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Specialists share findings for World Tomorrow telecast

PASADENA—Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, and Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs, conducted interviews for a *World Tomorrow* telecast, "The Drug Dilemma," scheduled to air April 1 and 2.

Mr. Hulme's first interview Jan. 19 was with Ronald K. Siegel, a psychopharmacologist (one who studies the effects of drugs on the mind and behavior).

Dr. Siegel worked as a drug expert on President Ronald Reagan's Commission on Organized Crime. He wrote a book on proposed solutions to the drug problem, scheduled to be released in May.

Mr. Hulme said: "Dr. Siegel is now researching the addicted in California, which is the fad drug center of the world. What starts here goes everywhere."

Mr. Hulme's second interview, later that day, was with Daniel X. Freedman, an expert on national drug policy, who is involved in research on drugs and drug abuse.

Dr. Freedman, who has dealt with the drug field and its problems since the 1960s, is now researching LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide), a hallucinogen, which is "making somewhat of a comeback. There is a cyclical nature in drug abuse," Mr. Hulme said.

"The point I make on the program is the commonality of opinion about the solution. These men all stressed refocusing on morality and the family."

The interviews were taped by cameraman Mark Broadwater, remote engineer Lee Pettijohn and Al Killebrew, audio engineer.

Mr. Snyder traveled to New York City Jan. 17 and then to Washington, D.C., on behalf of Mr. Hulme to conduct additional interviews on the subject.

In New York Mr. Snyder spoke with Gabriel G. Nahas, an author of books, including *Keep Off the Grass*, and papers on marijuana and other dependence-producing drugs.

Dr. Nahas, a pharmacologist and educator, has lectured and given seminars around the world.

In the Washington area Mr. Snyder interviewed Robert DuPont, director of the Center for Behavioral Medicine. Dr. DuPont developed the Narcotics Treatment Administration in the late 1960s and is a national leader in drug abuse prevention.

"These men are considered to be leading experts in the field of drug abuse research. They all provided exceptional material for the program," Mr. Snyder said.

Also in Washington Mr. Snyder interviewed Jeremy Rifkin for a

World Tomorrow telecast on God and science. Mr. Rifkin is an expert in biotechnology, social trends and the greenhouse effect (the purported warming of the earth's surface caused by increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide).

Mr. Rifkin is the author of several books and "has been called the Ralph Nader [consumer advocate] of the 1980s," said Mr. Snyder.

"Everyone we talked with was gravely concerned with the lack of attention to moral issues and ethical behavior," he said.

Mr. Snyder was accompanied by Gary Werings, cameraman; Tom Ivcevic, audio engineer; and Peter Lee, technical director. The group returned to Pasadena Jan. 20.



CAMPUS RECEPTION—Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershiser (second from left) at an Ambassador College reception Jan. 25, before a sportmanship scholarship program for Pasadena area youths was announced. From left, evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, Mr. Hershiser, Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach and Pasadena Mayor William Thomson Jr. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

Dodgers pitcher speaks on campus Scholarship set up for youths

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"I try. That's all there is to it. I don't give up. I keep running up against that brick wall until I break through. Things pay off when you try as hard as you can."

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershiser illustrated his motivation to 700 area youths, including Imperial Schools students, assembled at a luncheon in the Ambassador College gymnasium Jan. 25 to announce the establishment of the Orel Hershiser Scholarship for Sportsmanlike Conduct.

The scholarship, sponsored by Ambassador College and Community Bank in Pasadena, will be an

annual award presented "to the Pasadena student who best exemplifies a positive attitude and demonstrates a high caliber of character."

"The student need not be the best athlete in his or her sport to qualify for the award," said Ambassador College Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach to the 1,000 students, teachers and business leaders attending the luncheon.

59 shutout innings

Orel Leonard Hershiser IV, winner of the National League Cy Young Award for 1988, was named Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year Jan. 24. He set a record of 59 consecutive shutout innings and

pitched the Dodgers to professional baseball's World Series title.

"Orel Hershiser has demonstrated his commitment to providing a positive role model for future generations," said evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs. "The objective of the award is to encourage students to adopt Orel's attitude of excellence in sportmanship as well as athletic ability."

Dodger Dogs

Before Mr. Hershiser spoke and the scholarship was announced, the group ate a lunch of Dodger Dogs (beef hot dogs), coleslaw, chips, (See YOUTHS, page 3)

Writers hear experts at scientific meeting

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Representatives from Editorial Services and Television Production in Pasadena attended the 155th national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) here, Jan. 16 to 19.

More than 2,000 speakers presented the results of their work in more than 250 sessions, covering subjects in fields of science, technology, engineering, public policy and international relations.

Manuals, bulletins, program papers and other materials from the conference help provide Editorial and Television research files with up-to-date information from the

scientific community.

According to AAAS President Walter E. Massey, "Given the rapid acceleration in the development of science and technology, it is fair to say that probably as many changes have taken place in the past nine years since we met here as took place in the previous 65 years, between 1915 and 1980."

"The AAAS meetings give writers and researchers a tremendous opportunity to get to know the experts in various fields," said Sheila Graham, a *Plain Truth* associate editor. "These people are enthusiastic, even zealous, about their particular studies. Several contacts I've made here will be valuable resources for future articles."

Others attending from Pasadena were *Plain Truth* contributing writer Jeff Zhorne and editorial assistant Marjorie Desgrosseilliers, *Good News* associate editor Lana Walker and Tina Quo, a Television research assistant.

Mr. Zhorne said: "The scientific community seems to sense an increasing global competitiveness in all fields. Many discussions took place on mapping new economic and management strategies and improving research and development techniques."

Attendance at the meeting, which was in conjunction with the joint winter meeting of the American Physical Society and the American Association of Physics Teachers, was up 30 percent this year, according to AAAS representatives.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

What is the real difference between true Christians and what we have often called professing Christians?

"That's easy," someone might say, "it's the keeping of the Sabbath, of course."

Another might add: "No, it's more than that. It's the keeping of the Holy Days as well. And all the Ten Commandments."

What about it? Is keeping the Sabbath the mark of a true Christian? Or keeping the Holy Days? Or is there more to it than that?

Can a person see all the arguments and keep the Sabbath and Holy Days, all the commandments, tithe, be a giving person, have faith, have understanding of God's plan, even pray daily and fast often—and still not be a true Christian?

Let's review what the Bible says.

God calls the process of taking on the mind of Jesus Christ con-

version. Paul described it as the death of the old man, and the beginning of the new man. A new life—a life in Christ.

He and the other apostles describe that life as a life that is fully committed to and devoted to the way that Jesus Himself lived and taught. That way is a way of obedience to God's commandments.

But it is even more than that. It is the way of love. It is obedience to God with the same motivation as God—the motivation of love.

Jesus condemned the self-centered attitudes of the Pharisees. Yet the Pharisees kept the Sabbath and the Holy Days. They saw all the arguments. They tithed, they fasted, they prayed and they gave gifts to the poor. But their minds and hearts, their attitudes, their motivation and their values, Jesus condemned.

He pointed out their hypocrisy, their feelings of spiritual superiority, their vain, self-righteous perspective and their obedience for outward show.

What about us? Do any of us fall into the same condemnation? Do we stand ready to pass judgment on others for not measuring up to our personal standards of righteousness, just as the Pharisees did?

God has shown us that the Sabbath is a sign between Him and His people forever. Therefore, as His people, let's understand that our keeping of it and our obedience to all of God's law must take on a much deeper meaning than it did for the Pharisees.

As human beings we can't get quite comfortable with ways to make ourselves appear outwardly righteous. This appearance of righteousness can then be mistaken to be righteousness. That may be one reason some are still struggling with their understanding of such matters as the use of the medical profession and cosmetics. We can become so used to thinking of righteousness in terms of an outward show, that we fail to fully understand what true righteousness really is.

Someone may think of himself as righteous because he doesn't drink coffee, eat chocolate or use the knowledge and skills of medical science. Another may think of herself as righteous because she doesn't dance, watch televi-

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Worker illiteracy threatens America

PASADENA—In contrast to many nations, the United States has again arranged an orderly, peaceful transfer of political power.

Jan. 20 George Herbert Walker Bush was installed as America's 41st President. The changeover also marked the first time in 60 years that there was an exchange after an election between two Presidents of the same party (Republican Calvin Coolidge passed the baton to Herbert Hoover in 1929).

There will understandably be similarities and differences between the administrations of Ronald Reagan and Mr. Bush. The new President was profoundly influenced by his eight-year association as vice president with Mr. Reagan.

On inauguration day Mr. Bush was asked what the theme of that historic day was. He replied, "Continuity, plus."

New multipower world

Mr. Bush and his new secretary of state, James Baker III, face a world that has changed considerably since the day eight years ago when Mr. Reagan took office.

"The old world was a two-power world," wrote Joseph C. Harsch in his final column for the *Christian Science Monitor*, Dec. 30. "The new world is a multi-power world in which Western Europe, China, Japan, perhaps someday India as well, will be as important as the Soviet Union."

Mr. Reagan was a significant agent of this changed world. During his eight years in office, reported the Jan. 23 *Wall Street Journal*,

the United States "matched the Soviets militarily, bested them ideologically and buried them economically . . . The Soviet Union increasingly is being viewed as a spent revolution—and a model of how not to run one's economy."

The *Journal* compared the global multipower relationship to a race.

"In lane one is the Soviet Union, dazzling the crowd with displays of political gymnastics, but actually running at such a slow pace it risks being lapped by the competition.

"Next is the People's Republic of China, a more highly motivated competitor, but sadly saddled with an enormous burden—one billion people—that slows its stride to a crawl.

"In lane three is Europe, preening for the crowd in its new uniform of unity, but still all too prone to run in many directions at once . . .

