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Pastor general gives award to acclaimed conductor, cellist

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"The Ambassador Foundation here—they give so much for helping people," said Mstislav Rostropovich, internationally acclaimed cellist, pianist and music director of the National Symphony in Washington, D.C., as he received the 1989 Ambassador Award for Excellence Feb. 12.

The presentation by Ambassador Foundation Chairman Joseph W. Tkach took place at a reception after Mr. Rostropovich's sold-out cello recital in the Ambassador Auditorium (see "Onstage at Ambassador," page 3).

The presentation included a buffet reception in the lower lobby of the Ambassador Auditorium attended by consuls general, business and community leaders, Church officials and their spouses.

Before the presentation, Mr. Tkach introduced two guests, Mrs. Omar N. Bradley, widow of Gen. Bradley, and Lew Allen, director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Award of excellence

The award, a piece of Steuben crystal, is the second of its kind presented by the foundation. It "recognizes and awards excellence in humanitarian service, educational activities and the performing arts," said evangelist David Hulme, vice president of the foundation.

Mr. Rostropovich, born in the Soviet Union, has received notable honors for his active defense of artistic freedom, personal commitment to human rights and contributions to the performing arts.

Included are the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and Commander of the Legion of Honor in France, according to Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs.

In presenting the award Mr. Tkach said: "It is that way of give that our guest of honor has so eloquently demonstrated throughout his life... He is the recipient of the Soviet Union's highest honor, the People's Artist of the U.S.S.R."

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which he is entitled."

After presenting the award Mr. Tkach led the guests in a toast: "To Mstislav Rostropovich: May you always be remembered as a man rich in deeds and service to humanity, a true global citizen."

Loss of citizenship

In 1978, while in the United



AWARD—Mstislav Rostropovich receives the 1989 Ambassador Award for Excellence. [Photo by Warren Watson]

States on a concert tour, Mr. Rostropovich and his wife, Galina Vishnevskaya, were accused of "unpatriotic activities defaming the Soviet system" and "assisting subversive anti-Soviet centers," stripped of their Soviet citizenship, national awards and honorary titles, and expelled from the composers union, reported the Los Angeles, Calif., Times Feb. 9.

"His name was removed from musical manuscripts and books, from archival material at the

Moscow Conservatory, where he taught, and Tchaikovsky Hall, where he performed," the article added.

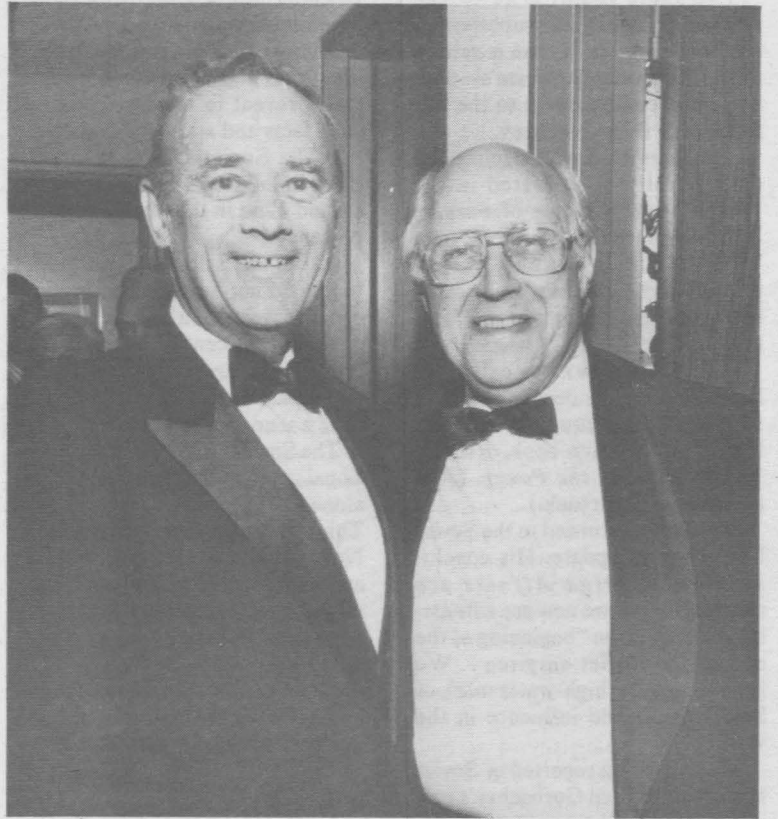
Feb. 8 the Soviet Composers Union announced his reinstatement as a member of the union, in what some say is a precursor to full political reconciliation.

In receiving the award, Mr. Rostropovich said he liked the name of the foundation, Ambassador. After losing his Soviet citizenship and coming to the West, he said he felt as if he was an ambassador of Russian music.

Mr. Rostropovich expressed his support of foundation projects in Jordan, Thailand and other countries.

He said that music is important like religion—they are both "sweet and true."

To Mr. Tkach he said, "Thank you, my dear Russian brother."



RUSSIAN BROTHERS—Ambassador Foundation Chairman Joseph W. Tkach (left) is host at a reception Dec. 12 for internationally acclaimed musician Mstislav Rostropovich. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Brethren share food, shelter as bitter cold grips country

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—From Alaska to Mississippi, icy storms, low elevation snow levels and Siberian wind chills approaching 100 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (minus 73 Celsius) plagued many areas in the first two months of 1989.

Marc Segall, Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., pastor, said Feb. 7: "We have a good fireplace, but even with the fire roaring, the inside tem-

perature is barely 40 degrees [5 Celsius] at night."

Many homes were without electricity for up to three days. Emergency shelters were set up for brethren. Some brethren on the outskirts of the city who had electricity invited brethren to stay with them.

"Since most stoves are electric and people can't cook, there are lines out the door and down the sidewalks at Kentucky Fried Chicken, Wendy's and other fast-food places," Mr. Segall reported. "We waited in line a half hour last night to order."

"Now we're faced with the possibility of no water, because the ice storms have knocked the power out in the water treatment plants and pumping stations. The city has all the water it needs, but the irony is that they won't be able to pump it out."

"Another irony is that we have a wonderful natural gas heat furnace, but it takes an electric fan to distribute the heat."

"We were asked by the city to cancel Bible study tonight [Feb. 7], so the building could be used as a shelter for people. It gives you a feel for what people went through about 100 years ago and teaches you how dependent we are on electricity."

"But the natural love of God flows instantly in a crisis. Everybody in need, whether a widow or a single parent with little children—from what we're gathering—is being taken care of. Brethren are moving in and offering food and shelter," said Mr. Segall. "The Spirit of God keeps things warm."

In an update to *The Worldwide News*, Mr. Segall said Feb. 10 that power was restored in most areas, although a few brethren were still without electricity.

State of emergency

A state of emergency was called

in Alaska Jan. 28 by Gov. Steve Cowper. An unofficial low reading of 86 degrees Fahrenheit below zero (minus 65 Celsius) was recorded near McGrath, northwest of Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, reported Jan. 29 that the manager of a general store in McGrath, "started up his Ford Aerostar van on Jan. 15 and has left it running ever since, for fear that he would never get it going again if he turned off the ignition."

According to James Turner, pastor of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Soldotna and Palmer, Alaska, churches, at such temperatures "steering wheels break off, tires freeze and explode, and pipes freeze for the whole winter."

Schools were closed in Fairbanks. "We've lived here for 22 years, and the last time I remember schools closing was 19 years ago," reported Marilyn Gentleman, wife of Dennis Gentleman, a local church elder in Fairbanks. "Even when temperatures are colder than minus 50, a lot of parents both worked and felt their children were safer in school, in case homes got too cold."

"This year we're having 'ice fog'—when car exhaust fumes freeze in the air. You can see only about 10 feet in front of your car," she said.

Sabbath services for the 30 brethren who attend the Fairbanks church were canceled Jan. 21.

"We get square tires," Mrs. Gentleman added. "That means when your car is outside, the tires don't exactly freeze to the ground, but they get frozen and flat on the bottom. So you have to drive it and warm up the tires."

"There are many tire problems, because a tire will actually shatter. I don't believe any brethren had any shattered tires, because we try to keep the air in the tires up to almost

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

In a recent Pastor General's Report Larry R. Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, pointed out a number of reasons that some of our literature, especially such major pieces as *Mystery of the Ages*, must sometimes undergo reevaluation.

In this "Personal" I'd like to take you a little further behind the scenes to share with you some of the factors I have to take into consideration in making decisions regarding our literature.

Brethren, I hope we all realize that it is critically important that God's Church never be in the position of continuing to put out what may be misleading or inaccurate material once we have become aware of it. God expects us to continually be growing in un-

derstanding and knowledge. Mr. Armstrong often reinforced that concept.

For example, the fundamental truths of God's Word are contained in *Mystery of the Ages*. But we must realize that some of the peripheral or incidental points it contains give occasion to critics to fault the whole book. Some of these areas also tend to inadvertently mislead readers on a few points.

Our fundamental understanding of the truth of God's Word came to us from God through Mr. Armstrong's teaching. In that sense, *Mr. Armstrong's teaching will always be a part of us and will always be part of God's Church*.

We must, however, face the fact that literature written in the early to late 1950s does not always have the same impact today as it surely had then. Mr. Armstrong was explaining the truth to different audiences with different kinds of understanding

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Soviet society: The sun is setting fast

PASADENA—Much has been written about the relative decline of American economic and political power. While long-term crises are indeed corroding the superstructure of U.S. power, the United States remains a dynamic society open to new ideas.

The same is not true of the world's other declining superpower, the Soviet Union. Its sun is setting much faster than America's—with enormous consequences to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

The facts of Soviet decline are dramatically enumerated in the Winter 1988/89 issue of *Foreign Affairs* quarterly, in the article "The U.S.S.R. in Decline." The author, Robert G. Kaiser, is the assistant managing editor of the *Washington Post*.

Mr. Kaiser was the *Post's* Moscow correspondent in the early 1970s. He subsequently wrote a highly informative book, *Russia: The People and the Power*. (It is available in paperback.)

Mr. Kaiser returned to the Soviet Union for an update. His conclusions in *Foreign Affairs* are startling. What we now are witnessing, he said, is the "beginning of the end of the Soviet empire . . . We have passed the high-water mark of Soviet power and influence in the world."

Much is being reported of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of *perestroika* or economic reform. "But the facts that made reform necessary describe failure," emphasized Mr. Kaiser. "The fail-

ure of the Soviet system . . . is a fact, while the reforms . . . remain just a hope."

One thing that Mr. Gorbachev's other policy, *glasnost*—official openness—has done is to reveal more glaringly than ever what seven decades of suffocating centralized planning have produced—or rather, failed to produce.

Almost daily, newspaper commentaries and television documentaries reveal to the Soviet public such facts and statistics as these:

- The Soviet Union is in 50th place in the world in infant mortality and 32nd in the world in life expectancy.

- Half the schools in the Soviet Union do not have central heating, running water or a sewage system.

- Sixty percent of all apartment fires in Moscow are caused by Soviet-made television sets, which have a tendency to explode.

The Soviet Union is a one-dimensional superpower, in military terms alone. It has been described as a Third World nation with missiles. Now Soviet economic weaknesses are forcing reductions in its military might as well. And the Red Army has tasted a bitter defeat in Afghanistan.

Some of the admissions of economic failure are almost breathtaking. One Soviet official told journalist Kaiser: "Our model failed. It took us nowhere."

A prominent Soviet intellectual added: "We have made one important contribution. We have taught the world what not to do."

From economists and intellectuals down to the workers in the factories and on the farms, Soviet citizens express little confidence that things will change for the better.

"One could scour the institutes in Moscow," added Mr. Kaiser, "and

rus empire, one unfit for survival in a new environment—today's world."

The edifice of Soviet empirical control in Europe is crumbling. The people (and some of the leaders) of Eastern Europe

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



not find an economist who thinks that *perestroika* . . . will give the Soviet Union a world class industrial capability in this century, or in the next generation."

After more than 70 years of thinking molded by collectivism and the stifling of individual initiative, the Soviet work force may not be capable of easily adapting to more successful methods.

Soviet economist Nikolai Shmel'ev wrote last spring that "it is important that we all recognize the degree to which we have gotten out of the habit of doing everything that is economically normal and healthy, and into the habit of doing everything that is economically abnormal and unhealthy."

After assessing the nearly insoluble dilemma confronting Mr. Gorbachev, Mr. Kaiser opined that the Soviet Union and its East bloc satellite world comprises a "brontosau-

know this perfectly well.

Inheritors of Western tradition, they did not want the Soviet economic and social model imposed upon them in the aftermath of World War II. Failure of the system in the motherland of communism only confirms to them that they must pursue another course.

Feb. 11 the reformist government in Hungary announced, with few details, that it endorses a multi-party system. Many alternative political movements have already been permitted.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



What the British need God's Church can give

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The Anglican church is more than a religion. To the people of Great Britain it is history personified. It has long symbolized the twin values of so many things British: public tradition and private belief.

Village churches were often built at the time of William the Conqueror (reigned 1066-1087). And the story of the church has been wrapped up with kings and queens since Tudor times (1485-1603). One of the Queen's titles is The Defender of the Faith.

But for the last 10 years this traditional symbol of permanence and stability has been in a state of ferment. Before that time leading Anglican bishops—and even those who espoused a more liberal theology—considered the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the heart of Christian doctrine.

Then, in 1978, those who envisioned a solely human Christ emerged from the woodwork. Seven British theologians produced a book titled *The Myth of God Incarnate*.

Few religious works in living memory so captured the attention of the usually sedate Anglican community. This collection of controversial essays challenged the heart of evangelical theology.

These seven stated their case for Christ's humanity, while denying His deity.

Reaction was swift. Rebuttals began pouring off the presses. First were the traditional British theologians with a potpourri of refutations edited into a paperback titled *The Truth of God Incarnate*.

Nineteen hundred years earlier, the first heresy to divide the Church was also concerned with Jesus Christ. It arose out of gnosticism, the so-called superior knowledge of those who spawned false doctrine. The nub of this heresy was that Jesus was not really human.

Only John remained to deal with this disturbing doctrine—one that struck at the heart of the Christian

And in a remarkable speech in late January, Yugoslavia's Premier-designate, Ante Markovic, said "we should develop a completely new type of socialism in this country . . . with maximum democracy, freedom and political pluralism." He advocated closer links with "the most developed European countries."

In the Dec. 26 issue of *The New Yorker*, journalist William Pfaff reported that, "in Poland and Hungary today . . . economists, journalists, members of the scientific institutes, and even some officials . . . say that if it were not for Soviet domination of the region . . . they would quickly abandon a discredited Communist economic, political, and social system for the system of Western Europe, which demonstrably works."

The more closely the nations of the Economic Community in Western Europe unite the more the nations of Central and Eastern Europe want to be a part of the process.

The Soviets, writes Mr. Pfaff, "must come to terms with the fact that they cannot hold Eastern Europe." To which Mr. Kaiser adds: "The fight cannot be waged much longer, because there is no more adhesive to hold the Empire together."



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Don't kid yourself

Have you asked yourself how seriously you are taking Christ's admonition to become perfect?

Benjamin Franklin developed a set of disciplines to help him attain moral perfection. He drew up a list of 12 virtues he considered essential. Daily, he diligently appraised and recorded his behavior.

Later, during a conversation with an old Quaker friend, Franklin shared his profile of excellence. His friend quietly informed him he had omitted the virtue of humility.

Jesus warns that some are fooling themselves about their Christian growth. They think they are spiritual when they are not.

The mature person faces himself or herself honestly and admits his or her needs. The immature person pretends and says, "I'm all right," "I've got it made."

The apostle James calls God's Word "the engrafted word" (James 1:21). The New King James refers to it as "the implanted word." Borrowing from Christ's parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23), James compares God's Word to seed and the human heart to soil.

Jesus described four kinds of hearts: (1) the hard heart that did not understand or receive the Word and therefore bore no fruit; (2) the shallow heart, which was emotional but had no depth and bore no fruit; (3) the crowded heart, which lacked real repentance and permitted the cares of this world to crowd out the Word; and (4) the fruitful heart, which received the Word, allowed it to take root and produced a bountiful harvest of fruit.

We all must, from time to time, examine ourselves to see which kind of heart we possess.

