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## Ambassador readies to move from Pasadena to Big Sandy

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Since Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach announced the consolidation of the two campuses of Ambassador College in Big Sandy, employees and students have worked to assure that the move takes place smoothly and on schedule.

What does it take to move the college? It requires building and furnishing buildings, moving about 445 students, faculty members and employees and their belongings, and about 45 truckloads of equipment and supplies.

"It takes a great deal of planning and coordination and some dedicated, gifted people to get the job done, with a mind for detail and follow-through," said evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president.

One of those people is Michael Peterson, student housing officer, who was appointed move coordinator in January.

Each department must pack its own equipment and supplies, but Mr. Peterson is responsible for being sure that all of the college's fixed assets, everything from computers, pianos and classroom furniture to china, refrigerators and pool tables, are loaded on trucks and moved.

Most dormitory and office furniture will stay in Pasadena.

### Packing to go

One department that had a lot of packing to do was the college library. Student employees boxed 72,000 books, which filled 5,000 boxes, and dismantled shelving. Reference books were packed last to allow students to use them until just before final examinations. The library ceased operation May 18.

The books were bar-coded, which will allow for faster shelving in Big Sandy. Audio and visual equipment was also packed.

For the Admissions Office, the big job will be after graduation, according to Jnay Buffington, associate director of admissions. The two campuses are linked by computer, giving Big Sandy access to Pasadena's computer records. Student files will be consolidated during the summer.

### Moving students

Mr. Peterson is also responsible for moving the students. The international students will be first to leave Pasadena.

Immigration regulations stipulate that foreign students can only be employed at an operational college. As of May 18 the Pasadena campus will not meet that qualification, so the group will leave May 21 for Big Sandy. Another group leaves May 28.

Most other students will stay until July 15, allowing them to serve various Church departments. The

last group will leave Aug. 1, when the campus is scheduled to close.

Students are responsible for packing their own items. Each student was allotted 10 free boxes for shipping personal effects.

Although a shipping company will move everything, Mr. Peterson's staff of 14 students load the trucks. Six truckloads have already gone to Big Sandy, and between two and eight trucks will go every two weeks until Aug. 1.

It's hard to estimate the actual number of truckloads "because we don't know how much space some things will take," Mr. Peterson said.

"My feeling is that it is going well so far. We've had really good success with the first six trailers," said Mr. Peterson. "The schedule has a lot of flexibility in it, so we're not under a lot of pressure, but we'll have steady work throughout the summer. It seems that all of the departments are doing their part."

The moving process is "a scale down," he said. "We're taking what we don't need first of all. Housing and Food Services will go last."

### East Texas bound

The college provided information to faculty, students and employees about life in East Texas.

Ralph Lucia, who coordinates ministerial moves in Church Administration, is coordinating the faculty and employee moves. Pre-move visits of about five days were also provided for employees and faculty members to look for housing.

The college will pay their moving expenses and each employee will receive a relocation bonus. Most of the faculty and employees will move in June.

To facilitate the consolidation, continual communication is necessary between the two campuses. Meetings take place between those responsible for areas in Pasadena and their counterparts in Big Sandy.

"Of course Mr. [Richard] Thompson and I are in constant communication," Dr. Ward said. "He is the principal administrator on the scene there right now." Mr. Thompson is acting provost.

### No drastic changes

The consolidation of the college in Big Sandy will be a fresh start in a sense. "It's an opportunity for people to start over in a new setting," said Dr. Ward.

"But the customs and traditions and things that have made Ambassador College what it is are things we want to hold on to—the things we throw around as cliches, yet at the same time should have deep meaning like 'recapture true values,' 'the word of God is the foundation of knowledge.' Those things we want to continue to hold on to and build on."

With a larger student body "one of our main concerns is to be able to maintain a family atmosphere as much as possible," Dr. Ward said. "What I'm hoping to do is have much more faculty involvement than we have had in the past."

"The logistics of the campus itself and the fact that you are isolated and you are a community to yourself forces you to interact with

one another, whereas here you just step off the sidewalk and you're in the city."

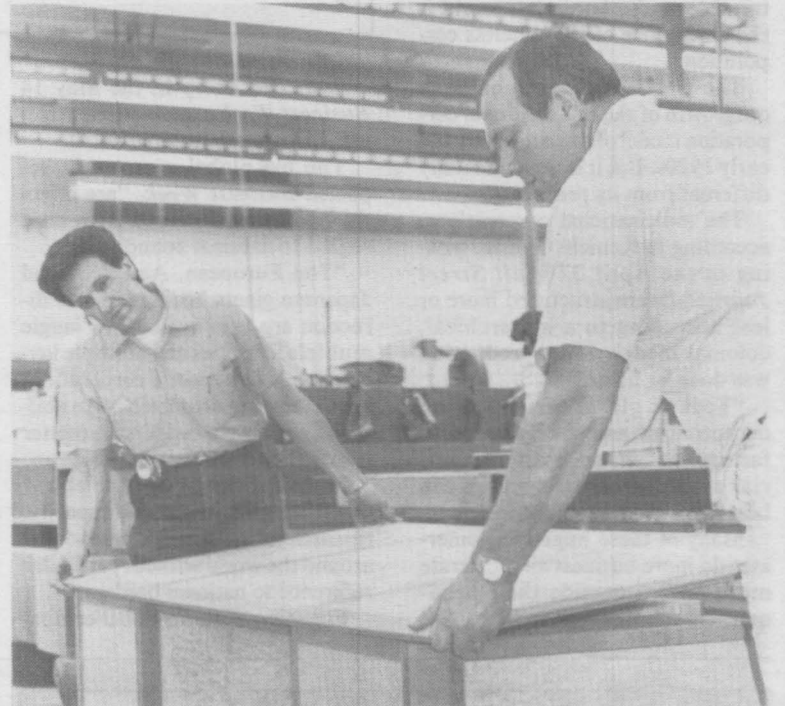
The admissions committee has accepted a full freshman class for the fall semester 1990 and the student body will be about 1,160.

"We have reason to believe that the construction will be finished on time," said Dr. Ward.

If more than two of the new women's residences are not completed, the beginning of the school year will be delayed until they are completed. If less than two are incomplete, "we would probably try to house the remaining students with local Church members. The final decision will be made by Aug. 1 regarding the date for beginning the fall semester," Dr. Ward said.

Space is reserved on campus for international students to arrive Aug. 17. U.S. students will be notified by Aug. 1 as to when they should arrive on campus, the president said.

The majority of faculty members



FURNITURE SHOP—John Vierra (right) and Bob Vitale build a desk for the new offices in Big Sandy. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

and employees of the college in Pasadena will be going to Big Sandy. Those not being transferred are those who lacked the credentials necessary for the college's accreditation process or those whose responsibilities are already being ful-

filled by someone in Big Sandy, according to Dr. Ward.

Most of those displaced by the move are being assigned to other positions in the Work. Some are taking the opportunity to pursue other career or educational goals.

## PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

For some time now, we have seen the need to refocus our attention on the fundamental truths that God has revealed to his Church.

It is encouraging to see that God's Church has always tried to emphasize the central, foundational teachings of the Bible.

Although we have made mistakes in attempting to become too specific on certain matters of prophetic fulfillment and outward personal appearance, our recent history shows us trying to maintain the big picture.

Some brethren feel that God's Church is always changing. You know, they are right. God instructs us to grow (II Peter 3:18). We are told to study to show ourselves approved and to rightly divide the word of truth (II Timothy 2:15). In fact, change is a hallmark of growth and one of the important elements of God's true Church.

One aspect of change is, of course, that of correcting error. I am reminded that Herbert W. Armstrong was always willing to examine himself and change when he discovered that he was wrong. Recently I was reading an article Mr. Armstrong wrote that dealt with this critical issue of change:

"Let me ask you this question. Do you know of any large, established, well-recognized professing Christian denomination which has PUBLICLY confessed it had been WRONG in what it had been teaching, and which then CORRECTED the error, and

turned to the TRUTH?

"No, the big established churches and denominations feel they cannot afford to admit having had any error—having ever mis-taught the people.

"But are they ALL perfect and correct in what they teach? If so, why do not any two AGREE in all points of doctrine? The REASON is simply that they DO teach certain errors which they are afraid to confess, for fear they would lose members.

"THUS THEY HAVE EDUCATED THE PEOPLE TO SUPPOSE THAT IF ANY LEADER, ANY CHURCH, AND WORK OF GOD CAN BE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN IN ERROR IN ANY POINT, THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED. To confess and correct error is to

HUMANS. Such church or work is merely the individual humans that comprise it, COLLECTIVELY. If no one of the humans is infallible, NEITHER CAN THE ORGANIZED GROUP BE.

"If I were looking for God's one true Church, I would assuredly look for one that had confessed and corrected its errors! For all have had them—even the early churches (Rev. 2:4, 14, 20)" (Tomorrow's World, February 1972, page 3).

Ironically, this was the article Mr. Armstrong wrote to explain how we were wrong in putting so much emphasis on the dates of 1972 and 1975. However, even prophetic concepts he mentioned in this very article, by way of clarification, he himself later came to see as being in error.

### Understanding God's Word

God has led me and many other headquarters ministers to examine our focus and approach to our understanding of God's Word.

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be branded a false prophet!

"Yet they are all HUMAN. They are ALL subject to error, and so are YOU—and so am I—and so is this Work of God. Even though it is God's Work, directed, empowered and blessed by Him, He carries it on through frail, weak HUMANS, and we humans are ALL of us subject to mistakes!

"What are God's CONDITIONS for salvation? First, IS REPENT. Repent means CONFESS YOUR SINS—your errors—your mistakes—where you have been WRONG! It means CHANGE from the wrong, and TURN TO the right!

"A church or a group activity, even such as ours, is made up of

We have had to admit that we have indeed tended to "major in the minors." That is, we have often given more attention to the speculative, the details and spiritual trivia—rather than to the great concepts and truths revealed to us by God.

Jesus told the Pharisees, who were extremely careful with their tithes, that their overriding concern with details and technicalities had blinded them to "the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith" (Matthew 23:23).

A key Old Testament principle is given to us in Micah. (See PERSONAL, page 5)

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# New age of the stateless corporation

PASADENA—We are rapidly progressing toward the reality of a borderless world, one in which the economic might of huge industrial enterprises can overwhelm the sum of the political assets of individual nation-states.