"Then there is Japan, the world-record sprinter of recent years and a heavy betting favorite. There is a real question, however, whether Japan has the legs or the lungs to go the distance.

"Finally comes the U.S., the defending champion and by far the most complete and naturally gifted athlete in the race. Yet, doubts abound about its will to win."

Despite evidence that the United States is in a period of relative decline, its competitors still have a healthy respect for the country.

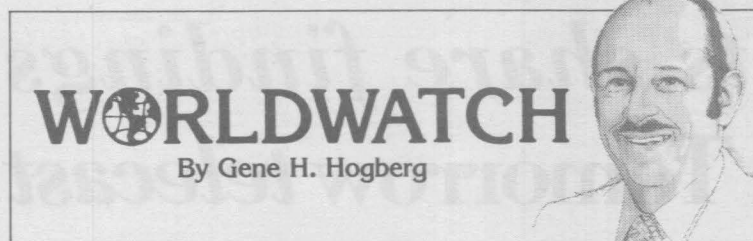
"America is the most vital nation in the West and will remain so," former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt told the *Journal*. "It is a nation of vitality and optimism,

and that helps a lot even if it sometimes blinds wisdom."

A respected German observer, Josef Joffe, opened a speech to a conference on national decline by mockingly saying, "If I have to live

comes at a time when America's competitors in Asia and Europe are forging ahead with educated work forces that may come to dominate the high-technology business of the 21st century."

The problem would not be so serious if workers were only, to use the modern term, computer illiterate. That knowledge gap can be closed if the basic educational require-



in a declining country, please let it be America."

America's 'economic time bomb'

Newsweek journalist Jonathan Alter observed Jan. 30 that despite President Bush's repeated appeals for a more humane America, "kinder, gentler Americans may find their country outgunned in the fierce global marketplace."

The inaugural address, Mr. Alter continued, "included no reference at all to the challenge to America's economic superiority that will likely be the most pressing issue of the 1990s and beyond."

American business executives and personnel directors are wringing their hands over the rising shortage of competent workers. Worker illiteracy, reported the Associated Press (AP) last year, "has become an economic time bomb."

According to the AP account, "the Department of Education estimates more than 27 million Ameri-

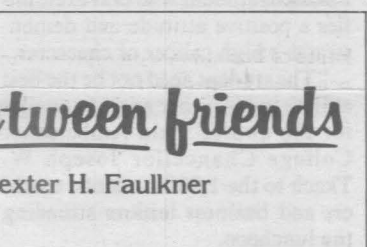
mor is being spoken, the speaker is in such a spiritual state as to qualify for the lake of fire.

Brethren, we all have gossiped or passed along rumors at some time and need to fervently ask God to forgive us. I know I have had to do it, and encourage you to seriously examine yourself this very day.

Gossip and rumors are not laughing matters. The apostle James had a lot to say about loose talk. I have an assignment for you. Today, or this week, read the epistle of James and notice how many times he uses words like *say, tongue, word, speaking, ask, grumble, boasting, sing, pray* and so on. James is an epistle about talking.

We read this in James 1:26. "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless." That's a stunning observation. Our entire way of life useless if we just flap our tongues? Can James be serious?

He's saying a person can keep the



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Loose lips a sin?

Suppose I told you that so-and-so had gotten caught in the act of adultery or fornication. How scandalous, you'd think. And rightly so. At least two of the Ten Commandments would have been directly broken. That's a serious matter.

But suppose I told you that at a dinner party one who worked in a sensitive area of God's Work blurted out some secret and unsavory things he or she heard about another brother or sister. Would you be shocked? Or would you be tempted to want to hear more?

I hope we're not always so callous about passing along or listening to gossip. But we all have to admit, we don't usually think of gossiping, or rumormongering, as a sin equal to adultery or stealing. Yet my friends, it is.

James 2:10 tells us, "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all" (New King James throughout).

We should have etched in our minds an ugly picture of loose talk as a monstrous sin. If we can keep this image in mind, perhaps we'll think twice before we pass on rumors.

Let's see what Jesus Himself said about loose talk: "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things" (Matthew 12:34-35).

So whenever any of us speaks evil about someone, Jesus calls us evil persons doing evil things. Notice how dangerous loose talk can be: "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36).

I receive a newsletter called *Bottom Line*. In an article titled, "Watch What You Say," the author said, "Most people underestimate the power they have over others, never realizing that everything they say has tremendous impact."

He then gave what he calls "an ethical principle to live by." In his words, "You are responsible for everything you say, including all the consequences, both seen

and unforeseen."

That's exactly what Jesus said. We're accountable for every word we speak. Every piece of gossip or rumor we pass along to others.

Jesus warns: "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'you fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matthew 5:21-22).

Those are shocking statements. When someone gossips or talks about another person in a disparaging way, he or she could, in some instances, be calling that person a fool. If so, when that gossip or ru-

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Sabbath, worship the true God, not commit adultery, not steal, not covet and so on—and yet do it all in vain. If that person doesn't control his or her tongue, all this other religious behavior is useless.

Now, James recognized none of us will totally control what we say. Read James 3:2. I don't know of anyone who's perfect in word. Most of us forget that if God wanted us to talk twice as much as we listen, He would have given us two mouths and one ear. But that shouldn't be an excuse for sinning in our talk.

Rumors, gossip and slander are the lowest form of communication, and should not be heard coming from a Christian. Remember, every time you open your mouth to talk, your mind walks out and parades up and down the words you will be held accountable for to God.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Longtime friendships: priceless experiences

BOREHAMWOOD, England—A friend from Texas high school days writes to say he and his family are coming to England next summer. Our friendship is 35 years old. When he arrives we will resume our conversation where we left off several years ago. It will be as if no time has elapsed.

Some of my friendships in the Work go back 28 years. Whenever I travel to Pasadena I also take up where I left off with several close friends in the Work. We will talk over dinner far into the evening. This is common in the Church. This is usual. It's how it should be.

Once in a while we make a new good friend. This person fills a void in our lives. It seems as if a person we've known only a month is a lifelong friend. This is a priceless experience.

"Then those who feared the Lord spoke [often, King James version] to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on his name" Malachi 3:16 (New King James throughout).

Conversation with friends is vitally important. Two friends strip away their defenses and divulge things to each other. Their conversation is therapeutic. Conversing is good for the soul.

Sometimes we say something that is patently wrong. A friend will either rebuke or tolerate depending on the circumstances. He or she knows you—and most likely will choose the right option.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend," says the proverb. We would rather have the pain now from a close friend—than later from someone not so close.

But one thing a true friend will strive not to do—divulge a confidence. It takes character not to talk.

Friendships in the Church transcend nationality, age, race, gender, culture and occupation. All these barriers are broken down in the correct church environment. Of course, it does take time and patience. The barriers don't crumble all at once.

ments—the so-called three Rs—are sound.

But American businesses, including some of the most prestigious, have found they must teach some employees how to read, write and do arithmetic. More than half of Fortune 500 companies have become educators of last resort.

American Express President Lou Gerstner, whose company spends \$10 million annually to teach new workers English and social skills, said, "I lie awake at night wondering where I'm going to find well-qualified employees for the future."

A good portion of new workers must come from inner cities. It is here that the crises of crime, drug addiction, gang murders, unwed motherhood and one-parent families are at their worst.

Young men and women from such backgrounds enter the educational system socially handicapped, many to emerge later ill-equipped for the job market, some even classified as unemployable.

America may be on top now, but the conditions for future decline are firmly established.

But the apostle Paul says: "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-28). Naturally, we don't always live up to this scripture.

Nonetheless, we have friends from the full tide of humanity—from all over the world—in God's Church. These global friendships spring mainly from the Festival of Tabernacles. Sometimes we meet a family at a Feast site and wind up staying in their home at some future time halfway across the world. And all this hospitality is based on a few hours conversation. Nonmember relatives are astonished.

When will your friendships in the Church end? The short answer is never. Some of us will probably tour the universe together.

God was a friend of Moses. He spoke face to face with Moses as a person does with a friend. When will this friendship come to a close? The answer is it's eternal—not bound by the laws of time and space.

In the transfiguration Jesus talked with both Moses and Elijah. This was a picture of the coming Kingdom. They discussed Christ's sacrifice (see Luke 9:28-36). This friendship is eternal.

Sometimes we are apprehensive about doing or saying something that might destroy a friendship. But a true friendship can stand a little aggravation. And sometimes a relationship does cool for a while. Usually it's only temporary. Then it renews itself stronger than ever. This is the nature of friendship.

Sir Winston Churchill wrote appreciations of several friends in his book, *Great Contemporaries*. He said of the First Earl of Birkenhead (whom he referred to as "F.E."): "Some men when they die after busy, toilsome, successful lives have a great stock of script and securities . . . F.E. banked his treasure in the hearts of his friends, and they will cherish his memory until their time is come" (page 142).

When will our friendships end? Remember the transfiguration.

Youths

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Baby Ruth candy bars and milk to fit into a baseball theme. The audience wore Dodger caps during the event, and students were given autographed baseballs.

Pasadena Mayor William E. Thomson Jr. presented a key to the city to Mr. Hershiser, who is a Pasadena resident. In his comments, Mayor Thomson said that Ambassador College is a good citizen of the community and should be recognized as such.

In Mr. Hershiser's address, which was taped by the Television Department, he exhorted students to work hard for rewards.

He said that he was not a high school or college star, received only a partial college scholarship and had been cut from many teams, "like some of you kids out there may have been.

"But I finally realized there were some responsibilities in life and that I needed to bear up and take them. When I became a sophomore in college things started to turn around for me, spiritually and as a person in the community."

Mr. Hershiser fielded questions about playing for Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda and handling pressure in a final World Series game.

