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Church Administration releases summer ministerial transfers

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ministerial transfers and changes.

Randal Dick, who served as pastor of the Big Sandy A.M. church, was transferred to Pasadena to serve as assistant director of Church Administration International.

Pastors

Alton Billingsley to Stockton, Calif.; Mike Blackwell, Columbus, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.; William Bradford, San Francisco and Oakland, Calif.; Keith Brittain, Wilmington and New Bern, N.C.; John Comino, Washington, D.C., South; Rod Dean, Australia; Stanley DeVeaux, Nassau, N.Y.; Ronald Dick, Lexington and Mount Sterling, Ky.

David Dobson, Bakersfield and Mojave, Calif.; Richard Dunlap, Ada and Lawton, Okla.; Briscoe Ellett II, Midland and Cadillac, Mich.; Oswald Engelbart, Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Ark.; David Fiedler, Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis.; Richard Frankel, Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest.

Steve Glover, Montgomery, Ala.; Garvin Greene, Knoxville, Tenn., A.M. and P.M.; Vernon Hargrove, Michigan City and Plymouth, Ind.; David Havir, Big Sandy A.M.; Willard High, Washington, D.C., North; Don Hooser, Dallas, Tex.,

South; Jim Jenkins, Meridian, Miss.; Mitchell Knapp, Eau Claire and Lacrosse, Wis.

Eugene Kubik, Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D.; Paul Kurts, Gadsden, Ala.; John Larkin, Australia; Joel Lillengreen, Portland East and Hood River, Ore.; Ray Meyer, Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis.; Mark Mickelson, Lubbock, Tex., and Roswell, N.M.; John Moskel, Buffalo, N.Y., North; David Myers, Houston, Tex., South.

Larry Neff, Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa.; Eugene Noel, Toledo and Findlay, Ohio; Dan Orban, Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C.; David Orban, Longview and Lufkin, Tex.; Brian Orchard, Pasadena West A.M.; Steve Pelfrey, Dillon and Sumter, S.C.; Robert Peoples, Houston West and Victoria, Tex.; Gary Petty, Janesville, Wis., and Rockford, Ill.

Richard Rand, Midland, Tex., and Hobbs, N.M.; Camilo Reyes, Modesto, Calif.; Phil Rice, Dayton, Ohio, A.M.; John Ritenbaugh, Charlotte, N.C.; Dale Schurter, Dayton P.M.; Steve Sheppherd; Elkhart, Ind.; Bob Smith, Austin, Tex.; Steve Smith, Columbus, Ga.; Randall Stiver, Roseburg and Coos Bay, Ore.

Mike Swagerty, Sacramento, Calif., A.M. and P.M.; Wesley Webster, Guyana; Greg Williams,

Fayetteville, N.C.; Chuck Zimmerman, Phoenix, Ariz., West.

Associate pastors

Val Burgett, Washington, D.C., South; Walter Dickinson, Everett, Wash.; Maceo Hampton, Long Beach, Calif., East and West; Bob League, Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest; Norm Myers, Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis.; Gerald Schnarrenberger, Belleville, Alton and Mount Vernon, Ill.; Richard Weber, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Ministerial trainees

Todd Carey, Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich.; Richard Crow, Dayton, Ohio, P.M.; Charles Taylor, Miami, Fla., North and South.



MINISTERS CONFERENCE—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach chats with Jim and Marjorie Friddle at the first of six regional ministerial conferences March 5 in Pasadena. Speakers were Mr. Tkach; evangelist Joseph W. Tkach Jr., director of U.S. Church Administration; Victor Kubik, assistant director of U.S. Church Administration; and evangelist K.J. Stavrinides. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Discuss Work in Australia and Asia

Ministers meet in Australia

By Aub Warren

BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—Ministers and their wives from around Australia and Asia gathered at Gold Coast, Qld., for a ministerial conference March 3 to 6.

Special guests at the conference were evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International, and his wife, Judy.

Regional director Rod Matthews expressed his appreciation to the Salyers for "traveling for 28 hours to participate in 21 hours of conference sessions."

"We know we're a long way away here in Australia and Asia," said Mr. Matthews. "That makes us appreciate your visit even more."

Mr. Salyer delivered an opening address covering developments in the Work including Ambassador College, the *Plain Truth* magazine

and the Church's increasing understanding of Scripture.

He discussed various approaches to media in various countries, illustrating how different approaches produce different levels of response. Later in the conference he presented a session on the importance of the minister's shepherding role in the congregation.