The greatest phenomenon of this trend toward a borderless world is the emergence of the stateless corporation.

The stateless corporation is an outgrowth of the multinational corporation model of the late 1960s and early 1970s. But it is fundamentally different from its predecessor.

The multinational corporations, according to Kenichi Ohmae, writing in the April 27 *Wall Street Journal*, "were structured more or less according to a hierarchical, colonial model. Most production was done 'at home.'"

"Today's global companies are decentralized and willing to manufacture, design, or assign managerial authority wherever they can best serve the customer."

Many of these huge conglomerates do more business and generate more profits outside their headquarters country than in it.

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



The cover story in the May 14 *Business Week* examined the stateless corporation in some detail.

The big global companies, reported *Business Week*, "are effectively making decisions with little regard to national boundaries . . ."

"The European, American and Japanese giants heading in this direction are learning how to juggle multiple identities and multiple loyalties . . . These world corporations are developing chameleon-like abilities to resemble insiders no matter where they operate."

Moreover, they have the ability to swiftly shift production capacity, research facilities and top personnel around the world without particular reference to national borders.

For some of these global compa-

nies, communication at the top corporate level is in English and the books are kept in dollars, even though headquarters may be in continental Europe.

These world companies, continued *Business Week*, "raise a host of new questions for governments seeking to shape their nations' economic destinies. At a time of worries about trade and competitiveness, who are the good guys and who are the bad guys? Does it make any difference what a company's nationality is as long as it provides jobs?"

### Defining homemade goods

In some industries the distinctions between homemade goods and foreign-made are blurring.

The third trait was the habit of helping. This was no isolated incident in the Samaritan's life. Through the years he must have trained himself to respond affirmatively to others' needs.

Compassion caused God to send Christ into our world to die for our sins. From compassion flow kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, forgiveness and other fruits of the Holy Spirit.

### Waning love

Compassion faces extinction. II Timothy 3:2-3 says those living in the last days love themselves, boast, are brutal and abusive, and refuse to love others or forgive them. Do we realize these attitudes poison the way we treat our brethren?

One indicator of compassion is prayer. We can examine our prayers for outgoing concern for others. What are we telling God about ourselves, about our emotional attachments to his family members?

God chooses to care. He devotes himself to compassion. It is his na-

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Is our attitude one of "so what?" or are we moved with compassion to pray or even fast for that person's recovery?

When we hear of others in need because of disaster or misfortune, do we say: "Well, God must be teaching them a lesson." Or: "I don't have time to bother with their problems. I have problems of my own."

Where does the capacity to share another's suffering or grief come from? What made the Samaritan respond when the other travelers who saw that crumpled figure on the road to Jericho simply walk by on the other side?

Three character traits made the good Samaritan the way he was. The first was empathy—the projection of one's own consciousness into another.

The second was courage. Those who walked by were afraid, afraid of anything strange, afraid of getting involved, afraid that the robbers might come back. The Samaritan had the courage to push those fears aside, to translate caring into real action.

ture and his being. It should be ours too. God delights in answering the prayers we send up for others. He loves to see unity, love, compassion and concern grow in the Church.

Sometimes prayers are the only action you can take to help. Your prayers will make a difference if you pray wholeheartedly, with compassion for the one suffering.

Yet prayers are not enough if it's in your power to do more (James 2:14-17). Do what you can to help physically. Your minister may help point you in the right direction.

Uplifting conversation is always in order. You might want to clean house for someone who is ill, or send cards of encouragement. The most important point is that you get involved in the person's life.

Romans 12 shows what is God's mind on the subject and gives an outline of how to have compassion for our brethren. Take the time to live this chapter. Your compassion gives you a part in a brother or sister's growth. And more, you will begin to learn a trait that God will have us extend to every human being.

its on Japanese imports than does the United States. To get around these restrictions the Japanese have established plants inside the European Community.

Now the question is this: Is a Japanese automobile, assembled in Great Britain, using a large percentage of British content, a European car—or a Japanese import?

Complicating the issue further, Japanese automakers also ship their made-in-America cars to Europe. Are these products American cars, for which there is room under the quotas—or Japanese cars, for which there is no further allotment?

### Business skirts political issues

Japan also uses its global productive capacity to circumvent a thorny political issue. Tokyo observes—technically—the Arab world's demand for a trade embargo against Israel. The United States (See STATELESS, page 3)

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



# Lithuania vs. Russia: a history of conflict

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The Baltic states are in transition. Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia all seek independence from the Soviet Union. Lithuania is the first out of the gate.

Like other small or territorially pivotal countries in Eastern Europe, Lithuania has built up a legacy of bitterness over grievous wrongs in the past and is anxious to become master of its own destiny. The whiff of freedom is in the air. Negotiations are in trouble, but some sort of autonomy seems inevitable.

*The Sunday Correspondent*, April 1, comes down on the side of Lithuania: "The Lithuanians have a legitimate claim to nationhood. The manner in which they were ruthlessly annexed by the Soviet Union 50 years ago in a cynical deal between Stalin and Hitler makes it understandable that they should crave to throw off the yoke—and swiftly."

The degree of independence Lithuania will achieve is a matter for future history. Our limited perspective often emphasizes only the immediate modern history—what happened this century. It is sometimes useful to subject the relations between contending national groups to the judgment of a much longer term. Lithuania is a case in point.

Lionel Kochan wrote *The Making of Modern Russia*. In this book he traces the history of Russia from the earliest times to 1940.

He wrote that by the 15th century "two new forces had come into existence—a Lithuanian State, stretching from the Baltic to the Black Sea, and Muscovy, an inland principality, centered on Moscow, and dominant over all the other Slav principalities" (page 22).

Two dominant areas had come to the fore. Knowing human nature, one was bound to war with the other.

This was the time of Ivan the Great, who ruled Muscovy from 1462 to 1505. When he assumed power one of his tasks was to "win back from Lithuania the southwestern lands that had once been part of Kiev Russia" (page 30).

Lithuania was one of the most influential national powers in Eastern Europe from the 14th to the 16th centuries. Allied with Poland it was a power to be reckoned with.

Russia has always sought the

sea—and its economic outlets. Its foreign policy has usually been directed westward, and is a consistent theme in Soviet history. Ivan the Great achieved most of his major goals. He both liberated and conquered.

The least of his successes came in the Baltic area. The concluding sum-up sentence assessing his only partially successful campaign against Lithuania reads: "The Baltic was as elusive as ever" (page 34).

Now we come to the time of Peter the Great. His solo reign in Russia was from 1696 to 1725, and his dominant diplomatic position challenged the Baltic as never before.

"Peter could over-run Livonia and Estonia and control the whole Baltic coast . . . he could fulfil the dream of Ivan III and Ivan the Terrible and introduce Russian men-of-war into the Baltic, an unprecedented phenomenon" (page 104). In short Peter acquired the Baltic territories.

After that the Baltic area was more or less under the influence of Moscow until 1917. Then the Russians became preoccupied with their own communist revolution. Couple that with the defeat of the Germanic power in 1918 and you have the makings of independence.

The three Baltic states gained political independence until World War II. Then they came under the heel of foreign powers once again—first the Russians through a deal with Germany, next the Germans when they invaded and occupied parts of the Soviet Union from 1941 to 1944. Then the Soviets again took control in the wake of their westward push that finally brought most of Eastern Europe under the Russian bear's domination.

The Lithuanians are a proud people with a proud history. Likewise Estonia and Latvia. They have never felt comfortable in subjugation to a foreign power.

Small is dangerous. Territorial integrity is constantly under threat, and small states are economically dependent on larger neighbors. For instance, Lithuania has little coal and iron. Ninety percent of its fuel has to be imported from the rest of the Soviet Union.

The lessons of Baltic history testify to the sufferings of small states dependent on the goodwill of larger neighbor nations.



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

# Prayers aren't enough

"Accident involving a fatality on the Foothill Freeway at Sierra Madre Blvd. All lanes are closed." This traffic report on the radio caused hundreds of drivers to alter their driving patterns that morning.

One carpool with some Editorial employees drove by the accident scene. A dead man lay on the pavement, a rag covered his face. It was a sobering sight.

Who was this fatality? His day probably began like any other. Breakfast with his wife and children. Then climbing into his truck and driving down a freeway that maybe he had driven hundreds of times before.

But today was different. What were his frightened thoughts as his truck burst into flames and rolled over?

This man's next thoughts will be when he is resurrected and given a chance to know God and follow his ways. His suffering is over. He will be resurrected into a better world.

We hear of death daily in the news. It happens everywhere. We hear of those who died in Eastern Europe trying to overthrow communist regimes, others who died in the Iran-Iraq war, in Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Colombia.

Hearing about the death of many doesn't seem to affect us as deeply as seeing one man dead on a freeway. But while we are sobered by death closeup, like in an auto accident, how much compassion do we really have?

### Suffering with

Sorrow and grief are a part of every person's life. Within our society are people who may not be facing a loved one's death but are struck by misfortune, tragically wounded by an accident or sickness, frustrated by lack of love, lonely or rejected. How much compassion do we have for these people?

Compassion—it means "suffering with"—is lacking in all of us. And lack of it is dangerous to our spiritual health. When were you last moved with compassion like the Samaritan of Luke 10?