The final test of our spiritual

growth is fruit. This means overcoming and a changed life, Christian character and our conduct, service to others and a giving attitude.

This fruit is being a light to the world (Ephesians 5:8-9), growing in holiness (Romans 6:22), sharing ourselves and our material possessions with others (James 1:27), spiritual character (Galatians 5:22-23), growing in good works (Colossians 1:10) and always giving God thanks and praise for His love and mercy (Hebrews 13:15).

I learned early in life on the farm

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that fruit has in it the seed for more fruit, so that the harvest continues to grow fruit, more fruit and abundance of fruit. Read John 15:1-5, where Christ encourages us "to bring forth much fruit" with His help.

But the Word of God cannot work in our lives unless we receive it in the right way. Christ not only instructed us to "take heed *what* you hear" (Mark 4:24), but He also said, "Take heed *how* you hear" (Luke 8:18). We must not close our eyes and ears to understanding.

Some attend Bible study and Sabbath services but never seem to grow. Have you ever said, Oh, no, there he goes again, harping on that subject? Be on guard, because it is possible to become "dull of hearing" (Hebrews 5:11) because of de-

cay in our spiritual lives.

Some fake attention. Our reasons are legion. We are threatened, or what is being said is not pleasant or the person talking is a bore. Whatever our reasons, we are the losers, for we miss gems of learning that may never come our way again.

It isn't easy. But James puts the responsibility of getting instruction squarely on our shoulders.

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (James 1:19).

Are we swift to hear what is spoken and written by God's ministers? Where do you stand?

Too many times we argue with God's Word, if not audibly, at least in our hearts and minds.

James warns us against getting angry. If we get angry when the ministry reveals our shortcomings, we are shortchanging ourselves. Unrighteous anger does not produce God's righteousness.

If you are in the habit of arguing

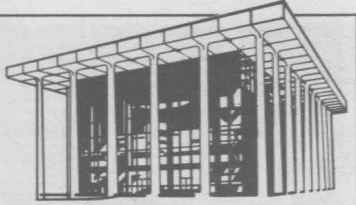
when you should be listening, you miss golden opportunities for development toward becoming the person God meant you to be.

James saw the human heart as a garden; if left to itself, the soil would produce only weeds. He urged us to pull out the weeds and prepare the soil for the implanted Word of God. "Break up your fallow ground and sow not among thorns," says Jeremiah 4:3.

If we do not receive the implanted Word, then we are deceiving ourselves. We must have an attitude of meekness. When we receive the Word with meekness, we accept it and do not argue with it. We honor it as the Word of God.

We need to be careful not to cultivate weeds, but plant and produce fruits of righteousness.

Onstage at Ambassador



Ambassador International Cultural Foundation

Patrons hear cellist, human rights defender

By Sheila Graham

PASADENA—Mstislav Rostropovich, considered by many the world's greatest living cellist, performed before a sold-out crowd in the Ambassador Auditorium Sunday evening, Feb. 12.

Accompanied by Russian compatriot Dmitry Paperno on the piano, Maestro Rostropovich began his recital with Ludwig van Beethoven's soulful *Sonata No. 5 in D Major, Opus 102, No. 2*.

Amid the bravos, after three curtain calls, he returned to masterfully interpret Johann Sebastian Bach's dramatic, seven-movement *Suite No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008*, for unaccompanied cello.

Also an accomplished conductor and pianist, Maestro Rostropovich's stalwart defense of human rights and many contributions to the performing arts have brought him multiple awards and honors.

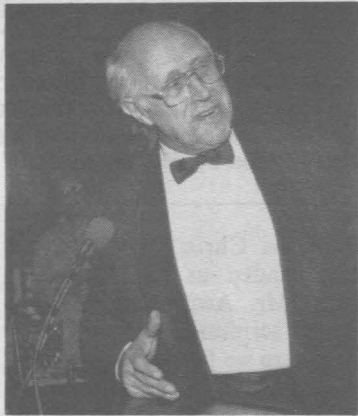
After the performance, with a warm, personal welcome in Russian, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, Ambassador Foundation chairman, added to that collection by presenting the Ambassador Award for Excellence to Maestro Rostropovich in the lower lounge of the Auditorium (see article, page 1).

At a reception in his honor, the effervescent Maestro Rostropovich cheerfully signed autographs, gallantly, in the European fashion, kissed the hands of the women guests introduced to him, and embraced Mr. Tkach enthusiastically, calling him his "Russian brother."

Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs, said that the maestro and Mr. Tkach established an almost immediate friendship. The friendly rapport between the two men set the tone for the evening.

Born in Baku, Azerbaidzhan, in 1927, Mstislav Rostropovich began

studying piano at age 4 and cello at age 8. He continued his musical education at the Moscow Conservatory in cello and composition. Since his first concert outside the Soviet



MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH

Union in 1947, he has performed to the acclaim of music lovers worldwide.

After Mstislav Rostropovich and his wife, soprano Galina Vishnevskaya, befriended novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn by inviting him to live in their home outside of Moscow from 1969 to 1973, their concerts and international tours began to be canceled, along with all recording.

The Rostropovichs wrote an open

letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev against these conditions and asked for permission to travel abroad for two years. In 1978 they were stripped of their citizenship for "acts harmful to the prestige of the U.S.S.R."

In his presentation to Mr. Rostropovich, Mr. Tkach announced: "I am sure that we were all pleased to see this week that Maestro Rostropovich was reinstated as a member of the Soviet Composers Union. Hopefully, soon he will be given the opportunity to return to his native land and receive the honor for which he is entitled."

In the 1977-78 season, Maestro Rostropovich became music director of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. He conducted the National Symphony in a full program of Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky in Pasadena at the Civic Auditorium Jan. 28. This performance was sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation as well.

Maestro Rostropovich concluded the evening's performance with his *Humoresque in C Major, Opus 5*, a work he dedicated to his teacher, Semyon Matveyevich Kozolupov, described in the program as one of the greatest Russian cellists of this century. His encore presentation was Bach's *Bourelle in C Major*.

Life returns to normal says Jamaican pastor

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—"As far as the hurricane is concerned we are basically back to normal," said Charles Fleming, pastor of the churches in Jamaica, in a telephone interview Feb. 14.

Hurricane Gilbert struck the island nation on the Feast of Trumpets knocking out power and destroying buildings, homes and crops.

Food shortages no longer exist, and electricity and water are restored to the island's residents.

Thanks for prayers

"We'd like to thank everybody for their prayers," Mr. Fleming said. "We certainly appreciate the encouragement just from knowing that they care. We are also convinced that we benefited from those prayers in that the country has recovered so quickly.

"I had an electric stove, and I was so sure that we would be six months without power that I bought a gas

stove," Mr. Fleming said. "Now I'm trying to sell it because I never got to use it."

Change of government

In Feb. 9 elections former Prime Minister Michael Manley was returned to office defeating Prime Minister Edward Seaga.

"Compared to past elections this one was relatively free of violence," Mr. Fleming said. More than 800 died in the last contested election in 1980, which forced the closing of the Jamaica Feast site to visitors.

"The aftermath of the election has been somewhat encouraging," Mr. Fleming continued, "because both political parties have taken on an air of conciliation. They're talking about trying to work together, which is big news for us."

Mr. Fleming said Jamaica is no longer on the critical list as far as the hurricane is concerned, but with this turn politically, "we would appreciate prayers that the mood of conciliation would continue."

'God's way of life is fun'

South Africans meet for SEP

By Mike Wright and Mashudu Ramano

ESTCOURT, South Africa—More than 200 campers and staff attended the 16th annual Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Wagendrift Dam near here Dec. 14 to Jan. 4.

At the beginning of the camp

Robert Klynsmith, pastor of the Bloemfontein, South Africa, church and camp director, spoke to the campers and staff about the importance of the SEP.

Mike Wright coordinated communication classes at the South African Summer Educational Program. He was assisted by Mashudu Ramano.

Twenty-one activities were taught during the camp, including ballroom dancing, horseback riding, swimming, photography, wind surfing and waterskiing.

Evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director of the church in South Africa, visited the camp.

Campers took a three-day hike into the Drakensberg Mountains, and attended a formal banquet.

One hundred Church members toured the camp on open day, Dec. 25.

Assisting Mr. Klynsmith were John Bartholomew, pastor of the Pretoria and Pietersburg, South Africa, churches, and Frank Nelte, associate pastor of the Cape Town, South Africa, church.

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.

Who Was Jesus?

It has been almost 15 years since I was a teenager studying my first booklet, *Just What Do You Mean the Kingdom of God?* I remember asking myself the question while reading, "Why didn't anybody ever tell me this before?" like everybody knew but they were keeping it from me.

I am only on page five of the new booklet, *Who Was Jesus?*, and had to write and say how interesting and compelling it is. Not since that very first booklet have I been so moved. It has come at me with wave after wave of profundity, that I now ask myself the question, "Just how well do I know Jesus?"

Thank you with heartfelt sincerity for this booklet. With Passover and the Spring Holy Days soon here, it will greatly enhance the significance of the season. We are so blessed with the instruction God gives us through the publications. *Who Was Jesus?* is certain to have us abound in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Springfield, Mass.

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Radio and Television articles

I would like to take this time to thank you for the two articles in *The Worldwide News* Jan. 9 concerning Radio and Television.

Not only did it add to my prayer list, it helped me to understand the tremendous amount of responsibility, hard work and team effort in the Work of and for God.

He truly is working through His Church, and His unifying Spirit is very evident in this and really all aspects of His Work...

If it were not for the inspired telecasts, broadcasts, publications, etc., I

would not be where God has brought me thus far. I know God works through His people, spreading the Gospel and calling more and more to His truth.

Hamilton, Ohio

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Lives changed by the Work

Since reading your publications... and watching the *World Tomorrow* on TV and studying the Bible with the help of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, I've learned more about the Bible these past three years than in the 51 years I've existed.

The selfishness, egotism and unloving attitude that I once possessed has changed to a giving, loving, Christian attitude...

My relationship with my wife and children has changed from a grouch to one giving love and forgiveness. If problems occur within my family, I look to help from God, not through worldly means...

I just want to say thank you for the many blessings you have made possible in my life. It's people like you that make life on this planet understandable and endurable.

Wilmington, N.C.

I always knew there should be something more to life than what I'm getting out of it. But I never knew what it was.

I ran into a girlfriend, while shopping yesterday, I had not seen in quite some time.

She was so happy and radiant. I could tell she was changed. I asked her what her secret was. She started telling me about how happy she was and how her life was so different and she had been blessed this past year.

She was telling me how she tithed her money and how God gave her back so much more.

I became so interested... and wanting to know how my life can be so happy as hers that we talked for four hours.

She had a March issue of *The Plain Truth* she gave me, and I read it all the way through... I want my life changed and to be really happy as her.

Kingston, Ohio



CAMP ACTIVITIES—Clockwise beginning at top: A camper meets a challenge; Daniel Maree receives personal instruction in leather work from Kathleen Nelte, wife of Frank Nelte, associate pastor of the Cape Town, South Africa, church; players exchange high fives after a volleyball match at the Summer Educational Program at Wagendrift Dam in South Africa, Dec. 14 to Jan. 4. [Photos by Sharon Freke, Monica Pono and Colleen Ramodike]

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Anyone can be a leader by becoming a servant

By Donald Contardi

What is true Christian leadership? What qualities should we develop that will help us to become leaders?

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The logical place to look for the answers is the Bible. And the logical place to look in the Bible is scriptures that deal with qualities in the Church's leaders, God's ministers.

We can begin in Titus 1:5-9: "For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you—if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.

"For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict" (New King James throughout).

These qualifications for an elder are admirable qualities—qualities that should exist in any Christian. These are positive character traits, or true values.

But notice, there is no mention of the qualities that leadership books name—qualities one might expect to see listed for a leader in the Church—such as the ability to lead people, charisma, assertiveness and organizational ability.

Why aren't these familiar leader-

ship abilities stressed in the Bible?

While leaders in the Church may possess some or all of these leadership qualities, they are not what God looks for when determining an elder's qualifications.

Matthew 20:25-28 contains some key information that is not as apparent when looking for the qualifications of a minister: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

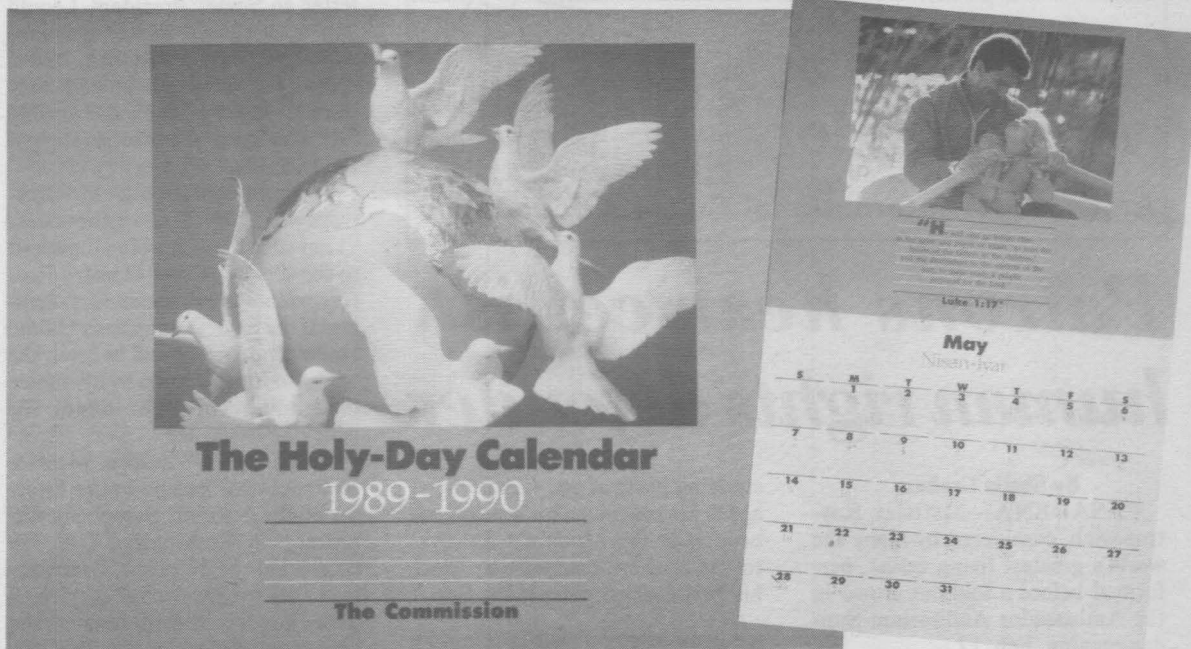
"And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Those who are great among the brethren in a congregation—the leaders—are those who are serving, working, supplying the necessary joint lubrication to keep the body well oiled. It is not their charisma or organizational genius that is of primary importance, but rather their attitude of service.

The chief leader of any congregation—the pastor—is the servant to that congregation. His most important quality is his dedication, even to the point of considering himself a slave to the congregation.

This is not to say that God's ministers do not have leadership ability. They certainly do. But their leadership ability develops out of a sincere desire to serve God and God's people. This desire to serve makes them able to lead God's people.

What qualities should Christians exercise to develop leadership potential? The answer is to develop an attitude of service. In God's eyes, that is the most important factor in determining leadership ability.



SACRED CALENDAR—Each member household is scheduled to receive a copy of the 1989-90 Holy Day calendar by April 1, according to Greg S. Smith, art director and designer for the calendar. This year's calendar features a theme of "The Commission." "The calendar was redesigned to be easier to read and easier to use," said Mr. Smith. Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh provided the editorial content and graphic artist Bill Wilson did production and pasteup for the calendar. [Photos by Warren Watson]

PERSONAL

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than we face today on the brink of the 1990s.

It behooves us now, as God leads us, to present the truth of His Word in a format that will reach people in a world that has traveled 30 to 35 years down the road of secularism and spiritual ignorance, and that is looking beyond into the last decade of this century.

I heard one man say, "But we're taking Mr. Armstrong out of everything." How shortsighted and imperceptive!

Mr. Armstrong's teaching will always be part of us, as I said. But God has commanded us to grow in the grace and knowledge

of Jesus Christ. God has not commanded us to view every word Mr. Armstrong wrote as sacred scripture.