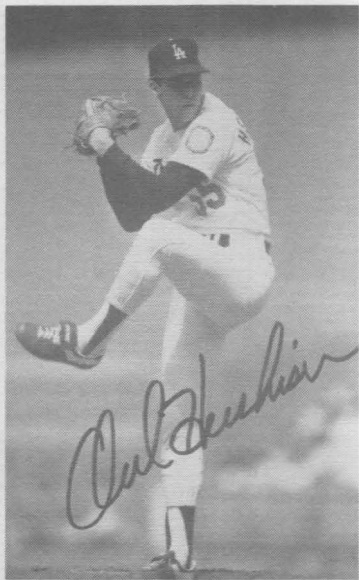
He attributed much of his success to his wife, Jamie, also at the event, and said he wrote about her in a forthcoming book about the 1988 baseball season. "As successful as our marriage is, is as successful as my life is," said Mr. Hershiser.

'Coveted award'

The scholarship and a trophy were given to Phillip Jordan, superintendent of the Pasadena Board of Education. "I can assure you all that this will be the most coveted sportsmanship award that we give in the city, because it's identified with a person of your [Mr. Hershiser's] stature, your ability and your moral character," he said.

Thirteen-year-old John Cooper, who attends Washington Middle School in Pasadena, said: "I think he's a great guy. I think what he's doing for this community is great, marvelous. I think I'll go after the scholarship for tennis."

Milt Walker, an executive with Community Bank, coordinated the event with Ambassador College. "I have had the pleasure of working with Joseph Tkach, David Hulme



OREL HERSHISER

and Michael Snyder on a number of things. When this event was coming about, I told Mr. Hulme and Mr. Snyder that here is another opportunity to show our community spirit—and I didn't have to finish."

Mr. Tkach said: "You know, whatever our hand finds to do, we should do with our might. It's quite obvious that Mr. Hershiser follows that principle, and it has contributed to his success."

Hopes to become band member

Autistic teen makes the grade

By Carol Stirk

WATFORD, England—Roderick Channon, 17, who attends the Watford church with his parents, is a student at Her Majesty the Queen Mother's Centre for Autistic Children.

Carol Stirk is the wife of David Stirk, a pastor-rank minister who serves as business manager for the Church in East and West Africa.

The school is on the site where Imperial Schools was before the Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College closed.

Rod is a challenge to the teachers and staff at his school in more ways than one. From being Head Boy at

Member translates Russian on visit to nuclear test sites

By Victor Johnson

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Alex Lincoln, a Church member here, returned Nov. 25, after touring nuclear test sites in the Soviet Union.

Victor Johnson is a member who attends the Las Vegas, Nev., church.

Mr. Lincoln served as Russian translator for a team of four American scientists sent to make an inspection. The trip, which began Nov. 9, took the group from Moscow to Vladivostok.

As a native Romanian and translator of six languages, Mr. Lincoln is keenly interested in the Russian people.

"Glasnost (openness) is very visible in the Russian press," Mr. Lincoln said. "However, the people are still restrained and somewhat fearful.

"They are very friendly and anxious to talk and exchange ideas. They are very proud of their achievements and think their society is best."

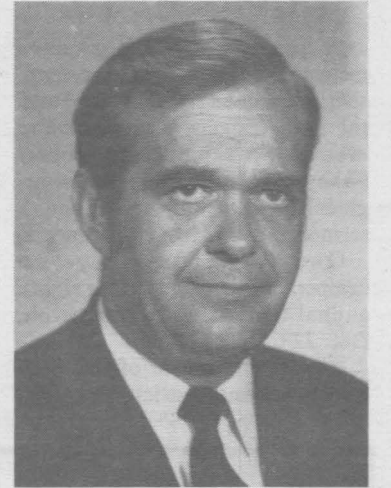
Mr. Lincoln said the people think that capitalistic society is only for the very rich, and that all poor people are persecuted.

In the Soviet Union "lines are everywhere in all the stores. In grocery stores, where meat is the greatest shortage, only one person serves the line, and must go and individually pick out each item requested. Waiting in line varies from one half hour to two hours.

"Liquor is very expensive and has the longest lines of all. It is popular to make liquor at home called *samogonka* (not translatable) of corn, potatoes, apples or whatever is in season. Cologne, a flower fragrance with an alcohol base, cannot be found in stores. Everything alcoholic is drunk, even some denatured alcohol," he said.

The exchange rate is different depending on whether one is entering or leaving the country, Mr. Lincoln said. "Most tourists try to spend their rubles before leaving the country."

"The Kremlin has very beautiful buildings; nearby is St. Basil's church with 42 kilograms (about 92 pounds) of glistening gold on its domes. The Metro (subway) is also very beautiful; each station is decorated to be a work of art. Churches are show places, and few of them are functioning."



ALEX LINCOLN

Mr. Lincoln left Romania in 1976. After a year in an Italian refugee camp, he emigrated to the United States, having a Romanian sponsor in Chicago, Ill. His son, George, who left with him, is a land surveyor in Las Vegas, as was Mr. Lincoln in Romania.

In March, 1983, Mr. Lincoln was living with his son in Las Vegas. One evening he discovered a copy of *The Plain Truth* on the dining room table. Neither he nor his son knew where it came from.

Mr. Lincoln, who was a former member of the Russian Orthodox church, read the magazine cover to cover and became excited about the new truth. He sent away for the booklet *Why Were You Born?* and the book *The Incredible Human Potential*.

In July, 1983, he began attending services and was baptized in November of that year.

An employee of the Department of Energy in Las Vegas, Mr. Lincoln also translates into Romanian, Bulgarian, French, Italian and Yugoslav at area court hearings.

He attended the University of Bucharest, Romania, majoring in the science of languages.

his previous school, he has shown talent in computers and responsibility for himself—so much so that he is employed for a few hours each week at an area establishment.

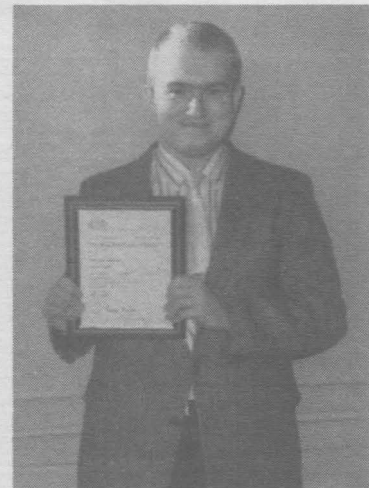
He has also reached an important goal musically. He passed his first grade of the Royal Schools of Music.

Last year more than half of all the students (more than 35,000) who took the examination failed. Rod's score was only four points short of honors.

Rod participates in church dances, can carry on conversations and has taken a special college computer instruction class. He is taking a harmony and general music class as well as his regular private piano lessons.

Reaching grade one standard may at one time have been his teachers' goal for Rod, but he has shown he doesn't intend to stop there. Rod is preparing for the grade two exam and is practicing band music with hopes of becoming a member of the band his father directs.

For an autistic teen who normally wouldn't be able to relate to other people, Rod has come a long way. The results are inspiring for parents and especially for children suffering from autism.



RODERICK CHANNON

Letters TO THE EDITOR

The Worldwide News welcomes your comments. Letters for this column should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

The World Tomorrow

I just finished viewing the *World Tomorrow* telecast, "America—What Direction Now?" narrated by Mr. Richard Ames. This particular program impressed me with the realization that the vast majority of people (not yet called by God) could surely grasp what was being presented on this program of America's destiny and solutions to its problems.

How wonderful, I thought, if only this program could have been aired on all networks immediately following Mr. Bush's Presidential inauguration and acceptance speech in lieu of the usual news media commentaries that follow such events.

Ernest Dale Martzell
Winchester, Ind.

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Tool for prayer

I wanted to thank you so much for *The Worldwide News*. It furnishes us out in the field with important things to pray about, and enables us to pray in detail about publishing, broadcasting, writers, presenters, the television crew, etc.

Without *The Worldwide News* we could not do as an effective job of backing all of you up. I especially appreciated these articles in the Dec. 26 issue: "Television Program Serves as 'Shop

Window of the Work'" and "Your Job Description Ensures God's Work Done Effectively."

I have been a member nearly 27 years and am still hungry for every crumb of truth I can get and want the whole world to have it too.

Amarillo, Tex.

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'Pages From the Family Album'

I just wanted to say how much I appreciate the new feature in *The Worldwide News*—the Family Album. It's great—makes us feel closer to one another and helps us to pray more in detail for the family.

Palisade, Colo.

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Mr. Tkach's travels

I have just finished reading the last *Worldwide News*. It does my heart so good to hear of the different places you travel to see the brethren and to see the pictures. . . I remember you each morning and night in my prayers.

Reserve, N.M.

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Appreciates the publications

The latest *Worldwide News* (Dec. 12) and the *Good News* articles were just so overwhelming, encouraging and full of deeper understanding of God's Word. I couldn't put them down.

It is awesome to see how God instructs and guides His servants. I feel very privileged to be a tiny part in this great Work of God.

Turlock, Calif.

Report from _____
the Treasurer's Office
LeRoy Neff

PASADENA—January was one of those occasional months in which income was below the same month last year. January finished with a 9.5 percent decrease from last year.

We hope and pray that February's income will be sufficient to bring us back at least to the budgeted 6 percent increase. Please join all of us at headquarters in praying that January's figures will not become a trend.

The additional funds from the sale of the G-III provide a small cushion in reserves, but I think we all understand that for the size of this Work, that small cushion will disappear quite rapidly if regular income remains down for several weeks.

Please encourage all who can to remember the needs of the Work at this time, so that the current decrease will soon turn into an increase. Important growth, and even maintenance of current programs in all media areas, including *The Plain Truth* and *The World Tomorrow*, depends on the income continuing at a steady level.

If we all earnestly entreat God for the need, I am sure that the income will meet the necessary levels. God works through the collective efforts of all His people, and when each does his or her small part, God will bless the overall result by providing both the spiritual and physical means through which His great Work will be done.

