe and Susie (Sutter), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, Raymond Jeffrey, Dec. 20, 7:35 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MILLIGAN, Dennis and Janey (George), of Fresno, Calif., boy, Daniel Ryan, Dec. 25, 3:16 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

MOREHOUSE, Daniel and Katy (Labus), of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., boy, Samuel James, Oct. 14, 5:12 a.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ORONCILLO, Precilio and Flora (Javier), of Catbalogan, Philippines, girl, Mirriam Javier, Nov. 13, 6:30 a.m., 6 pounds, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

PALMERINO, Mark and Beth (Stanhope), of Worcester, Mass., girl, Emily Sarah, Sept. 9, 4:34 a.m., 3 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

PAPAY, Robert and Joyce (Johnson), of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Melissa Katherine, Dec. 11, 12:42 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

PERRY, Anderson and Barbara (Burgess), of Memphis, Tenn., boy, Derek Anderson, Sept. 19, 10:13 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

REDMON, Kenneth and Connie (Hillman), of San Jose, Calif., girl, Annie Rose, Dec. 17, 7 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

ROGERS, Bruce and Jo (Dorsey), of Charleston, W.Va., boy, Zachary Seth, Dec. 13, 6:27 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

SPENCER, Michael and Lois (McAlpine), of Picton, Ont., girl, Janet Lynn, Sept. 13, 8:20 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

TAYLOR, Kevin and Chyrise (Roberts), of Yonkers, N.Y., girl, Jessica Etienne, July 30, 12:16 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

WILKINS, Jay and Karan (De Friese), of Jacksonville, Fla., girl, Stephanie Kay, Dec. 10, 1:16 a.m., 7 pounds 13½ ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

WUNDERLICH, Dennis and Gail (Coates), of Holdingford, Minn., boy, Mark Edward, Dec. 6, 1:50 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kulesza of Whitesboro, N.Y., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Ellen to Ed Daniel III of Sildell, La. A May 28 wedding in Ulica, N.Y., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Storozuk of Brossard, Que., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Olaf Knutson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Knutson of Waterville, Que. A July 9 wedding in Montreal, Que., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Weber of Wheatland, Wyo., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Lois V. to James R. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Peterson of Lakeland, Fla. A Jan. 29 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper of Austin, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lori Cathleen to David Harold West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger West of London, Ky. A June 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kenneth Cottrill of Summerland, B.C., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter

Deborah Joyce to George Harin Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Harmon of Kermit, W.Va. A June wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. DONALD ARNOLD
Addie L. Higgs of Knoxville, Tenn., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Addie E. Higgs to Donald Arnold of Oak Ridge, Tenn. The ceremony was performed Sept. 4 in Knoxville by John Comino, Knoxville pastor. Violet Crawford, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Lynn Odom was best man. The couple live in Knoxville.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD GILBERT
Andrea Lee Lopez, daughter of Lana Lopez of Harlingen, Tex., and Donald Scott Gilbert, son of Betty Gilbert and the late Don Gilbert of Ashdown, Ark., were united in marriage Nov. 27. The ceremony was performed by James Neff, a Texarkana, Tex., minister. Barry Crabtree was best man, and Sarah Lopez, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The couple live in Ashdown.



MR. AND MRS. REX PIEPER
Amy Lyn Harrar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harrar of Rockford, Ill., and Rex David Pieper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pieper of San Antonio, Tex., were united in marriage Nov. 27 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by Robin Webber, Pasadena Imperial P.M. pastor. Shari Caruth was maid of honor, and Paul Pieper, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. KURT POWELL
Mr. and Mrs. Winford Vice of Oklahoma City, Okla., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Diana Mareno to Kurt Andrew Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Powell of Wichita, Kan. The ceremony was performed June 5 in Edmund, Okla., by Gerald Flurry, Oklahoma City pastor. Debi Montgomery, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Jeff Todd was best man.



MR. AND MRS. WALTER LEVISSE
Lora Sanders and Walter Levisse of Alexander, Ark., were united in marriage Aug. 7. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Swisher, Jackson and Little Rock, Ark., pastor. Carla Bates was matron of honor and Darrell Lovelady was best man. The couple live in Alexander.