At work, in our neighborhood

# Pastor general visits Des Moines, Iowa

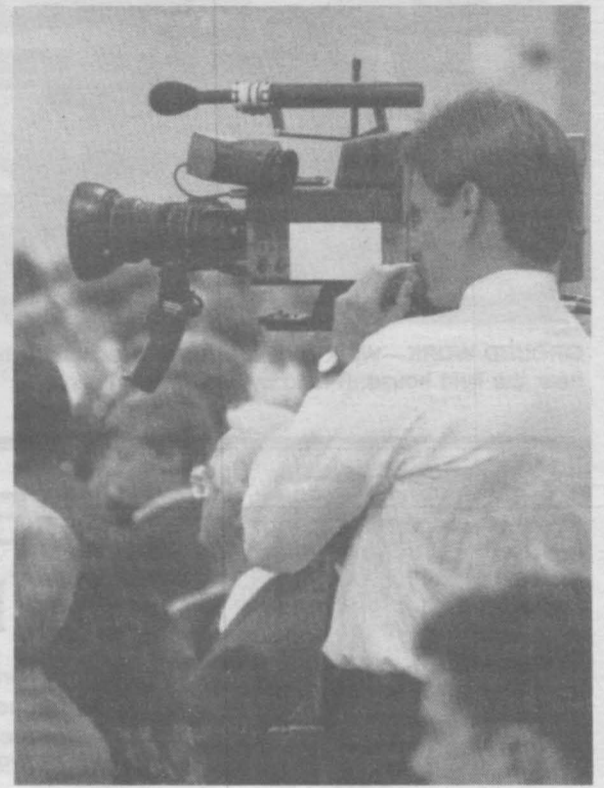
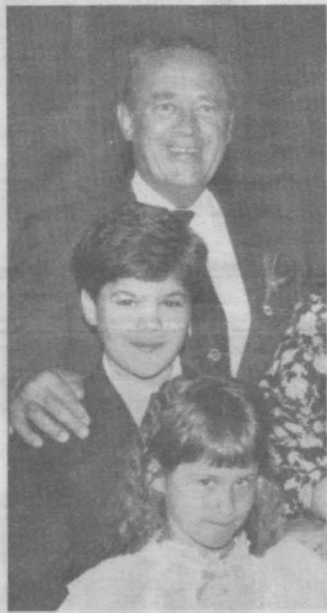
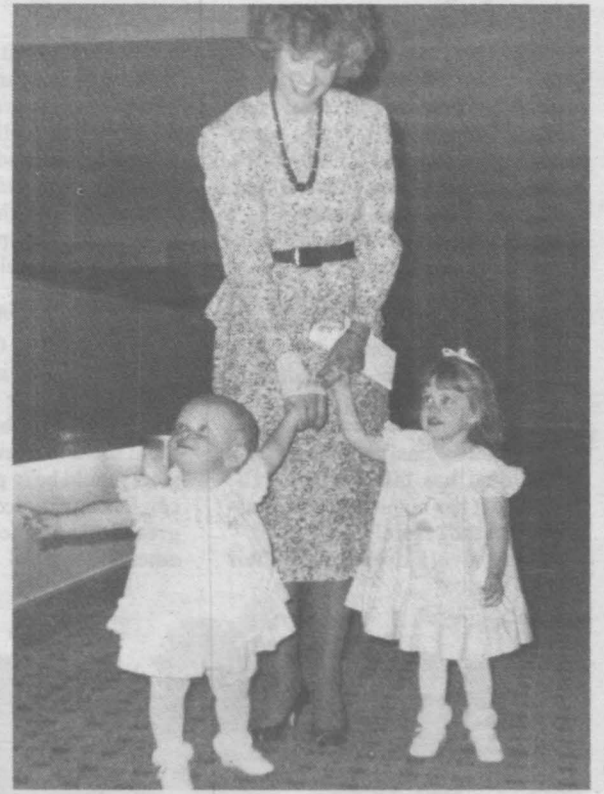


## DES MOINES, IOWA

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 1,160 brethren May 12 from Chariton, Davenport, Des Moines, Iowa City, Mason City, Sioux City and Waterloo, Iowa; Kirksville, Mo.; and Lincoln and Omaha, Neb.

Host ministers and wives were Daniel and Marilee Fricke, Chariton and Des Moines; David and Hinke Gilbert, Mason City and Waterloo; Terry and Elizabeth Johnson, Lincoln, Omaha and Sioux City; John and Hannah Knaack, Davenport and Iowa City; and Mark and Michelle Mickelson, Omaha, Lincoln and Sioux City.

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## Stateless

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States, of course, does not.

The Japanese, therefore, sell no cars directly to Israel. But the Honda corporation ships its Civic sedans to Israel from its plant in Ohio.

The financial muscle of the stateless giant is producing new forms of political competition.

National governments are engaged in a furious effort to capture the estimated \$150 billion a year these global enterprises invest.

Even within countries, state and local governments compete with each other for investments by offering tax incentives and other inducements.

Many economists are elated over the movement toward an interdependent global economy. They believe that international business may even play a major role in helping overcome the world's political divisions, which often end up in strife and war.

But others express reservations. "Now that the era of East-West military and ideological conflict is fading," the authors of the *Business Week* article remarked, "are all industrial nations part of one big happy global economy where nationality doesn't matter?"

"Or are they surely entering a new stage of intensified economic competition?" That, admitted this respected source, "is a riddle no one

has been able to fully answer."

Bible prophecy, however, does give a clue. It speaks of the emergence, in a world of political nationalisms, of an economic entity of staggering proportions—one in which, for a while, and before its sudden downfall, "the merchants of the earth" will be-

come rich (Revelation 18:3).

Indications are nearly all nations large and small, rich and poor, will be a part of this system to one degree or another. This modern Babylon in which certainly the industrialized powers of Europe and Asia will play kingpin roles, will appear alluring to the entire

world. It will offer to developing countries the prospects of rapid advancement to the level of materialistic prosperity.

But based upon the principle of competition rather than cooperation, and excluding God from the building process, this vast enterprise is as doomed as its forerunners.

## "Into all the world..."

### Italian respondees

I started reading your magazine in February. I confess that the motives which led me to subscribe were curiosity and the fact that there was no cost involved. As soon as I received the first issue, I was convinced that it was nothing but a means of attracting converts to a new religious sect, since I had never heard of the Worldwide Church of God.

After closer examination, however, I have begun to feel differently. I can see that your articles are very interesting and up to date, and much of what you say is correct.

Please understand! I do not fully agree with everything you publish, and I continue to read your material with a critical eye. I do not passively accept your theories. This has already borne fruit—it has drawn me for the first time to the Bible.

I.M.  
Valeggio, Italy

I am a young student of sociology, and I just discovered your magazine, thanks

to your television program *The World Tomorrow*, which I see every Sunday morning. It really is a shame I did not discover *The Plain Truth* before. I would really have liked to receive all the preceding issues.

The articles help us to understand and see that sadly we live in a world where human beings are motivated by materialism, forgetting the existence of God and the true values of human life.

Ever since I discovered your magazine I have been trying to introduce it to my friends, and some have requested their own subscription. I just hope that *The Plain Truth* will be as helpful to all of them as it is to me.

P.B.  
Lamezia Terme, Italy

First of all I wish to compliment you for the beautiful television program... I was also able to admire the beautiful things that God created. These things—the universe, stars, planets— fascinate me.

I would like to tell you so much, but I

will simply say that I am very happy you are making this program. I cannot wait until Sunday, when I will be able to sit before my set and learn interesting and important news.

I would like, therefore, to receive your free booklet *Why Were You Born?* One more thing, I would also like very much to read the other material you advertised, but I am afraid to ask for too much.

After all, it is not my fault, I have said it and I repeat it, these things interest me because I still have all my life to live (I am 16), and I want to live it with the advantage of knowing everything I can about what surrounds us.

M.C.  
Cotonei, Italy

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### Message of hope

I've read your article, "Hope for Homosexuals" [May-June *Good News*]. It was written with inspiration and compassion. I carried a great deal of fear, shame and guilt for a long time, and now I've realized that I've been called out of my homosexual life-style. And yes, I want out too.

It will be a hard process on my part, which I'm looking forward to doing.

R.H.  
Hawaii

## A sense of teamwork

# Big Sandy: building update

By Donald Ward  
and Rick van Pelt

PASADENA—Torrential rains in Texas have missed the Big Sandy area for the most part. Fort Worth, about 150 miles from the campus, was especially hard hit, forcing a partial evacuation of residents to escape the flood waters.

*Evangelist Donald Ward is president of Ambassador College, and Rick van Pelt is director of Facilities Services.*

Big Sandy has had rain, but a great deal has fallen during the night, so it has not affected the construction too severely.

Many rivers overflowed their

banks throughout Texas, including those near the campus. The offices of the company providing structural steel for the College Administration Building and the lecture hall were flooded and covered with a foot of mud. Although their office work was interrupted the manufacturing of the steel is on schedule.

### Encouraging progress

Now that the College Administration Building is ready for structural steel, the superstructure (skeleton) of the building will be evident soon. In a few weeks, all of the steel should be in place, and the roof can be constructed. That will add a great deal of protection from the elements.

By the first week in June the asbestos removal crew will be working on the last phase of their project in the field house. Plans for reconstruction are being coordinated by the individuals and departments involved.

The steel roofing trusses or supports for the student residences have been ordered. Once they are installed, and the roof is completed, the finish work inside the buildings can proceed.

Much of the electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, fire suppression and interior framing are completed. Although a mammoth amount of work remains to be done, the progress is encouraging.

### No theft creates teamwork

The contractors are learning that they don't have to worry about theft of equipment and materials on campus. This helps create a sense of teamwork in getting the job done on time. Because the morale is high, and the people enjoy being at work, productivity seems to have picked up.

The work on the utility corridor is also proceeding smoothly. More than 2,000 feet of the trench have been completed. That is about half the first phase, which must be in place by the end of August.

Structural members, called bar joists, are being installed in the library. These steel joists will provide the necessary elements to support a new floor stacked with books. Sections of the project are nearing completion. The entire project should be finished in mid-June.



**HERE'S THE PLAN**—Merv Borkholder (right) and David Weber look at blueprints while discussing the library remodeling project. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Work on the lecture hall has resumed. The excess water that was retained in the topsoil has been drained. This was accomplished by digging a trench around the site. The water flowed from the site into the ditch, where it was pumped away. This procedure saved many thousands of dollars by minimizing the need to replace the wet soil with

dry material.

Much of the centralized campus air-conditioning equipment has arrived. Plans for the air-conditioning plant are being finalized and construction work will begin shortly.

Overall, the construction is proceeding about as well as expected. Projected completion dates appear to still be possible.



**GROUND WORK**—Work continues on the section of the utility corridor near the field house. [Photo by Jeff Zhorne]



## 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)*

## Portland, Ore.

By Howard Davis

PORTLAND, Ore.—The jubilee celebration of the establishment of the church in Portland took place here May 5.

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Combined Sabbath services for the Portland East and West and Hood River, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., churches took place at the Portland Civic Auditorium with 1,254 in attendance.

The Portland church was founded 52 years ago in 1938 by Herbert W. Armstrong, the church's first pastor.