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Church conducts SEP camps for youths on four continents

PASADENA—Church youths participated in Summer Educational Programs (SEPs) and other camps that took place on four continents in December and January.

This article is compiled from reports by Eugene Kubik, Teresa Mastin, Gary Regazzoli, Aub Warren, Tony Stith, Natalie Fritz, Josef Forson, Peter Francis, Earl Campbell, Owen Willis, Colin Sutcliffe and Erin MacDonald.

Lake Moogerah, Australia

"From what the staff is telling me, you are if not the most responsive group, then right up there with the most responsive groups we've ever had at camp," said Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director, during his Jan. 7 sermon to Lake Moogerah campers.

One hundred ninety-two campers participated in the eighth annual SEP at Lake Moogerah, Dec. 22 to Jan. 11.

Ross Beath, pastor of the Brisbane South and Ipswich, Australia,

churches and camp director, described an SEP tradition that is building in Australia: "Campers are coming here with a knowledge of the program. As a result there are high expectations and high levels of response."

Perth, Australia

Seventy-eight campers and 55 staff members attended an SEP at Perth Dec. 20 to Jan. 3. The camp was the first of a series of rotating SEPs.

Beginning with Perth, various Australian states will take turns as hosts for a second SEP site in Australia.

"Having the camp at Perth," said Robert Regazzoli, pastor of the Sydney South and Wollongong, Australia, churches and camp director, "allowed 68 additional campers the opportunity to attend an SEP camp."

"In normal circumstances, only about 12 campers from the Perth area would travel to the site at Lake Moogerah each year," he added.

Mr. Regazzoli said, "The highlight of the camp was a trip to Rottneest, a small island about 20 kilome-

ters (12½ miles) off the coast of Perth."

Campers participated in a sight-seeing trip around the island on bicycles.

Sri Lanka

Twenty-three Church youths from India and Sri Lanka took part in a camp Dec. 11 to 23 at the Ambassador Foundation's new project site in Kotmale, about 75 miles from Colombo.

Mohan Jayasekera, then-pastor of the Colombo church, was camp director, and Daniel Zachariah, pastor of the Madras, India, church, assisted him.

Ambassador College students and graduates teaching at the Ambassador Foundation projects in Sri Lanka served as camp staff.

In Christian living classes, Mr. Jayasekera and Mr. Zachariah explained to campers the importance of creating and maintaining proper relationships with their peers, parents and their Creator, according to Tony Stith, an Ambassador College senior serving in Sri Lanka.

"I learned the value of giving encouragement to others," said Indian



CAMP FRIENDS—Two campers stop to share a smile during a camp at Kotmale, Sri Lanka, Dec. 11 to 23. [Photo by Tony Stith]

camper Benny Matthews, "so they can gain confidence to go forward and to achieve."

Saalbach, Austria

Sixty-one campers and 25 staff from Austria, West Germany, Switzerland, Italy, England, Aus-

tralia and the Netherlands participated in the 10th Winter Educational Program (WEP) in Saalbach, Austria, Dec. 23 to Jan. 1.

Winfried Fritz, pastor of the Bonn-Duesseldorf and Darmstadt, West Germany, churches, was (See CAMPS, page 5)

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

MUSICIANS PRESENT WINTER CONCERT

PASADENA—The Pasadena Ambassador College Music Department presented its annual winter concert for area brethren in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 17 and 18.

Performers included the Ambassador College Band and the Young Ambassadors, directed by Ross Jutsum, chairman of the Music Department, and the Ambassador College Orchestra and Chorale, under the direction of John D. Schroeder.

The performers were joined by professional musicians from the Los Angeles area, including members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

The program featured big band, orchestral and sacred pieces, including four numbers written by Mr. Jutsum.

A laser show by Young Life Singers (YLS) Productions accompanied the music.

"The winter concert was an excellent opportunity for the students to serve the Church brethren," said Darlina Leckie, a sophomore at Ambassador College, and member of the chorale. "Even though we spent many hours in long practices, we had a tremendous amount of fun and were inspired by the heartening response of the audience."

SINGING GROUPS PERFORM WINTER CONCERT

BIG SANDY—The Young Ambassadors and the Ambassador Chorale performed a concert Dec. 17 in the college field house.

Under the direction of Russell Duke, the Young Ambassadors performed the first half of the show with sacred songs and a section with the theme, "Celebrate America."

The Ambassador Chorale, directed by Roger Bryant and accompanied on piano by



SONG AND DANCE—Young Ambassadors Aaron Wiley and Linda Rowse, both juniors, perform at the Pasadena Music Department's winter concert Dec. 17. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

sophomore Lorelle Demont, was featured in the second half.

"I thought the evening went well. In the moment of truth, people rise to the occasion," Mr. Bryant said.

The Young Ambassadors and Big Sandy church choir joined the Ambassador Chorale, and pianist Ruth Walter joined Miss Demont for the grand finale, "Promise of the Living."

COLLEGE SERVES AT ROSE PARADE

PASADENA—Students served at the centennial Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 2.

Students were involved in concessions, program and souvenir sales, campus parking and security, ushering in the grandstands, assisting a tour company, making signs, cleanup and cushion distribution at the Rose Bowl game.

Others served diplomatic and civic guests at a luncheon in faculty dining. Consuls general and other officials attended as guests of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

More than 19,500 programs were sold, according to Roger Widmer, manager of the college's bookstore, who has

been involved in program sales for three years.

"This is the first year we sold out," Mr. Widmer said. "That is probably because it was the centennial year, and because the parade was held on Jan. 2. We weren't selling to a New Year's crowd as much as to a parade crowd who really wanted souvenirs and programs."

SEMESTER ENDS WITH PIZZA PARTY

PASADENA—The junior class was host at an end-of-semester party Dec. 31 for the student body and faculty in Pasadena. Some students were joined by their families who were in Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 2.

A dinner of pizza, beer and brownies and ice cream was followed by entertainment, with Edward Dunn, junior class president, serving as master of ceremonies.

Evangelist Donald Ward, president of the college, concluded the evening by commending the students for a successful first semester and encouraging them to rest during the winter break.

STUDENT SKIERS VISIT VAIL SLOPES

PASADENA—Nestled in the Rocky Mountains, Vail, Colo., was the scene for the annual college ski trip Jan. 8 to 14.

About 300 students, faculty members and families from the campuses here and in Big Sandy attended.

The annual ski trip is coordinated by evangelist Ronald Kelly, a Pasadena professor of theology.

Accompanying the students, along with Mr. Kelly and his wife, Norva, were evangelist Roderick Meredith, Big Sandy provost, and his wife, Shyrel; Richard Thompson, Big Sandy dean of

students, and his wife, Onnie; and Randy Duke, assistant to Mr. Thompson, and his wife, Laurie. Several other faculty members and their families also attended. Mr. Duke organized the trip.

The group skied in Vail and the Beaver Creek resort during the four days. Ski conditions were excellent despite colder than normal weather.

"We had two days of snow separated by two days of sunshine," said Patricia Robinson, a Pasadena junior who traveled to Vail for the first time. "We had the best of both worlds—sunshine to enjoy the beautiful Colorado scenery and deep powder for challenging skiing. It is such a blessing for us to have a skiing vacation in a place like Vail at a minimal cost."

In the evenings students relaxed in the outdoor jacuzzi, visited shops, restaurants or theaters, or had get-togethers in their condominiums. A dance took place one evening.

"Visiting with fellow students from both campuses in a relaxed, but exciting atmosphere was as much of a highlight as skiing," said Noah Fiedler, Big Sandy freshman class president.

FACULTY HOLD TOP SPOTS AT SEASON MIDPOINT

PASADENA—Just after the halfway point of the basketball season, men's and women's faculty teams led their leagues with 4-0 records.

The senior men's team was second with three wins and three losses.

In division two play, the senior men's team was out in front, followed by the juniors.

In the women's division the juniors, sophomores and freshmen were tied for the second spot, each with a 2-2 record.

Jan. 23 began the season's second half.

Camps

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camp director.

The WEP included a four-level ski course.

Ghana

A camp took place in Kutunse, Ghana, Dec. 18 to 30.

Forty-six Church youths from Ghana, two from Nigeria and one from Liberia attended the camp.

Melvin Rhodes, pastor of the Accra, Kumasi and Likpe-Mate, Ghana, churches, directed the camp, and Eke Udeagha, assistant pastor, assisted him.

Seventeen Church members served as staff including Earl Campbell, a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Camp ended with speeches, a dance and an awards presentation.

Nigeria

A Nigerian camp for 117 youths, directed by Josef Forson, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Enugu, Jos and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, took place at Okada Wonderland in central Nigeria, Dec. 20 to Jan. 3.

Twenty-three people, including Peter Francis, a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College, staffed the camp.

Mr. Forson and his assistant Adebayo Ogunlase, assistant pastor of

the Enugu and Owerri churches, gave lectures in Christian living class on subjects including keeping God in the picture, making friends God's way and pursuit of excellence.

Mr. Forson presented awards to individuals and dorms at the end of camp.

Kenya

Thirty-two campers and 14 staff attended the fifth Kenyan SEP in Nairobi, Kenya, Dec. 11 to 20.

Campers from outside Kenya—two Malawian boys and two Ugandan girls—were included for the first time.

Before the SEP, 12 campers proficient in swimming went to Mombasa, Kenya, for a week of sailing and water sports.

After the SEP there was a three-day Graduation Climb up Mt. Kenya (17,058 feet) for seven Youth Opportunities United (YOU) graduates.

"Adverse weather conditions (snow, rain, fog and knee-deep mud) proved challenging and taught the climbers many lessons, particularly perseverance," said Owen Willis, pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, and Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, churches.

Pacific Harbour, Fiji

Fiji's first SEP took place Dec. 23 to 29.