MR. AND MRS. STEVE BERG
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Beauchaine of

Crystal, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Berg of Barnesville, Minn., are happy to announce the marriage of their children Kristie and Steve Sept. 10. The ceremony was performed in Moorhead, Minn., by Michael Blackwell, Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., pastor. Stacy Dvorak was maid of honor, and Jeff Jackson was best man. The couple live in Omaha, Neb.



MR. AND MRS. FRITZ PERAIRE
Genevieve Saint-Val and Fritz Peraire were united in marriage Oct. 31. The ceremony was performed by Gilbert Carbonnel, Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, pastor. The couple live in Basse-Terre.



MR. AND MRS. W.H. WELLS III
Victoria Sue Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin C. Reed of Golden, Colo., and William Holmes Wells III, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wells Jr. of Arvada, Colo., were united in marriage July 23. The ceremony was performed in St. Petersburg, Fla., by Roy Holladay, St. Petersburg pastor. Tamara Reed was maid of honor, and Mark Wells was best man. The couple live in St. Petersburg.



MR. AND MRS. GREG McEACHERN
Victoria Lynn Underwood and John Gregory McEachern were united in marriage July 23. The ceremony was performed in Colorado Springs, Colo., by David Carley, Colorado Springs pastor. Attendants were Bonnie Rickel and Paul Phillips. The couple live in Security, Colo.



MR. AND MRS. B. RUSHING
Margaret Louise Ferrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ferrier of Prescott Valley, Ariz., and Benjamin Hugh Rushing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rushing of Azusa, Calif., were united in marriage Sept. 18. The ceremony was performed by Victor Root, Pasadena Auditorium A.M. pastor. Robin Ferrier, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Tom Frampton was best man. The couple live in Covina, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. CLIFFORD LEE
Mary Ellen Harshman of Knoxville, Md., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Diane Louise to Clifford Eli Lee

Nov. 19 in Walkersville, Md. Peter Whitting, pastor of the Frederick, Md., church, performed the ceremony. Donna Hayes was maid of honor, and Paul Flamand was best man. The couple live in Shepherdstown, W.Va.



MR. AND MRS. R. CRITCHLOW
Nada Colleen Millikin, daughter of Lesley Millikin of Kelowna, B.C., and Russell Wade Critchlow, son of Clyde and Lyda Critchlow of Prince George, B.C., were married Sept. 4 in Prince George. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a Prince George local church elder. Wanda Millikin was maid of honor, and Wade Critchlow was best man. The couple live in Prince George.



MR. AND MRS. C. STELE HOLLIS
C. Stele Hollis and Katie Marie Nily were united in marriage Sept. 18. The ceremony was performed by Felix Heimberg, pastor of the Albuquerque, N.M., church. Christina Cherry of Mankato, Minn., was matron of honor, and Arthur Hollis, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Albuquerque.



MR. AND MRS. SHANE GERRATY
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bailey of London, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Vanessa Vaughan to Shane Gerraty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gerraty of Auckland, New Zealand. The ceremony was performed Sept. 18 by George Delap, pastor of the Borehamwood, England, church. Stephen Wilson was best man, and Madeleine Belje was matron of honor. The couple live in Auckland.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES BROWN
Mary F. Harkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Harkins of Lakeland, Fla., and James H. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown of Cokato, Minn., were united in marriage Sept. 4. The ceremony was performed by Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis North and St. Cloud, Minn., churches. Faith Kaiser, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Brad Handahl was best man. The couple live in Prior Lake, Minn.



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS HILL
Michelle C. Miller, daughter of John and

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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Linda Miller of Corning, Calif., and Douglas E. Hill, son of Edward and Gay Hill of Escondido, Calif., were united in marriage Sept. 18 in Red Bluff, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Mark Kaplan, professor of Hebrew at Pasadena Ambassador College. Brenda Todd was maid of honor, and Doug Andrews was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Redding, Calif.

than 61 years, Augusta, also a Church member. The couple had three children, 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

BILLINGS, Dolly, 91, of Wichita, Kan., died Dec. 23. Mrs. Billings, a Church member for 24 years, is survived by a step-daughter, seven step-grandchildren and 15 step-great-grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. DEREK ATTWOOD
The children of Mr. and Mrs. Derek Attwood of Devonport, Australia, would like to announce their parents' 30th wedding anniversary, which took place Jan. 10. The couple's children include Martin and Lisa, Mandy and John, Hayley and David and Sarah. The Attwoods also have two grandchildren, Jodie and Jared.