On behalf of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, evangelist Dean Blackwell, who works in Church Administration and was Portland pastor from 1954 to 1955, presented gold-plated anniversary plates to seven members who attended the original Portland area congregations: Richard Starkey, Crystal Allworth, Robert and Mary Bair, Honor Wolverton and Joseph and Bertha Rothery.

On the plates were engraved the words "50 years" and "In appreciation for your faithful service."

Mr. Blackwell said, "The value of this commemoration will be deepening as the people consider the his-

tory of what happened here." He said he is impressed "with the depth of the foundations laid in Portland by Mr. Armstrong," which are part



**HONOR FOR HONOR**—Evangelist Dean Blackwell presents a gold-plated anniversary plate to Honor Wolverton, who has been a Church member for more than 50 years. [Photo by A. Balzarek]

of the Work's worldwide heritage.

For the presentation ceremony, the Portland choir sang three selections, and Ruth Myrick, concert pianist and professor of music at Am-

bassador College in Big Sandy, also performed.

Ms. Myrick played on the same stage when she was a prize-winning teenage musician with the Portland Youth Philharmonic in 1957, the year she began attending Sabbath services.

Mr. Blackwell gave the sermon, in which he stressed that new understanding and spiritual growth continue in God's Church today.

At a luncheon before services Mr. Blackwell presented Glen White, Vancouver pastor, and his wife, Connie, with a plaque and wristwatches in recognition of 25 years of service to the Church.

### Early years

After services a 44-minute video presentation featured conversations with members who recounted the early years of the Portland and Vancouver congregations. (Vancouver is across the mile-wide Columbia River from Portland.)

The video also included Oregon scenery, sites significant to Mr. Armstrong in Portland and the parallel histories of the Portland congregation and the development of the Work in the 1930s and '40s.



**CAKE CUTTING**—Noel Hornor, Portland, Ore., West pastor, and his wife, Becky, and evangelist Dean Blackwell and his wife, Maxine, cut a cake at the Portland, Ore., churches' anniversary celebration May 5. [Photo by Richard Gutman]

The video presentation also described the Work's growth from 1939 to 1942 when *Plain Truth* distribution and radio coverage expanded from one state and one major U.S. city, Portland, throughout the continental United States and most of populated Canada.

### Need for a college

Longtime members remembered the role that the starting of Ambassador College in 1947 had in the development of the Work.

"We needed ministers to help, so we were for the college," said Mr. Bair, who began attending Sabbath services in 1938.

Mrs. Rothery, mother of Marion McCullough, wife of evangelist Leslie McCullough, said: "He [Mr. Armstrong] couldn't do the Work alone. Where would it have gotten if he hadn't started the college to train ministers . . . and their wives? It was so exciting."

Mr. Starkey, a deacon in the Portland West church, was born 52 years ago when his mother was Mr. Armstrong's first secretary in God's Work. He was the first boy to graduate from Imperial Schools in Pasadena.

Honor Wolverton, 83, a deaconess in the Vancouver church, is the widow of Basil Wolverton, who was ordained as the first local church elder in this era in 1942. Mr. Wolverton wrote and illustrated the multivolume Bible story for children that was published by the Church.

Mrs. Bair said: "We can see God's hand in the Work through all these years, and more as time has gone on. What has impressed me most is the way God prepared Mr. Tkach to take over after Mr. Armstrong died. He is so perfect for the job. You can see God's hand."

The celebration concluded with a dinner and dance at Portland's Benson Hotel, where Mr. Blackwell and his wife, Maxine, along with area pastors and their wives, cut an anniversary cake.

## WE ARE ONE FAMILY

## PERSONAL

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Micah tells us what God expects of us and what is important to him: "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:6-8, New International Version, unless noted).

Brethren, we need to see that some of us have been ignoring the central truths of the "exceeding great and precious promises" that have been given to us (II Peter 1:4, King James Version).

Every time world events take an ominous turn, some turn their full attention to chronologies, dates and personal prophetic interpretations, becoming blinded to the central commission of the Church, and to their own personal need for God's mercy, and the need to be ready for Christ's return.

I am sorry to have to say it, but certain ones who were once among us have now set themselves up as special "prophets," or "watchmen" of the Church or the nation, using fiery language to proclaim that "This is the end!"

In this manner, they are able to stir up unsuspecting people, who are not well grounded in the Scriptures, to support them and to look to them as great leaders.

All this can be especially effective to the unwary if these modern-day "prophets" are able to convince people that God's Church has "left the faith once delivered," is "watering down true doctrine" or is "becoming or already is Laodicean."

Maybe these men are sincere. But sincere or not, they have fallen into the trap of trying to place a human leader on an equal level with God.

They passionately assume that if God used a person to do his Work, in this case Mr. Armstrong, that the person must have been nearly infallible when it comes to all his teaching and doctrine. Though they still use the Bible, in their emotional distress, they have placed Mr. Armstrong ahead of the Bible in their own minds.

Unwittingly, they have begun to do exactly what all the major denominations have done and precisely what Mr. Armstrong warned about: They stand on traditional understanding *instead* of the Bible, and they cease to change error when it is discovered.

Of what does the foundation of the truth God has given us consist? Some think it consists of knowing the identity of modern nations. Some think it consists of identifying church eras. Some think it consists of canonizing Mr. Armstrong's booklets and books, especially *Mystery of the Ages*.

### True religion

One former minister who left the Church and some who follow him are saying that we are "watering down" all the basic teachings! How blind can some people be? I pray that none of God's true, faithful people will be deceived into joining an empty,

fruitless religion based on fear and vain claims.

The true religion of Jesus Christ is not based on fear. It is based on love. Converted children of God and true servants of Jesus Christ do not obey God out of dread of coming destruction or out of fear of punishment. They obey him because they love him. Through the Holy Spirit, God's love lives in them and they

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have confidence in the day of judgment because they know his love. Read I John 4:16-21. Then read it again.

If a Christian suffers God's chastisement, he knows that it is done in love, that it is not more than he can bear and that it is designed to bring him back to God (Hebrews 12:10-11, I Corinthians 10:13).

But a true Christian, in whom Christ dwells through the Spirit, does not simply "knuckle under" and obey God out of *dread* or *fright*. As John wrote, "The man who fears is not made perfect in love" (I John 4:18). Right fear of God is respect, honor, worship and love, not terror.

John the Baptist warned the Pharisees and Sadducees who came down to see him baptize: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" (Matthew 3:7). The unbelieving flee from God's wrath. God's own people do not flee in terror from God's wrath. Quite the contrary, they have confidence in the day of judgment.

"But what about the general public? We have to warn people that this is it, that the end is now here, that the Beast is right now rising up!" some have demanded.

Think about this: People need to repent regardless of what year it is, regardless of how many nations are allied in Europe, regardless of how many earthquakes, floods, droughts and snakebites are taking place and regardless of whether Germany is united or not!

People needed to repent in 1940 when Mr. Armstrong thought the end was at hand. People needed to repent in 1948, in 1957, in 1965, in 1972, in 1978, in 1982, in 1989 and right now!

People needed to repent in any past year you can name. And people will need to repent in every year, every month and every day right up until Jesus Christ returns! People will still need to repent in the Millennium! As long as there are people, they will need to repent!

The urgency for people to repent is exactly the same no matter what year it is or what supposed chronology has been worked out "just perfectly." God's Church now, as always, calls on people to repent, turn from their sins and turn to God.

God's Church educates people about the way to salvation. God's Church teaches people about who God is, who Jesus Christ is, what he has done, what the purpose of human life is, how a person can receive eternal life, what happens to them and their loved ones after death and what the future holds. That is *good news*. It is the gospel!

### Go into all the world

Some of these "prophets" go

on to condemn: "But the telecast is no longer trumpeting a warning to this nation! It is only talking about topics like alcoholism, drug addiction, marriage breakup, crime, environmental destruction, stress, runaways, moral decline, political changes in Europe and the second coming of Jesus Christ. There is no sense of urgency, nothing to tell this nation to wake up and warn it

about the dangers ahead!"

These people don't like the "direction" the Church is heading. They don't like the idea that the gospel is to go into all the world, and not merely to "this nation." They don't like the idea that showing people their sins (alcoholism, drug abuse, failed marriages, crime, pollution, im-

morality, etc.) isn't accompanied by specific proclamations that "this is right now the end of the age."

We should understand that God's people do not obey him out of self-righteous superiority or vanity. These pretenders promise people "a better reward" than other Christians, if only they will leave the Church and support them. They fancy themselves as God's instruments to "stand at the door and knock," beckoning all who will accept their heresies to follow after their "superior" brand of "righteousness" and therefore become God's favorite Christians who alone will receive the "Philadelphia reward" (II Peter 2:18-19).

As they set out to deceive innocent brethren into following them, they accuse me of not warning God's people to be prepared for the second coming of Christ! The plain truth is that virtually every message I give God's people is designed to stir them up to make their calling and election sure, not to neglect

so great salvation, never to faint and never to give up in their lifelong struggle with sin as God works in them both to will and to do his good pleasure.

But these would-be prophets want to change God's love into a yoke of bondage. They want to lead the unsuspecting right back into the very errors that Jesus warned the ministry about in Matthew 20:25-28. They lust to be lords over God's people. They want to lure people into their web of power, authority and fear in order to exercise dominion over them, all by promising bigger and better spiritual rewards.

I John 3:1-3 tells all God's elect that they are now the children of God, and that when Christ appears at his second coming they will all be like him. But like the Gnostics whose teaching John was condemning, these modern-day "prophets" want to set up ranks in the kingdom as well, promising greater rewards to those who follow after their "specially revealed insight"

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## U.S. and Canadian Festival sites

# Church lists choir directors

PASADENA—The Festival Office announced U.S. special music coordinators (SMC), Festival choir directors (DIR) and children's choir directors (CCD).

Instrumentalists or soloists should contact the SMC for the site that they plan to attend, unless an instrumental ensemble is noted separately.

Those interested in performing at a Feast site should contact the appropriate person listed below and request copies of the music to be used. List the instrument you play or voice part you sing and your experience level.

The two selections for the children's choirs and details for obtaining copies will be announced by church pastors. Children wishing to participate should learn the two pieces and prepare to attend rehearsals at the Feast.

### U.S. sites

Anchorage, Alaska: Douglas Hanson (SMC), (DIR), 5109 Lionheart Dr., Anchorage, Alaska, 99508; Pete Endries (CCD), Box 244, Soldotna, Alaska, 99669.