Where we find God would expect us to change, change we must—or we could no longer call ourselves the Church of God. Indeed, then, we would be the Church of Herbert W. Armstrong and not the Church of God! Mr. Armstrong changed whenever he could see that he should.

We have been taking a serious look at the Church's body of literature and its ability to support the Church's activities into the 1990s. We are coming to see that several of our booklets are seeming more and more dated. They were written for a readership of 10, 20 or even 40 years ago.

And although the basic teachings of God's Church have not changed in that time, our readers and their lives have. A manner of presentation that worked in 1959 may have less impact on a reader in 1989.

We must also face the fact that the gap between the manner of presentation used in many of our booklets and the manner of presentation expected by our readers today will also grow wider. If we are to effectively teach God's way to today's readers, we must write to today's readers, not the readers of 40 or so years ago.

Moral, ethical and religious issues people face today present many new and varied challenges—from the colossal breakdown of the traditional family structure to new discoveries in archaeology and science. All the literature God's Church produces needs to be kept up to date to reach current readership in the best possible format.

To this end, we are making several changes in our overall approach to literature.

• Booklet editor Ronald Kelly of Editorial Services, in conjunction with a large review team, including key personnel in other headquarters departments and the regional offices, will assess the long-term viability of each booklet.

Under Mr. Kelly's direction, they will prepare a list of those booklets that are usable as they are, those which can continue to be used with edits and those which should be replaced entirely. It is widely recognized that several of our current booklets may need to be replaced or rewritten.

• The team will also prepare a list of new booklets that are

needed and make assignments to writers at headquarters, in other offices and in the field ministry. Editorial will work with Publishing Services to produce these new booklets at the rate of about 10 new booklets a year. Revisions of current literature will be done as soon as possible.

• Rather than just proliferate booklet titles, I want to set a goal of about 50 solid, informative booklets that will supply the basic needs of Television, Church Administration and Personal Correspondence departments.

• It is acknowledged that the regional offices will not be able to match the pace of 10 new booklets a year. These offices may produce the new booklets as time and staff allow.

Before they begin production of the new ones, however, Church Administration will ask each regional office to review its current literature according to guidelines that Church Administration will provide.

We hope to keep as much of the current stock of translated literature in print as possible until work can begin on the new booklets.

Brethren, I'm sure you feel, as I do, a certain nostalgic reluctance to revise or retire some of the booklets that the Church has used for years and that we have all learned and grown from. But healthy change is a part of growth, something that has long been a vital part of the production of the Church's literature.

No one would argue that we should still be producing such booklets from the past as *1975 in Prophecy* or *Hippies—Hypocrisy and "Happiness."* These booklets, and others like them, had their day and served their purpose.

In the same way, some of our current booklets are beginning to show their age. With God's help, we hope to begin production of new booklets that will serve the Church as well as some of our current booklet classics have.

As we take on this important, yet exciting, challenge, I ask for your prayers for God's guidance, prayers for vision and prayers for the inspiration of the people who will be working to keep all our literature up to date.

Thank you again for your deep dedication to God's Work. Your prayers, letters and cards mean far more than you may realize. There is much work to do, and I deeply appreciate your encouragement and support. God will continue to strengthen us as we serve Him in humility.

Cold

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40 [pounds per square inch]."

A 13-year-old daughter of one of the members was frostbitten and lost a toe.

Danger of hypothermia

Feb. 4 the coldest official reading in the Lower 48 states was 50 below zero (minus 45 Celsius) at Wisdom, Mont., reported the National Weather Service. Sabbath services were canceled in Billings, Mont., and Buffalo and Casper, Wyo., Feb. 4.

"The problem we face in this part of the country is isolation. Brethren have large distances to travel," said Thomas Tullis, pastor of the three churches. "It's dangerous to be out when the wind chills are so cold."

Mr. Tullis continued: "Some of the brethren are ranchers, and that presents additional problems in caring for livestock. One of our elders works for a ranch corporation, and unfortunately they had lambs being born. Some of their legs froze as they were being born, and a few died. A lot of the animals were inside, but those born outside ran into danger."

For many in the bigger cities, the cold is "only meddlesome," but it "can be life or death in the rural areas really quick," Mr. Tullis said. "You just stay close to the fire."

Midwest, Texas hit

Moving southeast, the Arctic cold wave hit the Midwest, and Sabbath services and evening Bible studies were canceled.

Farther south, an ice storm in Austin, Tex., caused more than 800 auto accidents from Friday, Feb. 3, to Monday afternoon, Feb. 6, according to Harold Lester, Austin and Waco, Tex., pastor.

"We had about an inch of icy precipitation that froze on the highways," said Mr. Lester. "All we have for the icy roadways is sand, not salt."

Sabbath services were not canceled in Austin Feb. 4, but a basketball tournament scheduled for the next day was postponed.

Dallas, Tex., East services were canceled that Sabbath also.

"The weather has broken in the Dallas area and now isn't too bad at all," said Frank McCrady III, Dallas West pastor, Feb. 9, after the area experienced wind chills that dipped to below zero.

Although Sabbath services were conducted in Dallas West and Fort Worth East and West, Feb. 4, attendance was diminished by several hundred brethren.

The office of evangelist Roderick Meredith, Big Sandy Ambassador

College provost, reported Feb. 9 that although public schools in East Texas were closed Feb. 6 and 7, the college campus remained open and classes were conducted as normal.

Sleet and rain did not cause cancellation of Sabbath services or significant power outages.

Snow in California

Freeze warnings were posted for some agricultural areas of California in early February. At risk was 35 percent of the nation's lemon crop.

Temperatures dipped into the 20s, and snow fell as low as 1,500 feet in Orange County, southeast of Pasadena.

Some Church and college employees who live in the Palmdale and Lancaster, Calif., areas, more than 50 miles north, were stranded because snow forced the closing of freeways into Pasadena.



FRIGID SOUTH—Marisa and David Segall, children of Marc Segall, pastor of the Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., churches, point to damage Feb. 7 caused by ice storms that swept through the area. This house is several blocks from the Segalls' home. [Photo by Marc Segall]

Worldwide Festival Sites for 1989

PASADENA—The Festival Office, in cooperation with all 12 regional offices, released a list of sites for the Feast of Tabernacles. This list covers more than 90 sites in about 50 countries. (Services will be in English unless noted.)

Application forms will be available from church pastors. "Members should be careful to fill in the form accurately, and must obtain their pastor's permission to transfer," said evangelist Larry Salyer, assistant director of Church Administration for international areas. "The regional offices want to be assured that the local pastor approves of the plans of those requesting an overseas site."

Instructions for applying to attend each site are on pages 5 to 9. Before applying, members are urged to read carefully the descriptions for the site to which they are applying, as well as to study the costs and other factors involved in transferring outside of one's home country.

Brethren attending their assigned site or wanting to transfer to a site administered by their regional office should wait for instructions from their pastors about application procedures. (U.S. brethren attending U.S. or Canadian sites and Canadian brethren attending Canadian or U.S. sites should wait for information from their pastors.)

Applications are to be returned to church pastors for approval. Pastors will then send the forms on to their regional offices for forwarding overseas.

An application fee is required this year "to help offset costs incurred by the regional offices in processing and responding to re-



quests by members," explained Mr. Salyer. Members should refer to each regional office's comments regarding the appropriate amount and currency for each site.

After applying to an overseas site, members are instructed to wait for approval before making firm travel or lodging plans for the Feast. The approval packets from the regional offices will contain additional information and give details about the booking of hotel rooms and other such matters.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with services and activities in many areas. Applicants may request to serve by filling out the appropriate portion of the application form. Subject to their pastor's approval and the needs at the sites, they will be contacted by the regional offices.

Questions may be referred to

one's pastor or in writing along with the application form to the regional office.

Housing at all U.S. sites is reserved by members, but restricted to an approved list of lodgings that will be sent with the approval packet.

Food costs at U.S. sites will average \$25 a day for adults, although this varies widely. Many sites have apartment-style housing in which members may prepare their own meals.

Rental cars are recommended at most sites, but many sites have housing within walking distance of the convention centers where services will take place.

There is no application fee for overseas brethren attending in the United States.

UNITED STATES

Anchorage, Alaska

Sight-seeing is plentiful in Anchorage, where 500 Feastgoers will attend services in the Hotel Captain Cook. The Captain Cook has four dining rooms, a heated indoor pool and a health club. Room rates are \$72 to \$82 a night.

A few rooms with kitchenettes will be available at a hotel for \$60 a night. Budget more than normal for food costs at this site.

Anchorage international airport is four miles from the Hotel Captain Cook. Rental cars are available but not necessary. Temperatures are expected to range from 25 to 50 Fahrenheit (minus 4 to 10 Celsius).

Big Sandy

Big Sandy will be host to about 6,000 Feastgoers this year. A majority of those attending will camp in the Piney Woods on the Ambassador College campus.

Hotels and motels ranging from \$20 to \$75 a night are available in surrounding communities. With temperatures in the upper 60s Fahrenheit (20 to 21 Celsius), fishing, swimming and barbecues in the campgrounds are excellent ways to fellowship.

Big Sandy is 120 miles east of the Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex., international airport.

Biloxi, Miss.

Feastgoers in Biloxi will be welcomed by the mild climate (56 to 81 Fahrenheit, 13 to 27 Celsius), and the world's longest man-made beach. Being one of the oldest cities in the southern United States, Biloxi is rich in history. Four thousand are expected to attend.

Housing ranges from \$25 to \$90 a night. The nearest international airport is in New Orleans, La., 81 miles southwest of Biloxi. Rental cars, as well as bus transportation, are available in Biloxi.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga, home of the Chat-

tanooga Choo-Choo (the train that inspired the song), will welcome 4,500 Feastgoers. Hotels range from \$25 to \$60 a night. Area attractions include riverboat rides, cable-car rides and fall foliage. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 70 Fahrenheit (10 to 21 Celsius), with rain possible.

The Atlanta, Ga., international airport, 125 miles south of Chattanooga, is the nearest international airport, but connecting flights are available into Chattanooga's airport, Lovell Field.

Corpus Christi, Tex.

Corpus Christi is on a wide bay connected to the Gulf of Mexico. Water sports are popular in this area of warm sun and sea breezes, with temperatures ranging from 60 to 90 Fahrenheit (16 to 32 Celsius). Six thousand are expected to attend.

Housing ranges from \$25 to \$75 a night. The Houston, Tex., airport is 215 miles from Corpus Christi, with connecting flights available.

Dayton, Ohio

Dayton offers fishing, golfing,

canoeing, horseback riding and tennis to the 5,000 Feastgoers expected. Temperatures are usually in the upper 50s Fahrenheit (14 to 15 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$20 to \$78 a night. The international airports in Chicago, Ill., and Cincinnati, Ohio, have flights available into Dayton.

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Once again Daytona Beach will serve as one of three Feast of Tabernacles sites in Florida. Miles of sandy beaches flank the hotels and condominiums offered for the Feastgoer. Hotels will range from \$30 to \$80 a night.

Services for the anticipated 6,500 Feastgoers will take place in the Ocean Center, two blocks from the beach and within five miles of almost all housing.

Activities include golf, fishing, swimming and many other sports. Temperatures are expected to be in the 70s Fahrenheit (21 to 25 Celsius).

The nearest international airport is in Orlando, Fla., 130 miles to the southwest, but flights are available (See FEAST '89, page 6)

Feast Travel Discount Program

By James L. Peoples

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach asked me to explain travel benefits available to North American members when they use the domestic and international travel program this year.

James L. Peoples, director of the Computer Information Systems, Purchasing and Travel departments, shows how members in North America can save money on air travel and help God's Work at the same time.

Last year more than 6,000 people used the program in conjunction with the two appointed travel agencies when they traveled to domestic and international Festival sites. Savings for members and the Church was more than \$490,000.

Not only did members save money by using this service, but the Church earned more than \$120,000 in returned benefits. These benefits were used for ministerial Festival travel, church visits from headquarters ministers and other travel related to fulfilling the commission that would otherwise have come out of the Church's operating expenses.

Based on comments from members, we will continue the program but operate it through the Church's in-house travel office in Pasadena. This will enable you to receive the same cost benefits while working with Church employees.

U.S. and Canadian sites

The Festival Planner, to be distributed in April, will contain details of how the program will

work for U.S. and Canadian members attending U.S. and Canadian sites.

International sites

For North American members traveling to international sites, the Travel Office will operate a similar discount program. Members will deal directly with the Church's Travel Office. The program will strive to provide maximum savings to the traveler and extend benefits to the Church comparable to the domestic program.

All North American members completing an international Festival application will automatically receive travel information for their requested site.

Is this program for you?

Because of the large volume of travel done each year by Church and Ambassador College employees, as well as other members, the Church has negotiated for substantial savings in travel.

We have found that the program is helpful for the majority of members. However, because there are so many bargains in the marketplace, some may find a better price than that offered by the Church program. Please choose the program that is most cost-effective for you.

However, Church programs can become more cost-effective as we continue to consolidate business through a few sources. If you find a better deal than offered by the Church's Travel Office, please let us know by calling 1-818-304-6088.

We hope changes in this year's travel program will help you. To me this is an exciting way to save money and contribute to accomplishing the commission God has given us.

Planning for Overseas Travel

By Mark McCulley

So you're planning to travel outside your home country for the Feast of Tabernacles? Before filling out the application for transferring to a Festival site outside the jurisdiction of your regional office, be sure to make careful plans.

Mark McCulley is Festival administration manager.

Application forms are available from your pastor.

Can you afford it?

Money is a primary consideration when planning such a trip. Use the budget figures given in the site descriptions in this section of *The Worldwide News* to plan for housing and food costs. Be sure to budget generously in these areas. The Feast is a time of rejoicing. We should be able to rejoice both physically and spiritually and not have to greatly restrict our spending.

U.S., Canadian and Caribbean Church members will receive travel and price information by filling in the bottom portion of the international Festival application. Brethren in other areas should consult a reputable travel agent regarding flights and other transportation from their home to the Festival area.

Take into account the day of the week you will travel and the ages of your children. Do not make irrevocable plans regarding transportation until you receive approval to transfer from the regional office in charge of the site to which you applied.

Travel time

If you travel to an overseas site, try to arrive close to the site at least a day or two before the

first Holy Day. If you do not, jet lag may catch up with you and you may miss (or fall asleep during) services. Be sure to figure this extra cost of food and lodging into your budget.

Since plane tickets and hotel space can be expensive, it is wise to have cancellation insurance, which will reimburse you for cancellation penalties that can be charged if you cancel your plans shortly before your scheduled departure. This insurance is available through travel agents and other sources, and covers such problems as sickness and loss of employment, which could cause you to cancel your trip.

Be certain that your health insurance covers you overseas in case of accident or illness during your travels.

Currencies

Some prices quoted here are in local currencies, but most are in U.S. dollars. To get a reliable estimate of costs, check your newspaper or call a bank or other financial institution and ask for the current rate of exchange between your currency and that used at the site you are interested in.

Some have found it advantageous to purchase traveler's checks in the currency they will be spending at the site. Your travel agent can advise you on this matter.

Travel documents

Requirements for passports, visas and vaccinations vary widely. Check with a consulate or reputable travel agent in plenty of time to apply for the necessary documents. Remember, it may be quicker to obtain a passport in the winter or spring than in the peak tourist summer months.

Feast '89

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into Daytona Beach.

Eugene, Ore.

It was here in the lush Willamette Valley that Herbert W. Armstrong began broadcasting the *World Tomorrow* program, and the pioneer congregation of this era of the Church of God was established.

Eugene maintains several jogging and bicycle trails and an abundance of other outdoor facilities. Temperatures should be about 60 Fahrenheit (16 Celsius), with rain possible.

Housing ranges from \$20 to \$50 a night. About 3,000 are expected in attendance. The Eugene airport can be reached from the Seattle, Wash., or San Francisco, Calif., international airports.

Jekyll Island, Ga.

About 3,300 are expected to attend the Feast at Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia. Temperatures in the mid to upper 60s Fahrenheit (18 to 21 Celsius) make outdoor recreational activities enjoyable. Housing ranges from \$160 to \$460 for eight nights.

The airport in Jacksonville, Fla., is a one-hour drive from Jekyll Island. International flights arrive at both the Atlanta, Ga., and the Miami, Fla., airports.

Lexington, Ky.

