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## Cholera in Zambia confines members to home for Holy Days

By Aldrin Mandimika

LUSAKA, Zambia—Because of a cholera outbreak in Zambia, members in Zambia will observe the Passover service in their homes and not come together for the Night to Be Much Observed.

Unless circumstances change, Bill Whitaker, who will soon move to Malawi to help supervise the church in Lusaka, will cancel his planned Passover trip to Lusaka.

*Aldrin Mandimika, pastor of the Harare, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, churches, visited Lusaka Feb. 1 to 4.*

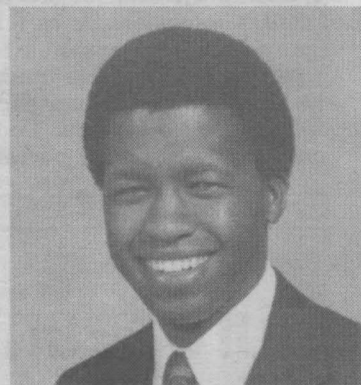
Cholera is especially widespread in the city of Ndola and the Copperbelt region of Zambia.

Drinking water in Ndola comes from a river but it cannot be treated because no chemicals are available. Water is a principal carrier of cholera.

As schools in the area remain closed indefinitely, I instructed

members in the Ndola area not to attend the regular Sabbath meetings, but instead to listen to sermon tapes until the situation improves.

This may mean not meeting until the rainy season is over in



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mid-April. The reopening of school is going to be our indicator.

To illustrate the situation, here is an excerpt from a letter addressed to guests at the InterCon-

tinental Hotel in Lusaka:

"Please be advised that due to the spread of the cholera epidemic, only cooked food will be served in all the restaurants. No fresh fruit and salads will be served until further notice. Furthermore, the water in your flask is safe to drink. Do not drink from the tap."

Lusaka doesn't seem to be affected, although one has to be careful about what one eats and drinks. When I am there, I eat only cooked food and factory-bottled drinks. Costs continue to rise—my accommodation increased by US\$20 a day.

*The Sunday Mail* reported Feb. 10: "The Zambian government has spent over US \$375,000 on control measures since the cholera outbreak last October, a senior health ministry official has said. The official said since the outbreak, 2,949 cases were recorded with 321 deaths as of (Feb. 5). The disease, according to the official, had however declined in northern Zambia, and the last three cases in the region were treated on Jan. 31."

The Feb. 20 issue of *The Herald* said: "The cholera death toll has risen to 526, while treatment centres in the capital, Lusaka, are faced with a critical shortage of food, linen, drugs and transport."

In my last telephone call with Kambani Banda, a deacon in Lusaka, Feb. 19, we discussed the level of the cholera epidemic in Lusaka and throughout the country.

Mr. Banda said the cholera control director in Lusaka recommended that Church members not (See ZAMBIA, page 3)



**HONORED**—With a selfless commitment to build the Shakespeare Centre in London, Sam Wanamaker (center) was selected for the Ambassador Award for Excellence. Left, Joseph W. Tkach, Ambassador Foundation chairman; right, David Hulme, Foundation vice president.

## Actor-director receives fourth excellence award

By Michael Snyder

PASADENA—Continuing a tradition from 1988, Joseph W. Tkach, Ambassador Foundation chairman, presented the fourth annual Ambassador Award for Excellence Feb. 16 to actor-director Sam Wanamaker, founder of the International Shakespeare Globe Centre in London.

*Michael Snyder is assistant director of Public Affairs.*

The event, which took place in the lower lounge of the Ambassador Auditorium, was attended by about 150 civic, diplomatic and

business officials from the greater Los Angeles area, including several consuls general.

Also in attendance were classical guitarist Christopher Parkening and orchestra members from the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, who performed in the Auditorium earlier in the evening.

"The Globe project, which is scheduled to be completed in 1993, enjoys broad support from the international community and several guests were interested in the Worldwide Church of God's involvement through the Ambassador Foundation," said evangelist David Hulme, vice president for domestic activities of the Foundation.

### Church role recognized

The Church's role in the Foundation was underscored by Mr. Tkach and Mr. Hulme during their formal comments.

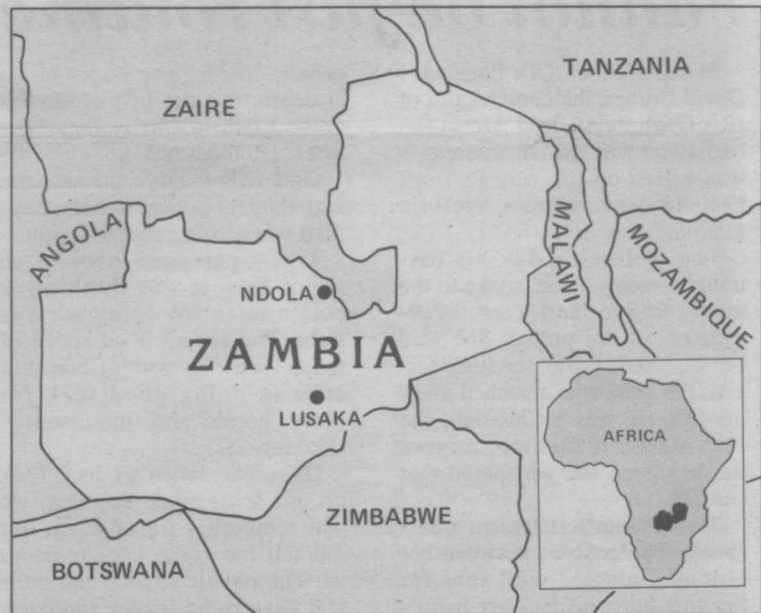
"As we near the dawn of a new century, it is important to do everything in our power to build a better world," Mr. Tkach said during the presentation ceremony. "For nearly two decades," he continued, "the Ambassador Foundation—with the sponsorship of the Worldwide Church of God—has sought to promote understanding and to reduce tension throughout the world."

Recognizing the value of helping to preserve the works of William Shakespeare, who has often been identified as one individual who was able to grasp and express the complexity of human nature, the Foundation began supporting the construction of the International Shakespeare Globe Centre in London three years ago.

"Within a cultural framework, it is a natural progression to be able to introduce important ethical and moral principles that the Church embodies," Mr. Hulme said.

"Both our involvement with the Globe and the presentation of the Ambassador Award for Excellence provide respectable and effective means to express these principles to audiences who otherwise may not ever become acquainted with the Church."

Mr. Wanamaker was chosen for the award because of his selfless commitment to building the (See AWARD, page 3)



**AFRICA AFFECTED**—Cholera is widespread in Ndola, Zambia, where members cannot meet together for services. [Map by Ron Grove]

## South Africa: meeting to forge five-year plan

By Peter Hawkins and Bryan Mathie

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Andre van Belkum, regional director for Southern Africa, and five operation managers met to draft a five-year plan Feb. 20 and 21 at the Vineyard Hotel here, near the base of Cape Town's Table Mountain.

*Peter Hawkins supervises media, editorial and publishing in the Southern Africa Office, and Bryan Mathie is business manager.*

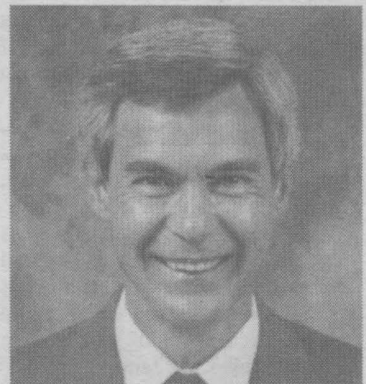
At the request of Church Administration International in Pasadena, each regional office's five-year plan will outline developments in the political, economic and media areas.