HAHN, Edna M., 90, of Chicago, Ill., died Nov. 22 of complications from a stroke. Miss Hahn, a Church member since 1973, is survived by a brother and many nieces and nephews.

MCKENZIE, Beulah M., 85, of Ashland, Ore., died Oct. 7 after attending part of the Feast of Tabernacles. Mrs. McKenzie, a Church member since 1963, was preceded in death by her husband, also a Church member, and two daughters. She is survived by five sons.

GRUENING, William, 69, of West Des Moines, Iowa, died Dec. 15 of a heart ailment. Mr. Gruening, a Church member since 1967, is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a son, Robert; two daughters, Gayle Avila and Gigi Johnson; two sisters, Marin Jesse and Marie Richards; and seven grandchildren.

WOODBURY, Archie, 79, of Sand Lake, Mich., died Nov. 30 from a long-term heart condition. Mr. Woodbury, a Church member since 1964, is survived by his wife, Degina "Dee," also a Church member.

KEENAN, Richard J., 50, of Apopka, Fla., died Dec. 17. Mr. Keenan, a Church member since 1962, is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Kevin and Kory; six daughters, Karie Martin, Karen Trojaneck, Kandace, Lisa Turner, Kelley and Kyla; his parents, Beatrice and Kenneth; three sisters, Marilyn Milton, Kay Witt and Kenlyn Hagen; and six grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. LUTHER KENDRICK
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kendrick, members who attend the Las Vegas, Nev., church, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 25. They have been Church members since 1960. The Kendricks have six children and two grandchildren. Their children gave them a surprise party.

OBITUARIES

STERLING, Daisy Elizabeth, 89, of Harold Hill, England, died Oct. 28. Mrs. Sterling, a Church member since 1975, is survived by three daughters, one son and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her grandson, Witney Blackwood, is a Church member.

BELL, Ethel Elizabeth, 88, of Toronto, Ont., died Dec. 9 after a two-month battle with cancer. Miss Bell has been a Church member since 1971. She was preceded in death by a sister, Ella Bell, also a Church member.

WINN, Harry E., 85, of Montgomery, Ala., died Dec. 15. Mr. Winn, a Church member since 1976, is survived by his wife of more



WARDROP, Garth Lee Jr., 35, of Pasadena, died Aug. 15 of spinal cancer. Mr. Wardrop, a Church member since 1977, is survived by his mother, Louise Thayer; a brother, David; and two sisters, Tisa and Patricia. Although Mr. Wardrop was blind, he graduated from Ambassador College with high distinction in 1979 and was the author of many poems and books.

PERSKY, Sadie Lydia, 77, of Round O, S.C., died Dec. 11 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Persky, a Church member since 1963, is survived by her husband, Arthur, a Church member; a son, Robert, pastor of the Charleston, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., churches; four grandchildren, Ted, Neal, Livia and Bradley Persky; one sister, Francis McKeska; and two brothers, Alvin and Lad Janes.

GIBBONS, Winston, 80, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Oct. 30 after a brief illness. Mr. Gibbons, a Church member since January, 1988, is survived by his wife, two daughters, a brother and grandchildren.

Announcement Reminders

- Engagement announcements and obituaries require a ministerial signature.
- Announcements must be submitted within six months. The only exceptions are wedding announcements, which must be submitted within a year.
- In obituaries please include the age at the time of death.
- On the "Birth Announcement" form, "Number of children you have" should include the newborn. Under "Time of day," put the time of birth and mark a.m. or p.m.
- Photos will be returned if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Photos may be color or black and white.
- We no longer publish personal anniversary announcements.

French

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 coa, but we haven't been able to sell. Prices on the international level have dropped, and Asia has started to produce these products."

Caribbean

About 210 members attending two congregations in Guadeloupe

are pastored by Gilbert Carbonnel. The two groups meet weekly and combine once every two months for services and a family night of activities.

"Whenever there is a wedding it involves the whole church, too," Mr. Carbonnel said. "Everyone contributes."

The Church provided a minibus to facilitate transportation between the two areas.

The area suffers from economic difficulties, but French Social Security helps members make ends meet.