Offering rolling green hills, a mild climate and hundreds of miles of white-rail fences surrounding the pastures of racehorses, Lexington will be host to 6,000 Feastgoers.

Services will be at Rupp Arena downtown. Most housing, ranging from \$25 to \$80 a night, is within five miles of the arena.

Activities will include horseback riding and other outdoor recreation. Temperatures are expected to be in the 50s to 60s Fahrenheit (10 to 17 Celsius). Lexington is 75 miles from the Cincinnati, Ohio, international airport.

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

Lihue, on the garden isle of Kauai, offers year-round temperatures averaging 75 Fahrenheit (24 Celsius), tropical scenery, historic attractions and oceanside activities. Fifteen hundred are expected to attend.

Hotels and condominiums range from \$400 to \$1,400 for eight nights. Budget more than normal for food at this site. Interisland flights are available to Kauai from the Honolulu, Hawaii, international airport.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Niagara Falls offers plentiful sight-seeing and numerous activities for the whole family, including a boat trip in front of the cascading waters. Services will take place in the Niagara Falls Convention Center on the U.S. side of the border with an expected attendance of 5,500.

Temperatures should range from 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 15 Celsius). It is recommended that those transferring into Niagara from overseas book their accommodations on the U.S. side to avoid daily border crossings. Prices range from \$20 to \$60 a night.

The nearest air service is in Buffalo, N.Y., a half-hour drive away. Bus service is available to Niagara Falls. A rental car is recommended for those not within walking distance of the convention center.

Norfolk, Va.

Brethren can sample more than 300 years of American history within an afternoon's drive of Norfolk, where 6,000 are expected to attend. Harbor tours and fishing are also available.

Temperatures should be in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$22 to \$57 a night. Connecting flights are

available to Norfolk from the nearest international airport in Washington, D.C.

Palm Springs, Calif.

This world-class resort will be host to 4,300 Feastgoers. The Coachella Valley abounds with recreation. Mt. San Jacinto, home to a state park, is an exhilarating ride 8,500 feet up a tramway. Horseback riding, hiking, tennis, golf and swimming are available at many different facilities.

Resort hotels and condominiums await the Feastgoer at prices from \$30 to \$100 a night. Temperatures will be in the 90s Fahrenheit (32 to 37 Celsius) with rain unlikely. International flights into the Los Angeles or Ontario, Calif., airports connect with flights to Palm Springs.

Pasadena

The center of the Pasadena Festival site is the Ambassador Auditorium. More than 4,000 brethren will attend services in the Auditorium and other campus facilities. Tours of Ambassador College and some Church facilities will be available during the Feast.

Temperatures should be about 70 Fahrenheit (21 Celsius), with cooler evenings. Many brethren make their homes available for rent to incoming Feastgoers. Hotels and motels range from \$30 to \$90 a night. Los Angeles international airport is 25 miles from Pasadena, with bus service available.

Pensacola, Fla.

Warm sun, sea breezes and white sand beaches await the 7,000 Feastgoers expected in Pensacola this year. Temperatures should be in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius).

Hotels, motels and condominiums are abundant, ranging from \$28 to \$100 a night. Connecting flights are available to Pensacola from the international airports in Atlanta, Ga., and New Orleans, La.

Rapid City, S.D.

Rapid City offers 3,000 Feastgoers a variety of natural beauty, Western heritage and historic attractions. Temperatures range from

40 to 60 Fahrenheit (5 to 16 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$160 to \$800 for eight nights.

Rapid City airport has connecting flights available to and from the major U.S. international airports.

Redding, Calif.

Nestled in rolling hills 15 minutes from Lake Shasta, Redding offers a quiet, small-town atmosphere. The Civic Auditorium, home to the services during the Feast, will seat 2,350.

Most hotels are within a five-minute drive of the Civic Auditorium. Prices range from \$25 to \$65 a night. Restaurants are in good supply.

Lassen National Park, the Trinity Alps and several other outdoor attractions are close enough for an afternoon outing. Weather should be sunny with high temperatures about 90 Fahrenheit (32 Celsius). The nearest international airport is in San Francisco, Calif., and the regional airport in Redding has commuter flights.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

With more than 30 miles of scenic shorelines, St. Petersburg will offer 8,000 Feastgoers a variety of outdoor activities. Temperatures are expected to be in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius).

The wide variety of hotels, motels and condominiums in St. Petersburg range from \$115 to \$1,000 for eight nights. Connecting flights are available from the Miami, Fla., international airport to Tampa, Fla., 18 miles from St. Petersburg.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Saratoga Springs, noted for its beauty and natural mineral springs, will welcome an expected 2,500 Feastgoers.

Fall foliage should be in abundant color at Feast time, with fishing and hiking being popular activities. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 15 Celsius) during the daytime.

Housing ranges from \$28 to \$90 a night. Connecting flights can be made to Albany, N.Y., 28 miles from Saratoga Springs.

Spokane, Wash.

Three thousand Feastgoers are expected in Spokane, where golfing, fishing, hiking, river expeditions and lake cruises are popular activities.

The temperature should be in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius).

Housing ranges from \$120 to \$550 for eight nights. Connecting flights are available to Spokane from the international airport in Seattle, Wash.

Tucson, Ariz.

Six thousand brethren are expected to attend in Tucson, which offers a warm, dry climate with a variety of scenery a short drive away. Temperatures should be in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius).

Housing, which includes some suites with cooking facilities, ranges from \$160 to \$560 for eight nights. Flights are available to Tucson from the Los Angeles, Calif., international airport.

Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa will be host to about 4,500 Feastgoers. Several lakes and rivers are close by, as well as museums, art galleries, a zoo and a nature center.

Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 70 Fahrenheit (10 to 21 Celsius).

Housing ranges from \$25 to \$80 a night. Flights are available to Tulsa from the major U.S. international airports.

Vail, Colo.

Vail, a European-style alpine village, will be host to about 2,500 Feastgoers in Dobson Arena.

The altitude in Vail is 8,500 feet (2,550 meters). Members with heart or breathing problems should consult a physician before planning to attend this site. Temperatures are expected to range from 32 to 50 Fahrenheit (0 to 10 Celsius).

A variety of hotels and condominiums range from \$260 to \$1,500 for eight nights. The Denver, Colo., airport is 100 miles from Vail with bus service available. Vail is a pedestrian village with free city-owned transit buses to any point in the city, so a rental car is not needed.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

The area around the Church-owned Wisconsin Dells Festival site offers fall colors, fishing, boat rides and amusement parks to the 6,000 Feastgoers expected to at-

International Application Fee

Area	Method of payment
French-speaking areas (except Quebec) Spanish-speaking areas (except Acapulco) Philippines	Personal check (if U.S. resident) or international bank draft for US\$25 to the Worldwide Church of God.
Bonnard, West Germany Netherlands New Zealand and South Pacific	Personal check (if U.S. resident) or international bank draft for US\$25 to Ambassador College.
Acapulco	Personal check (if U.S. resident) or international bank draft for US\$25 to Ambassador (not Ambassador College). Canadians should send a U.S. dollar personal check or cashier's check.
United States Canada (including Quebec) Amman, Jordan Chiang Mai, Thailand Mediterranean cruise Brno, Czechoslovakia Chianciano, Italy Trabolgan, Ireland	No application fee.
Caribbean	International money order or bank draft for US\$25 to Worldwide Church of God. (U.S. residents may send a local or postal money order.) No personal checks, please.
Southern Africa	*International money order or bank draft for US\$25 to Worldwide Church of God.
United Kingdom, Denmark, East and West Africa	*International bank draft for 15 pounds to Worldwide Church of God.
Australia and Asia	*International bank draft for 35 Australian dollars to Worldwide Church of God.
* U.S. residents may substitute a personal check.	

tend. Plan for daytime temperatures in the high 50s Fahrenheit (14 to 15 Celsius), with rain possible.

Housing ranges from \$15 to \$65 a night. From Chicago, Ill., connecting flights are available to Madison,

before flying to Chiang Mai in northern Thailand to keep the rest of the Feast.

The group will return to the United States Oct. 22. A program of tours and cultural activities is planned.

Accommodations in Bangkok and Chiang Mai will be in first-class international-standard hotels. The package price for this tour will be \$1,850 a person. This includes air fares from the West Coast departure point, hotels (double occupancy), all meals and all touring expenses.

CANADA

Prices are quoted in Canadian dollars except where indicated. In late January the Canadian dollar was worth about 84 U.S. cents.

Food costs average \$25 to \$30 a day for each adult. Members are asked to reserve their own housing from the approved list that will be sent with the approval packet. No application fee is required for Canadian sites.

Halifax, N.S.

Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, is an economic, cultural and educational center and the largest city of the Canadian Maritime provinces. Quaint fishing villages, winding coastal trails and inviting ocean beaches are only a few minutes away.

Restaurants for all budgets abound. Apartments, suites and efficiency units are available at rates ranging from \$40 to \$95. The Sportsplex in the neighboring city of Dartmouth will be host to daily services. Attendance is expected to be 1,800.

Festival temperatures should be in the 50s or 60s Fahrenheit (10 to 15 Celsius). (See FEAST '89, page 7)

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Amman, Jordan

The Feast of Tabernacles in Amman, Jordan, will be followed by optional tours of Israel and Egypt. Group travel will begin Wednesday, Oct. 11, and return Sunday, Oct. 22.

Tours include King's Highway (a major travel route from Damascus to the Red Sea, along which ancient capitals were located), Petra, Jerash (preserved ruins of a Hellenistic Roman city from the time of Christ) and the four Ambassador Foundation projects where Ambassador College students teach physically and mentally disabled children.

Amman was opened to applications in late November and has now reached capacity. No more applications can be taken at this time.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

The Kingdom of Thailand will again be host for the Feast of Tabernacles. This is the third consecutive year that the Church will meet in Thailand with members there.

The group will leave from the U.S. West Coast Oct. 10 and spend four nights in Bangkok, Thailand,

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20 degrees Celsius) with cooler and sometimes rainy evenings making warm clothing necessary.

Penticton, B.C.

Penticton is surrounded by mountains and sits between two lakes at the center of the Okanagan Valley.

Recreational opportunities for the 3,000 Feastgoers include boating, horseback riding, golf, tennis and hiking. A recreation center adjacent to the auditorium offers swimming, basketball and racquet sports, as well as an indoor ice-skating rink. Temperatures should be in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius).

Penticton may be reached from the international airports in Vancouver, B.C., and Toronto, Ont. Housing ranges from \$20 to \$70 a night. A rental car is recommended.

Regina, Sask.

Regina, capital of Saskatchewan, will be host to 1,800 brethren. Temperatures will range from 30 to 70 Fahrenheit (1 below zero to 20 Celsius). Regina has an international airport with connections from Winnipeg, Man., Calgary, Alta., and Minneapolis, Minn. Housing ranges from \$25 to \$75 a night. A rental car is recommended.

Victoria, B.C.

A touch of Britain flavors this harbor town with an abundance of public parks and private gardens. Temperatures should range in the mid-50s Fahrenheit (12 to 13 Celsius). The site expects to have 1,500 Feastgoers.

Victoria may be reached from Vancouver, B.C., or Seattle, Wash., by airplane or ferry. Housing ranges from \$150 to \$950 for eight nights.

CARIBBEAN

The Caribbean Regional Office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, will make all bookings for the following Festival sites. More details will be sent with approval letters. Brethren should not contact the hotels directly.

Applicants must include a non-refundable application fee of US\$25 with their applications. Please send an international money order or bank draft in U.S. dollars payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

All prices listed below are in U.S. dollars.

Freeport, Bahamas

About 700 brethren will meet at Freeport, Grand Bahama, about 95 miles northeast of Miami, Fla. Grand Bahama, which means the great shallows, offers Feastgoers some of the finest beaches in the Caribbean.

In addition to fellowship, recreational opportunities include snorkeling, golf, tennis and the Underwater Explorer Society's Dolphin Experience, where the adventurous can swim with five friendly dolphins.

Feast services and housing will be at the Holiday Inn on Lucaya Beach, just opposite the Port Lucaya Marina and MarketPlace. This resort is about seven miles from Freeport.

Room rates begin at \$60 a night for a single or double including tax and gratuities. Two restaurant meals a day can cost from \$25 for each adult. However, the thrifty-minded will find fast-food and light-fare restaurants available.

Feastgoers can rent cars or use minibuses for transportation. Passports are recommended for all visitors.

Christ Church, Barbados

Barbados, home of the first English-speaking church of God in the

Caribbean, continues to be a warm favorite for Feastgoers bracing for the cold winter days ahead.

The island, with a tropical climate (temperatures vary between 75 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit—24 to 30 Celsius), is cooled by trade winds.

This island of hills and coral beaches is also the site of a pirate's castle and an underground cavern. Brethren can get to know each other through activities including water sports, tennis, golf, horseback riding, sight-seeing and submarine tours of ocean reefs.

Five hundred forty-five Feastgoers will meet in the Dover Convention Center in the parish of Christ Church. One and two bedroom apartments costing from \$80 to \$125 a night are available—some within walking distance. Two restaurant meals a day can cost from \$30 for each adult. Or Feastgoers may use fast-food restaurants and supermarkets. Rental cars are available. Passports are required.

Grand Anse Beach, Grenada

This year 350 of God's people will experience Grenada, often described as nature's paradise because of its luxuriant tropical rain forests flanked by secluded beaches.

Grenada, the spice island, is 100 miles north of Venezuela and about 90 miles northwest of Trinidad. Feastgoers will enjoy the friendship of the Grenadian brethren as well as sunshine, sand and the aroma of fresh spices.

Brethren will meet at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel on Grand Anse Beach, where many will also stay. Room rates are \$70 a night for a single or double. Two restaurant meals a day can cost from \$30 for each adult. Activities include water sports, nature trails and island tours. Taxis and rental cars are available. Passports are required.

Georgetown, Guyana

Guyana, which means land of waters, is the southernmost Caribbean Feast site. It is on the northeastern corner of South America about 2,100 miles southeast of Miami, Fla.

Two hundred fifty Feastgoers will attend services and fellowship at the Yumana Yana, an Amerindian-style meeting hall in Georgetown, the capital city. During the Feast there will be time to fellowship with the Guyanese brethren, explore the city and part of the Atlantic coast and perhaps take a flight to Kaieteur Falls, which rises five times higher than Niagara Falls.

Overseas brethren will stay at the Hotel Tower in the center of Georgetown. Rooms are from \$40 a night, and two restaurant meals a day can cost from \$20 for each adult. Taxis are available, but rental cars are not. Prearranged airport transfers are recommended.

Passports and visas are required of all U.S. citizens. All others should check with a travel agent or consulate.

Kingston, Jamaica

Built around the seventh-largest natural harbor in the world, Kingston is the site of the third largest of God's churches in the Caribbean.

The church will be host to 800 Feastgoers in the Jamaican Convention Centre in downtown Kingston. Besides warm weather and fellowship, Feastgoers will be able to explore the ruins of Port Royal, an 18th-century pirate city destroyed by an earthquake; and visit Jamaican coffee and sugar plantations, the Victoria Crafts Market and the Blue Mountains, which overlook Kingston.

Visiting brethren will stay at the Wyndham New Kingston Hotel. Room rates begin at \$75 a night for a single or double room including tax and gratuities. Two restaurant meals a day can cost from \$40 for each adult. Fast-food restaurants,

grocery stores, public transport and taxis are available. Passports are required.

Crown Point, Tobago

Six hundred fifty Feastgoers will partake of the hospitality and scenery of the smaller component of the twin-island nation of Trinidad and Tobago. Twelve minutes by jet from Trinidad, this Feast site will offer a pulsating blend of friendly people and warm fellowship.

Less than 100 miles off the north coast of South America, Tobago's temperature averages 80 degrees Fahrenheit (27 Celsius) year-round.

Room rates at the Crown Reef Hotel, where services will take place, begin at \$46 a day for a single room and \$76 a day for a double. These rates include two meals daily. Minibuses, taxis and rental cars are available. Passports are required.

FRENCH-SPEAKING SITES

Accommodations at French sites are within walking distance of the meeting halls (except in Quebec). An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application, except when applying for the site in Quebec. Please make your check, international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

Port d'Albret, France

Port d'Albret is on the French coastal plain, about 30 miles from Biarritz, 90 miles from Bordeaux

and 50 miles from the border of Spain. Direct flights are available from Paris to Biarritz-Parme, the closest airport to Port d'Albret. The expected attendance is 1,300.