Opening the discussions, Mr. van Belkum explained the purpose of five-year planning, being good stewards of Church resources and how both planning and faith are necessary.

Robert Klynsmith, office manager, analyzed external factors likely to influence the Work here and underlying trends that authorities believe will prevail in the development of a new South Africa.

Positive factors are likely to

include the gradual lifting of sanctions, establishing a nonracial constitution and making more trade links with the country's northern neighbors.



ANDRE VAN BELKUM

Difficulties are a high population growth, an environment of uncertainty and the threat of AIDS with associated costs to society. Labor unrest, crime and unemployment are also serious problems.

Morgen Kriedemann, mail processing supervisor, reviewed mailing operations, and Peter Hawkins showed the challenge of reaching the population with the Church's message.

Bryan Mathie, business manager (See AFRICA, page 6)

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

Let's thank God that the war in the Persian Gulf is over.

We pray for and look forward with all zeal to the great day when the Savior of the world will return in

glory "with healing in his wings" so that all nations might at last learn the way to peace.

Meanwhile, the faith and hope God has granted us in Jesus Christ give us strength to carry on despite the unstable condition of this present world.

Brethren, at this special time of year, even though you know God has called his people to supreme joy, do you sometimes feel spiritually discouraged? Have you sometimes wondered whether God is really working with you at all?

I've talked to many, many faithful Christians over the years, brethren, who have indeed had just these feelings. And no wonder! When we take a good honest look at ourselves,

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# Allied victory in Gulf was complete

PASADENA—Operation Desert Storm met with astonishing success.

After an air campaign lasting nearly five weeks, the long-awaited ground offensive took only a little more than four days.

Iraq's military in the battle area was left in almost complete ruin, with 41 of its 42 divisions rendered inoperable.

Before the beginning of the climactic 100-hour ground campaign, President George Bush dismissed last-minute Soviet offers to broker a cease-fire, as well as peace offers from Baghdad, which would not have met United Nations requirements.

The President would settle for nothing less than unconditional surrender or a humiliating defeat of Saddam's forces. The latter, he was convinced, was the only way of dispensing with Iraq as a future danger as well as discrediting Saddam Hussein's claim to regional leadership.

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



One senior Bush adviser said of his President's policy: "He doesn't want Saddam to have a graceful retreat. He doesn't want him to be able to go back into Kuwait in six months.... He doesn't want Saddam Hussein to save face. Bush wants to win."

And win he did. The quantity of destroyed Iraqi military hardware (at least 3,700 of Iraq's 4,500 tanks in the battle theater) and countless numbers of enemy prisoners, deserters and killed-in-action attest to nothing short of a rout.

At the same time, 115 Americans were killed in combat. At least two soldiers were killed by

mines after the war.

The President's decision Feb. 22 to give Saddam Hussein a 24-hour ultimatum to begin pulling out of Kuwait was made easier because of reports circulating that morning of Iraqi forces having launched a scorched-earth policy in Kuwait, torching hundreds of oil wells.

Mr. Bush, British Prime Minister John Major and their political and military advisers became increasingly indignant against the accumulating list of executions, rapes and other indescribable horrors committed against Kuwaiti citizens by the Iraqi military.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### Lesson in humility

Think back for a moment to your first Passover. Remember the first feelings you experienced.

If you were like me, the actuality of Christ's sacrifice didn't fully focus in my mind during that first Passover service.

As each year passes we learn a little bit more about some aspects of the Passover.

This year we will again gather on the most sacred and solemn evening of the year. Each member of God's Church, whether newly baptized or a longtime member, young or old, will gather at the assigned place for a common purpose.

Despite our differences, each member will have something in common.

Each of us will have looked at our own life and seen our shortcomings more clearly. We will realize the need for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Each of us should be sobered, humbled and grateful.

The Passover service is a time of deep personal reflection. We each take the unleavened bread (symbolizing Christ's body) and the wine (symbolizing his shed blood) quietly. It is a moment that emphasizes our relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ.

But there is another part of the Passover service, an observance where one member must serve another, and then in turn be served. It is the footwashing ceremony.

#### A lesson in humility

We read about footwashing ceremony in John 13. Footwashing is a lesson in humility that puts us in direct, intimate contact with another member. It is not often that we are in such close, practical and lowly contact with one another.

John 13:14-17 says that Jesus' washing of the disciples feet was an example of self-sacrificing humility for them to imitate. This had a lot to do with his approach to leadership.

Throughout his ministry, he

taught that with authority and privilege came the responsibility to love and serve, not the power to domineer.

Some unfortunate aspects of Roman rule had rubbed off on the disciples, who needed to learn that service is a key to greatness.

"Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: and whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all" (Mark 10:43-44). We must all be willing to lower ourselves to help others.

#### A deeper meaning

But there is more to the footwashing story than the lesson of

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humility. When Peter exclaimed that Jesus would never wash his feet, Christ said, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me" (John 13:8). Christ was saying that footwashing was essential if Peter was to enter the Kingdom of God.

When he heard these words, Peter went to the opposite extreme. "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

Jesus' reaction to this was interesting. "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you" (John 13:10, New King James).

Here the question of being clean or unclean has a double meaning—the one who was unclean was Judas, soiled by the sin he was plotting.

So why does Jesus say, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet"?

Christ is referring to the fact that when a traveler left to visit a host, he had already bathed. So the guest had only to be cleansed of the dirt his feet gathered on his trip.

Likewise, on a spiritual level,

those who attend the Passover have already been baptized and cleansed from their sins. They have, however, picked up some sins in the meantime. These need to be removed.

The Christian life is a ratty road. Clearly, repentance is not a one-time event. But John assures us of our forgiveness if we repent: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

The atmosphere of the Passover is one of thoughtful repentance and gratitude for the sacrifice of Christ. It is through the complete sacrifice of Jesus Christ that we are made clean—forgiven of sin.

#### A prayer for unity

With regard to the footwashing, Christ told the disciples: "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this" (John 13:7, NKJ).

The events of Christ's death, the coming Holy Spirit and the experience of living a life of service would make the lessons of

the footwashing clear.

Also on Christ's mind at this time was unity. He was deeply troubled that one of the disciples would betray him (John 13:21).

Yet as soon as Judas had left, Christ told the disciples that the way men would know they were his was by their love for one another (John 13:35).

His powerful prayer to his Father recorded in John 17 says: "Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are" (John 17:11, NKJ).

Christ felt a deep longing for his disciples to show the sort of love and commitment to one another that he had with his Father. He wanted the coming Church to be exemplified by loving self-sacrifice.

We need the footwashing ceremony to remind us that we should serve and love one another.

As we kneel on the floor to wash the feet of a brother or sister in Christ this Passover, think of love, service and humility. All are crucial to the Passover and to the footwashing in particular.

President Bush had long since settled in his own mind his course of action. He pondered his policy during introspective weekends at Camp David, the presidential retreat. He invited input from religious leaders he respected.

Mr. Bush even argued his actions with his own Episcopalian bishop, a known opponent of his war plans.

If Saddam Hussein had accepted the United Nations resolutions in time, or even Mr. Bush's ultimatum, he could have at least saved the bulk of his better-equipped Republican Guard units.

In an official statement released by the Saudi Press Agency, King Fahd was quoted as saying that Saddam Hussein's rejection of the UN resolutions "is an act of providence—ordained by Almighty God—designed to finish with Saddam and his untoward principles.... I believe that God worked out his purpose to prevent

Iraq's hand from reaching out to grab other lands."

Saudi Arabia may have been next on Saddam Hussein's timetable. But the end of the chain of intended aggression was the State of Israel. That aim he made plain.