"People are afraid to be swallowed by the European Community," Mr. Carbonnel said. "The free market can affect life in the Caribbean. Some think it is a good thing to stick to Europe. Others fear."

Mr. Carbonnel visits Haiti once a month, where there are 63 brethren.

"The political situation is still shaky," said Mr. Franklin. "Unemployment is 60 percent, and some people rely on relatives in the United States for assistance. But they are courageous people—always searching, looking."

"The Church project to promote native handicrafts is still growing."

Mr. Carbonnel said he appreciates the warmth of the brethren. "They are enthusiastic each time I visit."

About 320 brethren meet each week in Martinique for services.

South Pacific

Seven members live in Vanuatu, a group of about 100 islands, 20 of which are inhabited.

Rex Morgan, pastor of the Whangarei, New Zealand, church, visits them twice a year.

The Feast of Tabernacles took place for the first time in 1988 at Port Vila, Vanuatu. Fifty-five people attended.

The members "as they can, gather in groups of two or three families on the Sabbath," Mr. Morgan said. "Half of them speak

French, and half speak English."

Problems the brethren face differ from island to island, Mr. Morgan said. One of the islands is Westernized; others have few roads and no electricity or running water.

Vanuatu also has 15 to 20 prospective members, who learned of the Church by word of mouth. The Church does no advertising there.

Five prospective members who are schoolteachers lost their jobs

because of the Sabbath. "One has a job now, but the others need our prayers," Mr. Morgan said.

People on these islands live in villages, where everyone knows everyone else, and everyone is of the same religion. "Those who want to change religion may face difficulties," Mr. Morgan said.

No Church members live in Tahiti or New Caledonia, but many subscribe to *La Pure Verite* (French Plain Truth).



BUILDING BRIDGES—Evangelist Dibar Apartian (right), French regional director, converses in Pasadena with Olivier Carion, pastor of the Colmar and Metz, France, churches. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Rescued

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 we had to be in Idaho and we were not ready to accept that yet."

They hiked until they found a primitive trail, which they followed until late afternoon when they set up camp.

Mr. Evans related: "Our situation looked pretty bleak. . . The weather was terrible, and any air search was impossible. . . I began to pray more fervently for the faith I needed, for a break in the weather."

Wednesday, Nov. 9, it stopped snowing, and patches of blue sky showed through. The two men built huge fires with green wood to make smoke, but no airplanes came. They decided to leave the camp and hiked down a creek. Mr. Moen shot a grouse, providing more food. A search plane flew over them.

"The next event I will never forget as long as I live," said Mr. Evans. "We were coming to an-

other creek crossing when we spotted movement and orange jackets and horses approaching the other side of the creek. I said, 'Look, there is someone coming!'

"Then we both looked across the creek at each other. . . and I said, 'Barnard. Rich Barnard,' and he said, 'Brent, is that you?' Dave Steindorf was right behind him. . . Dave came running at me and embraced me and Dan. It was a very emotional meeting."

The two men traveled 16 miles in four days. Conditions were extreme, and it was "highly unlikely a person could have survived without the protection and guidance of God," said Mr. Evans.

Articles about the two missing hunters and details of the search appeared in area newspapers. Several restaurants and stores provided food and warm drinks for the search parties.

The parents of both men wrote letters to the newspapers and to the Missoula congregation thanking volunteers for their help and prayers.



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)



ROARING RAPIDS—Portland, Ore., West brethren brave whitewater on an annual rafting trip.

Portland, Ore., West

By Kerri Dowd

The Portland, Ore., West church meets in a Catholic girls school. "Nuns wander in and out and sometimes even listen to the sermons," said pastor Nelson Haas, who has served the area since 1983.

"They are very friendly and appreciate our care of the facilities," Mr. Haas said.

This congregation in the Pacific

was reorganized. About 75 brethren were added to Portland West, which now is the assigned church for everyone west of the Willamette River.

Longest-time members in the congregation are William Harries, who was baptized in 1952, and Louise Neff, who attended her first Feast of Tabernacles in 1952, and was baptized in 1954.

wide as an elevator consultant from his retirement in 1969 until 1982. He was baptized in 1985.

Three couples in the congregation have been married more than 60 years: Charles and Marie Tower, 64 years; Edward and Marion Casel, 61 years; and Harold and Marjorie Lubahn, 60 years.