Big Sandy: David Myers (SMC), (CCD), Box 522, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755; Roger Bryant (DIR), Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

Biloxi, Miss.: Gary Pendergraft (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 7230 Lamesa Lane, Memphis, Tenn., 38133.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: Thomas Hammett (SMC), (DIR), (instrumental ensemble), 3107 Elmore Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn., 37415; Marcia Bonner (CCD), Rt. 2, Box 223-C, Jerusalem Road, Jasper, Ga., 30143.

Corpus Christi, Tex.: Steve Myers (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 130 Cedar St., Stevens Point, Wis., 54481.

Dayton, Ohio: Mark Graham (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 1490 Roycroft Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, 44107.

Daytona, Fla.: Robert Elliott (SMC), (CCD), Pasadena Church Offices, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129; Richard Thomas (DIR), 7620 SW 147th Ct., Miami, Fla., 33193.

Eugene, Ore.: William Samuelson (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 5028 48th Ave. NE, Seattle, Wash., 98105.

Jekyll Island, Ga.: Brad Meyerdirks (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 1605 W. Memorial Dr., Muncie, Ind., 47302.

Kansas City, Mo.: Rand Millich (SMC), Box 7540, Columbia, Mo.,

65205; Ramon Coleman (DIR), 1033 E. 22nd Ave., North Kansas City, Mo., 64116; Marvin Campbell (CCD), 1021 Canterbury Rd., Blue Springs, Mo., 64015.

Kona, Hawaii: Howard Davis (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 12175 SE 106th Ave., Portland, Ore., 97266.

Lexington, Ky.: Al Dennis (SMC), (DIR), 9512 Colgate Way, Hamilton, Ohio, 45011; Christine Murray (CCD), Rt. 1, Box 635, Manchester, Ky., 40962.

Mediterranean cruise: Paul Heisler (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), Ambassador College Music Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.: Jonathan Kurnik (SMC), 4350 Elmview Dr., Hanmer, Ont., P0M 1Y0; Ted Rounds (DIR), (CCD), 224 Blaklee Hill Rd., Newfield, N.Y., 14867.

Norfolk, Va.: Britton Taylor (SMC), Rt. 3, Box 421, Troutville, Va., 24175; Floyd Satterwhite (DIR), Box 561, Mechanicsville, Va., 23111; Judith Lanum (CCD), Rt. 1, Box 214C, Elliston, Va., 24087.

Palm Springs, Calif.: Bob Vitale (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 117 E. Newby Ave., San Gabriel, Calif., 91776.

Pasadena: Gerald Bieritz (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), Ambassador College Music Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Pensacola, Fla.: Daniel Salcedo (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 117 Lohrun Lane, Anaheim, Calif., 92870.

Rapid City, S.D.: Terry Johnson (SMC), 16620 Castelar, Omaha, Neb., 68130; Wyatt Schneider (DIR), 2631 Winchester Ct. N., Lincoln, Neb., 68512; Gregg Berg (CCD), Box 227, 202 5th St. NE, Hazen, N.D., 58456.

Redding, Calif.: Gregg Hutchison (SMC), (DIR), 28112 Hardesty Ave., Canyon Country, Calif., 91351; Teresa Stout (CCD), c/o Gregg Hutchison, 28112 Hardesty Ave., Canyon Country, Calif., 91351.

St. Petersburg, Fla.: Gary Liebold (SMC), 913 19 St. SW, Largo, Fla., 34640-4348; King Finlay (DIR), 2045 Scheetz Church Rd., Quakertown, Pa., 18951; Gary Gooch (CCD), 1147 Bacon Ave., Sarasota, Fla., 34232.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.: Robert Bragg (SMC), 29 Beacon St., Concord, N.H., 03301; Jim Herrick

(DIR), (CCD), 129 Fisherville Rd. No. 45, Concord, N.H., 03303.

Spokane, Wash.: Steve Kakacek (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 349 E. 19th St., Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401.

Tucson, Ariz.: Rodger Bardo (SMC), (DIR), 2746 W. Sandbrook, Tucson, Ariz., 85741; Teresa Fischer (CCD), 2310 Lillian, Pasadena, Tex., 77502; Hernan Herrera (instrumental ensemble), Mail Processing Center, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Vail, Colo.: John Bass (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), 4620 Greylock St., Boulder, Colo., 80301.

West Coast cruise: Ross Jutsum (SMC), (CCD), Ambassador College Music Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129; Dennis Pelley (DIR), Pasadena Church Offices, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.: David Kroll (SMC), (DIR), 6865 N. Burbank Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., 53224-4854; Ronald Shields (CCD), 903 N. Roosevelt Ave., Oconomowoc, Wis., 53066.

### Canadian sites

Halifax, N.S.: Dan Hope (SMC), 67 Saturn Crescent, Comp. D-1, Site 21, R.R. 12, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 6H7; Lawrence Stanley (DIR), Box 247, Hancock, Maine, 04640; Linda Roth (CCD), 14 Rigolet Crescent, St. John's, Nfld., A1A 3S2.

Penticton, B.C.: Robert Millman (SMC), 16 Northey Ave., Red Deer, Alta., T4P 1R4; Ron Langlo (DIR), 222 Woodvalley Place SW, Calgary, Alta., T2W 5T8; Jerry Ozipko (CCD), c/o Robert Millman, 16 Northey Ave., Red Deer, Alta., T4P 1R4.

Regina, Sask.: Glen Weber (SMC), (DIR), 1442 N. Devonshire Dr., Regina, Sask., S4X 3Z2; Scott Freisen (CCD), 2923 Preston Ave., Saskatoon, Sask., S7J 2G8.

Sherbrooke, Que.: Charles Mayer (SMC), 101 Maisonnette Dr., Dollard Des Ormeaux, Que., H9B 1K5; Claude Rochon (DIR), 4811 Pierre Lauson St., Pierrefonds, Que., H8Y 2C4; Daniel Rodrigue (CCD), 1830 Montarville, St. Bruno, Que., J3V 3V4.

Victoria, B.C.: David Cheperdak (SMC), 6284 134 St., Surrey, B.C., V3W 4R8; Guy Moss (DIR), 740 E. 17th St., North Vancouver, B.C., V7L 2W8; Betty Kost (CCD), 1662 Georgia View Place, Sidney, B.C., V8L 4R6.

## PERSONAL

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on end-time prophecy.

### Practice the love of God

We are told that we are saved by grace, but that we are rewarded according to our works (Matthew 16:27). We are definitely *not* told that those works consist of clinging to ideas regarding the timing of prophecies about end-time events. We are told that our works should be those of putting into practice the love of God in us through the Spirit (James 1:21, 2:14-19, Matthew 7:26, 25:37-40, I John 3:17, Galatians 5:16-26).

These deceivers are willingly ignorant of the fact that Mr. Armstrong thought and wrote powerfully that World War II marked the end of the age. He

time, we should simply freeze at a certain stage and never correct another error, never admit when we are wrong and stand firmly on our own traditions as we were at that certain point (Jan. 16, 1986, for example).

But as Mr. Armstrong wrote: "If I were looking for God's one true Church, I would assuredly look for one that had confessed and corrected its errors! For all have had them—even the early churches."

Brethren, we will continue to correct our errors and change as Christ leads us! We will not become so afraid of losing members that we refuse to right what God shows us to be wrong! If anyone of you believes that is wrong, then I pray that you will one day repent. But I warn anyone that to stay among God's people and cause division is ex-

what the Bible says, not what I think myself. I make mistakes, too. I strive to correct them when I find them.

The previously mentioned former minister apparently thinks that it was a sin for the Church to stop printing *Mystery of the Ages*. The fact is, Mr. Armstrong himself told me that the book contained errors and that he needed to rewrite it.

When Mr. Armstrong died, I felt that there was so much valuable truth in the book that we should continue using it anyway. For a while, we did.

After a while, I realized that the errors in the book could make the whole subject seem unreliable, and I had to do what I perhaps should have done to begin with.

All the truth contained in *Mystery of the Ages* is also con-

give and get. He reminded us over and over of the two trees in the Garden of Eden to illustrate these two ways. Even then, God was leading him to show us that, just as Jesus said, our focus should be on the weightier matters of the law.

If anyone is still unclear about the need for us to change our preoccupation with prophecy, whether in preaching, teaching, in the publications or on the telecast, then let me make the truth very plain.

All who have foolishly believed that "the plain truth about German unity" should be the true gospel can look elsewhere for the truth of God.

We are not preaching that the Bible proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that European unification is the "absolute beginning of end-time events" (as followers of one former minister insist we should).

It is an important event, to be sure. But we are preaching what we were told by Jesus in the Bible to preach; the gospel, which involves all aspects of salvation through Christ, including his second coming as judge and ruler of the earth.

We are also preaching, as we always have, that people should be alert to world conditions and read the "handwriting on the wall." We are preaching that judgment will surely come on all people and on all nations. But Jesus said we would *not* know when that day would be, and God has shown us by hard experience that it is fruitless to bang our heads against the wall trying to figure it out.

Regardless of what these predatory "prophets" claim, no person can be absolutely sure when the end will be. But like we have been preaching for years, the important thing is that we be found ready when he returns, no matter when it may be.

We will continue to analyze many pressing issues and concerns that we face as the Church goes forward into the 21st century. Whatever we do, we will do it in prayerful humility, asking for God's direction and blessing,

rected and updated for use in helping produce a new doctrinal manual. By the way, I had to laugh when I learned that one "prophet" thought he had uncovered some great scandal by noticing that several sentences in the healing booklet seemed nearly identical to some sentences in the STP material about healing.

Is it any surprise that we use some of our own material in writing a booklet? The STP belongs to the Church! There were two or three short passages in its material on healing that were very well put and were used in the booklet.

But as far as the major, overall premise and themes for the new healing booklet, the STP's material was in error and not usable. Even so, as Mr. Armstrong said, with corrections, updates and edits, some of the STP material may be usable.

Further, we will be, as time goes on, completely revising and updating our booklets and reprint articles, as well as the Correspondence Course, to powerfully teach the essential and basic doctrines of the Church of God in a rapidly changing world.

I thought it important to share some of these thoughts with you to help you understand what God is leading all of us to see, and to warn you about certain heretical views that have caused some to be shipwrecked.