Prices for meals and lodging for each day range from US\$25 for children to US\$36 for adults. Services are in French with simultaneous English translations. The weather is usually warm and humid, 60 to 68 Fahrenheit (15 to 20 Celsius). However, it might be cooler because of the Feast occurring later this year.

If traveling to northern France during this period, daily temperatures can range from 46 to 54 Fahrenheit (8 to 12 Celsius). A visa for France is required and can be obtained at a French consulate.

Sherbrooke, Que.

Sherbrooke is about 100 miles east of Montreal, Que. Housing will be in the resort area of Mont Orford, offering a variety of recreational activities. Daily temperatures this year may range from 32 to 40 Fahrenheit (0 to 5 Celsius). Services will be in French with English translations.

Attendance will be about 1,400.

St. Francois, Guadeloupe

The resort of St. Francois is on the southeast coast of the French West Indian island of Guadeloupe. International flights arrive at the Raizet airport, near the main city of Pointe-a-Pitre, about 21 miles from St. Francois. It is recommended to take a taxi from the airport.

Attendance will be about 300, and services will be in French with no translations. The pastor, Gilbert Carbonnel, will arrange accommodations. The price of lodging is about US\$25 a person for one day. Food costs average US\$30 an adult for one day. Kitchen facilities are available in each bungalow.

Daily temperatures range from 77 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit (25 to 30 Celsius). A visa is required and

can be obtained at a French consulate.

Tartane, Martinique

Tartane is on the eastern side of Martinique, also called *l'île aux fleurs* (the island of flowers). The airport of Le Lamentin is about 12 miles from the Feast site. Taxis are available at the airport. The expected attendance is 320.

Accommodations are arranged by pastor Erick Dubois. Lodging is about US\$20 a day for each adult. Food costs average US\$30 a day for each adult. Kitchen facilities are available in each apartment.

October is the beginning of the rainy season, and the daily temperatures range from 73 to 81 Fahrenheit (23 to 27 Celsius). A visa is required and can be obtained at a French consulate. Services are in French with no translations.

Haiti

The site in Haiti is not confirmed. Information will be available at a later date.

SPANISH-SPEAKING SITES

The Spanish Department will administer Festival sites in Central and South America, the Caribbean and Europe.

Puerto Rico will again be a Feast site for 1989. Services will be translated from Spanish to English.

The city and accommodations have not been confirmed, but updates will be given as soon as possible. If interested in attending this

site, please send in an application.

The sites in Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Peru, Spain and Venezuela are still tentative. No English translations are planned at these sites. If interested in attending please send in an application. Details will be sent when available.

For Acapulco, Mexico, an application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make your personal check (if you are a U.S. resident) payable to Ambassador (not Ambassador College). Canadian brethren should send a U.S. dollar personal check or cashier's check. Other international brethren should send an international bank draft for US\$25.

For other sites send an application fee of US\$25. Please make your personal check (for U.S. residents), international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

Acapulco, Mexico

The beach resort of Acapulco offers Feastgoers a warm, tropical climate with temperatures in the 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 31 Celsius). Attendance is expected to be 2,300 (including 1,000 transfers).

Services, conducted in Spanish and English with alternating translations, will take place in the Acapulco Convention Center. All lodging must be booked through the Church.

The hotels available are the Acapulco Plaza Beach Resort and the Condesa del Mar. Standard rooms are US\$65 a night. One-bedroom suites at the Acapulco Plaza are US\$85 a night. All rooms have a beach and sea view. Daily food costs average US\$50 to US\$60 a person.

Taxis are available and inexpensive. Rental cars are not advised. Acapulco has an international airport with direct connections to the United States. It is advisable to make air reservations early. Shuttle service from the airport to the hotels

will be arranged for a minimal fee.

Upon receipt of applications by the Mexico City Office members will be sent a secondary form to book housing. To confirm acceptance, members must return the form and full housing payment immediately.

Complete information and instructions will be sent upon receiving applications.

Mar del Plata, Argentina

Mar del Plata, a premier resort, is the planned Feast site in Argentina for 1989. Up to 300 English-speaking visitors will fellowship with members from Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

Accommodations will be available in the four-star Hotel Provincial, where services will take place. Room rates range from US\$20 to US\$40 a night, double occupancy. Services will be in Spanish with English translations.

The Church's Travel Office is arranging air fares to Mar del Plata. Low fares combined with a favorable exchange rate make this an economic option for overseas travel.

Pre- and post-Feast stopovers are available in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Lima, Peru; and Rio de Janeiro and Iguassu Falls, Brazil. Information on group air departures and fares will be sent to those who apply.

ITALY

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

Situated in the rolling hills of Tuscany, 65 miles south of Florence and 80 miles north of Rome, Chianciano offers a range of hotels and restaurants. Its central location places it within easy driving distance to Florence, Assisi, Siena, Perugia and Arezzo—cities known for their art, history and beauty—and the Chianti region, Italy's most famous wine-growing area.

The land package, including ground transportation, hotel room, tours and meals, is US\$595 for each person.

Since Chianciano was opened to applications in November, it has now reached capacity. No more applications can be accepted.

GERMAN SITES

Services at the German-language sites will alternate in German and English with translations. Fall weather in Bonndorf, West Germany, and Brno, Czechoslovakia, alternates from sunny to rainy with average daytime temperatures between 40 and 60 Fahrenheit (5 to 16 Celsius).

An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the personal check (for U.S. residents), traveler's check, Eurocheque, international money order or bank draft payable to Ambassador College. Detailed housing and activity information for both sites will be sent upon your acceptance.

Brno, Czechoslovakia

Three hundred brethren from Western and Eastern Europe and from overseas will meet in Brno, a historic city in the heart of Old Europe. In addition to regular services a number of activities in Czech style are planned, including an evening of folklore dancing, historical sight-seeing, banquets in castles and hunting lodges and a hike and barbecue in the surrounding woods.

Since Brno was opened to applications in late November, it has now reached capacity. No more applications can be taken at this time.

Bonndorf, West Germany

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Germany, a three-hour drive from Frankfurt, and 1½ hours from Zurich, Switzerland, Bonndorf will have an attendance of about 1,100 enjoying the fellowship and surroundings of southern Germany.

Accommodations are arranged by the German Office. Hotel rooms and guest houses range from US\$25 to US\$80 a night for each person including breakfast. Apartments with kitchenettes (only available in Schluchsee, eight miles from Bonndorf) with one to three rooms cost US\$30 to US\$70 a day excluding utilities, which cost about US\$70 for the duration of the Feast.

Food costs range from US\$10 to US\$40 a day for each person. Accommodations are one to eight miles from the meeting site. Taxis and buses are available, but rental cars are suggested and most convenient.

NETHERLANDS

Hoogeveen is a peaceful city set amidst farmlands and villages in the northern part of the Netherlands. One hundred visitors will be accepted to this site, with preference given to people with Dutch family or ancestry. Services will be in Dutch with English translations.

The weather is expected to be mild, but can be cold and rainy. Temperatures range from 12 to 16 Celsius (54 to 61 Fahrenheit).

A number of bungalow parks are five to eight miles from the meeting hall. Price for each bungalow (one to six people) varies from 400 to 750 guilders for nine nights. In late January one guilder was worth about 55 U.S. cents. A rental car is necessary for those staying in the bungalows.

The daily rate for a motel is 85 guilders single occupancy and 110 guilders double occupancy, including breakfast.

A list of the bungalow resorts will be sent with the approval letters, for members to book their own accommodations. Food costs vary greatly with several restaurants and supermarkets in the area. Hoogeveen is a 2¼-hour train ride from the Amsterdam, Netherlands, airport. Rental cars are also available.

An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to Ambassador College.

UNITED KINGDOM, DENMARK, EAST AND WEST AFRICA

Visitors to the following sites administered by the British Office should check on visa requirements.

If you plan to visit France, even for a day, you will need to obtain a visa before you leave your country unless you are a citizen of a country in the European Economic Community or a resident of Belgium.

London tour: The British Office has again hired the professional services of G.O. Marx to provide tours. Mr. Marx is a tour guide registered by the London Tourist Board. Four days of sight-seeing and entertainment in London and the surrounding English countryside are scheduled after the Feast.

All services at the following sites will be in English.

Temperatures in the British Isles should be between 55 and 65 Fahrenheit (13 to 19 Celsius). Though the British Isles generally have mild sunny days in mid-October, be prepared for rain and cold winds.

Food costs in the British Isles average 12 pounds a day for each adult. Members should take out travel insurance and in all cases not

book accommodations at a site until receiving a Festival approval form from the British Festival Office.

Members are asked to make their own housing and travel arrangements. Please note that these arrangements are not made through the British Office.

An application fee of 15 pounds must be attached to your application when applying for any of the sites in the United Kingdom, Denmark or East and West Africa. Please make the foreign bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God. In late January one pound was worth \$1.80.

Aviemore, Scotland

Aviemore is a new Feast site in Scotland. The meeting hall seats 700, including 200 visitors. Aviemore, a winter ski resort, features plenty of sports facilities and restaurants.

Self-catering units are about 100 pounds a week. Hotels begin at 10 pounds a night for each person.

Overseas visitors can fly into the Edinburgh or Inverness, Scotland, airports. A rental car is recommended.

Trabolgan, Ireland

The Trabolgan Holiday Centre will again be the location of the Feast site in Ireland, with an expected attendance of 500. Trabolgan is in the countryside on the east

Gather the people together . . . that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law (Deuteronomy 31:12).

coast and is 25 miles from Cork. The Holiday Centre is a self-contained complex with 147 apartments.

The leisure facilities make this an ideal site for families and, with most members staying at the Holiday Centre, there is plenty of opportunity to fellowship.

Since Trabolgan was open to applications in late November, it has now reached capacity. No more overseas transfers can be accepted at this time.

Brighton, England

Brighton is on the sunny south coast of England, one hour by train from central London and one-half hour from London's Gatwick Airport. Services for about 1,200 people will take place in the Dome Theatre on the grounds of the Royal Pavilion, made famous by George IV when he was Prince of Wales.

Brighton is known for its restaurants, shopping areas, history and cosmopolitan atmosphere. The Church has the exclusive use of a leisure center at certain times, and sight-seeing trips will include visits to Arundel Castle (ancestral seat of the Duke of Norfolk) and Battle Abbey—scene of the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

Hotel and guest house rates start at 13 pounds a night for each person, including breakfast. Most self-catering apartments are outside of Brighton. Costs for such units begin at about 100 pounds for nine days. Car rental is not necessary for brethren who choose a hotel close to the Royal Pavilion.

Paignton, England

The Devonshire coast in southwest England provides the setting for the Feast of Tabernacles in Paignton, 225 miles from London by road and just more than three hours by rail. Train and bus services run to Paignton from London.

Many of the 1,200 members expected at Paignton will stay in the Beverley Park Holiday Centre, about five minutes by car from the Torbay Leisure Centre, where services and social activities will take place. Cost for each caravan (trailer) for nine nights is 70 to 140

pounds, depending on the type.

Hotels and guest houses (from 13 to 100 pounds a night for each person, including dinner and breakfast) are also available. Apartments are available from 100 pounds for nine nights. Car rental is not necessary if you stay at Beverley Park as a bus service will be provided. The British Office suggests that those who stay farther away rent a car.

Southport, England

Set on the northwest coast, 220 miles from London and originally a 19th century holiday resort, Southport today retains its Victorian dignity while offering a wide range of modern facilities. Both the spectacular Lake District and the historical town of Chester are within easy driving distance of Southport.

Nightly rates for each person, including dinner and breakfast, start at about 12 pounds. Self-catering apartments are available from 70 pounds a week for each unit.

Visitors arriving at London or Manchester airports can rent a car, but Southport is well serviced by trains and long-distance buses. Most hotels are within walking distance of the Southport Theatre Complex, where 1,100 are expected to attend services.

Bredsten, Denmark

The Feast in Denmark will be in the Vingstedcentre sporting and

those staying outside Rabat, though bus transfers are available. Rabat is a 10-minute drive from Malta's international airport.

Naro Moru, Kenya

Naro Moru River Lodge is often used as a base for climbing snow-capped Mt. Kenya. The lodge is at an altitude of 6,000 feet, with temperatures between 16 and 23 Celsius (61 to 73 Fahrenheit).

The lodge is along a river, and with all Feastgoers accommodated on site, it makes an ideal environment for keeping God's Festival.

Accommodations and all meals will cost about \$40 for a single room and about \$55 for a double room for each night. Twenty rooms are available for visitors. Total Festival attendance is expected to be about 150. Transport to the site can be arranged through the Church.

Mombasa, Kenya

Sun 'n' Sand Hotel, on Kenya's tropical coast 17 miles north of Mombasa, will again be a Feast site. Sun 'n' Sand is an international-standard hotel with gardens and two swimming pools.

Accommodations and all meals will cost about \$35 a day for a single room and about \$50 a day for a double room. Twenty-five rooms are allocated to visitors.

About 100 area brethren will stay in cottages. Clear blue skies with temperatures in the 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 31 Celsius) are expected.

Accra, Ghana

The Feast this year will be conducted in the Ambassador Hotel in Accra. Since this is the capital city of Ghana, there is a variety of hotel accommodations ranging from US\$100 a night at the brand new Novotel down to extremely modest accommodation (not recommended for Western visitors to the Feast).

This site is suitable for visitors, having an air-conditioned auditorium and all the amenities of a downtown location. The climate is usually hot, dry and sunny.

Further details about attending the site in Ghana should be requested from the Festival office in Borehamwood, England.

Blantyre, Malawi

Once again the Feast of Tabernacles in Malawi will be in the Church-owned building in Blantyre.

Blantyre has a variety of lodgings, from deluxe hotels to modest accommodations. Malawi is a pleasant, peaceful country and the Feast site will more than adequately provide for the needs of visiting Feastgoers. The climate is usually pleasantly warm, dry and sunny.

Further details about attending the site in Malawi should be requested from the Festival office in Borehamwood.

Jos, Nigeria

The city of Jos in Plateau state in central Nigeria is a new Feast site this year. Services will take place at the Hill Station Hotel, and Jos will provide varied accommodations and points of interest for members. The hotel's air-conditioned auditorium seats about 1,000.

AUSTRALIA AND ASIA

Members are asked to make their

own travel arrangements. Housing is also the responsibility of members unless stated below. Help will be given to overseas visitors in finding suitable housing.

All services in Australia will be in English. Visa requirements vary from country to country. Check with a travel agent.

An application fee of A\$35 must be attached to each application. Please make the bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God. In late December one Australian dollar was worth about 85 U.S. cents.

Caloundra, Australia

Caloundra is a family-oriented holiday center on the southern end of the Sunshine Coast, 96 kilometers (60 miles) north of Brisbane. About 1,200 will attend this site. Temperatures in the mid-20s Celsius (high 70s Fahrenheit) are expected.

A rental car is advised both from the Brisbane airport to the site and during the Feast, unless you will be staying within walking distance of the meeting hall.

Self-contained holiday apartments are available from a minimum of A\$400 a unit for one week (unserviced). Motels are also available at about A\$50 a room for one night. Average food costs for each person would be about A\$30 daily if members prepare their own meals and somewhat higher for those who eat in restaurants.

Gold Coast (north and south), Australia

Eighty kilometers (50 miles) south of Brisbane and stretching more than 30 kilometers (19 miles) from Southport, Queensland, to Tweed Heads, New South Wales, is the Gold Coast. It is one of Australia's most heavily promoted and highly developed tourist destinations.

The coastal strip and its hinterland offer a number of both natural and man-made attractions. With a host of accommodation facilities, a large number of restaurants and an ideal climate (temperatures at Feast time should be around 25 degrees Celsius (80 degrees Fahrenheit), the Gold Coast is popular with Feastgoers. The Gold Coast is also the home of the Church's Australian and Asian Regional Office.

This year there will be two sites on the Gold Coast. The northern site is just behind the tourist hub of Surfers Paradise, Queensland, and the southern site is south of the state border in the quieter Tweed Heads area.

Brisbane international airport is 75 kilometers (less than 50 miles) north of the Gold Coast. Public transport is available. However, rental cars are recommended.