Mr. Haas said several young adults who stopped attending over the years are returning. "And the young people who are being called are being called very quickly."

He told of one young lady who met a member on the beach. He gave her a copy of a book produced by the Church, and now she's driving 1½ hours to services.

Activities

The congregation raises funds by conducting inventories and newspaper drives. "Paper is usually over \$50 a ton," said Mr. Haas. "Last year we had 82 tons."

One member, Lee Breuer, a professional river guide, leads the congregation on an annual rafting trip on rivers such as the Deschutes or the Rogue.

Skiing and other snow activities are 1½ hours away at Mt. Hood, the highest point in the state with an elevation of 11,239 feet. The Pacific Ocean is also a 1½-hour drive, so beach parties are also part of the Portland West activity schedule.

Employment

A few Portland West men are in the logging business. "We've had unusually mild winters," said Mr. Haas. "There is less rain, and drought conditions are developing. Last summer it was so dry that they had to curtail logging" because of the risk of fire.

One member, John Ragsdale, has developed his own logging business. Other members in the congregation are also self-employed, such as Robert Williams, who has a window-washing business, and Brian Snyder, who—at 23—has his own taxidermy business.

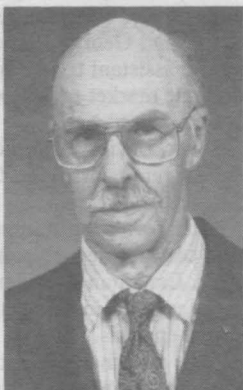
Some work in computer-related fields.

Marino Bual, who was born in the Philippines, is the accounting manager for the City of Portland. He is responsible for all financial systems and disbursements.

The congregation also includes Terry Monaghan, who was a member of the British speed-skating team in the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley, Calif.

"Unemployment was a problem," Mr. Haas said, "but 460,000 people have moved back into the state, and people are coming out of their [financial] problems."

"A lot of positive things are happening in the area," he said. "There is a very positive atmosphere in the congregation."



LONGTIMERS—From left: David Trummer, 90, the oldest member attending the Portland, Ore., West church; and Louise Neff and William Harries, Church members since the early 1950s.

Northwest, raised up in 1938, was the second church established by Herbert W. Armstrong. Many early graduates of Ambassador College received ministerial training here.

About 420 brethren attend Portland West services; 24 have attended at least one year at Ambassador College.

In September the Portland South church ceased to exist when the area

The oldest member of the congregation is David Trummer, born in April, 1898, in Deadwood, S.D. Mr. Trummer was raised on a cattle ranch and went on to earn a degree in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Trummer traveled world-

WE ARE ONE FAMILY

Portland, Ore., West	
Members	420
Local church elders	5
Deacons	7
Deaconesses	3
Church youths	33
Pre-YOU children	74
Singles	58
Over 60s	42
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	1

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

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Willie Dudley and **Ernest Owens**, deacons in the Manhattan, N.Y., church, were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, Dec. 24.

Jose Pinto of the San Salvador, El Salvador, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Dec. 10.

Kurt Park, a deacon in the Salt Lake City, Utah, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Dec. 24.

Joseph Mpfu of the Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Nov. 26.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand—Ministers in New Zealand and the South Pacific attended a conference here Dec. 14 and 15.

This was the first time evangelist **Raymond McNair** addressed all of the region's ministry together since he became regional director in 1987.

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PASADENA—**John Prohs**,

manager of Technical Operations & Engineering, was guest editor for a book of selected works of his colleague, the late **Richard C. Heyser**.

The book, titled *Time Delay Spectrometry*, was distributed in November at the 1988 Audio Engineering Society (AES) convention.

Mr. Heyser, AES president-elect at the time of his death, held several patents in the audio engineering field and received numerous awards. He was a research engineer for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

"The book helps promote the Richard C. Heyser Scholarship Loan fund," said Mr. Prohs.

The fund "will assist graduate audio engineering students who would otherwise be unable to continue with their education, and the book itself should provide valuable material for graduate level studies," Mr. Prohs said.