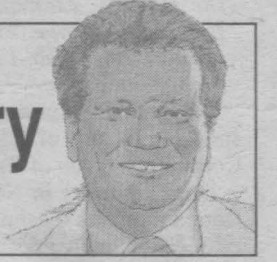
On the day the air war against him began, Jan. 17, Hussein railed against "the Satan in the White House" and "the whole poisonous nest in Tel Aviv." He promised he would ultimately "liberate our dear Palestine and restore its territory to its owners and liberate Lebanon and [the] Golan Heights."

Jews in Israel and around the world rejoiced in the sudden and calamitous destruction of Iraq's military machine, all the more so because the defeat occurred on the first day of Purim. This annual festival commemorates the deliverance of the Jews in the Persian Empire from the hand of Haman the Agagite.

No doubt, temple readings of the story of the book of Esther on the evening of Feb. 27 were done with exceptional feeling.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



### Why this Passover cannot be just routine

BOREHAMWOOD, England—David Corner, the latest victim of IRA (Irish Republican Army) terrorists on the British mainland, was killed on his way to work Feb. 18, at London's Victoria Station.

The following day his distraught widow, Jane, spoke to the media at Scotland Yard, headquarters of the police. She said her husband would certainly forgive the gang who snatched away his life. He was a Christian, she said. Asked if she, too, forgave the bombers, she whispered that she did.

Mrs. Corner's statement was a shock. The contrast between her attitude, mingled with sobs for her lost husband and her baby's lost father, and the callousness of the bombing, was enormous.

When we hear about atrocities such as those committed by terrorists, we instinctively feel that such crimes should not escape punishment. A price must be paid.

The lesson of the Passover does not deny this fact. It emphasizes the price. Forgiveness is expensive. Only the most precious of sacrifices can reverse its consequences.

We too need forgiveness for attitudes and deeds that have cost a life—the most precious of lives.

The Bible warns against taking Christ's sacrifice lightly. We must not let this be a routine Passover; we need the Spirit of God to help us overcome.

Isaiah's prophecy about Christ's sacrifice reminds us of why Christ had to die: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him; and by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5, New King James throughout).

Think back to when you emerged from the waters of baptism. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ had been personally applied to you and the death

penalty lifted. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

God will forgive all sinners. But this forgiveness only happens when guilty people repent.

True repentance involves an about-face in our thinking, a commitment to doing what is right. The apostle Paul spoke of those "who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality" (Romans 2:7).

Of course, when we look back on our lives since baptism, we can remember times when our old self has come back to haunt us. The old tendencies and pulls still have to be fought and overcome.

Sin is deceitfully pleasurable (Hebrews 11:25). Often we slip and fall.

Repentance is not a one-time action. Even after baptism, we soon find that our old nature isn't fully dead. And that's the point. We have to struggle to follow Christ and to obey God's law. Forgiveness is, in this sense, an ongoing process.

As we grow in understanding, we see things about ourselves that we did not see at the time of baptism. And so, we take our weaknesses to God and ask for his forgiveness, knowing even more profoundly how much we need Christ's sacrifice.

There are several passages of scripture that we should read and think on before the Passover. David's prayer of repentance (Psalm 51) reminds us that our sin is against God. The gospel accounts of the bread and the wine, symbolizing Christ's broken body and shed blood, show us the enormous price paid for our forgiveness (Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22).

The accounts of Christ's final hours, and the exhortation of Paul to the Corinthians to keep the Passover in its true spirit (I Corinthians 11), should fill our minds at this time of year.

# Pastor general visits Hays, Kan.

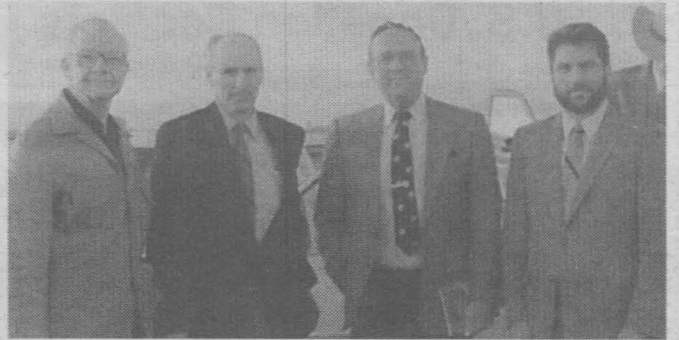


**TRIP OVERVIEW**

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 287 brethren Feb. 23 from Hays, Salina, Scott City and Liberal, Kan.

Allen Olson, pastor of the Hays, Salina and Scott City churches, and his wife, Lynda, were hosts.

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## "Into all the world..."

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### Gaining greater knowledge

Thank you for the Bible correspondence course and the *Plain Truth* magazine. It is all greatly appreciated.

An old dyed-in-the-wool Presbyterian can't quite expect a perfect score on those test cards just yet, but he has been led to doubt the truth of some

long-held beliefs and has gained much greater knowledge of the Scriptures by looking up answers to questions asked in that fascinating Bible course.

With all the wonderful illustrations and easy to understand comments, it has provided much enjoyment and comfort to me.

E.S.  
Marquette, Wis.

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### Young reader gives thanks

I am a young subscriber to your magazine and wish to return thanks

for all the issues you have sent me during my subscription and the endless requests for more of your fascinating booklets.

Your magazine and booklets have provided me with answers and understanding to issues and situations which I have not completely understood. These have helped me a lot. They have also shown me ways to prevent and overcome situations, decisions and actions which may have had effects on my future life. That is really important to me and I can't express my thanks to you in just a letter.

K.P.  
Gisborne, New Zealand

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### Appreciates honest approach

As one who has a considerable

knowledge of the Indian Wars, it was with great pleasure that I read your article "The Wild West's Legacy of Shame" in the January 1991 ... *Plain Truth*.

Although not in complete agreement with your article, it seemed obvious to me that yours was an honest attempt to present the facts as you saw them.

Many writers claim to have done this on matters concerning the Old West. In fact, few have ever achieved it.

With your permission, I would like to present your article for publication in the newsletter of the Little Big Horn Associates. It is a nonprofit historical association. I serve on its board of directors.

W.W.  
Malibu, Calif.

## Award

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Shakespeare Centre, which has taken up more than a quarter of a century of his life, Mr. Hulme said.

When completed, the International Shakespeare Globe Centre will not only include a faithful and authentic reconstruction of Shakespeare's wooden "O," (as the 17th century Globe Theatre has come to be known) but will also include historical exhibits, a second theater and centers for literary study.

The completed facility will occupy more than an acre on the south banks of the River Thames. "Scholars, educators and the common man alike will be able to explore and examine at length the works that transformed the English language," Mr. Hulme said.

### Greetings from the President

A number of guests who could

not be present sent telegrams to be read, including actor Ed Asner, Patrick Stewart (a Shakespearean actor who is probably known best as *Star Trek's* Jean-Luc Picard, captain of the Starship *Enterprise*), and actress Angela Lansbury, star of various movies and television programs.

Videotaped greetings and congratulations to Mr. Wanamaker were sent by comedian Bob Hope and former U.S. President Ronald Reagan, both of whom mentioned the importance of the Ambassador Award for Excellence.

"All too often," President Reagan remarked, "we take our cultural heritage for granted, particularly the great classical works. I was pleased to hear a few years ago that Sam's longtime vision of rebuilding the Globe Theatre in London had taken a great leap forward with plans to build the International Shakespeare Globe Centre."

The former President, who serves as honorary chairman of

the Globe project, continued: "Sam, congratulations on your selection as the 1991 recipient of the Ambassador Award for Excellence. You join an elite group of individuals who have demonstrated exemplary service to humanity, including the director of our National Symphony, Mstislav Rostropovich, who in addition to being a master musician, selflessly harbored at great personal risk many Soviet dissidents."