THROUGH THE WOODS—Church youths in New Zealand pause on a hike during a nine-day camp that began Dec. 27.

The main activity for the 14 campers was building a *bure* (a traditional Fijian house).

Eveli Kanaimawi, pastor of the Suva and Lautoka, Fiji, churches and camp director, said it was good for the teens to develop a trade.

Bure building has become a lost trade in Fiji; only four members in the two churches are trained to build them, according to Eugene Kubik, a ministerial trainee in Auckland.

The *bure*, with its 12 foot by 10 foot room and thatched roof, was completed in five days and will remain at Pacific Harbour for the churches to use during picnics and other church socials.

New Zealand

Twenty Church youths from the Auckland, New Zealand, area participated in a 200-kilometer (125 miles), four-day cycling trip Jan. 2 to 6.

Ten staff members assisted on the tour including Ambassador College students Brett Langford and Susie Kuipers.

During the trip the youths also took a boat trip to an island in the Hauraki Gulf, ate lunch in a wildlife park and spent two days at water slides and hot pools.

The tour was cut short by 20 kilometers (12½ miles) by a cyclone.

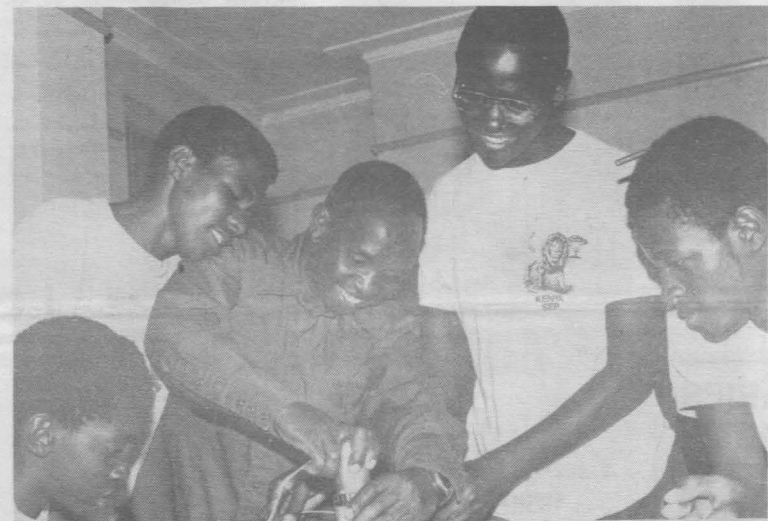
Seventeen campers and seven staff members attended a nine-day camp in the Nelson and Marlborough region of New Zealand that began Dec. 27.

A high point of the camp was the three-day, two-night trek through Abel Tasman National Park.

Twenty-seven Church youths

participated in a five-day mini-SEP beginning Dec. 23 on a sheep station owned by Church member Jim Hercus on New Zealand's South Island.

Activities included hiking into the foothills of New Zealand's Southern Alps, snorkeling, swimming, mechanics, bicycle repairs and cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction.



VOCATIONAL LESSON—Campers experiment during an electrical instruction class at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Nairobi, Kenya, Dec. 11 to 20. [Photo by Owen Willis]



HELP FROM FRIENDS—A youth navigates the obstacle course at a camp in Kutunse, Ghana, with a little help from his teammates. [Photo by Earl Campbell]

Susan's Black Eye

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Vivianne Adkins

Susan's eyes sparkled with anticipation as she sat on her swing in the backyard.

The church picnic tomorrow will be so much fun, she thought. I'll wear my new red sun dress.

Her daydreams sent her swinging higher until—SNAP—the chain broke, and Susan fell against a bike stand.

"Mommy, come quick! Susan is hurt," cried Timmy from the sandbox.

Her mother pulled her out of the metal heap.

"My eye hurts, Mom," said Susan covering it with her hands.

"No wonder," said Mother. "It looks like you're going to have a black eye."

"No, it can't be! The church picnic is only tomorrow," sobbed Susan.

"I'll get you an ice pack to stop the swelling," said Mother. The ice was cool on Susan's throbbing bruise, but it didn't soothe her aching heart.

"How will I face everyone at the picnic? They'll laugh," Susan said

tearfully. "Oh Mom, I can't go."

"Timmy will be very disappointed if we stay home," replied Mother.

"I want to go," pleaded Timmy. "Why do girls always worry about how they look?"

"We'll talk about the picnic when Dad gets home," said Mother.

Susan was on the sofa with her head buried in her ice pack, when her Dad walked in.

"How's my pretty girl?" he asked.

"Ugly," muttered Susan into her ice pack.

"She has a black eye," said Mother. "She fell off the swing."

"Let me see," said Dad.

Realizing she would have to face her father sooner or later, Susan peeked out from the ice pack and turned toward him.

"Ooooh, it looks terrible," he said.

"So terrible that we shouldn't go to the picnic," added Susan, trying not to cry.

"Your friends will miss you," said Dad.

"They'll laugh," said Susan.

"What about Timmy?" asked Dad.

"He wants to go."

"You're right, Dad. I would hate to spoil Timmy's fun," decided Susan.

"But how can I stand the embarrassment?"

"God will give you strength," encouraged her father. "Besides, I really doubt if your friends will laugh."

The next day Susan and her family were on their way early. Susan wore her new dress, but her heart felt as heavy as stone. She thought of ways to avoid the crowd.

Once there, Susan sneaked out of sight. She went to a quiet place where an oak grew up the side of a grassy hill.

"No one will see me here," thought Susan.

She had settled down to read a book, when she heard something in the grass. She peered over her right shoulder, and there was another girl.

Shocked, Susan couldn't speak. She hid her face in her hands.

"Hello, my name is Maria," said the girl.

Susan peeked through her fingers. She saw a new girl about her own age. She looked pleasant, but there was something different about her. When Maria said hello she'd looked the other way. Then Susan saw the cane and realized Maria was blind.

"My name is Susan. Is this your first picnic here?"

"Yes," said Maria. "I can't play the games because I'm blind, so I came up here to relax."

Susan felt sorry for her. There must

be a way Maria could join the fun.

"Could you run the three-legged race with me?" asked Susan.

"I don't know. I've never tried," answered Maria.

"Come on, it will be fun!" said Susan, thrilled with the idea.

She helped Maria toward the games area. She was halfway there when she remembered her black eye.

Oh no, she thought. I'll be so embarrassed. But I can't let Maria down now. She needs a friend. She remembered what Dad said about God giving her strength. She took a deep breath, swallowed her pride and boldly walked forward. She found rope and tied their legs together, and they walked over to the starting line where the other girls waited to run the race.

"Susan, what happened to you?" asked Paula.

"I fell off my swing," said Susan. She turned and tried to hide her eye.

"I hope it's better soon," comforted Kelly.

"Who's your friend?" asked Paula.

Susan looked up. Her Dad was right; they didn't laugh. "This is Maria. It's her first church picnic."

The girls said hello. Susan was happy to have such good friends and even happier that God gave her another friend—Maria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ANDRUSKY, Roger and Carolyn (Csepela), of Lakewood, N.J., girl, Rebecca Rose, Aug. 11, 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

ANGUS, Matthew and Linda (Graham), of Kamloops, B.C., girl, Amy Lynn, Dec. 12, 9:35 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

BRUE, Duane and Debbie (Haffner), of Yankton, S.D., girl, April Marie, Jan. 4, 1 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

CARROLL, Thomas and Miltzi (Waddle), of Louisville, Ky., boy, Matthew Joseph, Dec. 2, 3:07 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

CHURCH, John E. and Jean (Strange), of Ontario, Ore., boy, John Andrew "Andy," Oct. 21, 10:08 p.m., 5 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CULLEN, Robert and Vivian (Hagan), of Montpelier, Vt., boy, Andrew Sebastian, Nov. 29, 7:37 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

de VLUGT, Robert and Evelyn (Melcher), of Ottawa, Ont., boy, Corey Richard, Nov. 26, 7:06 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

DOVE, Richard and Teresa (Cloud), of Big Sandy, boy, Richard Luke, Dec. 27, 11:08 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

EDWARDS, Christopher and Lorraine (Lindsey), of Poplar Bluff, Mo., girl, Amanda Christine, Nov. 1, 5:09 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

ELSIK, Frank and Cynthia (Muller), of Houston, Tex., boy, Ariel Benjamin, Sept. 10, 5:07 p.m., 6 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ESCHBERGER, Randall and Suzette (Miller), of Long Beach, Calif., girl, Delci Desiree, Jan. 4, 5:30 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ESCHENBURG, Michael and Carolyn (Lutkus), of Waukesha, Wis., girl, Katelyn Marie, Dec. 27, 11:17 a.m., 6 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FOX, Richard and Tarila (Moreno), of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Richard Henry, Oct. 26, 6:29 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

GERFEN, Brian and Meg (Drake), of Round Lake Park, Ill., boy, Ryan Matthew, Dec. 28, 8:27 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys.

HUDSON, Steve and Moira (Buik), of Basildon, England, girl, Laura Clare, Dec. 20, 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

JABLONSKI, Tim and Diane (Hall), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Sharon Elizabeth, Dec. 17, 11:26 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

JENNINGS, James and Tama (Joyce), of Oxnard, Calif., girl, Heather Elizabeth, Dec. 24, 9:32 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

LAMPRECHT, James and Angela (Procter), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Jayme Marie, Sept. 15, 9:03 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LANG, William and Susan (Powell), of Peterborough, Ont., girl, Lesley Patricia, Oct. 2, 5:50 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

LUTER, Jeffrey and Karen (Marcotte), of Worcester, Mass., boy, Timothy Edward, Dec. 31, 5:05 a.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

MARTIN, William and Julie (Gjesvold), of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, Jonathan Michael, Sept. 11, 1:36 p.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

NAIDOO, Colin and Meena (Govender), of Durban, South Africa, boy, Damian Nathan, Dec. 7, 1:18 p.m., 3 kilograms, now 3 boys.