Hobart, Tasmania

The island state of Tasmania is aptly called the holiday isle—abounding in natural beauty and historical landmarks. A family of four should expect to pay at least A\$70 a night for accommodations, which are mostly hotels and motels. Average food costs for each person will be about A\$35 daily.

Hobart airport is just a few minutes by car from the Feast site. Rental cars and taxis are available. Temperatures are expected to be in the high teens Celsius (mid to high 60s Fahrenheit), with cooler weather possible. Bring warm clothing. Four hundred are expected to attend this site.

Melbourne, Australia

Melbourne, the capital of the southern state of Victoria, is a Feast site again this year. Melbourne, on Port Phillip Bay, competes with Sydney for the title of Australia's premier city. With a population of about two million, the city boasts many parks and gardens.

The Festival will be at the Robert Blackwood Hall on the campus of (See FEAST '89, page 9)

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Monash University in Clayton, one of Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Accommodations vary from five-star international hotels to motels and self-contained apartments. There is a wide range of transportation, including trains, trams, buses, taxis and rental cars. From the air, Melbourne is served by Tullamarine international airport.

Perth, Australia

Perth, the capital of Western Australia, is a modern city with pockets of history, hundreds of acres of blue water and a backdrop of natural bushland in the form of King's Park. A special attraction at Feast time is the display of wild flowers. Expected attendance is 650.

Perth has its own international airport. Rental cars and taxis are available during the Feast. Hotels and motels range in price from A\$40 to more than A\$90 a night for each person. Some self-contained holiday apartments are available at A\$50 to A\$70 a night for each unit. Daily food costs average A\$35 for each person if members prepare their own meals and somewhat higher for those who eat in restaurants.

Perth has a Mediterranean climate, with temperatures in the low 20s Celsius (low 70s Fahrenheit).

Ulladulla, Australia

Ulladulla, a fishing town on the southeast coast of New South Wales, is a holiday resort. The weather should be mild and pleasant, with daytime temperatures about 20 Celsius (68 Fahrenheit). Expected attendance is 850.

The international airport in Sydney is 220 kilometers (about 135 miles) from the site. A rental car is recommended during the Feast. Self-contained holiday apartments cost at least A\$300 a week for a two-bedroom unit (unserviced). Motels and on-site caravans (trailers) are also available.

Daily food costs average A\$30 for each person if members prepare their own meals and somewhat higher for those who eat in restaurants.

Ahungalla, Sri Lanka

Nestled amidst coconut groves 77 kilometers (48 miles) south of Colombo, the Triton Hotel in Ahungalla is again the site of the Feast in Sri Lanka, with 150 expected to attend. Weather at Feast time is usually sunny during the day with early-morning and late-evening showers to cool the air. Temperatures should be around 21 Celsius (70 Fahrenheit).

Colombo airport is 110 kilometers (68 miles) north of the Feast site. A bus will be provided to transfer members from Colombo to the Feast site.

Hotel space is arranged by the Australian Office. Cost is about US\$20 a day for each adult and about US\$5 for children younger than 12, including all meals.

Ooty, India

This year the Feast will be observed at Ootacamund (also known as Ooty), in the Nilgiri Mountain range in southern India. Ooty is commonly described as the queen of hill stations. (In some countries, regional or national governments have summer homes known as hill stations, in the mountains.) At an altitude of 2,240 meters above sea level, Ooty is in an area known for its tea plantations.

Accommodations for overseas visitors will be arranged by the Australian Office at the Quality Inn Southern Star Hotel. The cost for accommodation and meals, on a twin-share basis, will be 350 Indian rupees (about US\$25) a day for each person.

The weather at the Indian site during the month of October will be

moderate. The temperature will vary between 10 and 20 degrees Celsius (50 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit).

The nearest airport is Coimbatore. This airport is serviced by domestic flights from Bombay and Madras international airports.

Penang, Malaysia

For the fifth time since 1974 the tropical island of Penang, a holiday resort off the northwest coast of Malaysia, will be a Feast site.

Services will be at the Orchid Hotel at Tanjung Bunga. Most overseas visitors will be housed at the Orchid Hotel. (Arrangements will be made by the Australian Office.)

Prices are expected to be about M\$75 (about US\$30) a room for each night (based on single or twin occupancy). You can expect to spend a minimum of M\$50 (about US\$20) for each person on daily meals.

Penang is about 250 miles by road from the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur. Penang airport is a 40-minute flight from Kuala Lumpur.

At Feast time the weather in Penang is warm and sunny throughout the day with showers at times. The average temperature is 28 degrees Celsius (about 86 degrees Fahrenheit), and humidity is 85 to 95 percent.

Honiara, Solomon Islands

Honiara, on the palm-fringed island of Guadalcanal, is the capital of the Solomon Islands. The climate is warm and pleasant with temperatures in the mid-20s Celsius (upper 70s Fahrenheit). Expected attendance is 70.

Honiara airport is a short taxi ride from the site. The Australian Office recommends the principal hotel in Honiara, the Mendana, to all overseas visitors. Taxis or rental cars will be needed at the Feast.

NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH PACIFIC

An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to Ambassador College.

Rotorua, New Zealand

Rotorua, set in one of the geothermal wonderlands of the world on New Zealand's North Island, is expecting an attendance of 900 people. The site is a 2 3/4-hour drive from the Auckland international airport.

After acceptance, applicants should arrange accommodations by going through a list of preferred lodging establishments. Hotels and motels range from US\$18 to US\$40 a night for each person. Food costs average US\$25 a day for each adult.

Accommodations are one-half kilometer to 10 kilometers away from the site, with taxi service and rental cars available. Services are in English with facilities for the hard of hearing. Temperatures can reach 17 degrees Celsius (63 degrees Fahrenheit) with the possibility of rain.

South Island, New Zealand

A Festival site is being planned for the South Island of New Zealand. The site will be a stepping-stone to some of the most spectacular beauty of this island nation—scenic lakes, picturesque fjords and the snow-capped Southern Alps. *The Worldwide News* will have more information when the site is determined, but the New Zealand Office tentatively plans to have the Feast in Christchurch.

Port Vila, Vanuatu

This will be the second year the Feast will take place in Vanuatu. The site is the Intercontinental Ho-

tel in the capital, Port Vila.

Vanuatu, formerly the New Hebrides, was jointly governed by Britain and France, until its independence in 1980. The island nation retains a mixture of French and English culture and life-styles, blended with native Melanesian customs.

Attendance is expected to be about 80, including 40 international transfers. Services will be conducted in English, with translations into Bislama (the area's Pidgin English) and French.

Accommodation is available in the Intercontinental Hotel for about US\$61 a night, double occupancy. Less expensive hotels and motels will also be available. The airport is a 10-minute drive from the town center. An automobile is not needed as taxi service is inexpensive. Temperatures range from 15 degrees to 25 degrees Celsius (60 to 75 Fahrenheit).

Denarau Beach, Fiji

For the first time the Feast will take place at the top-rated Sheraton Fiji Resort on Denarau Beach, on Fiji's west coast, where the sun shines year-round. The Sheraton, 20 minutes from the Nadi international airport, will be host for up to 500 brethren this year. Taxis and shuttle services are available. A rental car is not needed.

The cost each night for a room (double occupancy) will be F\$135 (US\$81 in late January) plus 8 percent tax. Children younger than 17 are free. The price for an additional bed or person is F\$27 (US\$16.20). All services are in English.

Tonga

The Festival will be conducted in the Kingdom of Tonga, called the friendly islands. Daytime temperatures average 70 degrees Fahrenheit (21 Celsius). This will be the first year that international transfers may apply. Services will be in English with Tongan translation.

The site is yet to be determined, but it will be near the capital Nuku'alofa. The airport is 13 miles from the town center and can be reached by a shuttle service, taxi or rental car.

This site will not have the typical resort facilities that most Westerners are accustomed to. Those interested in applying should view this as an opportunity for service and fellowship with the Tongan brethren. Information on accommodations and meal costs will be detailed in a coming *Worldwide News* article.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

An accommodation brochure and booking card will be sent with each approval letter to brethren attending sites in southern Africa. Members should send the booking card and deposit to the hotel of their choice. Upon receiving confirmation from the hotel, members should then send in a second card to the South African Office.

Food costs vary greatly and could range from 32 to 60 rand (about \$13 to \$25) a person daily. Prices quoted here are subject to a 12 percent government sales tax. At the end of January one rand was worth about 42 U.S. cents.

An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

Durban, South Africa

South Africa's main Festival site, Durban, is one of the country's top holiday resorts. Services for the expected 1,500 Feastgoers will be in the City Hall, opposite the five-star Royal Hotel, and about one mile from the beachfront hotels.

The Royal Hotel offers a variety of amenities, and rooms have a view

of the harbor or seafront.

Double-room rates are 60 rand (about US \$25) a person for each night including full English breakfast. Single occupancy is about 70 rand (US\$29.40). Children 2 to 12 are 50 percent of adult rate. Beachfront hotels range from 45 to 60 rand (about US\$19 to US\$25) a person for each night, including three full meals daily.

Durban is 400 miles from Johannesburg, South Africa, 45 minutes by air and six hours by car. Bus service is available to the City Hall. Feastgoers may wish to make use of sight-seeing buses. A rental car is optional. Temperatures vary from 24 to 32 Celsius (75 to 90 Fahrenheit).

George, South Africa

George is about 450 miles from Cape Town, South Africa, and 850 miles from Johannesburg (1 1/2 hours by air). This is the lake district of South Africa, and it enjoys a mild to warm climate in late September and October. Eight hundred are expected to attend.

Accommodations, about eight miles from the meeting hall, will cost 60 to 80 rand (about US\$25 to US\$34) a person for each night including English breakfast. A rental car is necessary.

Ovongo, South Africa

Ovongo, a new site for 1989, is 130 kilometers (80 miles) from Durban. Attendance is expected to be about 500. The site has many self-contained condominiums and beach cottages, but hotels are limited.

Ovongo is regarded as one of the best holiday resorts on the Natal south coast. It has a subtropical climate similar to Durban. Costs of accommodations will be similar to Durban.

Mutare, Zimbabwe

Mutare is in the highlands of eastern Zimbabwe, 200 miles from Harare. Temperatures will vary from 28 to 36 Celsius (82 to 97 Fahrenheit). Four hundred are expected to attend. Room rates, including breakfast, range from 40 to 60 rand (about \$18 to \$25) a person each night. A rental car is necessary.

Other sites

Festival sites are also planned in Hawston, South Africa, and Livingstone, Zambia, but transfers will not be accepted. A limited number of transfers can be accepted to the site in Mauritius this year.

PHILIPPINES

International flights to the Philippines end in Manila. Discounts are sometimes available on domestic routes for international travelers, so it is advised to book international and domestic flights at the same time.

The Manila Office will arrange for all visitors to be met at the airport and escorted to their hotels (except possibly last day arrivals). Based on opportunity and demand, tours of Malacanang Palace (presidential palace) and Corregidor Island (site of a World War II battle) may be arranged.

Accommodations may be arranged privately or through the Manila Office (which can arrange discounts at main hotels).

Rental cars are available in Manila, Baguio and Cebu by prior arrangement, both with or without hired drivers, although self-drive is not recommended for international guests.

Prices at hotels (given in U.S. dollars) are likely to increase if the Philippine peso is devalued during the year from the rate of 21 pesos to the dollar.

An application fee of \$25, payable only in U.S. dollars, must

be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

Baguio

Baguio is a refreshing mountain resort city at an altitude of 5,000 feet in the Cordillera Mountains, 160 miles north of Manila. The 1,600 expected Feastgoers can anticipate temperatures of about 12 to 25 Celsius (54 to 77 Fahrenheit) without the humidity of the lowlands. Rain is possible.

Fifty-minute turboprop flights leave Manila in the mornings only. Or you may take a picturesque five-hour road journey by car or air-conditioned bus.

Accommodations range from the recommended four-star Hyatt Terraces Hotel (\$41 to \$95 a night) to rustic cabins and apartments (\$20 to \$50 a night). Taxis are readily available and inexpensive. Food costs vary greatly, with hotel meals averaging \$20 a person daily.

Cebu

Cebu is a port city in the central Visayas, a one-hour jet flight south of Manila. Beach resorts offer relaxing side trips. Services for the 900 people expected will be at the Cebu Plaza Hotel on a hill overlooking the harbor and city. Temperatures will range from 20 to 32 Celsius (68 to 90 Fahrenheit) with rain possible.

Accommodations are available at the Cebu Plaza Hotel (\$44 to \$93 a night) or at several other hotels that would not be as convenient (\$26 to \$100). Food costs vary greatly, with hotel meals averaging \$20 a person daily. Taxis and tricycles (motorcycles with sidecars) are available for minimal cost.

Cagayan de Oro

On the northern coast of Mindanao, Cagayan de Oro is a port city serving the inland agricultural area, including one of the prime pineapple growing areas of the country. It is south of Manila and served several times a day by Philippine Airlines jets.

Accommodations are available in several average hotels, with costs in the range of \$12 to \$25 a night for rooms sleeping two to four people. Food costs are less than in Baguio.

Taxis and tricycles provide transportation to and from the meeting hall, which is a college gymnasium, and is not air-conditioned. Expected attendance is 1,100. Temperatures range from 23 to 35 Celsius (73 to 95 Fahrenheit). Humidity is high, and rain is possible.

Manila

Manila is the political, commercial and cultural center of the Philippines. About 1,200 people are expected at this site. They should experience a temperature range between 23 and 35 Celsius (73 to 95 Fahrenheit). Humidity is high, and rain is possible.

Manila offers a wide range of restaurants featuring various foods at different prices, from American hamburgers to exotic Asian delicacies. Taxis are readily available at reasonable rates.

Tacloban

On the northeast side of the island of Leyte is Tacloban, where U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur fulfilled his World War II promise to return to the Philippines.

International guests will be housed at the Baluarte San Jose beach resort. Services will be in a hall overlooking the beach and Leyte Gulf. About 800 Feastgoers are expected in Tacloban.

Temperatures during the Feast should range from 23 to 35 degrees Celsius (73 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit) with rain possible. Tacloban is served daily by Philippine Airlines jets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AKL, Habib and Marie-Louise (Nammour), of Pasadena, boy, Simon-Geoffrey, Nov. 24, 2:24 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

ALLEN, Jerry and Barbara (Blagun), of McLean, Va., boy, Jonathan William, Jan. 1, 1:38 p.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BAUMGAERTNER, Joe and Shirley (Bardo), of Cheektowaga, N.Y., boy, Kurt Albert, Jan. 13, 9:30 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

BLAIR, Clifford and Kelly L. (Peterkin), of London, Ont., boy, Simon Cody, Aug. 16, 10:20 a.m., 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

COULTER, Dean and Kathy (Wiegand), of Belleville, Ill., boy, Christopher David, Dec. 28, 11:47 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

COULTER, Thomas and Donna (Kesting), of Belleville, Ill., girl, Michelle Lynae, Jan. 1, 8:38 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

DEAN, Alan and Rosemary (Nickson), of Toowoomba, Australia, boy, Scott Andrew, Dec. 23, 7 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys.

DELAMATER, David and Cheri (Knea), of Pasadena, boy, Steven Charles, Dec. 25, 11:50 a.m., 10 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DELAMATER, Tom and Doreen (Stansbury), of Big Sandy, girl, Jaclyn Renee, Jan. 18, 3:53 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

DELORIA, Terry and Terri (Harris), of Ashabula, Ohio, girl, Andrea Michelle, Nov. 15, 12:18 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

FLORES, Harold and Sharon (Barron), of Monrovia, Calif., girl, Lisa Nicole, Dec. 24, 2:42 p.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

GILLIS, Richard and Joan (Jonasson), of Saskatoon, Sask., girl, Jennifer Margaret, July 25, 7:09 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

GLEN, Lee and Joy (Anderson), of Salem, Ore., boy, Jeremy Steven, Dec. 8, 4:40 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HALL, David and Patricia (Dohren), of Lincoln, Neb., girl, Brianne Renee, Jan. 6, 12:35 p.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HAMMETT, Thomas and Faye (Grove), of Chattanooga, Tenn., girl, Emily Grace, Jan. 28, 8:23 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

HAWKINS, Randall and Jenifer (Jordan), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Jordan Louis, Nov. 17, 6:48 a.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce, first child.