Before presenting the award, Mr. Tkach outlined the beliefs of the Church by characterizing the two ways of life: give vs. get. He spoke of the international activities of the Foundation, ranging from the performing arts to projects in Sri Lanka, Israel and elsewhere.

"With the positive response, new recognition of the award and fresh contacts within the diplomatic community, we consider this to be the most successful presentation of the Ambassador Award for Excellence," Mr. Hulme said.

In addition to Mr. Wanamaker and Mstislav Rostropovich, previous recipients of the Ambassador Award for Excellence are Arthur Mitchell, co-founder of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, and Sir Neville Marriner, founder of the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields.

## Zambia

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meet or share meals together, such as for the Night to Be Much Observed, and urged outlying members not to come into Lusaka.

If there is a dramatic turnaround in the cholera situation, we could consider conducting Passover services in Lusaka. Our brethren in Zambia need our prayers.

I still have plans to make another trip in July. Mr. Whitaker will accompany me on the five-day trip. We will also make more definite plans for the Feast at that time.

# Media note members' skill, recovery, conviction, invention

WICHITA, Kan.—Harry Garden, a member here, was featured in the October 1990 issue of *Remodeling* magazine.

The article, focusing on Mr. Garden's 37 years of experience in carpentry and remodeling, quoted his boss: "We don't know what it is [that makes Harry Garden special] but we'd like to bottle it and give some to everyone here."

The feature also included advice from Mr. Garden for other remodelers. One tip: "In leading a crew, never ask someone to do something you wouldn't be willing to do yourself. Your own willingness to pitch in is contagious."

CLINTON, Ind.—Michael Rayce, son of Betty and Jerry Rayce, who attend the Terre Haute, Ind., church, survived an electrical shock of 480 volts.

Michael's story appeared in the Nov. 19 *Clinton Tribune-Star*. He received a life-threatening jolt while repairing an air-conditioning unit atop the Vermillion County Hospital Wellness Center in September. He believed the power to the unit was off.

Hospital employees rushed to his aid, placing Michael in a medically induced coma to prevent brain swelling and to put him on life support. He awoke six days later. Although his right index fin-

ger was amputated and he has minor nerve damage in his left leg, Michael suffered no brain damage.

The article quoted Michael as saying: "There is really no way I should have survived. I know people who have been shocked with less and they died."

WADSWORTH, Ohio—The Akron, Ohio, *Beacon Journal* and the *Medina County Gazette* ran articles in December on Rob Pack, noting his choice not to play Friday night games on his high school basketball team.

"He practices hard. He studies the films and listens to his coaches intently, trying to improve his game," wrote Ralph Paulk in the *Beacon Journal*. "Pack wants nothing more than to play every minute of every game for the Grizzlies. But for his own reasons, he can't and won't."

The article quoted Rob: "It's something that's really important to me. Some people are under the impression that it's my parents' religion. But it's just as much my religion as it is theirs."

MOUNT VERNON, Ill.—Jeremy Hatchett was featured in the *Southern Illinoisan* Jan. 13. The article focused on his choice not

to play high school basketball on the Sabbath.

The article quoted Jeremy's coach, Tony Holler, as saying: "Jeremy is a coach's dream. He is capable of playing Division I basketball."

Because of his outstanding performance on the court, Thompsonville High School, where Jeremy attends, has not scheduled a Friday night game in the four years he has been on the team, the article reported.

The article called Jeremy the "best-kept basketball secret in the area," and his coach said he felt Jeremy would have been heavily recruited by colleges if Thompsonville was part of the South Seven Conference. The school, in a town of only 610 people, is not tied to any conference.

Jeremy, an honor student, attends the Mount Vernon church.

MESQUITE, Tex.—The Nov. 25 *Mesquite News* ran an article on Jeffrey Berger, a member who attends the Dallas East church. Mr. Berger teaches physical education to elementary school students, and the newspaper featured him when he received a patent for a piece of equipment called Mr. Headshot. Mr. Headshot is part of a game he invented, called Velocity.

The article reported that Mr. Berger invented the game because physical education instructors in large school districts "are faced with the problem of giving everyone a chance to play for the full

45 minutes of the period."

If Mr. Berger's class of 95 students played basketball, only about 10 would play while the others watched. So he invented a game in which everyone could be involved.

Mr. Headshot is basically a round, flat disk made of wood and



JEFFREY BERGER

mounted on wheels. Velocity participants throw red rubber balls at it, trying to push it across lines on a court.

Mr. Berger added eyes, a nose, hair and hands to the disk to make the game more interesting for the children. He said he would continue to invent games as long as he is teaching children.

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## U.S. Donation Receipts

PASADENA—April 15 is the deadline for filing U.S. tax returns. Annual receipts for 1990 contributions were sent to members in January. Some members may need duplicate receipts to complete tax returns.

Any U.S. brethren who need a second annual receipt should call the Mail Processing Center's donation file personnel by using the toll-free number (1-800-423-4444). Since this information is confidential it cannot be provided over the telephone, but MPC will mail a duplicate copy.

Please allow at least 10 days for the replacement receipt to reach you.

# A MAJOR MOVE

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
By Shirley King Johnson

Moving day came in the middle of the school year, in the middle of the month, in the middle of a driving rain.

"Come on, Major, hop in," Father urged, and the beagle leaped into the back of their station wagon. He shook rain from his coat and settled down on a blanket between Jim and Susie.

The car swung away from the curb, and Jim and Susie turned to watch the house disappear from sight. "What about my bed?" Susie wailed, blinking back tears.

"The movers will pack all the furniture in the morning, dearest," Mother explained in a comforting tone.

"And Major's doghouse, too?" Jim asked.

"Of course, darlings. Come on, cheer up. It's hard to leave school and friends and our church family here, but we'll make all new friends and family. It'll be wonderful to live in the country across the road from your grandparents."

"But we'll have to ride a school bus to school," Susie protested. She tried to be brave, but Major saw her tears brim over and trickle down each cheek. He licked them away, and Susie's arms circled his neck.

The move had come up suddenly when the farm across the road from Grandfather's was put up for sale. The Stressners wanted to move back to the city. So Jim's father seized the opportunity to buy country acreage.

ToBedYouGo, their black cat, crouched in his pet carrier, stoically enduring his imprisonment. "Nice kitty," Jim told him, trying to offer encouragement.

Blowing her nose on a hankie, Susie watched the wipers sweep rain off the

front windshield. "Do you mind it that we're moving away, Daddy?" she asked.

"Yes, I mind some things about it. But change can help us grow. And I know we'll all pull together as a family and make it work."

"Well said," agreed Mother.

Susie leaned down and hugged Major. "Oh, I hope you like moving, dear little doggie, even if I don't."

Major liked it. His best dreams had come true. Fields of clover, a timber of tall oaks and willows, a creek that ran swift and clear. There were rabbits and squirrels to startle and chase and

by Jim and the two new friends, Major trotted down the gravel road to Grandfather's place. The kitchen windows glowed with light. Pausing at the back door, he raised a paw and tapped on the screen door. Rat-a-tat-tat.

"Ho! Who's knocking at my door," Grandfather asked as he swung the door wide. "Come in, Major. How's the world treating you?"

The kitchen was full of smells of baked chicken and dressing. "I saved cooked chicken skin and gizzard back for him," said Grandmother, placing a saucer on the table.



Artwork by Ken Tunell

there was an empty barn to investigate.

As the days passed, Father noticed that Jim and Susie seemed to be happier. Jim mentioned names of new friends. They were Bert and Clinton, brothers who lived in town and liked to play basketball. Jim's father put up a basketball hoop and net so Bert and Clinton could ride out on the school bus with Jim and shoot baskets. They had supper later with the family, and Father drove them home.