NELSON, Bruce Jr. and Shirley (Briese), of Fargo, N.D., boy, Carl Bruce, Nov. 13, 8:39 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

NORRIS, Howard and Linda (Johnson), of Austin, Tex., girl, Marisa Ann, Jan. 9, 10:39 a.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

QUESINBERRY, Dudley and Sally-Ann (Welsh), of Buford, Ga., boy, Justin Robert, Nov. 9, 8:20 a.m., 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

REYNOLDS, Rod and Judy (Carver), of Poplar Bluff, Mo., boy, Timothy Arnold, Nov. 12, 4:35 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

SMITH, David and Sandra (Charter), of Reading, England, boy, Richard David, Sept. 19, 11:10 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

SODERQUIST, Arvid and Judith (Raeburn), of Denver, Colo., girl, Kirsten Ann, Dec. 22, 7:41 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

THOMSON, Glen and Zahia (Naman), of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Kevin Warren, Dec. 23, 10 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

TOPE, Marlan and Christy (Hardin), of Marion, Iowa, boy, Marty Nathaniel, Jan. 9, 12:05 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

WARD, Doug and Sherry (Longcor), of Richmond, Ind., boy, Andrew Charles, Dec. 23, 10:15 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WATSON, Richard and Linda (Morton), of Pasadena, boy, Keeffe Hyatt, Jan. 9, 4:14 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WILLIAMS, David and Jennifer (Jones), of Plymouth, England, boy, Nathan, Dec. 18, 4:10 a.m., 9 pounds, first child.

WOLLENZIEHN, John and Chris (Brantzeg), of Menomonee Falls, Wis., girl, Amanda Paige, Oct. 7, 7:10 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Carlson of Duluth, Minn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jeanne Marie to Creston V. Dorothy, son of Charles Dorothy and Jo Ann Dorothy. An April 2 wedding in Duluth is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mew of Ipswich, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Veronica Ann, to Peter Bernard Blick, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Bernard Blick of Palmerston North, New Zealand. A March wedding is planned.

Dave and JoAnna Kilgore are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jewel to Jonathan Middleton, son of Bill and Ramona Middleton. A June 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Justice of Visalia, Calif., are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Ann to Michael Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gilbert of San Diego, Calif. A May 28 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Zehrung of Pasadena are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Joette Marie to Sheldon Conrad Monson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eng Monson of Regina, Sask. An April 9 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shottliff of Bristol, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Christine to Gary Clere. A May 28 wedding is planned.

Cliff Worthing and Simone Lovett, together with their parents, are pleased to announce their engagement. A June 18 wedding in Brisbane, Australia, is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL LUCAS
Melanie Leckie of Peterborough, Ont., and Michael Lucas of London, Ont., were united in marriage Aug. 7 in Peterborough. The ceremony was performed by Richard Wilding, London pastor. Karen Leckie was matron of honor, and Maurizio Vetro was best man. The couple live in London.



MR. AND MRS. RENE VON ARX
Mary Ann Smith, daughter of Arthur and Phyllis Smith of Belle Vernon, Pa., and Rene Eric Von Arx, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Von Arx of Granby, Que., were united in marriage Sept. 5. Thomas Smith, Belle Vernon pastor, performed the ceremony. Carol Smartnick, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Bromont, Que.



MR. AND MRS. GREGORY DAY
Heidi Ann Werner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Werner of Eugene, Ore., and Gregory Lynn Day, son of Thalia Day of Portland, Ore., were united in marriage Aug. 21. The ceremony was performed by Glenn Harmon, a Eugene minister. Tracy and Audra Werner, sisters of the bride, were maids of honor, and Edward Campbell, the groom's stepfather, was best man. The couple, both 1986 Ambassador College graduates, live in Portland.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD PEREIRA
Donna C. Wood and Richard M. Pereira were united in marriage July 10. The ceremony was performed by Roy Holladay, St. Petersburg, Fla. pastor. Sherry Ellis was maid of honor, and Joe Terry was best man. The couple live in Clearwater, Fla.

Sarah J. Miles and Edwin L. Keys are pleased to announce their marriage. The ceremony was performed Jan. 14 in Clarksburg, W.Va., by Michael Horchak, Clarksburg pastor. Connie Eler was matron of honor, and Tim Patterson was best man. The couple live in Alma, W.Va.



MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY HAECKER
Vianna Mae Clamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clamp of Wheatland, Wyo., and Timothy Wayne Haecker, son of Vendor Barrett of Ozark, Ark., and Paul Haecker of Florence, Miss., were united in marriage Nov. 26 in Wheatland. David Gray, Wheatland assistant pastor, performed the ceremony. Bridesmaids were Anita, Beth and Shirley Clamp, sisters of the bride. Groomsmen were Jimmy Taylor, Casey Lafitte and Joseph Clamp, brother of the bride. The couple live in Ozark.



MR. AND MRS. K. BELLAMY
Natalie Elizabeth Parnutt, daughter of David Parnutt of Gold Coast, Australia, and Veronica Parnutt of Ballina, Australia, and Kenneth Michael Bellamy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bellamy of Dalby, Australia, were united in marriage Nov. 20. The ceremony was performed by Robert Fahey, Australian regional director. The bride was attended by Sheryl Rowse, and Drew Eflimov was best man. The couple live in Gold Coast.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID GARDEN
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald O. Woodbridge of Wellington, Kan., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Ronda Marie to David Lee Garden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garden of Wichita, Kan. The ceremony was performed Sept. 17 in Wellington by Stanley McNiel, Wichita pastor. Karen Fergen, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Wichita.



MR. AND MRS. PETER OLDFIELD
Dorothy Hartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Mueller of Reading, England, and Peter Oldfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oldfield, also of Reading, were united in marriage June 5. The ceremony was performed by Robin Jones, Reading pastor. Deborah Smith was maid of honor, and John Oldfield, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Caversham, England.



MR. AND MRS. ALFRED GARRETT
James Alfred Garrett and Dirje Andrea Childs were united in marriage Feb. 11, 1988, in Fort Worth, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Donald Waterhouse, Fort Worth East pastor. The couple live in Palm-dale, Calif.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis and Jean Taylor, members who attend the Milwaukee, Wis., church, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 18. Family members honored them with a surprise party. The Taylors, Church members since 1969, have four children, Laurie, Mark, Tim and Amy, and two grandsons, all of whom attend Church services.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Kulesza Sr. of Whitesboro, N.Y., are pleased to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents Feb. 1. Mrs. Kulesza has been a Church member since 1970. The Kuleszas have four children, Judy Duilt, Mary Ellen, Nancy Fozard and Edward Jr.



MR. AND MRS. ALLEN SKINKLE
The children of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Skinkle of Sacramento, Calif., would like to announce the 32nd wedding anniversary of their parents Jan. 31. The Skinkles' children include John, Karen, David, Kathy, Ken and Stan.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. WILLARD SPIVEY
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Spivey of Dublin, Ga., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 3. They have five children and nine grandchildren. The Spiveys have been Church members since 1974.

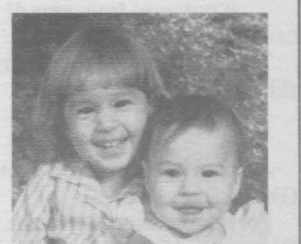
OBITUARIES



JONATHAN NARTHEY
NARTHEY, Jonathan, 16, of Manchester,

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England, died Nov. 21 after an accident two days before in which he was hit and dragged by a taxi that failed to stop. The driver was arrested and charged. Jonathan is survived by his parents and six brothers and sisters.

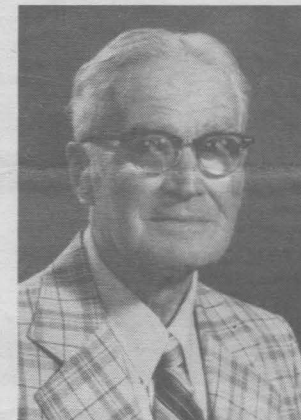
eight children, seven stepchildren and 24 grandchildren.

ZOBEL, Mattie, 81, of San Bernardino, Calif., died Jan. 6. Mrs. Zobel has been a Church member for 26 years.

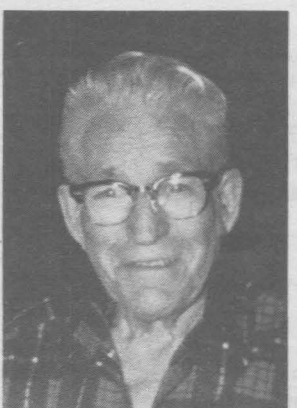


EDITH EDWARDS
EDWARDS, Edith Jewel, 74, of Melbourne, Ark., died Dec. 23 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Edwards, a Church member since 1960, is survived by three daughters, Geta Jones, Bonita Mez and Delma Jennings; two sons, Leon and Gary Hutchins; one stepson, Robert Graham; two sisters, Ethel Moxley and Ida Gillihan; one brother, Ray Davis; 19 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

HAYDEN, George William, 63, of Portsmouth, Va., died Dec. 26. Mr. Hayden, a Church member since 1975, is survived by his wife, Barbara, also a Church member, four daughters, six sons, his mother, two sisters, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, many of whom are Church members.



ALGERNON ALERS-HANKEY
ALERS-HANKEY, Algernon Lyons, 87, of Abbotford, B.C., died Dec. 2 after a brief illness. Mr. Alers-Hankey, a Church member since 1971, is survived by his wife, Pearl, one brother, one sister and several nieces and nephews.