Mr. Matthews presented an update on the Work in Australia and Asia and a session on the final morning covering the need for teamwork and unity in the ministry, and how to more effectively deal with contemporary problems. As part of his presentation he showed a videotape on the topic (See **CONFERENCE**, page 3)

Zimbabwe court rules in favor of Church members

By Aldrin Mandimika

HARARE, Zimbabwe—The Secretary of Education ordered five daughters of Church members reinstated to high school after they were dismissed for attending the Feast of Tabernacles.

Aldrin Mandimika is the pastor of the Chegutu and Harare, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, churches.

Eunice Chimba, Veronica Chogah, Theresa Chogah, Catherine Matare and Beverly Mhaka of the Girls' High School, were informed by their headmistress that they would not be allowed back to school at the beginning of the next academic year in January, because they had attended the Feast.

Their parents had 10 days to appeal against the decision to the Secretary of Education. According

to the parents, hope of finding alternative places in other schools was slim. The only hope was in God's intervention on their behalf.

So, I asked our lawyers for advice.

According to the lawyers, the five girls were not "guilty of misconduct of a serious nature" in terms of the Education (Disciplinary Powers) Regulation, to warrant exclusion from school.

The constitution of Zimbabwe also deems that discrimination on the basis of religion is unlawful. On these grounds the parents of the girls chose to appeal the ruling.

A report was sent to Andre van Belkum, regional director, who passed on the report to the Legal Office in Pasadena.

After receiving instructions from the Legal Office the lawyers in Harare wrote an appeal to the Secretary of Education.

Feb. 6 we received a call from our lawyers here, informing us of the Secretary of Education's decision to overturn in our favor the exclusion order by the headmistress, and that the five girls were to be reinstated at the school.

When the news was announced in the Harare church the brethren rejoiced. They had prayed that God would grant us victory.

The girls learned about having faith in God during difficult circumstances, and their experience was a source of encouragement to others who may be confronted with such a trial in future.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

At this time of year we reflect on the transcendent meaning of the sacrifice of

Jesus Christ and its impact in our lives. Though we deserve nothing, our lives have been redeemed and transformed solely through God's immeasurable love.

When we made the decision to be baptized, recognizing the tremendous price God paid for our redemption from sin, we faced a new obligation.

We entered a new relationship with our Father in heaven, and with his Son, Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we were given a new birth, not another physical birth, but a birth from above. We became children of God, and as such, we took on an obligation to live according to the Spirit (Romans 8:12-17).

Consequently, brethren, we are no longer to live as debtors to the flesh, to live the way we did before conversion. We now live to please our heavenly Father.

This time of year serves as a profound reminder of our calling and obligations before Almighty God. Through Christ, God has revealed himself to us, making plain our sinfulness and weakness in contrast to his infinite righteousness and power.

The Passover wine and bread (See **PERSONAL**, page 3)

Tragedy strikes news editor's family

PASADENA—The *Worldwide News* staff is shocked and saddened to report that the children of Jeff and Wendy Zhorne were killed in a tragic automobile accident, which took place March 15 outside Cheltenham, England.

Jeff, *Worldwide News* news editor, and his family were in England on a vacation and business trip.

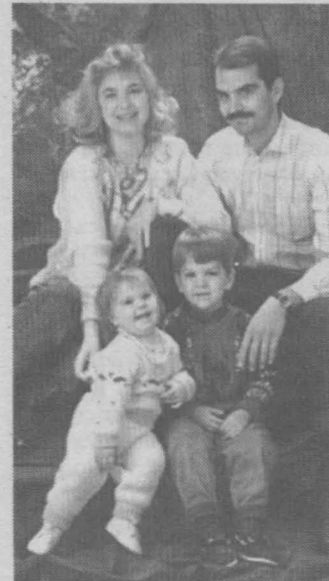
The Zhornes' daughter, Amelia Louise, 1 1/2, was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. Their son, Jeremy Winston, 4, died March 18.

Wendy suffered multiple fractures, damage to one lung and other internal injuries. She underwent 4 1/2 hours of surgery March 17, and her recovery is expected to be lengthy. Jeff was badly bruised and remains under observation at the hospital.

There is no word when the Zhornes will be able to return

to Pasadena.

Please join us in praying for Jeff and Wendy. Cards may be sent to the Zhornes in care of *The Worldwide News*.