One evening, tired of being ignored

Grandfather offered the scraps to Major. "I wish you'd come down more often," he told Major when the saucer was empty. "Rabbits are nibbling the peas to nubbins. You could teach them some manners."

"Woof!" Major said. He leaned against Grandfather's knee and stood in happy ecstasy as the old gentleman rubbed his ears, neck and back. He moved at last to the door and opened it. "It's grand having you live just up the hill. Run along home, and I'll see you tomorrow."

Giving Grandfather's hand a long lick, Major went out into the twilight. If he had gone straight up the hill he would not have gotten into trouble. But the scents of nearby sheep and cattle made his nose twitch. Finding a low place between two posts, he squeezed into the fenced-in pasture. Looking around for sheep, he paused. Another smell struck his nose. It was horrible—SKUNK! There in the fading light a surprised skunk stiffened, then turned to defend itself.

Leaping back, Major managed to avoid most of the spray. "Yipe!" Scrambling back between the posts, he plunged out of the pasture into the weedy ditch, climbed the embankment and whizzed up the road for home.

Slinking breathlessly into his doghouse, he tried to lick away the awful smell that stained a hind foot.

Jim, Bert and Clinton came out of the house, turned on the yard light and grabbed the basketball. "Whew!" Jim said. The boys gathered around the doghouse. "Come on out, Major," Jim ordered. "I do believe you've tussled with Mrs. Skunk down in Grandfather's pasture."

Jim went to get his father, and soon Major was scrubbed clean with strong soap and rinsed in tomato juice.

"There you are, fella," Father said with a chuckle. "You'll feel better tomorrow."

Susie and Mother had come out to see how Major fared. "I can still smell it a little," Susie said with a shake of her head. "Today's been awful. For him and for me, too. I left my homework on the school bus."

"Things will be better tomorrow," Mother said.

"Sure they will," Father agreed. "No matter how tough the day might be, there is always tomorrow."

"Woof!" said Major, and now he could smile.

# After decades, members reunite with families in Czechoslovakia

By Stanley Krumal,  
Michael Hanisko and  
Alex and Eva Peck

PASADENA—The 1990 Feast in Brno, Czechoslovakia, was special for several members who were separated from family for many years by the Iron Curtain.

### Stanley Krumal

I returned to Czechoslovakia with my Canadian wife, Celina-Yvette, after leaving in 1968 because of the Russian invasion.

I left behind not only my country but a wife (my marriage was at a breaking point), and a 3-year-old daughter.

On arrival in Brno, Oct. 3, we had a surprise welcome—family members awaited us at the hotel—

my sisters, Vera and Hana, my brother, Kvetoslav, and my daughter, Jarmila, with her husband and children, Jacob and Petruska.

*Stanley Krumal attends the English-speaking Montreal, Que., church; Michael Hanisko pastors the St. Paul, Minn., church; and Alex and Eva Peck work in the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena.*

Everyone was happy to see one another after years of separation.

We spent two weeks with my family. During this time we stayed with my younger sister, Hana.

Words cannot express the joy of being together again—especially

with my daughter, now 25.

We visited places that brought back memories of my youth. Cities and countryside, full of life, beautiful vegetation and cleaner air 22 years ago, are now mostly neglected and polluted. The people, having given up hope during many years of oppression, lost some of their zeal—yet they exhibited good morale.

### Michael Hanisko

Sept. 30, about 6 p.m., my wife, Zeldi, our three children, Jannah, Heidi and Dan, and I arrived for the first time in the Slovakian village of Zavada, about 120 miles west of the Soviet border.

We had driven eight hours from Vienna to find the village where my grandparents lived before coming to the United States in 1906.

As we entered Zavada, the sun was setting. It felt as though we had traveled 100 years back in time as we drove through the village on the only paved road, which ended abruptly after a few hundred yards.

As I turned to drive back through the village, people came out of their homes curious about who we were.

No one in the village of 45 people spoke English, so I kept repeating the name of my relative, Jan Repasky, whom we were seeking. Jan arrived with his son-in-law, Dusan Zvanziger, and by gesturing communicated that we would spend the night at Dusan's home.

Although there was no longer anyone in the village with the name Hanisko, it was a thrill to see where my grandparents had lived and to realize that these were Hanisko relatives.

Jan Repasky's mother was a Hanisko, and during our three-day stay, we saw Hanisko grave markers and were shown a wooden beam in Dusan's house with the name Stefan Hanisko carved into it next to the year 1908.

Jan, Dusan, his wife, Alzbeta, and their three daughters, Martina, Dusan and Veronika, made us feel right at home.

They showed us family pictures and were excited that we had come all the way from the United States to visit them. Although I speak little Slovak and they spoke no English, we communicated by gesturing, writing and pointing.

Jan, Dusan and I visited the town of Levoca to see a family friend who spoke English. She translated for us, and we set up an agenda for the next two days.

It was a joy to communicate our excitement about meeting each other. Dusan and Jan had many questions about our life in the United States: what kind of work do I do, how many cars do I own, how much money do I earn in a year, how big is my home, would I be able to return and visit some more after my convention in Brno, what did I think of Czechoslovakia?

Dusan took a two-day break from work to show us the area. We toured Zavada and neighboring towns and villages. Dusan introduced us to another family friend, Martin Valko, a 16-year-old high school student.

Martin spoke good English and received permission from his father to stay out of school for two days to serve as our translator.

Martin's class was assigned to brigade duty that week, which involved picking potatoes by hand, so he was happy to spend the time with us.

He also gave us an English-Slovak dictionary to carry on conversations in the evening.

I have many memories of our visit to Zavada, such as the moun-



RETURNED CZECH—Eva Peck (left), who visited Czechoslovakia after the Feast, said some of her relatives didn't realize the United States has some problems similar to those in their country. [Photo by Alex Peck]

tain countryside, the village that first looked so old and poor but now seems so rich because of the love and hospitality poured out upon us by my relatives, and some striking physical features we saw in Jan Repasky and his family that assured us that we were among family.

We said good-bye with many hugs, kisses and tears, knowing we might not see one another again and promised to maintain contact.

I took many slides and tape-recorded several messages in Slovak from our Czechoslovakian family to the Hanisko family in Ohio. At our annual family reunion this summer I will play the taped messages and show slides of life in Zavada.

### Eva Peck

My husband, Alex, and I returned to Czechoslovakia after almost 25 years. My parents left the country in 1965, when I was a teen.

Oct. 12, we traveled by bus from Brno to Prague to catch a train to visit my cousin, Vladena, who lived near the small village of Horni Borek, 60 miles to the south.

Although I hadn't seen Vladena since my childhood, we maintained contact by mail for the past 10 years.

We spent four days with Vladena, her husband, Jirka, and their daughters, Dasa and Petra. Staying with them gave us insights into their life, the challenges and obstacles they face. In turn, they asked us how we live, what our work entails and what our Church believes.

On Sabbath morning we took a walk with Petra, who strives to live based on what she understands from the Bible.

She asked us questions about how to apply God's law in her life. (Last summer she was introduced to the German *Plain Truth* while visiting relatives in Vienna.)

Franta Stejskal, my second cousin, drove up from Tabor to take us to his home for four days. He and his wife, Jarka, took vacation time to be our hosts and drive us around the farmland and wooded countryside of south Bohemia—a region abundant in monuments, castles and works of art.

We also spent time in the historical town of Tabor, founded in 1420 by the Hussites, a movement that followed the Bohemian religious reformer, Jan Hus.

They asked many questions about life in the United States, and did not realize that many of the problems they see in their country also exist in the West.

Franta, Jarka and their two teenage daughters, Romana and Martina, live in a small, two-bedroom apartment. Their weekends are spent at Jarka's mother's house in the village of Borotin, where they grow fruit and vegetables for the winter.