This overview should also help you to understand the reasons and background for certain clarifications and modifications of teachings and doctrines that God is leading us to see need to be made.

You should be able to understand that it isn't a case of "there they go again, changing another doctrine," but rather a matter of *continuing to follow the lead of Jesus Christ*. We are being prepared to be ready for his return, and we can be thankful for that! Let's all thank God for his guidance and rejoice that he continues to reveal his mind and understanding to us! And let's pray that those few who have gone out may come to understand their

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was *wrong* about that and corrected that by late 1944. Mr. Armstrong was *right* about the truth that God sent his Son to be born of a woman, that the Son was sinless, that he suffered and died for the sins of mankind, that he was resurrected and now sits at the right hand of God as our intercessor.

Mr. Armstrong was *right* about the truth that Jesus began his Church, that the Bible constitutes God's revelation to man, that we are to live by every word of God, that God has called in this age a kind of firstfruits of his kingdom. He was *right* about the truth that God gives his Holy Spirit to those who repent, are baptized and obey him.

He was *right* about the truth that God forgives his people when they repent and that he will never forsake them or leave them. He was *right* about the truth that Jesus Christ is coming back as King of kings to rule the nations and that the elect will rule with him. He was *right* about the truth that the Church must preach the gospel to all nations and teach all nations to observe what Jesus commanded.

I could go on and on about the truth. But in certain areas, especially having to do with prophecy, Mr. Armstrong at times was wrong. Mr. Armstrong was not surprised that he could be wrong. But some people, whose faith is in Mr. Armstrong and not God, find it next to impossible to believe that Mr. Armstrong could be wrong.

It seems these new "prophets" want to latch securely onto whatever area in which Mr. Armstrong made mistakes, blow those all out of proportion in comparison with what is truly *important* and use them to deceive people into thinking the Church has discarded "all" the teachings God led Mr. Armstrong to put into the Church.

As Mr. Armstrong himself wrote, "Even though it is God's Work, directed, empowered and blessed by Him, He carries it on through frail, weak HUMANS, and we humans are ALL of us subject to mistakes!"

### Willing to change

If we want to become like all the big denominations, then we should do what they do: Refuse to change. Like a photograph in

tremely serious in God's sight!

Jesus said that he is the vine and we are to abide in him as branches. He told us that we would be "pruned" in order that we might be more fruitful (John 15:2). He also taught that some would *no longer abide in the vine* and would wither and be cast into the fire!

What does the Bible tell us is the foundation of the truth? Paul wrote: "By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:10-11).

The central core and theme of all our commission, all our Work and all our lives is Jesus Christ. It is not the specifics of end-time prophecy. It is not the identity of modern nations. It is not the identity of church eras. These things may interest us, they may arouse our curiosity, but they are not the essential elements of our calling or of our commission. Apparently, some have thought they were.

Paul also wrote in Ephesians 2:19-20, speaking of the gentiles, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone."

Here again, Jesus Christ is the central key, the part that holds the building together. And let's understand, brethren, that the apostles spoken of here as the foundation of God's household, or the Church, are the original apostles, not Mr. Armstrong nor myself.

Mr. Armstrong did not write the Bible. I do not write the Bible. Mr. Armstrong was an apostle in the sense of the governmental structure of the Church outlined in Ephesians 4:11-13, not in the sense of being an author of Scripture. Mr. Armstrong was faithful to restore to the Church what he found in the Bible. As he wrote above, because he was human he made mistakes. But when he saw a mistake, he sought to correct it.

Likewise, I strive to teach you

tained in other materials the Church produces and advertises. I was with Mr. Armstrong while he wrote the book. For the majority of the text, he either used materials from other booklets directly or he slightly rewrote them.

His purpose was to put the basics of the truth all under one cover, not to come up with startling new revelations. When the book was finished, Mr. Armstrong made some very strong claims regarding the book. He even called it the most important book since the Bible. This was an overstatement.

He was human, and he made mistakes, as he himself admitted. He was excited about the truth the book contained. He was excited for the people who would read the book. And he simply got carried away in his description of it. Now, will some condemn him for that?

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As I said, before he died, he told me that the book had errors and should be rewritten. The truth remains the truth, of course. The errors were the problem. But he did not get the chance to rewrite it. So what was I to do? How could I before God continue to print the book, knowing it contains errors, and knowing Mr. Armstrong told me that he wanted to rewrite it?

### The Church moves forward

Let's understand. The Church of God moves on. Jesus Christ is its Head. He continues to lead it. He continues to see that his Work is done. This is not my Work. It was not Mr. Armstrong's Work. But some are more comfortable believing that it was, and want to start a Work of their own, pretending they are the "true believers" and faithful followers of Herbert W. Armstrong.

Many of us remember how Mr. Armstrong stressed the "trunk of the tree" in the last several years of his life. He spoke of the two basic ways of life—of

using the Scriptures as our guide.

As already stated, there are areas we need to change. We do not change for the sake of changing. But neither will we shrink back from making such changes as I believe God leads me to see should be made. Also, I have instructed that we undertake a long-term plan of setting down the basic, clear, foundational truths of God's Word in a doctrinal manual.

Some work along these lines had already been done in the Systematic Theology Project. Let's remember what Mr. Armstrong wrote regarding the STP: "While it may be that some or even most of this 'STP' is in conformity to those original teachings, through God's apostle, some are not. Therefore I declare the entire 'STP' null and void until updates or authorized corrections, approved by me, can be produced."

Of course, Mr. Armstrong never had time to do that. But now, so that you are aware, some of the STP material may be cor-

error and return to the Body of Christ.

Dear friends, I am grieved that I must say some of these things, but I write them because I long for each of God's people to share in the joy of God's Spirit now, and to join all the saints in the kingdom when our true Shepherd, the author and finisher of our faith, returns.

Please understand that if you have trouble understanding some of these things, it is the Church's wish to help you and encourage you.

Do feel free to write or ask questions. I know well that understanding does not come all at once, and that it does take time to grow. But meanwhile, let's remain unified in the faith as God leads us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18).

Thank you for your ever faithful prayers, your support and your encouraging words. I pray that God will continue to bless you in the hope and peace that come through the faith as you respond to him.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**BETHELL,** David and Marilyn (Copeland) of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Tommy Cody Ray, March 5, 10:55 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys.

**BOOTH,** Brian and Sue (Coleman) of Palmerston, New Zealand, girl, Cassandra, March 24, 10:31 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**BROWN,** Brian and Deborah (Laster) of Bowling Green, Ky., boy, Brian Keith, March 15, 11:13 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**CORMIER,** Terry and Patricia (Pelletier) of Moncton, N.B., twin girls, Chelsea Patricia Kathleen and Nicole Terri Elizabeth, Feb. 23, 1:25 and 1:27 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces and 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**DANIEL,** John and Julie (Marion) of Pensacola, Fla., boy, Joseph Morgan, Feb. 6, 8:46 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

**De MENT,** Fred and Donna (Griffith) of Richmond, Ind., boy, Ethan Allen, April 21, 8:04 a.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**EFTHYVOULOS,** Oily and Karen (Banwart) of Pasadena, boy, Stephen Philip, March 23, 9:45 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

**ESPINOZA,** Brett and Emma (Blando) of San Diego, Calif., boy, Isaac Paul, April 9, 11:41 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**EVERETT,** Louis and Rhonda (Harvin) of Middletown, N.Y., boy, Ethan Louis, March 18, 2:11 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys.

**FERTIG,** Robert and Lisa (Shaw) of Cheyenne, Wyo., boy, Ross Henry, April 11, 9:42 p.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**GREEN,** Garry and Shirley (Collins) of Shreveport, La., girl, Aviva Ranell, April 4, 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**HARDEN,** Joe and Kimberly (Leibrecht) of Independence, Mo., girl, Kamela Renee, April 8, 8:05 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**HARVEY,** Thomas and Lori (Curran) of New Hampton, Iowa, boy, Craig Roger, March 14, 5:59 a.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

**HEREDIA,** Joe and Stephanie (Zamora) of Paris, Tex., girl, Naomi Corin, April 16, 8:10 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**HERRERA,** Rick and Shauna (Saylor) of Butte, Mont., girl, Analiese Rose, March 14, 1:16 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

**HOFSTAD,** Jeffrey and Joy (Schaeffer) of Bismarck, N.D., boy, Michael L'Amour, Jan. 2, 10 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**HUGHES,** Dennis and Roberta (Emerson) of Auburn, Wash., boy, Jacob Lloyd, April 11, 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**KNEISLER,** Matthew and Maria (Ivaldi) of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Heather Diane, March 25, 8:53 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**KREBES,** Herb and Monica (Lansing) of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Cara Leigh, March 6, 5 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

**LANDRY,** Brian and Mary Jean (Sharpe) of Rochester, N.Y., girl, Kathryn Rebecca, Dec. 20, 2:13 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**LETWINETZ,** Samuel and Vera (Zagiel) of Dauphin, Man., boy, Joshua Christopher, April 3, 11:03 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**LOPEZ,** Jose and Kathy (Patton) of Pasadena, boy, Daniel Frederick, April 6, 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**MANDA,** Edward and Akaya (Mhanso) of Kasama, Zambia, girl, Lassie, Jan. 9, 4:45 p.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**MOATS,** Thomas and Helen (Allina) of Buffalo N.Y., boy, Johnathan Ryan, March 25, 7:54 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**MORISSET,** Eugene and Debbie (Brubaker) of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Evan Andrew, April 15, 12:27 a.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

**RICHARDS,** Clement and Dianne (Blades) of Washington D.C., girl, Shaina Christina, March 22, 1:11 p.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 girls.

**RIFE,** John and Dodie (House) of Billings, Mont., boy, Justin Earl, April 17, 7:08 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

**SANCHEZ,** Felipe and Mary (O'Donnell) of Tucson, Ariz., girl, Raquel Victoria, March 16, 8:15 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**SEAUER,** Thomas and Janell (Turner) of Midland, Mich., boy, Tyler Alan, April 12, 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

**SIMULAMBO,** Jani and Victoria (Tembo) of Swaziland, girl, Ruth Lomangisi, April 3, 2.6 kilograms, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

**STYER,** Michael and Cathy (Benayce) of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Kaitlin Rachel, Feb. 10, 6:35 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.