HEATER, Stephen Sr. and Deborah (Heath), of Concord, N.H., girl, Abigail Ruth, Sept. 12, 10:35 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HESSER, Bill and Patty (Kurr), of Pasadena, boy, Michael Ian, Oct. 27, 9:49 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HIEBERT, Ron and Marolyn (Wason), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Nicole Danielle, Jan. 3, 1:36 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

HOLMES, Nick and Peggy (Columbia), of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Seth Tanner, Dec. 14, 9:37 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

JACK, Tim and Pam (Newman), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Tara Jean, Jan. 10, 8:12 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JAEGER, Scott and Michelle (Carlisle), of Duluth, Minn., boy, Bryan Scott, Jan. 27, 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

JAMES, Bob and Fay (Powell), of Nottingham, England, boy, Bernard Robert, Jan. 4, 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KENNEDY, Tim and Anita (Folkemer), of Syracuse, N.Y., boy, Samuel Jared, Jan. 12, 6:51 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

KOVACS, John Jr. and Debra (Snyder), of Springfield, Mass., twin boys, Ryan James and Joseph William, Dec. 31, 10:29 and 11:24 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces and 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LESKO, Bruce and Becky (Child), of Akron, Ohio, boy, Kirk Samuel, Sept. 17, 12:23 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LING, Boo Ching and Chwee-Wan (Phua), of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, girl, Sharon Wan Hui, Dec. 19, 6:31 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

LUMA, Beltran Jr. and Nerissa (Diamante), of General Santos, Philippines, boy, Francis Jehu, Dec. 4, 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

MARTIN, Herman Jr. and Wynell (Gregory), of Suffolk, N.Y., boy, Nathan Scott, Jan. 3, 5 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MATUSZKIEWICZ, Valentine and Vikki (Grandusky), of Buffalo, N.Y., girl, Jocelyn Diane, Dec. 19, 2:40 a.m., 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 children.

MCCRACKEN, Wayne and Karen (Leach), of Wheeling, W.Va., girl, Tabitha Jean, Jan. 14, 4:45 p.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MUWONGE, Sunny Gabriel and William (Nansamba), of Mityana, Uganda, girl, Jennifer Namuyomba, Dec. 8, 6 a.m., 7 pounds, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

OTHIENO, William W. and Jessica (Alowo), of Tororo, Uganda, boy, Pariye, Nov. 30, 2 p.m., 5 kilograms, now 5 boys, 2 girls.

PRESLEY, Chris and Elma (Herrera), of Midland, Tex., girl, Sarah Irene, Dec. 27, 4:09 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

QUANT, Skip and Michelle (Bumpers), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Emily Louise, Oct. 13, 5:55 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SHIPMAN, Tim and Sue (McDonald), of Big Sandy, boy, Andrew Jack, Jan. 13, 3:39 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

SHOEMAKER, Kenneth and Darlene (White), of Beckley, W.Va., girl, Sarah-Beth Anne, Nov. 9, 10:28 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SMITH, William and Connie (Hamiett), of Hartford, Conn., girl, Jessica Michelle, Dec. 6, 5:55 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SPRABERRY, Lonnie and Mary (Kitchell),

of Edgewater, Md., girl, Kristin Marie, Jan. 12, 6:54 p.m., 10 pounds, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

STONEMAN, Curtis Jr. and Pamela (Johnson), of Jupiter, Fla., girl, Shelley Anne, Aug. 23, 6:42 p.m., 2 pounds, first child.

THOMPSON, T. William and Jackie (Dougall), of Chicago, Ill., girl, Ashley Ann, Jan. 2, 8:28 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

TOOMBS, Colin and Dorothy (Schultz), of Toowoomba, Australia, boy, Joshua, Dec. 19, 2:33 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 4 boys.

WARDLE, Raymond and Diane (Oppermann), of Ipswich, Australia, girl, Jennie Anne, Sept. 11, 11:40 p.m., 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lois Brath of Vineland, N.J., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Carolyn to Steven A. Cavelli of Union, N.J. A May 21 wedding is planned.

Helen Kokinda of Hazleton, Pa., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Nance H. to Joseph J. Fluegel Jr. of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. An April 30 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carlson of Modesto, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly LoRayne to Brett Russell Jantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jantz, also of Modesto. An Aug. 20 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted M. Smith of McEwen, Tenn., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Paula Lynn to Gerald Lee Allsbrooks of Vanleer, Tenn. A March 11 wedding is planned.

Elvira Nowak of Vancouver Island, B.C., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Linda Evelyn to John Edward Fentress, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fentress of Henderson, Ky. A May 21 wedding on the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. R. LIPSCOMB JR.
Jill Lorraine Woelfle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Woelfle of Morton, Ill., and Richard Channing Lipscomb Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lipscomb of Savannah, Ga., were united in marriage Jan. 1 in Peoria, Ill. Evangelist Dean Blackwell, who works in Church Administration, performed the ceremony. Wendy Martin was maid of honor, and Rob Berkowski was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Panama City, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID FUESSEL
Janet Roslyn Trout, daughter of James L. and Ruth M. Trout of Elmira, N.Y., and David Paul Fuesel, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Fuesel of Eola, Tex., were united in marriage Aug. 14. The ceremony was performed by Dennis Diehl, Binghamton and Corning, N.Y., pastor. Reinhold "Shorty" Fuesel, brother of the groom, was best man, and Edna Todd was matron of honor. The couple live in Eola.



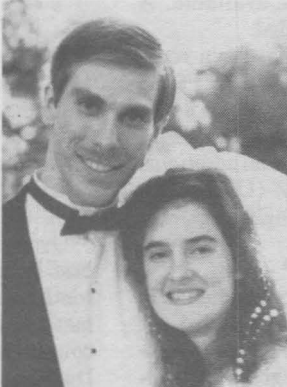
MR. AND MRS. DAN KRUPP
Dan Matthew Krupp and Priscilla L. Drury were united in marriage Sept. 2. The ceremony was performed by James Chapman, Jacksonville, Fla., pastor. Connie Drury was maid of honor, and Tom Gurseck was best man. The couple live in Jacksonville.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES JOHNSTON
James C. Johnston and Carol L. Johnston were united in marriage July 3. The ceremony was performed by David Orban, Pittsburgh, Pa., pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston live in Monaca, Pa.



MR. AND MRS. MARK CHADWICK
Dwain and Judy Bechthold are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Lindi to Mark Chadwick. The ceremony was performed Nov. 25 in Point Loma, Calif., by evangelist Dean Wilson, Escondido, Calif., pastor. Rebekah Pock, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Geoff King was best man. The couple live in Point Loma.



MR. AND MRS. GARY CHILDERS
Elizabeth Maschil Zlab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenton Zlab of Pasadena, and Gary Allen Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Childers of Goldsboro, N.C., were united in marriage Dec. 18 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by John Kennedy, a Pasadena Auditorium P.M. assistant pastor. Karen Gridley was maid of honor, and Michael Limanni was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. GRAEME HEMPHILL
Graeme Hemphill and Jan Dowell were united in marriage Nov. 27 in Melbourne, Australia. The ceremony was performed by William Bradford, Melbourne South and East pastor. Tiina Juntunen was maid of honor, and David Hall was best man. The couple live in Emerald, Australia.



MR. AND MRS. C. ALBRECHT
Susanne Birawe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Birawe of Emmenbruecke, Switzerland, and Charles Albrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Albrecht of Dallas, Tex., were united in marriage May 15 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed in German by the bride's father, a minister in the Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, churches, and in English by Thomas Lapacka, assistant director of media purchasing. Rosemarie Birawe, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Troy Albrecht, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. RUBEN KUSCH
Karen Elizabeth Hemmerling, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hansen of Cherhill, Alta., and Ruben Glen Kusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kusch of Calgary, Alta., were united in marriage June 5 in Barrhead, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Robert Millman, Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alta., pastor. Rebecca Quade was maid of honor, and Ross Kusch was best man. The couple live in Barrhead.



MR. AND MRS. ROGER BRANDON
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fraser of Brisbane, Australia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Leanne to G. Roger Brandon of Pasadena, son of Shaw Brandon and Dartha Cunningham. The ceremony was performed Oct. 9 by Ross Bath, Brisbane, Australia, South pastor. Sally Crouch was matron of honor, and Neil Kubon was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. PETER SHELFORD
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett of Yeppoon, Australia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Barbara Maree to Peter Shelford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shelford of Emerald, Australia. The ceremony was performed Nov. 13 by Orest Solyma, Melbourne West and Geelong, Australia, pastor. Wendy McCully, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Joe Shelford, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Yeppoon.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD EMERY
Jeanette Sims Downs and Richard Emery were united in marriage Dec. 4 in Bastrop, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Harold Lester, Austin, Tex., pastor. Patricia Sims Watson, sister of the bride, and Fred Watson were attendants.



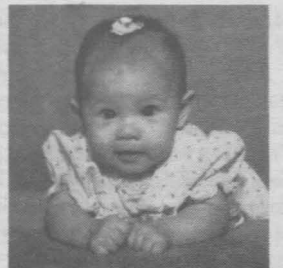
MR. AND MRS. KEITH JENSEN
Wendy Beitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Humel of Buffalo, N.Y., and Keith Jensen were united in marriage Nov. 5. John Larkin, Buffalo North pastor, performed the ceremony. Pam Snyder was matron of honor, and Garner Holdsworth was best man. The couple live in Alexander, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. KEITH SCHMEDES
Stephanie Shanel Robinson, daughter of Jo Ann C. Robinson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Keith Leslie Schmedes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Schmedes of Rochester, N.Y., were united in marriage Oct. 23. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., pastor. Denise Jones was maid of honor, and Leonard Olive was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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



Our coupon baby this issue is Katie Marie Leskey, daughter of Dan and Dee Leskey of Duluth, Minn.

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*Including newborn



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT P. TATAR
Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Nissen of Lawrenceville, N.J., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Dorcas to Robert P. Tatar. The ceremony was performed July 3 by James Rosenthal, Trenton and Brick, N.J., pastor. Donna Van Lieu, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Al and George Van Lieu were best men. The couple live in Ewing, N.J.



MR. AND MRS. PETER KRAUS
Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Rockey are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Shannon Cherice to Peter Alfred Kraus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kraus. The ceremony was performed Nov. 24 by Ted Herlotson, Denver North and South associate pastor. Charmaine Crabb was matron of honor, and Michael Kraus was best man. The couple live in Morrison, Colo.



MR. AND MRS. JAYSON WYNN
Mr. and Mrs. Melven Allen of Big Sandy are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Becky to Jayson Wynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. "Pete" Wynn of Gladewater, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Giese, Big Sandy pastor. Amy Thibodeaux was matron of honor, and Mark Wynn was best man. The couple live in Gladewater.



MR. AND MRS. NEIL KUBON
Neil Kubon and Laura Kisel were united in

marriage March 13, 1988, in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by William Kubon, father of the groom and a Pasadena Imperial A.M. minister. Wanda Gilbert was maid of honor, and Roger Brandon was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. MARVIN GARDNER
Marvin and Patricia Gardner of Chicago, Ill., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Nov. 25 with family and friends. The Gardners have been Church members since 1957.



MR. AND MRS. NICK ROGERS
Nick and Shirley Rogers were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary with a party given by their children Dec. 29. Mr. Rogers is a local church elder in the Monroe, La., church.



MR. AND MRS. TED BUTLER
Ted and Ann Butler, members who attend the Gadsden, Ala., church, marked their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 12. The Butlers have one son, Frank; a daughter-in-law, Renee; and one granddaughter, Amanda.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS BENNER
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benner of South Harps-
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well, Maine, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Dec. 3. The Portland, Maine, church, where Mr. Benner attends, honored the couple with an engraved gold tray and roses. The Benners have two daughters and two granddaughters.



MR. AND MRS. EMMETT BRANUM

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Branum of Gurley, Ala., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 22. The Huntsville, Ala., church honored them with a potluck after Sabbath services. After the meal the couple cut an anniversary cake, which was served with other refreshments. As an anniversary gift Huntsville brethren will perform work projects on the Branums' house and property. The Branums have been Church members since 1970.

MR. AND MRS. MARCUS SKAGGS

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus N. Skaggs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 2. Family members, Church members and friends honored the couple with a brunch and reception Dec. 30. Mrs. Skaggs was baptized in 1958, and Mr. Skaggs in 1959. The couple attend the Big Sandy church.



MR. AND MRS. CARL MOORHEAD

Carl and Ethel Moorhead, members who attend the Kansas City, Mo., North church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 29 with a potluck after services. Brethren presented them with a gift. The Moorheads have been Church members since 1987.



MR. AND MRS. OBIE POWELL

Obie and Bertha Powell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 26. Mr. Powell was baptized in 1973, and Mrs. Powell was baptized in 1982. The couple attend the Fayetteville, N.C., church. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Family members and friends honored the couple with a reception.



MR. AND MRS. MERLYN LINDNER

Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Lindner of Spencer, Wis., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 9. The Lindners, who attend the Wausau, Wis., church, have two sons, Arlen, a member, and Darrell, and three grandsons.

NOTICES

The Omaha, Neb., church will celebrate its 25th anniversary May 20. The Omaha brethren would like to invite members to the event who have attended in Omaha through the years. Please contact Omaha associate pastor Mark Mickelson for details.

OBITUARIES

MOORMAN, Walter E., 62, of Bluefield, W.Va., died Dec. 17 after a long illness. Mr. Moorman, a Church member since 1985, is survived by his wife, Margaret "Betty"; a son, Michael; three daughters, Sandra, Janet and Wanda; and six grandchildren.

ANTHONY, Lauren Casey, 4, of Sebastopol, Miss., died Jan. 18 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Casey is survived by her parents, Ralph and Callie Anthony; paternal grandparents, Sylvan and Anita Anthony, Church members; maternal grandparents Freddie and Bessie Goss; four uncles, Tony Anthony, a Church member, Eric Anthony and James and Jeff Goss; and seven cousins.

CARION, Caroline L., 68, of Dayton, Ohio, died Jan. 13. Mrs. Carion, a Church member for more than 25 years, is survived by one sister and one son.

BOWEN, Willa M., 63, of Detroit, Mich., died Dec. 11. Mrs. Bowen, a Church member since 1987, is survived by two sons, James Jr., a Church member, and Richard Patton; two daughters, Sherry Lacy and Ardene Titus; three grandsons; one granddaughter; and four great-grandchildren.

LAGGE, Michael Allen, was stillborn Dec. 22. He is survived by his parents, Dennis and JoAnn of Sioux Falls, S.D., both Church members. Michael is also survived by one brother, Jonathan; grandparents George and Jackie Affeldt; great-grandparents; one great-great grandmother; and aunts and uncles.

NICHOLSON, David Scott, 23, of Anderson, Ind., died Dec. 14. Mr. Nicholson is survived by his parents, Donald Gene and Linda K. Nicholson, both Church members; four sisters, Lori Lovellady and Donette, Linette and Lonna Nicholson; a brother, Daniel; a maternal grandmother; paternal grandparents; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

O'CONNOR, Clara, 83, of Pendleton, Ind., died Nov. 10. Mrs. O'Connor, a Church member for about 20 years, is survived by one daughter, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

WARRINGTON, Eldora Grace, 81, of Overbrook, Kan., died Jan. 13. Mrs. Warrington, a Church member since 1964, is survived by two children, eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

SMITH, Mary E., 56, of Ween, Va., died Dec. 1 after a long illness. Miss Smith, a Church member since 1969, is survived by four sisters and one brother.

GILES, James C., 62, of Dublin, Ga., died Jan. 10. Mr. Giles, a Church member since 1983, is survived by his wife, April, and a son, Paul, both Church members, and a daughter, Jeannie.

SMITH, John T., 65, of Galesburg, Mich., died Nov. 26 after a bout with cancer. Mr. Smith, a Church member since 1978, is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Patti Jones, both Church members; another daughter; and one son.

TURNER, Vesta L., 84, of Greeley, Colo., died Dec. 19. Mrs. Turner, a Church member since 1964, is survived by a son, L. Ray, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

BECK, Helen, 90, of Sun City, Ariz., died Jan. 7 after a long illness. Mrs. Beck, a Church member since 1966, is survived by her daughter, Doris Laurent, also a member, one grandson and two great-grandsons.