We visited other relatives including Franta's sister, and her family, their mother and one of my father's uncles, who remembered my father working for him as a boy during school holidays.

Our last stop was with my aunt in Prague. She showed us places of interest in the capital, including Wenceslas Square (where much of

the activity that led to the "velvet revolution" took place).

Since my aunt lives close to where I used to live, we visited several people who remembered me, including a classmate and an 87-year-old former neighbor.

Visiting my country of birth after 25 years was special. Though time and distance had separated my relatives and me, there was a bond and feeling of closeness.

Even with a language barrier between some of my family and Alex (though he could talk with some in German), he was quickly accepted as part of the family.

The Czech people do not have the material abundance enjoyed in the West, but they shared with us what they had. Consumer goods are not as readily available, but most of one's needs can be met.

The people think in economic rather than political terms when comparing East with West. In the cities, many live in small apartments, rented from the state.

The country is in a transition, looking to the West to know how to implement democracy and to perhaps again rise to a prominence it enjoyed before the First World War.

There is, however, uncertainty and concern about the future and a discouraging realization that changes will take more time than at first thought.

Jirka, who is well read in history, commented: "What this country needs right now is not democracy. It needs a strong leader to give it direction and to teach the people how to work."

# Calendar dictates when he dribbles and dunks

### By David Lanier

ATLANTA, Ga.—Georgia State's Chris Collier hangs a calendar on his bedroom wall that indicates the precise moment the sun sets on Fridays and Saturdays. It removes any guesswork involved.

*This article, excerpted by permission, appeared in the Arkansas Gazette and The Sporting News 1990-91 College Basketball Yearbook. Chris Collier, 21, attends the Atlanta, Ga., East church.*

Sunsets ... take on special significance for Worldwide Church of God members such as Collier, who refrain from normal earthly activities between sundowns Friday and Saturday.

The Worldwide Church of God ... holds services on Saturday. For its members, that means no work on their day of worship.

For Collier, that also means no basketball. Georgia State, to keep Collier available, won't play on Friday nights or before sundown on Saturdays.

"I simply don't play on the Sabbath," said Collier, who missed two games last year because of his religious convictions. "It is not something I believe I have to do, but something I want to do. It is completely my own choice."

A Bible replaces a basketball in Collier's hands between sunsets Friday and Saturday.

"I mostly read the Bible and think about church and doing what is right," Collier said, explaining his general Sabbath game plan. "I study and pray and prepare for the next week. I don't see it as missing basketball, but as a time I use to make me a better person."

The rest of the week, however, Collier is the guiding light and key force on the court for Georgia State, not to mention one of the better players in the Trans America Athletic Conference.

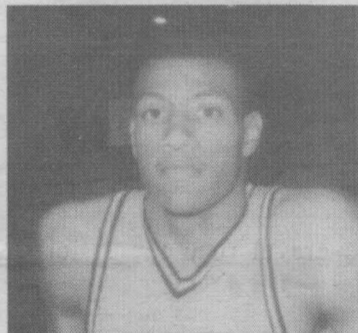
The 6-foot-6, 220-pound forward earned all-conference honors last season after averaging 17.2 points per game and leading the league in rebounding with a 9.9 average.

Collier ... as a Georgia State freshman shot 57 percent from the field in his first season of NCAA [National Collegiate Athletic Association] Division I competition after transferring from North Greenville (S.C.) College.

But Collier, who lives at home in Atlanta with his parents, might never have played basketball if his father hadn't encouraged him to

participate on his church team as a boy. Now he encourages his teammates to be better on the court as well as respectful of different beliefs.

"Chris always acts the same," guard Matt O'Brien said. "He had



CHRIS COLLIER

to miss a few games last season, and we wished he was there. We understand his rights and respect his choice."

But Georgia State, a university with 23,500 students in downtown Atlanta, has struggled with or without Collier in the lineup. The Panthers, who went 5-23 last year, boast one winning season in 27 years of basketball. Collier and prayers are the main positives Georgia State Coach Bob Reinhart possesses, and he sees no reason to bite either helping hand.

"When we signed him, we promised his mother and father we would do our best to respect his commitment," Reinhart said. "I think it's a fine attribute, standing strong on something you believe in. We have no problem with Chris."

Collier is flattered that the school has gone through the trouble to shuffle games so he could play. But even as a star at Brown High School in Atlanta, games conflicted with his beliefs. He missed nine games and a few minutes of a playoff contest as a prepper, but he never considered slam dunking his religious beliefs for basketball.

"I didn't expect to play high school basketball, but I did, and the school accepted my beliefs," Collier said. "I didn't think I'd play in college, but the school's worked around it."

Now, what if the National Basketball Association calls? Games are typically not scheduled around personal schedules.

"I don't expect to play, but if I do, whoever I play with will just have to understand," Collier said. "If they don't, then I just won't play. I will choose my religious convictions over anything, over anything at all."

## PERSONAL

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we can't help but face the fact that we are still sinners.

Even though we have repented, been baptized, received the Holy Spirit and worked on overcoming our sins, perhaps for years, we are *still* sinners. As we look into the spiritual mirror, and see ourselves for what we really are, it is no wonder we sometimes become discouraged.

Yet, what does God tell us? He tells us that *he* is the one who accounts us as righteous (Romans 4:6-8).

True righteousness does not come as a result of what *we* do. It comes from God himself. Jesus Christ is both the author and finisher of our salvation.

Does this mean we are to do nothing, as some people have taught? Absolutely not!

The idea that we could accept the love of God, his deliverance from the bondage of sin, his mercy and the inheritance he has "reserved in heaven" for us, and just go our merry way, living whatever way we choose, is utter nonsense (Romans 6:1-4).

The Holy Spirit in us transforms our lives from top to bottom. Where we were slaves to sin, we become slaves of God.

We have a new obligation—the obligation to obey God, to come out of the ways of sin, to serve our new Master and leave our old master, sin, behind (Romans 8:12-14).

Nevertheless, though we must make our calling the highest priority in our lives, we are still not righteous of ourselves. It is precisely our recognition of our sins, made all the clearer by the Holy Spirit in us, that drives us to our knees in repentance, and motivates us to strive all the harder to serve and obey God (Romans 6:12-14).

We need to see that obedience is the right response to God's calling and salvation, brethren. It is not a vehicle by which we earn God's grace. If it were, God would owe us salvation if we were to obey perfectly.

Yet, God owes no one anything. Whatever we have comes

as a result of God's grace, of his free gift to us. We cannot, by anything we do, cause God to have a debt that he owes us.

### Grace and mercy

Therefore, our sinfulness should not cause us to be overly discouraged, as though we have no hope for salvation. Rather, it should cause us to "approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16, New International Version throughout).

Yes, as sinners we have need. We have need to be forgiven, and need to change. That need is exactly what God wants to fill, if we will only

indeed approaching.

We may hear statements along this line: "Satan is really doing his dirty work. You can sure tell Passover is coming!" For some, it seems that the weeks preceding Passover become a negative, fearful period.

But, brethren, is Passover really to be a negative time? Isn't it, in reality, the most meaningful and hope-inspiring time of the entire year?

Surely nothing can be so valuable to us than God's profound act of love toward us, the sacrifice of his Son, which so radically transforms our lives and through which he grants us his Holy Spirit.

It is indeed a sober time. But

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come to him for help.

Notice Philippians 1:3-6: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Never let your sins stay between you and God, brethren. That is the wonderful hope of which we are so deeply reminded at this time of year.

God gave his own Son as payment for our sins so that we can indeed be forgiven, and so that we can have the Holy Spirit that leads us (Romans 8:14).