**SWAMP,** Gregory and Denise (Koenig) of West Bend, Wis., boy, Tyler Scott, March 24, 12:34 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**TARRANT,** Patrick and Cindy (Nobles) of Athabasca, Alta., boy, Thomas Clayton, Feb. 8, 12:45 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

**TORRANCE,** David and Kathleen (Richter) of Crossett, Ark., girl, Sarah Gail, March 5, 11:10 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 girls.

**TRANSON,** Bruce and Gayle (Lamp) of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Michael Stuart, March 24, 8:33 a.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**VUJCICH,** John and Elodie (Meijer) of Whangarei, New Zealand, girl, Lydia Leonie, March 2, 8:05 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**WAGNER,** Mark and Darlene (Bauer) of Winona, Minn., boy, Matthew Robert, March 18, 12:41 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

**WEBB,** William and Betty (Gasperini) of Jamestown, Ohio, boy, Matthew Christopher, March 6, 4:39 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

**WEBSTER,** Randy and Kerri (Boss) of Caldwell, Kan., girl, Bridgette Nicole, Dec. 27, 8:19 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WENDT,** Philip and Kathleen (Black) of Pasadena, girl, Spencer Renee, April 1, 8:15 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**WHITE,** Rick and December (Fertig) of Laramie, Wyo., boy, Richard Dwaine III, March 27, 3:15 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**YOUNG,** Michael and Deborah (McIntyre) of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Tony Wade, Dec. 3, 9:40 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Griffin would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Tonya Lynn Crowell to Franklin James Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin E. Smith. A June 10 wedding is planned.

Fronnie W. Sodipo of Baltimore, Md., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Adetayo to Robert West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion West of Los Angeles, Calif. A July 22 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Harris of Borehamwood, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Carmella to Edwin Mark Jordan of Slough, England. A Sept. 2 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris James of Tulsa, Okla., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter JuliAnne to Brian Rennie of Fort Worth, Tex., son of Wallace Rennie and Chloe Monaghan of Portland, Ore. A July 1 wedding in Tulsa is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Manka of Joplin, Mo., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Barbara Gwen to Daniel Eugene Jeffertson, son of Gurus Jefferson of Fayetteville, Ark. A June 23 wedding in Fayetteville is planned.

Phillip and Gladys Anderson of Bradford, Tenn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amy to Preston Michael Olmstead, son of George and Carol Olmstead of Chicago, Ill. A July 8 wedding in Chicago is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David King of Northampton, England, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Julia Samantha to Mark Andrew Forth-Egton of Birmingham, England. An Aug. 26 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin D. Morgan of Rockmart, Ga., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Lea to David Wayne Covington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington of Nashville, Tenn. A Sept. 30 wedding in Georgia is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Seachord Sr. of Dallas, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa Francine to Philip Henry Renshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Renshaw of Quinlan, Tex. A May 27 wedding is planned.

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## WEDDINGS



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David Patrick and Natalie Slawson were united in marriage Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed by Joel Lillengreen, Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis., pastor. The couple live in Milwaukee.



**MR. AND MRS. J. PHOTOANE**  
The marriage of Monica Mashishi, daughter of Maria Mashishi, and Joseph Photoane, son of Stephen and Selina Photoane, took place March 4 in Randburg, South Africa, and was performed by Petros Manzingana, pastor of the Soweto, South Africa, church. Zena Wagner was maid of honor, and Peter Kubeka was best man. The couple live in Soweto.

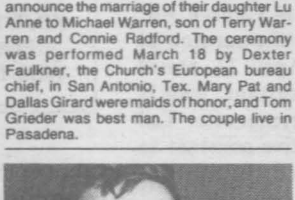


**MR. AND MRS. RADFORD ARNER**  
Amy Grace Ruxton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ruxton of Columbus, Ohio, and Radford Manuel Arner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Radford Arner of Long Beach, Calif., are happy to announce their marriage, which took place March 18. The ceremony was performed by Gary Richards, associate dean of students at Ambassador College in

Pasadena. Kristy Arner, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Anita Michaud was matron of honor. Steven Arner, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL WARREN**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry S. Girard are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lu Anne to Michael Warren, son of Terry Warren and Connie Radford. The ceremony was performed March 18 by Dexter Faulkner, the Church's European bureau chief, in San Antonio, Tex. Mary Pat and Dallas Girard were maids of honor, and Tom Grieder was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. SCOTT GJESVOLD**  
Ralph and Starlit Winder of Olympia, Wash., together with Lonnie and Jeanine Gjesvold of Minneapolis, Minn., are happy to announce the marriage of their children, Sarah Kathleen Parman and Scott Alan Gjesvold, which took place Dec. 24. The ceremony was performed by Aaron Dean, an Ambassador College faculty member. Ardy's Feyser, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Michael Huff was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



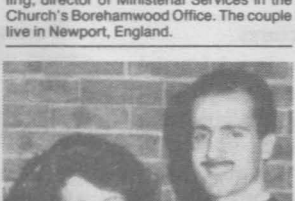
**MR. AND MRS. PAUL R. VASSAR**  
Christine A. Smith and Paul R. Vassar were united in marriage Feb. 25 in Harrisburg, Pa. John Foster, Harrisburg pastor, performed the ceremony. Julie Davis was matron of honor, and George R. Leal was best man. The couple live in Lebanon, Pa.



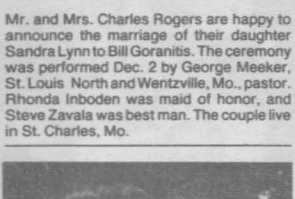
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**MR. AND MRS. GLEN LAKE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bowers are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Karri Estelle to Glen Edwin Lake. The ceremony was performed Feb. 5 by William Sidney, Brisbane, Australia, North pastor. The couple live in Brisbane.



**MR. AND MRS. GORDON LUXTON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Len Parker of Belfast, Northern Ireland, are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa to Gordon Luxton of Borehamwood, England. The ceremony was performed Feb. 5 by Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services in the Church's Borehamwood Office. The couple live in Newport, England.



**MR. AND MRS. BILL GORANITIS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Sandra Lynn to Bill Goranitis. The ceremony was performed Dec. 2 by George Meeker, St. Louis North and Wentzville, Mo., pastor. Rhonda Inboden was maid of honor, and Steve Zavala was best man. The couple live in St. Charles, Mo.



**MR. AND MRS. M. BAPTISTE**  
Marlene Patricia Biagrove and Meshach Gordon Baptiste of the Bronx, N.Y., are happy to announce their marriage, which took place Sept. 24. The ceremony was performed by Steve Botha, Manhattan and Westchester, N.Y., pastor. Barona Sheckleford was matron of honor, and Winston Fall was best man. The couple live in the Bronx.



**MR. AND MRS. DAVID MONTEITH**  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nixon of Bradford, England, wish to announce the wedding of their daughter Maxine to David Monteith. The couple were married Sept. 10 by David Magowan, Bradford pastor. Tony Dennis was best man, and Janet Taylor and Laura Nixon were bridesmaids. The couple live in Bingley, England.



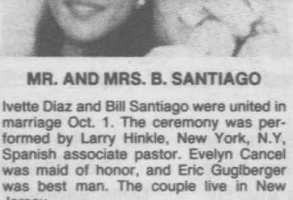
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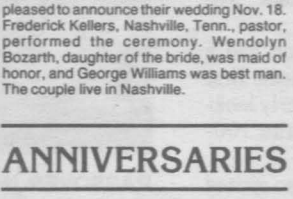
**MR. AND MRS. B. SANTIAGO**  
Ivette Diaz and Bill Santiago were united in marriage Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed by Larry Hinkle, New York, N.Y., Spanish associate pastor. Evelyn Cancel was maid of honor, and Eric Guglberger was best man. The couple live in New Jersey.



**MR. AND MRS. GRAEME LYON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes of Landsborough, Australia, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Patricia Mary to Graeme Douglas Lyon, son of Cap and Una Lyon of Maleny, Australia. The ceremony was performed Nov. 26 by William Sidney, Brisbane North and Caboolture, Australia, pastor. Sharon Webster was matron of honor, and Ken Pols was best man. The couple live in Conondale, Australia.



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Mr. and Mrs. Fran Dunlap of Jacksonville, Fla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 24. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have attended Church services since 1967. They have two sons, Dennis and Craig.



**MR. AND MRS. JAMES W. ROBBINS**  
Sue Bozarth and James W. Robbins are pleased to announce their wedding Nov. 18. Frederick Kellers, Nashville, Tenn., pastor, performed the ceremony. Wendolyn Bozarth, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor, and George Williams was best man. The couple live in Nashville.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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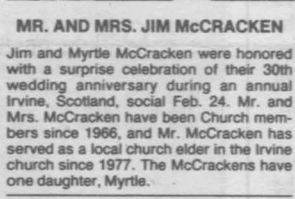
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Kathleen Balliet, April 24. The couple attend the Waukesha, Wis., church.

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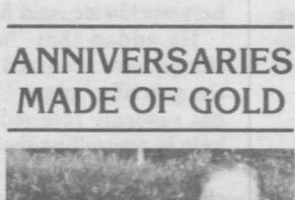
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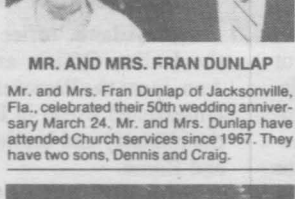
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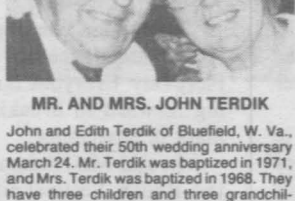
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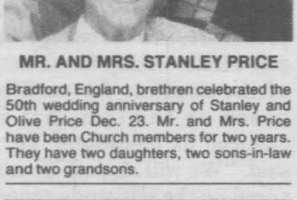
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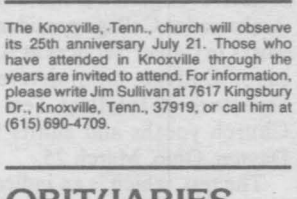
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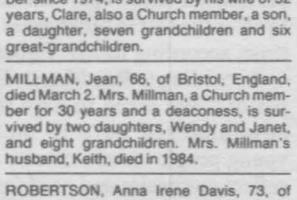
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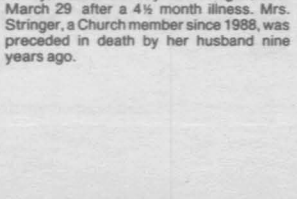
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## OBITUARIES

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**MILLMAN,** Jean, 66, of Bristol, England, died March 2. Mrs. Millman, a Church member for 30 years and a deaconess, is survived by two daughters, Wendy and Janet, and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Millman's husband, Keith, died in 1984.