THE JEFF ZHORNE FAMILY

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National power more than military strength

PASADENA—Operation Desert Storm, reported the March 11 *Newsweek*, was a textbook victory. It will be studied by military strategists along with the classic campaigns of history, from those of Alexander the Great to Hannibal to Napoleon.

In view of its one-sided outcome, "the rout of Iraq has few historical precedents," added *Newsweek*. "Iraqi casualties may reach 100,000 [some say 150,000 or possibly 200,000]—against some 150 killed in action for coalition forces."

The war's final 100-hour land blitzkrieg ended a crisis that gripped the world for seven months. Operation Desert Storm produced a stunning victory for Bush.

Nearly everything went right, every step of the way. But there were plenty of opportunities for things to go awry.

President Bush "could have dithered when the Iraqis first invaded," commented *Newsweek* writers Ann McDaniel and Evan Thomas. "He could have ... allowed Saddam to slip away through a messy compromise."

"But at each turn, George Bush remained steadfast. He did not let Congress get the better of him, or the Soviets.... At the most critical moments, he did not permit himself to meander or waffle or stumble."

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



President Bush has been careful not to gloat over the military outcome, however, he permitted himself one expression of exultation by exclaiming to a group of state officials that "we've licked the Vietnam syndrome once and for all."

Power and prestige

American officials would like to apply their nation's increased power and prestige to other nagging problems in the Middle East, most notably the Israeli-Palestinian predicament.

The Palestine Liberation Organization leadership, however, insists that peace can come only when the Palestinian flag flies over Jerusalem. For Israelis, this is a non-starter.

Israel and key Arab members of the anti-Iraq coalition hint at willingness to sit down and talk to each other on matters of mutual concern. There is even talk that Syria, another arch-foe of Israel and a member of the anti-Iraq

forces, may decide to officially recognize the Jewish state.

But this speculation is tempered by news that the Damascus government will take delivery of its own arsenal of Scud missiles, courtesy of communist North Korea.

A *Wall Street Journal* editorial counsels the Bush administration to proceed cautiously. Another writer for the *Wall Street Journal* reminded his audience of an observation made by commentator Irving Kristol: "Whom the gods would destroy they first tempt to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Domestic issues a tougher battle

On the home front, President Bush is cresting along on a 91 percent public approval rating. However, the question many are asking is whether he will be able to address domestic problems as successfully as he prosecuted the war in the Persian Gulf.

On domestic issues, Mr. Bush is more prone to pursue a path of

compromise rather than confrontation.

On the issue of crime, the President feels strongly. In an anti-crime conference conducted shortly after the war, the Chief Executive told delegates: "During the first three days of the ground offensive, more Americans were killed in some American cities than at the entire Kuwaiti front."

"Think of it—one of our brave National Guardsmen may have actually been safer in the midst of the largest armored offensive in history than he would have been on the streets of his own hometown."

Illustrating the point, a returning soldier from the gulf was slain before his wife's eyes in crime-infested Detroit.

Justice system failing

The nation's entire criminal-

justice system is on the verge of a breakdown. "Certainty and immediacy of punishment have become a joke," editorialized the March 8 *Wall Street Journal*, confirming the truth of Ecclesiastes 8:11: "Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (New King James).

The chance of going to jail for committing a felony in New York City is only one out of 100. This breakdown is giving rise to vigilantism or do-it-yourself forms of instant justice. Citizens burn down drug-dealers' houses in New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere.

There is more to a nation's power than its military prowess. Fiscal sound-mindedness, technological development, social and ethnic cohesion, a common conception of morality plus confidence in the justice system—all these factors are important.

Americans feel "on top of the (See POWER, page 3)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Global action necessary in environmental crisis

CAMBRIDGE, England—I attended a lecture Feb. 14 delivered by Gro Harlem Brundtland, prime minister of Norway, at the University of Cambridge.

Dr. Brundtland M.D., studied at the University of Oslo in Norway and at Harvard in the United States. Before becoming prime minister for the first time in 1981, she was minister of the environment.

Dr. Brundtland is chairman of the World Commission on Environment and Development. She has emerged as a leading statesman in Scandinavia—a tireless advocate of ecological causes.

This is a heritage and responsibility that the Scandinavian people take seriously. The Norwegian prime minister titled her lecture, "Our Responsibilities Towards Future Generations."

She spoke about the necessary changes in our ecological behavior. In her opinion, consistent action, even in times of crisis (such as the Gulf War), is absolutely necessary if we are to avert ultimate environmental disaster.

But the prime minister did not limit herself to the realm of politics. Something more than human self-interest must be mobilized, and this, of course, leads to the question of morality.