As Jesus was raised from the dead, so we are raised from the waters of baptism to newness of life (Romans 6:1-4).

### Passover is hope-inspiring

You know, it is strange that at this time of year we tend to dwell on the idea of pre-Passover trials. It is almost as though we look for negative things to happen to somehow reinforce the idea that the Passover season is

it should not be a negative time, because through what it commemorates comes all our help and strength to successfully endure every trial that can possibly come our way.

Some go to painstaking, even extreme, lengths to remove leaven from their homes for the Days of Unleavened Bread. How much effort you put into deleavening is up to you, but it is important that we understand that putting leaven out is only symbolic.

The family that disposes of leavened products and sweeps or vacuums the home is not less or more righteous than the one that undertakes a complete "deep" spring cleaning of the home.

We should not, in any case, put so much emphasis on physical deleavening that we miss the important point that it is God who spiritually deleavens us. As children of God, we must strive to overcome sin, so the symbolism of deleavening is meaningful. But let's realize that it is not the symbolism that is most important—it is the reality of faith and obedience in our Christian lives.

God has given us a living hope and deep assurance that, through Jesus Christ, we will one day inherit eternal life in peace and joy despite whatever trial or suffering we may face in this life (I Peter 1:3-9). We are totally dependent upon God. Our future, everything about us, is in his hands.

We could never, in a thousand lifetimes of commandment keeping, begin to earn what God has given us in his love.

As recipients of his magnificent grace, let us follow the admonition of the apostle Paul: "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing

undeserved on our parts, is permanent and eternally secure (I Peter 1:3-5).

Our indebtedness to God for his indescribable grace should motivate us to strive to show ourselves eternally grateful, to devote ourselves to pleasing him, to following him, to living by every word he speaks.

We have been redeemed by Christ's own blood from our own former ways and attitudes of certain death. How grateful we can be for all God has given us. Let's not allow our imperfection to discourage us, brethren. Rather, let it motivate us.

Please continue to pray for the financial needs of the Work in this period of economic recession. The streamlining of expenses that we have undertaken over the last two years is now proving to have been timely.

However, we will not be able to sustain a prolonged negative trend without additional major cuts. Right now, income for the year is still holding steady at about 7 percent under last year. Our budget for 1991 had projected a 1 percent increase.

The Work is indeed being done, and I certainly do not wish to "harp" on our needs, brethren, but it is my responsibility to let you know that they exist.

Let's each do what we can, and pray for God to supply what is required to do the job as it pleases him.

Thank you for your unceasing labor of love in serving God. I have deeply appreciated your letters and notes of support and encouragement.

regional office will need to proceed with caution as it matches resources with the job in hand.

The Cape Town Office needs both training and cross-training of personnel over the next few years.

A professional survey indicated that 70 percent of South Africans are unaware of *The Plain Truth*, but this can be influenced by suitable media coverage.

The financial picture is somewhat negative, but the regional office looks to God to provide suitable funds to counter inflation, unemployment and strains placed on members as the country undergoes change.

## Africa

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er, covered plans for the Feast of Tabernacles and overall financial expectations for the coming years.

Koos Vos, from Computer Information Services, reviewed the office's computer hardware and software capabilities and looked at how it can develop in the next few years.

After Mr. Klynsmith discussed the Summer Educational Program and office management, Mr. van Belkum summed up the two days of meetings.

In a new South Africa the

# Worldwide Membership List

PASADENA—Following is a list of Church membership around the world by country or territory as of March 3.

Algeria	1	Chile	197	Indonesia	5	Norway	43	Taiwan	1
American Samoa	1	Ciskei	4	Irish Republic	128	Oman	2	Tanzania	10
Antigua & Barbuda	16	Colombia	198	Israel	10	Pakistan	3	Thailand	9
Argentina	166	Costa Rica	63	Italy	133	Panama	10	Togo	15
Australia	4,039	Denmark	35	Jamaica	328	Papua New Guinea	17	Tonga	15
Austria	61	Dominica	34	Japan	12	Paraguay	3	Transkei	25
Bahamas	134	Dominican Republic	3	Kenya	85	Peru	179	Trinidad & Tobago	394
Barbados	284	Ecuador	10	Kiribati	2	Philippines	2,936	Turkey	1
Belgium	174	Egypt	4	Lesotho	10	Poland	2	Tuvalu	1
Belize	6	El Salvador	84	Liberia	1	Portugal	21	Uganda	15
Benin	17	Estonia	1	Luxembourg	4	Puerto Rico	103	United Kingdom	2,859
Bermuda	93	Fiji	56	Madagascar	6	Rwanda	5	United States	68,501
Bolivia	23	Finland	14	Malawi	55	St. Kitts	5	U.S. Virgin Islands	14
Bophuthatswana	11	France	567	Malaysia	137	St. Lucia	54	Uruguay	44
Botswana	24	Germany	588	Malta	27	St. Vincent	17	Vanuatu	16
Brazil	18	Ghana	191	Martinique	174	Saudi Arabia	2	Venda	3
British Virgin Islands	1	Gibraltar	1	Mauritius	59	Seychelles	2	Venezuela	53
Burkina Faso	5	Greece	8	Mexico	612	Singapore	54	Western Samoa	2
Burundi	2	Grenada	45	Monaco	1	Solomon Islands	23	Yugoslavia	5
Cameroon	90	Guadeloupe	111	Morocco	2	South Africa	1,557	Zaire	67
Canada	8,443	Guatemala	129	Myanmar	54	South Korea	1	Zambia	81
Cayman Islands	1	Guyana	103	Namibia	5	Spain	46	Zimbabwe	265
		Haiti	45	Nepal	1	Sri Lanka	55	<b>Total</b>	<b>97,236</b>
		Honduras	28	Netherlands	285	Suriname	5		
		Hong Kong	8	New Caledonia	1	Swaziland	20		
		Hungary	1	New Zealand	698	Sweden	29		
		India	127	Nigeria	366	Switzerland	179		



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

**BIG SANDY**—The Spanish Office announced that Punta del Este, Uruguay, will be a Feast of Tabernacles site in 1991.

Punta del Este, a resort on the Atlantic Coast, has been called the Riviera of Latin America. English translations will be provided for transfers who do not speak Spanish.

U.S. transfers to Punta del Este are available only through the following method. European and Australian transfers must make their own arrangements.

Transfers will leave from U.S. airports Thursday, Sept. 19, for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. There they will board a flight to Montevideo, Uruguay, arriving that evening.

Sabbath services in Montevideo will be conducted in Spanish, and English translations will be provided. On Sunday the group will take a two-hour bus trip from Montevideo to Punta del Este. After the Feast the group will return to Rio Tuesday, Oct. 1, to meet connecting flights to the United States.

The package price includes round-trip airfare to Montevideo, transfer to and from Punta del Este, housing and tours in Montevideo and housing at Punta del Este in condominium-type apartments with kitchenettes.

The housing in Punta del Este is just outside the city at a lookout point. Bus service will be available to the meeting hall.

Package prices for each person, based upon double occupancy, are US\$1,199 from Miami; US\$1,344 from New York; and US\$1,379 from Los Angeles.

Those wishing to transfer should submit an international Festival application to their pastor. Upon acceptance, a nonrefundable \$25 processing fee will be required, and further information will be sent.

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**BIG SANDY**—The Spanish Office announced that because of the arduous economic environment in Argentina, a Festival site has not yet been determined.

Because site confirmation is not expected until August, and because of the difficulty it would pose to make travel arrangements at such short notice, Argentina will not be opened to transfers. Translation of the services from Spanish to English will not be available in Argentina this year.

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**JACKSON, Tenn.**—The Jackson singles would like to invite all interested single Church members to be part of "The Biggest Barn Dance This Side of Texas."