Melissa Prohs, technical writer and staff assistant, handled the bulk of the editorial work for the book. **John Wise**, audio engineer; **Michele Wilson**, department secretary; **Marina Suskalo**, a 1988 Ambassador College graduate; and **Cathleen**

Bonney, an Ambassador College junior; also contributed to the work.

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PASADENA—The January issue of *The Good News* marked the 10th anniversary of the magazine in its current form.

The magazine was first published in 1939. It was not published regularly until the 1950s. A full-time staff was established in 1963, according to **Norman Shoaf**, managing editor.

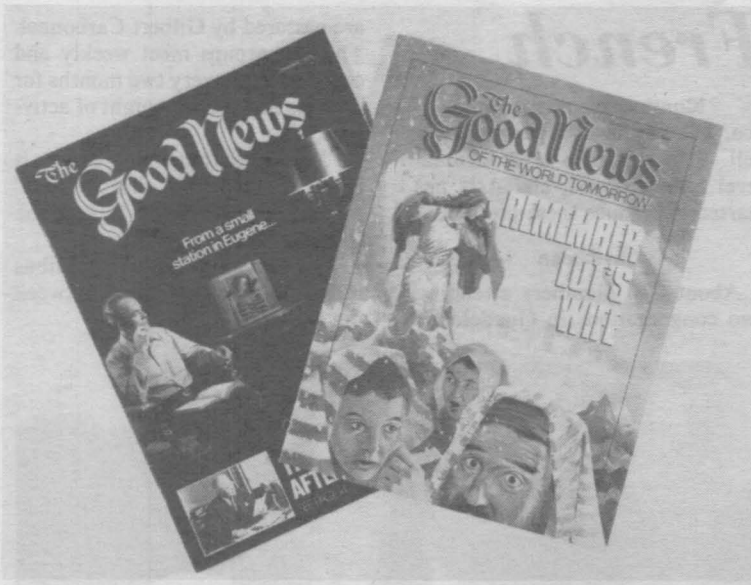
The Good News ceased publication in 1976, and in 1978, *The Worldwide News* was renamed as *The Good News*.

Just a few months later, in January, 1979, *The Good News* was restarted in magazine format. Published monthly until the April-May, 1987, issue, the magazine is now a bimonthly, full-color, 32-page publication. International editions of the magazine have been published in French, German, Spanish and Dutch since 1982.

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PASADENA—The Mail Processing Center received a record 13,387,748 literature requests in 1988 from 8.5 million cards, letters and telephone calls, according to Media Production Services.

The most-requested piece of literature in 1988 was *The Plain Truth*, which accounted for five million requests. The *World Tomorrow* telecast was the biggest source of requests.



10TH ANNIVERSARY—The January, 1989, *Good News* marked the 10th anniversary of the magazine in its present form. Shown are the covers of the January, 1979, and January, 1989, issues.

PASADENA—A mailing house in Chicago, Ill., began mailing out seven million U.S. and two million Canadian direct-mail packages Jan. 9. This campaign advertising *The Plain Truth* is the Church's largest-ever direct-mail effort.

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RICHMOND, Va.—About 500 brethren celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church here Nov. 19.

Robert Jones, Richmond pastor, read a letter of congratulations from **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, associate director of Church Administration for the

United States.

Weldon Wallick, a Lakeland, Fla., local church elder who attended Richmond's first service, gave the sermonette. Nashville, Tenn., pastor **Frederick Kellers**, Richmond pastor from 1965 to 1969, gave the sermon.

Former Richmond ministers **Richard Frankel**, Washington, D.C., pastor, and **Edward Faulk**, Trenton and Brick, N.J., associate pastor, attended the celebration. Brethren saw a videotape from former pastor **Ray Lisman**, now Chico, Eureka and Redding, Calif., pastor.

PERSONAL

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the salvation of mankind through Jesus, and His prophesied Second Coming to establish the Kingdom of God.

We can rejoice that God has taken us from our own ignorance to become servants to Him in making such priceless knowledge available to others.

As will be announced in the January member and co-worker letter, a copy of *Who Was Jesus?* will be mailed automatically to all English-speaking member and co-worker heads of household in the coming weeks. It will also be offered on coming *World Tomorrow* telecasts, as well as in a semiannual letter to all English-speaking *Plain Truth* subscribers.