HAROLD McCLOUD
McCLOUD, Harold LeRoy, 72, of Sharpsburg, Iowa, died Dec. 31 after a long illness. Mr. McCloud, a Church member since 1959, is survived by his wife, Emma; six daughters, Cynthia, Belinda, Sherry Newport, Patty Mottin, Kitty Peterman and Sandra Donaldson; three sons, Jeff, Greg and Mark; four sons-in-law; one daughter-in-law; and 10 grandchildren; all of whom attend Church services.

BUSCH, John, 78, of Biloxi, Miss., died Aug. 27 of a heart attack. Mr. Busch, a Church member since 1978, was preceded in death by his wife. He is survived by one sister.

ERWIN, Nettie, 89, of Erwin, Tenn., died Dec. 21 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Erwin, a Church member for more than 20 years and a widow since 1973, is survived by one son, one daughter, one brother, one sister, seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

LOSACK, Beryl Frances, 89, of Portsmouth, England, died Nov. 5 after years of ill health. Mrs. Losack, a Church member since 1961, is survived by two daughters, Joyce and Jean, both Church members.

RAINES, Edmund B., 82, of Red Bank, Tenn., died Nov. 19 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Raines, a Church member since 1976, is survived by his wife, Margaret, one daughter, three grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

MASON, Della, 76, of Liberal, Kan., died July 30. Mrs. Mason, a Church member since March, 1985, is survived by a son, Richard, also a Church member.

KRONE, Jane, 80, of Trenton, N.J., died Dec. 17 in an automobile accident on her way to Sabbath services. Mrs. Krone, a Church member since 1981, is survived by her daughter, Carreen Votens.

ERZ, Leonide, 51, of Ueberlingen, West Germany, died Dec. 18 of cancer. Mrs. Erz, a Church member since 1966, is survived by her husband, Georg, also a member; seven children, Thamaris, Renate Quadt, Juergen, Thomas, Claudia, Bernd and Peter; a son-in-law, Thomas Quadt; and a daughter-in-law, Elke. Two children and her son-in-law are Church members.

HALL, Evelyn, 79, of Kankakee, Ill., died Nov. 27. Mrs. Hall, a Church member since 1963, is survived by a daughter, Donna Karlock; a son, David; two grandchildren, Kendra and Kent Karlock; and two brothers, Lawson and Leland Eshleman.

WILLIAMS, Sylvia D., 79, of Rochester, Minn., died Jan. 3. Mrs. Williams, a Church member since 1968, is survived by two sons, Gary and Scott; two daughters, Gail Heldt and Marilyn Kneller; and nine grandchildren.

SAMPSON, Roland, 79, of Chicago, Ill., died Jan. 2. Mr. Sampson, a Church member since 1963, was ordained a deacon in 1966. He is survived by his wife, Lola, a Church member; one son, Roland; and two grandsons.

BRANAM, Andrew, 83, of Pascagoula, Miss., died Dec. 17. Mr. Branam, a Church member since 1965, is survived by four sons, three daughters and other relatives.

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.
- 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.
- We no longer publish personal messages in the anniversary column (i.e., "Dear Mom and Dad, Happy anniversary. Love, your children.") See this page for examples of what may be submitted.

PERSONAL

(Continued from page 1)

sion, play cards or wear cosmetics or jewelry.

There is nothing objectively wrong with making variable decisions about these matters. The point is, these should be thought of as matters of preference, or matters of wisdom, but not as absolutes—matters that define righteousness or unrighteousness.

A true Christian will be striving to obey what God teaches in His Word to be His will. But even in that, he will not be doing it for the purpose of appearing righteous, or to make others think he is righteous.

We all realize, of course, there are some things that should not be eaten and that our appearances should be appropriately modest. Yet we must look at the substance, not just the form.

The true Christian will be obeying God because Jesus Christ lives in him, and he is following the lead of Christ through the Holy Spirit in him. That means he will be obeying God from the motivation of love,

of true concern and feeling for the well-being of others.

Some just deceive themselves that they are motivated by love. Some Pharisees may have done that when they gave gifts to the poor. As the apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 13:3, "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing" (New King James throughout).

If love is not present, all the obedience in the world is of no lasting value!

The instruction given by the apostle John in I John 4:7-13 contains the key to possessing the confidence that our obedience is not in vain. He says: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God

so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

"No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit."

Yes, we can have confidence that our service to God is not in vain if our obedience is rooted and grounded in love—the selfless love of God that is in us through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Jesus said that love is the true identifying characteristic of a Christian. It cannot be manifested solely from the outside, as if worn or eaten. But in all true Christians, love is there—in their hearts and minds—and it is thus reflected from the inside, as the source of their faithfulness to God.

It is the motivation in all the Christian does, and though it can't help but become apparent to others, it does so because it is true and real, not because the Christian is putting on a show.

What is the difference between true Christians and professing Christians? Though both may be striving to keep God's commandments, the true Christian obeys God in love and in humility.

He does not think of himself as spiritually superior to others. He is quick to forgive. He does not hold grudges, and he does not possess a condemning, judgmental nature. He is learning, as he is led by Christ, to make love his continuing and permanent way of life, not just an occasional act of kindness.

He is learning to think like Jesus. He is becoming a new person, the old person having been buried at baptism. And that love of God in him motivates him to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Brethren, let's understand what it means to obey God in spirit and in truth. We must put God first in our lives, and give of ourselves for the good of those around us.

How much happier and more successful would be our marriage and family relationships, as well as our other personal relationships, if we more deeply under-

stood and practiced these marvelous truths! Keep up the good work! My prayers are with you.

With deep love, in Jesus' name . . .

P.S. In the course of our preparations for making application for accreditation, I have authorized two title changes, effective immediately, for administrative personnel of Ambassador College.

The title vice chancellor has been changed to president. This title is the normally recognized one for the person who is assigned the full-time responsibility for a college.

So, Donald Ward will now be referred to as president of Ambassador College, instead of vice chancellor, and of course, will still report directly to me as chancellor.

In addition, the title deputy chancellor has been changed to provost. Again, this title is a more accurate description of the role Roderick Meredith fulfills in Big Sandy, as the administrative official there who reports directly to the president. So, Dr. Meredith will now be referred to as provost rather than as deputy chancellor.



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)

Southwest England

By Kerri Dowd

Four churches—Bristol, Plymouth and Tiverton, England, and Jersey, the Channel Isles. One pastor—David House.

Most of the members in the area came into contact with the Church through newspaper and *Reader's Digest* ads or "pirate ships" that anchored off the coast of Britain in the late 1960s and broadcast radio programs, including *The World Tomorrow*.

Members are employed in a cross section of occupations, although "quite a number of people are in various aspects of construction," said Valerie House, the pastor's wife.

Those who farm are dairy farmers. Some members in the Bristol church are employed by Rolls-Royce and British Aerospace, which manufactured the BAC-111 plane the Church now owns.

In 1983 Seth Cardew and his wife, Jetta, took over his father's ceramics company at St. Breward in Cornwall. Mr. Cardew wrote a book about his father, who was known, through his occupation, in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and the United Kingdom.



LONGTIME MEMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. Derek Millman, who attend the Bristol, England, church, have been members more than 30 years.

Attendance at the Channel Isles church is just 10. The congregation has live services once a month, with a sermon given by Mr. House or one of the elders from the other areas, and taped messages on the other Sabbaths.

Mr. House is assisted by three elders: Paul Roberts, who works for

the civil service in health and safety, Vivian Carne, a solicitor (attorney), and John Shottliff, a business consultant in agricultural supplies and operations.

All 10 members live on the island of Jersey, including David and Jackie le Breton, who were married Sept. 3 in the first Church wedding performed on the island.

Bill Laurent and Jean Fox were on Jersey during the German occupation of World War II. "The last winter of the war was severe—almost starvation level. The Channel Islands were still under the occupation when France, the coast of which can be seen from Jersey, had been liberated," Mr. House said.

Today the Channel Islands are a crown dependency, not part of the United Kingdom, "but London looks after their defense and foreign affairs and the Queen is their queen," the pastor said.

The Channel Islands are also a tax haven. "Many companies are registered there and a vast amount of money is invested there," said Mr. House.

Mr. House's mainland England church circuit covers the area from Swindon to Land's End, a distance of about 200 miles (320 kilometers), and the counties of Avon: Somerset, known for its apples; Devon, known for its dairy products; and Cornwall, a tin mining center since Phoenician times. The area is also known for its vast china clay deposits used for paper, pottery and industrial purposes.

Mr. House described Devon and Cornwall as "major holiday resorts and areas of great natural beauty with the seaside and the high moors."

When there was only the Bristol



BLENDED VOICES—Brethren sing along at a 1988 Plymouth, England, church picnic.

church and "before the motorways—freeways—it took people hours to travel to church on the little country lanes. I don't know how they did it," Mr. House said.

"Even now during the summer months, travel to church in Cornwall is a mammoth undertaking. Traffic congestion is worst on the Sabbath, and it can take people hours to travel what would normally take 1½ hours."

The three mainland churches combine for various activities, including beach parties, a yearly camp-out, square dances, dance lessons and an annual Dec. 25 day hike.

In 1988 a four-day camp took place at a lakeside area used by the Church. "It is intended to be repeated this year as well," Mr. House said.

Church youths from the three mainland areas get together once a month for activities such as badminton, volleyball, basketball and indoor football (soccer). Dry-slope skiing (skiing on a plastic material) is also planned.

Mr. House explained that while it is not easy for the three church youth groups to combine because of distance, "it pays tremendous dividends to get them all together."

Youths raise funds with regular car washes and pancake sales.

Bristol and Plymouth members provide support for the *Plain Truth* newsstand program in England.

Mrs. Metherill, a widow who attends the Plymouth church, is a painter. She paints animals and landscapes, and "I've encouraged her to sell them professionally," said Mr. House.

Mr. Crocombe, 85, who attends the Tiverton church, is the area's oldest member.