Dr. Brundtland described the important role of the spiritual in achieving the desired change in how people behave. "In Christian thinking, we see a new focus on the need to protect the work of creation," she said. Others, such as Prince Charles, have described man's God-given responsibility as that of steward of the creation.

However, Dr. Brundtland does not neglect the governmental dimension in fostering global cooperation. She described the problem and the solution in her book, *Signs of Hope*.

She wrote: "There is an almost universal perception that a whole new complex of realities is upon us as a species, and that no stockpile of weapons can protect us from the new threats to common survival—that, in short, we need a common, shared range of solutions."

Global cooperation is now recognized by most experts on the subject as being absolutely essential. Dr. Brundtland continued: "Few thinking people today would question that a new international political and economic dispensation must now be brought into being within the next few years if we are to turn a rapidly emerging crisis aside and bring a new era of hope to realization."

U.S. President George Bush has also been talking about the necessity of a new world order.

European leaders write and speak about a European order. On a military level, our leaders recognize a need for a common peace-ensuring body—the Saddam Husseins of this world must be stopped before they threaten global stability and security.

Gro Harlem Brundtland looks at global problems through environmental lenses—but she can teach us a lot about the predicament we find ourselves in.

The earth stands to lose from 5 to 15 percent of plant and animal species in the next 30 years. Many people around the world realize that our planet treads a precarious balance, and that we disturb this equilibrium at our own peril.

The Norwegian prime minister is no doom monger. In her lecture she said: "If we prophesy only doom, people will have no motive for change. If we signal that the task is almost hopeless, we will foster environmental nihilism—not stimulate a new global ethic."

Dr. Brundtland speaks of "a comprehensive environmental ethic" and "a true global ethic." Her vision is global in its scope. She understands that it must include the developing world, "where the vast majority of the members of future generations will be born."

Can man bring a new world order into being of and by himself, without the personal guidance and help of his Creator?

The environmental problem, as other global problems, puts man to a test that his human nature may not permit him to pass.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

You can succeed

Godly success is based on serving one another with our strengths and abilities at our own optimum level.

The natural tendency is to measure ourselves and our success against others, who may be more capable, more attractive, more confident.

This misguided comparison can lead us to look at our capabilities negatively. Then our fears and inadequacies shroud the strengths and attributes we have. Blocked by a lack of confidence, our usefulness can be stunted.

God hasn't called anyone to be useless. He has a purpose for each of us—one that we are being individually tailored for.

God has called us to succeed, but not by those traits that the world admires.

Remember, Jesus Christ said that "what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15, New King James throughout).

God has called us to success. He is the one who lays the groundwork according to his standards, not this world's. His system of standards is based on character development, divine love, spiritual understanding and faith.

God's success is not measured in terms of how clever we are or how much money we earn. It is based on living by God's laws. Read the parables of the pounds and talents (Matthew 25:14-30 and Luke 19:11-27).

For instance, God forgives us as we forgive others. But do we let bygones be bygones? Or are we always digging up the past? "An ungodly man digs up evil," (Proverbs 16:27). So forgive

your brothers and sisters in Christ. God loves a forgiving spirit and attitude.

And on the job, whether it's repairing engines or supervising others, do we strive to provide the best service or product possible? Do we really care about the user or consumer on the end of

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the chain? Are we developing ourselves so we can provide a much better service?

Customer service for a Christian is not just something to improve business turnover. It should be from the heart, motivated out of genuine concern.

Break the fear barrier

So how do we break through the fear barrier? How can we become more effective as Christians wherever we are and whatever we do?

First and foremost we can't do it alone. It takes the help of God; it takes the help of our fellow Christians; and it does take personal initiative.

When we put God's value system into practice in our lives, we can go to our Creator for courage and have complete confidence in his help. Remember: "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7).

We can help one another by striving to bring out the best in each brother and sister in Christ. We can provide a growth envi-

ronment to promote one another's capabilities.

Paul wrote: "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing" (I Thessalonians 5:11). What an encouragement to greater service.

God's people are in the process of change. So we should not label our brothers and sisters with destructive, confidence-sapping descriptions.

God purchased us while we were in dire need of being renovated. He sees our potential. He envisions the finished work of art we will be. He "calls those things which do not exist as though they did" (Romans 4:17).

What does God want?

We can be active agents

instead of passive ones in molding our present and our future. Career and life planning takes self analysis and reflection. The primary question is: "What does God want me to do with my life?" The answer will be a composite of one's goals, calling, life values, interests, skills, personality, situation and priorities.