**ROBERTSON,** Anna Irene Davis, 73, of Sciotoville, Ohio, died March 11 after a long illness. Mrs. Robinson, a Church member since 1973, is survived by her husband, Paul, a brother, a son and daughter, a stepson and a stepdaughter.

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

## UPDATE

PASADENA—A policy change by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the organization through which Ambassador College is pursuing accreditation, may delay the accreditation process, according to evangelist **Donald Ward**, Ambassador College president.

In the past the SACS policy was for a college to apply for accreditation and upon review of the application a field representative would visit the college to determine the readiness of the college for a visit.

If the college was ready, a visiting team was authorized to visit the campus. Upon completion of the visit the team members write a report of their findings. The college responds to the report. Then the report is given to the Commission of Colleges for their approval and eventually to the College Delegate Assembly for approval.

Candidacy or full accreditation is dependent upon approval by the College Delegate Assembly.

Before this latest procedural change, an institution would immediately launch into a self-study after becoming a candidate for accreditation. Now the self-study must be done up-front. Instead of determining if the college is ready for an association visit, the field representative goes to the college to determine if it is ready for a self-study. The self-study must be completed before the Southern Association will visit.

The college expected to receive that visit this fall, but the average time required for a self-study is 18 months, Dr. Ward explained. "The difficulty with that is that we're facing this deadline with the State of Texas of July, 1991. We're supposed to be accredited by then."

The director of the Southern Association has written to notify the State of Texas of their change in procedure, and the college will submit a letter asking for an extension of the deadline for certification based on the fact that SACS changed its procedures, Dr. Ward said. "We will also ask Southern to speed up the self-study process and do that as quickly as we can."

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites in Mombasa and Naro Moru, Kenya; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Daytona Beach and Pensacola, Fla.; Jekyll Island, Ga.; Redding, Calif.; and Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; have reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted at these sites.

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PASADENA—**Jeb Egbert**, who assists evangelist **Donald Ward**, Ambassador College president, and works in Career Services at Ambassador College, administered the Structure-of-Intellect Test to 78 Church youths and adults in the Dayton, Ohio, March 25.

The test, which is an indicator of job aptitudes and has been administered to Ambassador College students, was given in Dayton on an experimental basis. There are no plans to offer the test in other areas at this time, according to Mr. Egbert.

According to **Ray Meyer**, Dayton pastor, "We asked to have the test administered here to motivate young people toward careers and to reflect our desire and need for additional education and making the right choices that pertain to career in particular."

"All of the test results are not in yet, but the whole activity was very well received here," Mr. Meyer said.

PASADENA—A Rocky Mountain Winter Educational Program (WEP) will be launched in December, according to evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration International and Youth Opportunities United (YOU).

The program will be based at the Silver Sage Lodge of Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado Dec. 21 to 27.

Activities will include three days of downhill skiing and one day of cross-country skiing at Winter Park and Silver Creek resorts. Evening recreational activities will take place at Snow Mountain Ranch.

**Douglas Horchak**, pastor of the Denver North and Lafayette, Colo., churches, will be camp director. Other ministers, Ambassador College students and Colorado brethren will make up the staff.

Spaces are available for 200 Church youths to attend the WEP. Those eligible for the 1990-91 YOU year will be welcome to apply, according to **Kermit Nelson**, who coordinates YOU in Church Administration.

Tuition for the program is \$300 for each person. Each camper must provide his or her own transportation to Denver's Stapleton Airport. Applications for the WEP will be available from church pastors in September.

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

PASADENA—Brethren in the Huaraz, Peru, congregation have suffered persecution from guerrillas, reported **Wilfredo Saenz**, the minister there.

Mr. Saenz said the situation improved considerably in May, when the Shining Path guerrillas were thwarted from establishing a main base in the area.

The brethren appreciate all the prayers and letters from the members worldwide, said Mr. Saenz.

He added that "inexplicable things have occurred to frustrate the guerrillas' plans." The military has suddenly received much more help in controlling the zone.

Much of Peru now suffers from shortages of electricity, food and water, partly because of terrorist activity, but a drought has complicated the situation.

### Office manager visits Italy

**John Adams**, office manager of the Italian Office, and his wife, **Ann**, spent the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread in Italy, visiting the ministry and brethren in Milan and Rome.

"This was our first trip back since the Feast of Tabernacles, and it was exciting to meet some of the new people added to the Church in the last six months," said Mr. Adams.

"The Milan congregation had a record attendance of 97 on the first Holy Day. Everyone is eagerly looking forward to breaking the 100-mark in attendance."

Mr. and Mrs. Adams also visited the Italian Festival site in Chianciano with **Daniel Bosch**, Rome pas-

tralia—The regional office here announced the following ministerial transfers.

**Bharat Naker** will serve as associate pastor in the Sydney, Australia, South church; **Daniel Zachariah** will serve as Bombay, India, pastor; and **Joseph D'Costa** will pastor the Madras, India, church.

**William Sidney** will serve in the Philippine regional office assisting **Paul Kieffer**, Philippine regional director. ★ ★ ★

PASADENA—The Church's Deaf Program presented a deaf awareness workshop in Denver, Colo., April 20 to 22. Deaf members, interpreters, signers, note takers and ministers from the Colorado churches attended the event.

**Selmer Hegvold**, who coordinates the Deaf Program in Church Administration, gave the sermon at Sabbath services April 21. **David Barnett**, deaf consultant, who is deaf, signed the sermonette. **Ted Landis**, administrative assistant to Mr. Hegvold, voiced the sermonette.

Workshop topics during the weekend included how to teach a Sabbath sign language class, Festival planning for deaf members, oral interpreting for deaf members who do not use sign language, sign-to-voice interpreting, voice-to-sign interpreting, American Sign Language (ASL) expressions, ASL history and storytelling in ASL.

The Denver workshop was the third in 1990.

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PASADENA—A program to provide Ambassador College seniors with information about the job market in their home areas has produced listings of more than 1,500 job openings since its incep-

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# UPDATES

### New Contracts

Station/Location	Air Time	Contract Period
KTSP/Phoenix, Ariz.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	5-13 to 5-5, 1991
WDSU/New Orleans, La.	Sunday, 10 a.m.	7-22 to 1-13, 1991
WTVY/Dothan, Ala.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	5-13 to 5-5, 1991
WGNO/New Orleans, La.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	5-19 to 5-11, 1991
WGAL/Lancaster, Pa.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	5-6 to 7-29, 1990
WBRC/Birmingham, Ala.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.	5-27 to 5-19, 1991
WBAL/Baltimore, Md.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	5-20 to 5-12, 1991
KALB/Alexandria, La.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	5-20 to 5-12, 1991

### New Stations

KBJT/KQEW (Radio) Fordyce, Ark.	Sunday, 10 a.m.	5-20 to 5-12, 1991
WBZ-TV, Boston, Mass.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	6-10 to 7-2, 1991

tion in November 1989.

In the program Church members worldwide provide names and addresses of companies, nature of the businesses, jobs that are available and the person to contact for more information.

"We have conducted research on campus and found that, given the choice, graduates would prefer to find employment in their home areas," said **Jeb Egbert**, coordinator of the program.

"The problem was that they didn't have the finances to get home during their senior year in order to develop contacts and job hunt.

"A senior who did return home to research the area could have spent all his time just finding out who the employers in the area were. Quite conceivably, he may have never

even had an interview during the period of time he spent at home," Mr. Egbert said.

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CAPE TOWN, South Africa—**Brian Bergstedt**, 46, and **Aubrey Powell**, 23, members who attend the Cape Town church, ran in the Two Oceans Marathon, Friday, April 20.

The race, called an ultra-marathon, covers 56 kilometers (35 miles).

The marathon was scheduled for April 21, but because of the campaigning of a Seventh-day Adventist professor, the sponsors of the race agreed to let 21 Sabbath keepers run the race on Friday. All of their running times were included in the official records of the race.

tended in Rome, and 88 in Vicenza. Thirteen visit requests were received.

"The ministry involved felt that the lectures were very successful, with the vast majority of both audiences showing enthusiastic response and interest in the subject presented," said Mr. Adams.

Seventeen percent of the membership in Italy had their initial contact with the Church through Bible lectures.

### Passover in Japan

**Paul Kieffer**, Philippine Office manager, conducted the first Passover in Japan—"as far as we know"—for 16 members.

The next evening members met in two groups for the Night to Be Much Observed. Holy Day services were conducted in the New Otani Hotel.

During lunch a waitress asked the group of 20 people, who represented five countries and three races, if they were all part of the same family.

Mr. Kieffer returned to Manila with a special request from the members for regional director **Rod**

Matthews: "We want to meet again next year!"

### Visit to Yugoslavia

**Cliff Veal**, pastor of the Milan, Italy, church, visited the Adriatic coastal town of Split, Yugoslavia, in February.

Mr. Veal conducted a Sabbath Bible study and visited two prospective members.

A man from the Macedonian city of Skopje was baptized in the Mediterranean Sea. Mr. Veal said the new member traveled many hours by train, at considerable expense, to come to Split.

Evangelist **Carn Catherwood**, regional director for Italian-speaking areas, said, "High inflation continues to plague the Yugoslavian economy and make life very difficult for Church members in that country."

tor, and his wife, **Colomba**.

They finalized hotel accommodations, gathered information on Festival tours and met with the Chianciano Hotel Association.

"We have developed an excellent working relationship with the hotel association," Mr. Adams said. "I feel they genuinely enjoy having our people."

### Italian lectures

**Luciano Cozzi**, a ministerial trainee in northern Italy, conducted *Pura Verita* (Italian *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures in March titled "What Does Prophecy Tell Us About the Future of Europe?"

Two hundred subscribers at-



PASSOVER IN JAPAN—Members meet in Tokyo for the Night to Be Much Observed. The Passover was conducted by **Paul Kieffer**, Philippine Office manager.

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