Mr. and Mrs. Derek Millman, who attend in Bristol, have been members 30 years, longer than anyone else in the four congregations. They are part of a large, extended family of Church members that includes Robert Millman, pastor of the Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alta., churches; Wendy Lodge, wife of Anthony Lodge, a local elder employed in the British Office; and Jean Millman, a deaconess in the Bristol church.

"This area has the most family units I've seen anywhere in the Church," said Mrs. House.

Mr. House described the congregations as "good, solid, down-to-earth Church members, and the isolation on the southwest peninsula of the Plymouth church is overcome by their close contact with the neighboring churches."

Statistics

Attendance	255
Local church elders	3
Deacons	6
Deaconesses	2
Teens	29
YES-age children	36
Singles	47
Over 60s	30
Spokesman Clubs	2
Graduate Clubs	0



LITTLE HELPERS—Children help with cleanup at a 1988 Bristol, England, church camp-out.

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PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approved the transfer of Steven Andrews from the field ministry to serve in Church Administration.

Mr. Andrews, assistant pastor of the Tulsa, Okla., A.M. and P.M., churches, is a certified public accountant (CPA) and an attorney. He will work with international budgeting and reporting.

Mr. Andrews and his wife, Elizabeth, will transfer to Pasadena in late February.

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PASADENA—The Italian Department announced that the Festival site in Chianciano, Italy, has reached capacity, and no further applications can be accepted.

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PASADENA—Brethren who have ordered a 1987 or 1988 *Envoy* and have not received it should write to *The Envoy*, Editorial Services, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Please include your name, address and the year of the *Envoy(s)* you have ordered and paid for. This will ensure you receive your book or books without further delay.

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AMARILLO, Tex.—Oct. 22 marked the 25th anniversary of the church here. Evangelist David Albert, a presenter of the *World Tomorrow* telecast, was guest speaker.

Dr. Albert raised up the church and pastored it until 1966. Other ministers who served in the area include Edward Smith, a local church elder in the Cincinnati, Ohio, North church, Don Lawson, pastor of the Salt Lake City, Utah, church, and James O'Brien, pastor of the Mobile and Monroeville, Ala., and Biloxi, Miss., churches. Rick Beam now pastors the Amarillo church.

A dinner, a commentary on the 25-year history of the congregation and a dance took place in the evening.

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PASADENA—Leslie Spencer, president of Delta Lithograph Co., and Joan Roche, a sales representative for the company, presented a rebate check for more than \$19,000 to Barry Gridley, operation manager of Publishing Services, Jim West, print buyer, Robert Richards, print buyer, and Robert Walker, production planning supervisor, at a luncheon Jan. 18.

Accompanied by Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Production Services, the group presented the check to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach that afternoon.

Delta Lithograph prints most of the black-and-white saddle-stitch booklets for the Work, according to Mr. Gridley.

"We received the rebate because of a special arrangement worked out by our print buying office, based on the volume of business we do with Delta Lithograph in one year," said Mr. West.

The Church has worked with the company for three years.

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PASADENA—Joseph Locke, Ambassador Foundation vice president for international affairs, and his assistant, Jim Little, traveled to Amman, Jordan, Jan. 4 to visit the foundation projects and to begin preparations for the 1989 Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Locke, Mr. Little and the Ambassador College students working on projects in Amman, Jordan, traveled to Egypt Jan. 8 for

a nine-day tour that began in Cairo and included Luxor and Aswan. This is the fourth year Mr. Locke has conducted an Egyptian tour for the students.

Back in Amman, Jan. 17, Mr. Locke welcomed evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, and his wife, Reba. The Walkers stopped in Amman on their way to visit prospective members in Elat on the Gulf of Aqaba. Clifford Parks, project director, gave the group a tour of the foundation projects.

The Walkers "accompanied us to our regular meetings with the schools," Mr. Little said.

Jan. 18 the group visited the Bunyat Center, the Sahab Sheltered Workshop and met with Prince

Ra'ad at the Jordan Sports Federation. The next day they toured Petra. The group met with Princess Majda at the Al Hussein school Jan. 22 and had a private luncheon with Adnan Abu Odeh, a principal royal aide to Jordan's King Hussein, at his home.

Mr. Walker conducted Sabbath services Jan. 21.

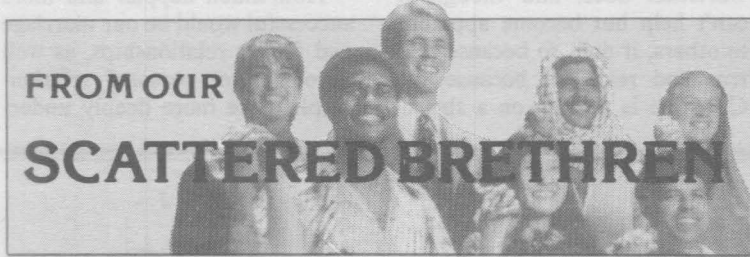
Mr. Locke and Mr. Little returned to Pasadena Jan. 24.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office here announced that the Feast site in Brno, Czechoslovakia, has reached capacity, and no further transfer applications will be accepted.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office here announced that Lexington, Ky., will be a U.S. Feast site this year. The Festival Office asks members not to make housing reservations for Lexington or any Festival site in North America until they are given instructions by their church pastor.



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

PASADENA—"They're very courageous; they don't let things happen but make things happen."

This said Joseph Blaise Franklin from Haiti, a newly ordained local church elder, about Haitian brethren. Mr. Franklin and his wife, Georgette, attended the Ministerial Refreshing Program Jan. 11 to 24.

"Brethren are very devoted to their country and to the leadership and direction of God's Church," Mr. Franklin added. "They are willing to follow directions."

Mrs. Franklin said women tend to be enterprising, using available resources to cook, sew their own clothes and care for children.

The Franklins, both native Haitians, have owned and operated a pastry bakery for 10 years. Mr. Franklin learned the trade while working for a shipping line in Florida from 1970 to 1979.

Mr. Franklin began subscribing to *The Plain Truth* in 1967, took the Correspondence Course and "learned more and more." He was baptized in 1978 in Miami, Fla., after being counseled by evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, then Miami pastor. Mrs. Franklin was baptized two years later.

The Franklins have four children, Georgette, 25 (who is baptized), Joel, 14, Nathanael, 12, and Billy, 9, all of whom live at home. "During school vacations they help dad in the pastry shop," said Mr. Franklin.

At home the Franklins teach their children with Youth Educational Services (YES) Bible lessons.

The French *World Tomorrow* broadcast (*Le Monde a Venir*) by evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director, airs six times a week in Haiti's southern area, where a third of the population lives; once in the north; and twice in the capital, Port-au-Prince. "The response is very evident and positive," said Mr. Franklin.

"It was such a surprise being ordained by Joseph Tkach," he said about the Jan. 14 ceremony in the Ambassador Auditorium. "I feel very excited, and more and more engaged and committed to the job we're doing."

Growth in 1988

In a year-end wrap-up, Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian re-



WORKING SMARTER—Publishing Services receives a rebate check from Delta Lithograph Co., based on the volume of business the Church does with the printing firm. From left: Jim West, print buyer; Leslie Spencer, president of Delta Lithograph; Ron Taylor, production manager; Joan Roche, a Delta sales representative; Robert Richards, print buyer; and Barry Gridley, operation manager of Publishing Services. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

said the regional director.

The *World Tomorrow* television program airs on 19 stations and relays throughout Australia. In 1988, 20,670 viewers responded to the telecast.

In the Burleigh Heads Office, nine Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines are manned on a rotational basis by 56 volunteer operators from the office and Gold Coast, Australia, congregation.

The office received 335,364 letters and phone calls from Australian and Asian readers in 1988, an increase of 6.1 percent over 1987. Outgoing mail totaled more than one million pieces.

"We are grateful to end the year with a fine increase in income over the previous 12 months," Mr. Fahey said.

Growth in Scandinavia

Last year was "a busy year for new visits in Norway, Sweden and Denmark," reported evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

"Over the last 12 months there have been some 30 requests for a visit by a minister, with almost half as many inquiries about church attendance."

In December, Peter Shenton, pastor of the Scandinavian churches, visited prospective members in outlying areas.

As of December there were 230 donors and 143 co-workers in Scandinavia. This amounts to an "encouraging increase," compared to December, 1987.

Church attendance in Scandinavia is 75, although some members live in remote areas and are unable to meet regularly. Nine others attend outlying Bible studies.

Polish reader

The British Office received this



WORLDWIDE UNITY—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets, at left, Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South (French) churches, and his wife, Monique, and Joseph Blaise Franklin of Haiti, and his wife, Georgette. The event took place at a reception for the French ministers at the home of evangelist Dibar Apartian Jan. 28. [Photo by Warren Watson]

letter from a *Plain Truth* reader in Poland.

"As I do not know English, this letter is written by a friend of mine who gets your magazine in English. I am 58 years old. I work as a forest officer in a small city. . . ."

"There is something I'm not so optimistic about. It is my inner conscience, my views on life, on religion."

"I've never paid much attention to it. Living in a Christian country like Poland, I observed all holidays and attended Sunday masses every week, but. . . there is more than that, I should think."

"Everything changed with my friend, when he once started a discussion. . . from the Holy Bible's point of view. I did not know that these old scriptures write so much about our present-day affairs."

"We began to meet and discuss different subjects. Once I asked him who taught him such wise and interesting views. He told me he had learned all this from a magazine."

"I love your magazine and I appreciate you always putting the scriptures you take the words from. It was a real revelation for me. I realized I should try to deepen my knowledge about the Holy Bible."

"I try to make it my habit to read the Bible every day and it really helps me. I cannot by myself find answers to all questions which haunt my conscience. Thank you and please keep up your good work. It is really God's blessing."

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