Your prayers for the success of this booklet, as well as for

others that are in progress, are essential. We must not forget that this is a Work that God is doing through us. If we ever begin forgetting that we can do nothing without God, He will have to show us just how much we can do without Him.

All the various projects and facets of this Work are fully dependent upon Him, and it is fundamental and critical that we continually pray for His guiding hand and wisdom to lead us in the direction He wants us to go.

God can do mighty things with weak people. All the bright ideas in the world amount to nothing unless they are led by and blessed by God. Let's not take our parts in God's Work for granted. Not a day goes by that each of us does not need Jesus Christ in us to accomplish the task He has given us.

From time to time, we each

need to ask ourselves, How deep is my commitment to my calling as a Christian? Have I fully and completely turned my life over to Christ, letting Him live in me through the Holy Spirit?

Do I want God's will to be done in my life, or my own will? Am I devoted to my own pleasure, or to living according to the love of God in me? Do I really cherish what Jesus Christ has done for me and in me?

Do I truly love God with all my being? Do I truly love my neighbor as myself? Am I really a Christian in truth and spirit, or just one in name only?

Let's continue to strive earnestly to live in the newness of life to which God has called us. Let's not forget our complete helplessness apart from Him, and look forward zealously to the wonderful future

He has prepared for us.

Surely there is no greater joy than that which God has given to us, that we might endure together, as one body, the hardships of life with true under-

standing of the ultimate meaning and purpose of our existence and trials.

Thank you again for your prayers and letters of encouragement.



PLANE SOLD—The Church's Gulfstream III jet was delivered Jan. 13 to its new owners, Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. of Savannah, Ga., who purchased the aircraft for \$12.5 million.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—**John Adams**, pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que., English-speaking churches, was appointed office manager of the Italian Department and supervisor of Ministerial Services for Italy.

For quite some time, a steady and consistent expansion phase in the Church in Italian-speaking areas had made apparent the need for extra supervisory staff, according to evangelist **Carn Catherwood**, regional director.

New responsibilities

Mr. Adams will also coordinate the Feast of Tabernacles and manage the Bergamo, Italy, office.

Mr. Adams and his wife, Ann, natives of Newfoundland, have served in the ministry since 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams arrived in Pasadena in mid-January for an ori-

entation to the Italian Department, and are scheduled to attend the Ministerial Refreshing Program in February.



JOHN & ANN ADAMS

After the program they will accompany Mr. Catherwood on a trip to Italy.

They plan to meet with office staff members, visit the churches and

view the new Festival site.

In late March the Adamses and their children, Steve, 18, and Lisa, 16, will move to Pasadena.

"My family and I are very excited about the opportunity to come to Pasadena and serve in the Italian area of God's Work," Mr. Adams said.

New Festival site

Mr. Catherwood announced a new Festival site for 1989 at Chianciano, Italy.

"Because the 1989 Feast will fall later in the year, weather considerations led us to move the Feast site from the higher-altitude and more northern location of Il Ciocco [Castelvechio-Pascoli] to a more southerly venue," he said.

Chianciano is a hot springs resort town in central Italy, and offers a variety of hotels.

The regional director reported that in the first week of November, "we were notified that the Rome post office found a large mail bag of ours, which had been misplaced."

More than 4,000 pieces of the recovered mail hit the Pasadena mail room Nov. 7, keeping terminal operators and mail readers submerged for several weeks.

Media meeting

The Canadian Office in Vancou-

ver, B.C., was host to **Thomas Lapacka**, assistant director of media purchasing in Pasadena, and **Edwin Stepp**, media planner, in November.

They were joined by evangelist **Colin Adair**, Canadian regional director, and **George Patrickson**, executive assistant to Mr. Adair, for a strategic market review with **Baker Lovick**.

Baker Lovick is an advertising agency retained by the Church in Canada.

After reviewing station trend tables, cost-per-new-response figures and a Canadian overview, the remainder of the meetings focused on station analysis.

"The meetings concluded with a presentation on new stations and opportunities available to us," said Mr. Adair.

After reviewing the options, it was decided to begin airing *The World Tomorrow* on VISION network, which reaches four million households, according to Mr. Lapacka.

To pay for the new time, the contracts of 10 less effective stations will be allowed to expire.

The new station will air the *World Tomorrow* telecast at 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays and rebroadcast it three hours later, said Mr. Lapacka.

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