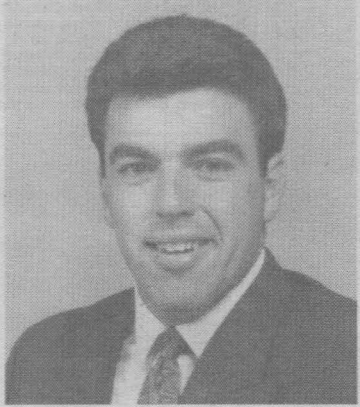
Activities, April 13 and 14, will include a barn dance featuring the Ambassador College dance band (with Randy Duke, Marty Yale and Byron Griffin), a Bible study, two meals, a hayride, mechanical bull rides and fellowship. The cost

is \$16 for each person.

For further information, write to **Johnny D. Chandler**, 2714 N. Highland Ave., Jackson, Tenn., 38305, or telephone him at 1-901-664-9726. Please contact Mr. Chandler by April 1.

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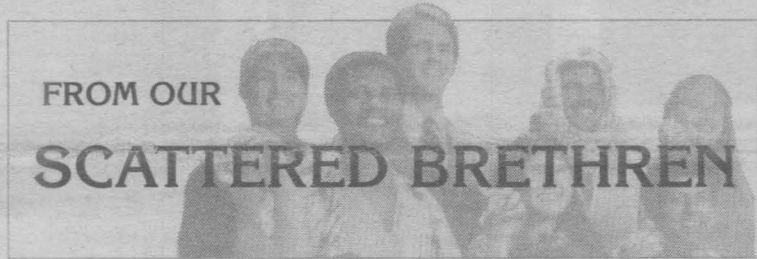
**BIG SANDY**—**Jamie Chandler**, 25, a 1989 Ambassador College graduate, collapsed and died Jan. 6 during a basketball game in one of the college gymnasiums. Although



**JAMIE CHANDLER**

cardiopulmonary resuscitation was administered, he did not regain consciousness.

Mr. Chandler is survived by his parents, **John** and **Shelby**



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

**PASADENA**—Brethren in Zaire are suffering from rising inflation, reported Bernard Andrist after a two-week trip to Zaire and Cameroon.

Mr. Andrist, who serves members in Switzerland and Cameroon, was accompanied by Tony Gallagher, pastor of the Lyon, France, church.

"Since the Feast of Tabernacles the price of rice and other basic commodities has skyrocketed, whereas salaries have not budged," Mr. Andrist observed.

This is caused by political uneasiness as the nation moves toward democracy.

During their trip, Mr. Andrist and Mr. Gallagher established a new congregation in Lubumbashi, and baptized seven people.

In Yaounde, Cameroon, 140 members inaugurated their new meeting hall Feb. 16.

After services, they were updated on new laws promoting more freedom for public gatherings,

**Chandler; and four younger brothers, Jeff, Johnny, Jeremy and Jason.**

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**ADA, Okla.**—The Ambassador College basketball team conducted a two-day road trip here Feb. 3 and 4 that included a game against East Central University and a five-hour basketball clinic for Church youths.

East Central defeated Ambassador 77-67, Feb. 4.

Thirty-eight youths participated in the clinic Feb. 3 led by Ambassador coach **Michael Carter.**

**Mickey Thompson**, publisher of the *Ada Evening News*, wrote the following letter to Mr. Carter:

"In more than 20 years as a former sportswriter and ECU sports information director, I've seen lots of basketball and many, many teams come through Ada, Oklahoma. But last night, for the second time this year, I've seen one of the classiest groups of young men ever to don short pants.

"Your Ambassador College team, while perhaps lacking the physical talent to compete with teams such as East Central, displays the kind of teamwork and tenacity that makes basketball such a great game. I hope you, your administration, your student body and your community all appreciate your outstanding group of young men. Most of all, I hope your players understand what a pleasure it is to watch them.

"I have not bothered to ask my sports department about your won-loss record. While I'm sure that statistic is important to you and your players, it is very insignificant



**BOOKLET REBATE**—Bernard Schnippert, Media Operations director, receives a check for \$8,000 Feb. 19 from Les Spencer, chairman of Delta Lithograph, the company that prints the Church's black and white booklets. Each year the Church receives a rebate based on the amount of business done with Delta. Also pictured are, from left: Joan Roche, Delta account manager; Ken Hoffmann, Delta president; Barry Gridley, Publishing Services manager; Ken Mitchell, a print buyer for Publishing; and Jim West, Publishing's print-buying manager. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

when balanced against the type of tenacious, never-say-die character your team displayed in both appearances at Kerr Center. Your guys—and you as well—are winners in my book. Keep your heads high and be proud of what you are doing at AC."

In the clinic Feb. 3 Mr. Carter led the youths through drills to improve their ball handling.

He also presented a lecture on a basketball code of conduct stressing that it is "administered by yourself. It has to be some-

thing you believe in."

Mr. Carter said that playing Youth Opportunities United basketball is an opportunity, and that along with opportunity comes responsibility. His main focus was the responsibility of the individual for his own conduct during the game as well as his responsibility to the team.

**Don Hooser**, pastor of the Ada and Lawton churches, said: "The clinic is a great opportunity for us. It never occurred that something like this could or would happen."

visit to Latin America.

The Walkers visited Pablo and Aurea Gonzalez, who serve members in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and then traveled to Costa Rica.

They also went to Mexico, stopping in the cities of Villahermosa and Jalpa de Mendez. They spent time with pastor Alfredo Mercado and his wife, Maria.

In Mexico City they met with Larry Roybal, manager of the sub-office, to finalize the 1991 budget. Continuing on to Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua, the Walkers visited pastor Pablo Dimakis and his wife, Teresa.

They met with Francisco Hui and his wife, Graciela, in Torreon, and Felipe Neri and his wife, Paula, in Monterrey, then returned to Big Sandy, Dec. 28.

### Spanish-language Feast

Economic conditions in Latin American countries make planning for the 1991 Feast of Tabernacles somewhat difficult, Mr. Walker reported.

"Because of the high rates of inflation that prevail in many of the countries with potential Feast sites, many hotels and restaurants are leery of making contracts and commitments very far in advance," he said.

(Peru topped the list with 8,277 percent inflation in 1990; Brazil, 2,359 percent; Argentina, 1,832 percent; Uruguay, 129 percent; Guatemala, 56 percent; Ecuador, 48 percent; Venezuela, 34 percent; Colombia and Mexico, 31 percent; Chile, 30 percent; El Salvador, 24 percent; Costa Rica, 22 percent; Honduras, 19 percent; and Bolivia, 17 percent.)

Since the Feast usually falls in the off-season in most areas, however, ministers booking meeting halls and hotel rooms have some negotiating leverage.

Translations are usually provided by U.S. members transferring to Spanish-speaking sites.

"After we know where our translators would like to transfer, we have a better idea of which sites will be able to accommodate non-Spanish-speaking transfers," said Mr. Walker.

The Spanish Department hopes soon to announce confirmed sites and sites with translations available.

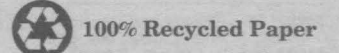
### Quality of life

The British Office submitted a survey conducted by *The Guardian*, a British daily, which analyzed the quality of life in the world's 100 most populous cities.

The survey took into account such factors such as housing, education, public safety and noise levels.

The worst city is Lagos, Nigeria, with an average of nearly six people to a room, one telephone for every 100 people and 50 percent of homes with no running water or electricity.

About 120 members live in Lagos.



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WMUR Manchester, N.H.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Feb. 17, 1991 to Feb. 9, 1992
KPTV Portland, Ore.	Sunday, 9 a.m.	Feb. 24, 1991 to Feb. 23, 1992