BEERY, Ethel Grace, 83, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Jan. 10. Mrs. Beery, a Church member

since 1975, is survived by a brother, Herbert Alley; a daughter, Diana Chapman; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

PHILLIPS, Maxine, 66, of San Angelo, Tex., died Nov. 25 of cancer. Mrs. Phillips, a Church member since 1968, is survived by one son, Mike Medlock, and his wife, Danielle; five brothers; and one sister, Winona Hohman, a Church member.

WOODS, Barbara, 45, of Marion, Ohio, died Dec. 24 after a series of illnesses. Mrs. Woods, a Church member since 1968, is survived by her mother, Ruby Martin; a son, Darren Gear; a grandson, Jason Gear; two sisters, Ema Smith, a Church member, and Betty Smith; and a brother, Bill Martin. She is also survived by nieces and nephews, Kaye Dunlap, Renee Hribar, Glenn Smith, Joyce Smith and Robert Smith, all Church members.

GOOD, John, 72, of Akron, Ohio, died Dec. 21. Mr. Good, a Church member since 1964, is survived by his wife, Eleanor; three sons, Dan, John and David; one daughter, Maria Jones; and six grandchildren.

ROBINSON, James, 54, of Albany, N.Y., died Dec. 27 of a heart attack. Mr. Robinson, a Church member since 1966, is survived by his wife, Marjorie, also a member, two sons and two daughters.

MULLEN, Joseph L., 57, of Mobile, Ala., died Dec. 7 after a long illness. Mr. Mullen, a Church member since 1983, is survived by his wife, Juanita, also a Church member, and four daughters.



HAL REID

REID, Hal, 60, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Jan. 11 of cancer. Mr. Reid, a Church member since 1967, is survived by his wife, Mary, also a Church member; one daughter; three sons;

two stepsons, David Rose, a Church member, and Joseph Rose, who attends services; a stepdaughter and step-granddaughter, Sharon and Janette Berg, both members; two step-grandsons, Erik and Aaron Berg, who attend services; his mother; and one brother.



GLADYS SWICEGOOD

SWICEGOOD, Gladys, 59, of Crossville, Tenn., died Nov. 23 after battling cancer for more than seven years. Mrs. Swicegood, a Church member since 1960, is survived by two daughters, Lena Swicegood and Cathy Feldhaus, both Church members, and a son-in-law, Bob Feldhaus, also a member.



CAROLE JEAN BEATTIE

BEATTIE, Carole Jean, 46, of Manteca, Calif., died Dec. 1 after an 11-year battle with cancer. Mrs. Beattie, a Church member since 1966, is survived by her husband of 28 years, Mike, a deacon; one daughter, Julie; two sons, Jim and Tom; and her mother, Ruby Menter.



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)

Malaysia and Singapore

By Colleen Dixon and Kerri Dowd

Keeping the Sabbath and living with nonmember families are two concerns for members of God's Church in Malaysia and Singapore, according to Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Kuala Lumpur and Johore Bahru, Malaysia, churches.

Colleen Dixon is an employee of Computer Information Systems.

Malaysia is composed of a peninsula south of Thailand and two states on the island of Borneo. Malay is the official language, and English is taught as a second language.

Malaysia's 15.5 million people include a variety of races and religions, but Islam is the official religion. Other religions are free to practice, but Muslims may not convert.

There are no Malay Church members there. The members in Malaysia and Singapore are mostly

Chinese or Indian.

The church in Malaysia began in 1962 with four baptisms. Mr. Yong was the first Chinese to be baptized in the country.

Now about 115 attend in Kuala Lumpur, and about 70 attend in Johore Bahru, including about 35 members who live in Singapore. Another 50 members are scattered throughout Malaysia.

Church members in Malaysia are farmers, plantation workers, engineers, students, lawyers, doctors, secretaries, teachers and sales personnel.



LIFELONG MARRIAGE—Koruthu and Mariama Thomas, isolated members in Malaysia, will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary in March.

"The lower income groups find life very difficult with poor earnings and a high cost of living," said Mr. Yong. Unemployment is rife in the country. Our brethren are affected

too. A few are looking for full-time employment."

Saturday is a regular working day in most work places. Members must make arrangements with their employers to keep the Sabbath and their jobs.

One member, John Lee, an English teacher, serves on the executive commission of the National Lifesaving Society as chief examiner of lifesaving. He has traveled around Malaysia to conduct seminars and lectures, to Hong Kong as part of the Malaysian lifesaving team and to Wales to attend a summer school organized by the Royal Lifesaving Society.

Mr. Lee, his wife, Judy, and their five children attend the Kuala Lumpur church.

Some members live with non-member parents and other relatives.

They are sometimes expected to eat unclean meats, participate in ancestor worship and take part in other customs at weddings and funerals. A member's family might also expect to arrange his or her marriage.

"Trials and persecutions are frequent for brethren living under such circumstances. This is the cross some have to bear unless they live separately from their parents and relatives," Mr. Yong explained.

Because of family traditions, few single Indian women come into the Church. This poses a problem for the single Indian men.

"Earnest prayers are needed for



CULTURAL TALENT—Women perform a lotus flower dance during the Feast of Tabernacles in Singapore. [Photos by Kerri Dowd]

this situation. And our prayers are needed that the Church can continue to enjoy freedom of religion under the constitution," said Mr. Yong.

In Singapore, military service is compulsory for men. So far, Church members called up for training have generally received Sabbaths off, although two have had to pay fines in lieu of service. "The Singaporean brethren need constant prayers for continued favor in this regard," Mr. Yong said.

Fifty-seven people attended the first Feast of Tabernacles in Kuala Lumpur in 1971. In 1988 about 628, with visitors, attended in Singapore.

Most Malaysian correspondence is handled by the Australian Office, but a mailing company managed by a deacon mails Church literature to Southeast Asia and the Pacific, saving the Church thousands of dollars in postage yearly.

Some of the scattered members in Malaysia include Koruthu Thomas, 74, and his wife, Mariama, 70, who live in Sungei Petahi near Penang, the 1989 Feast site.

The Thomases were born in India. Mrs. Thomas told how they met: "His sister and I were classmates. I was her special friend, and he was her special brother, so I heard something about him, and he heard something about me quite of-

ten."

With parental permission the couple wrote to each other. It was a time when "parents would arrange meetings, but both could decide yes or no," Mrs. Thomas said.

The Thomases were married in March, 1940, and baptized in 1967.

Joseph Francis Croning, 75, of Indian and Jewish descent, lives on Penang, where he was born. Mr. Croning was baptized in 1984.

Mr. Croning speaks three Chinese dialects and Malay, Tamil and English. "When I was growing up we only spoke English in the house, and Father was very particular about pronunciation," he said.

Mr. Croning retired from teaching English in a Chinese elementary school in 1972. His wife is not a Church member.

The Thomases and Mr. Croning, Malaysia's oldest members, gather with other scattered members for Bible studies with Mr. Yong three or four times a year. The Feast of Tabernacles is their only chance to gather with the other brethren.

Statistics

Attendance	185
Local church elders	0
Deacons	1
Deaconesses	2
Teens	30
Children under 12	77
Singles	55
Over 60s	3
Spokesman Clubs	2
Graduate Clubs	0

WE ARE ONE FAMILY

ISLAND DWELLER—Joseph Francis Croning, 75, is Malaysia's oldest Church member.

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

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach presented five men with plaques for 25 years of service with the campus auxiliary security crew at the annual auxiliary security banquet Feb. 5.

Plaque recipients are John Garms, Werner Jebens, Warren Krieger (30 years), Norman Miller and Wallace Wendt.

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TAMPA, Fla.—Dale Trow, Ambassador Foundation ticket office manager, spoke on ticket office management for performing arts centers at the Box Office Management International conference Jan. 24 to 27.

Mr. Trow moderated a two-hour session and was joined on a panel by the ticket office manager for the Fox Theatre of Atlanta, Ga., and the telephone and group sales manager for Ravinia Festival of Chicago, Ill.

Panel members discussed customer service and staff selection and training. Attendees included treasurers, marketing directors, systems directors and general managers from such facilities as The National Theatre of Great Britain, Theatre National Opera de Paris, Lincoln Center's Metropolitan Opera Association, National Ballet of Canada and New York City's Radio City Music Hall.

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VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Canadian Office announced the following ministerial transfers, which will take place this summer.

Jack Kost to Victoria and Courtenay, B.C.; William Rabey to Edmonton, Alta., North and South; Douglas Smith to Kitchener, Ont.; Terry Johnson to the United States; Daniel Hope to Fredericton and Saint John, N.B.; Gordon Graham to Grande Prairie, Alta.

Pieter Michielsen to Abbotsford, B.C.; Alan Redmond to Sydney and Cornerbrook, N.S.; Richard Wilding to Toronto, Ont., East; Gary Moore to Halifax and Digby, N.S.; and Laurie Nyhus to Evansburg, Alta.

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LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Attending a KCET-Television reception Jan. 25 on behalf of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach were evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs, evangelist Harold Jackson and his wife, Helen, and Wayne Shilkret, director of Ambassador Foundation Performing Arts.

KCET is the primary Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) station in Los Angeles. KCET executives and the Ambassador Foundation were hosts for the reception.

"Ambassador Foundation provided major funding for the highly acclaimed television production of *A Raisin in the Sun*, which holds up a severe mirror to the black-white tensions and aspirations of the late 1950s," said Mr. Hulme.

"It was a good opportunity for the Church to demonstrate its belief in the Bible's emphasis on equality in Christ."

During the reception excerpts from the production were shown. When it aired Feb. 1, "it was the first time the entire play had ever been presented (it was edited and altered in the 1950s and 1960s) and it was remarkable how powerfully appropriate it is for America in the 1980s," Mr. Hulme said.

"During the evening we were able to talk at length with key community and Public Television officials. The invitations and souvenir

poster recognized that the foundation—through the Worldwide Church of God—helped sponsor the evening, opening Black History Month. That mention of sponsorship resulted in several comments and questions about the Church, all of which were remarkably positive."

Mr. Hulme gave a presentation on the activities of the foundation, including its involvement with the Dance Theatre of Harlem—of which Mr. Tkach is an honorary director—and projects in Sri Lanka, Thailand and other countries.

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PASADENA—Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, traveled to New York Jan. 31 to conduct two interviews for a *World Tomorrow* telecast on science and technology.

Mr. Hulme interviewed Nicholas Wade, a reporter and editor with the *New York Times* and coauthor of *Betrayers of the Truth*, and T. George Harris, editor in chief of *Psychology Today* and *American Health*.

In California, Mr. Hulme interviewed Norman Cousins, an adjunct professor in a school of medicine at

a major Los Angeles University, who is involved with the medical humanities. Mr. Cousins acted as an unofficial ambassador for President John F. Kennedy in negotiating the nuclear test ban treaty.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordination.

Martin Richey, a deacon in the Canton, Ohio, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Jan. 14.

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PASADENA—The October, 1988, issue of *Direct Response*, a British marketing magazine, profiled *The Plain Truth* in a section on how religions communicate with their adherents.

The article said: "One religious organisation as professional as any commercial one is the Worldwide Church of God, the physical corporate arm of the spiritual Church of God, with world headquarters in Pasadena, Calif."

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NORFOLK, Va.—Robert Jones, pastor of the Norfolk church and Festival coordinator for the Feast site here, attended the Mayor's First Annual Awards Breakfast Nov. 15.

"This was to express appreciation to those in the community who have contributed in some way to a successful year for the Norfolk Con-



FAITHFUL SERVANTS—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach presented plaques to these men who have served 25 years or more on the campus auxiliary security crew. From left: John Garms, Norman Miller, Mr. Tkach, Wallace Wendt, Werner Jebens and Warren Krieger, who has served 30 years. [Photo by Denny Sexton]

vention & Visitors Bureau," Mr. Jones said.

His was the last name called to receive a certificate. "As I stood up, Mr. [William] Lindley [the vice mayor, who presented the awards] went on to say that I represented the Worldwide Church of God. At mention of the Church's name, there was spontaneous applause throughout the entire audience," Mr. Jones said.

Mr. Jones received a lapel pin and a certificate of appreciation.

"They do know, and obviously greatly appreciate, the Worldwide Church of God and our people and the impact they have on the community."

KINGSPORT, Tenn.—The church here celebrated its 20th anniversary Dec. 31 with a buffet and dance. Lambert Greer, pastor of the Kalamazoo and Coldwater, Mich., churches, and George Elkins, pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., churches, both former Kingsport pastors, joined pastor Randall Kobernat in conducting Sabbath services and the celebration.

The celebration included slides, photographs and music by the Jazz Diplomats, a church dance band.

Mr. Kobernat presented pins to 25-year members. Members who attended the first service in Kingsport received corsages or boutonnières.



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

PASADENA—Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Owerri and Enugu, Nigeria, churches, and his wife, Yvonne, have been trying for almost three months to obtain a visa to visit Pasadena for further training.

Consulates in Nigeria and England have refused to grant visas, and prayers would be appreciated.

Caribbean

Several new television stations began airing *The World Tomorrow* in 1988, according to evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director.

Included are stations in Montserrat, St. Vincent, St. Thomas and Puerto Rico.

"These four stations showed promising growth in the past year," said Mr. Bass.

More than 3,100 callers responded to the last four telecasts in 1988. "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" program produced the highest response for December. First-time callers accounted for 56.7 percent of the calls in response to that program.

"Donation income was down by 8.3 percent" in 1988, Mr. Bass said. An 18 percent devaluation of the currency in Trinidad contributed to this decline.

West Germany

Increases in the German-speaking area were especially evident in numbers of members and ministers, reported regional director John Karlson.

Seventy-two baptisms—a 10.5 percent increase—brought to 655 the number of members.

Among the baptisms were the first person to be baptized in Hungary and the first person in 20 years to be baptized in Czechoslovakia.

An additional member was also

added in East Germany.

"An even larger jump in the number of prospective members occurred—up 52.1 percent over 1987," Mr. Karlson said.

Three local church elders and one local elder were ordained, bringing to 11 the number of ministers serving the region. Eight deacons and three deaconesses were ordained.

The German post office gave the Church permission to mail *News of the Work* as a newspaper. This will cut postage costs in half.

The Editorial Department in the German Office began doing its own pagination and layout of *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*) in July, using software installed on the Bedford pagination typesetting system.

At the end of 1988 the staff began preparing for the move of several

departments into a new office facility not far from the present office.

Canada

In December the post office informed the Canadian Office of an impending change that would affect literature mailings, said evangelist Colin Adair, regional director.

"Under new regulations we no longer qualify to use book rate," Mr. Adair said. "At first glance it seemed we would be required to use first class rates, increasing our 1989 projected mailing costs by \$200,000."

But by changing mail handling procedures, the office can qualify for a third class rate, a category reserved for bulk mailings.

The office will be required to provide a minimum mailing of 10,000 pieces, sort mail into direct urban, mixed urban and rural categories and use envelopes of the same size.

"The main drawback to using third class is the time required to accumulate the 10,000-piece minimum," said Mr. Adair. "We should be able to limit this to a period of one to two weeks by combining French and English requests."

"Although these changes will require extra work on our part and may entail hiring more staff, we

should be able to keep our 1989 postal costs close to, or under, those of 1988," Mr. Adair said.

Pacific radio

"An unusual opportunity has become available to God's Church for preaching the Gospel in the Federated States of Micronesia," said Rodney Matthews, Philippine regional director.

Through a contact with a prospective member on the west Pacific island of Ponape, the station manager at a radio station in Kolonia, the capital, offered to broadcast *The World Tomorrow* Sundays at 8:10 p.m.

The station has 10,000 watts of transmitting power, and its signal covers all of Ponape, plus outer islands including Pingelap and Mwoakilloa (about 250 miles to the east) and Sapwuhfik, Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi (about 550 miles to the south).

Ponape is about halfway between Hawaii and the Philippines.



WELCOME TO MALTA—James Henderson (left), newly appointed pastor of the brethren in Malta and Greece, and his wife, Shirley, cut a cake at a celebration Nov. 12 welcoming them to Malta. Mr. Henderson will visit Malta and Greece from England, where he is mail processing manager in the British Office.

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