Ultimately the answer has to lie with the individual, as God directs—and he or she may have to take a good deal of time and effort to find that answer.

But it is well worth the effort. God desires that we achieve our potential. He will provide the support if we trust him and do our part.

Success is attaining our own level of usefulness. It shouldn't be viewed against the backdrop of what others can achieve.

So don't let a lack of confidence inhibit your spiritual growth. Step out on faith. Be an active part of the spiritual body. Give of your talents and God will help you to use them to the full.

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remind us of the weight and shame of our sins, and the impossibility, apart from God's mercy, of having them removed. It brings sharply into focus our desperate need to be reconciled to our Maker by having all our sins washed away by the blood of our Savior.

How thankful we can be that God has granted such great salvation to his people! We are saved even now from our sins through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ our Savior and Master. And as God's own children, brothers of Jesus the Firstborn, we await in faithfulness, obedience and assurance the yet future inheritance of all saints—eternal life—which Jesus will bring with him when he returns.

Brethren, let's rejoice and praise God for the magnificent hope to which he has called us. Let's renew and rededicate ourselves to living in grateful love toward our great Father and toward one another.

God has given his children a fresh beginning, having wiped away our sins, and continuing to forgive us as we come before his throne of grace with boldness to receive his mercy and grace in our need (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Let us forgive one another, as God has forgiven us (Ephesians 4:30-5:2). Let us go to God for help to change our habits and attitudes that are contrary to his perfect holiness and love.

Let us trust our loving Father for forgiveness and help to change, to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, to make our calling sure as obedient children.

Brethren, God has not called

us to some halfhearted, part-time "religion." He has called us to glory, to "Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God ... to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven ... to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel" (Hebrews 12:22-24, New International Version).

Let's see that we do not refuse the one who has given us this indescribable salvation. God is love, and he loves his children. Let us thank him for his mercy, certainly in daily prayer, but also by our conduct in all

things we do. Let's do all to the glory of God who has redeemed us from death, and who will raise all the saints in glory!

And brethren, let's pray for one another. Many are undergoing severe trials and personal tragedy right now, and need the prayers and support of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you, dear brethren, for your faithful, unceasing prayers for all the saints and for our collective work in God's service. Can anything be more important than our calling in Jesus Christ to shine as lights in this dark world and to proclaim the marvelous good news of true hope and peace—the joyful reality of the glorious kingdom of God?

Let's put our hearts into serving our Creator and Redeemer!

Power

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world," the British newsmagazine *The Economist* editorialized. Certainly there has been an upsurge in national pride—but to the unfortunate point where companies that produce baseball cards for children now circulate Desert Storm trading cards portraying the war as a game.

Conference

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of solving conflict.

Mr. Salyer and Mr. Matthews conducted question-and-answer sessions on subjects such as Youth Opportunities United (YOU), doctrinal matters and administrative procedures.

Other presentations included an update on mail processing and media planning by Reg Wright, who manages those areas in the regional office, and a report on YOU and church administrative areas by Gary Regazzoli, ministerial services manager.

A summary of focus group research into Australian attitudes toward religion and various approaches to preaching the gospel was given by Aub Warren, public affairs manager.

Officials from the Department of Social Security presented material aimed at helping ministers understand government assistance available to members with specific needs. The department's approach to welfare assistance now is one of rehabilitation, they said, which they endeavor to achieve by stressing the importance of education, work skills and a stable employment history.

The Salyers and the Matthews were hosts at a get together for the Asian ministers and their wives, providing the opportunity to discuss specific areas of concern from their countries.

The Asian ministers stayed after the conference for meetings with Mr. Matthews and others, and were guest speakers on the Sabbath at various churches in Queensland.

"The conference is a valuable tool for us in continuing to meet the needs of the congregations, the ministry, the administration and the preaching of the gospel in this region," said Mr. Matthews. "And it's an important means of maintaining effective communication."

The 35 full-time Australian ministers and their wives were joined by four full-time Asian ministers and their wives, and seven local church elders and their wives. Jonathan McNair, director of the Ambassador Foundation project in Thailand, and his wife, Christy, also attended the conference.

President Bush proclaimed April 5 to 7 as a time to express thanksgiving to God for the safety of the lives of the American men and women in the gulf.

However, most Americans will probably continue to believe it was their fighting skills and undeniably superior military technology that won the battle, despite the fact that Pentagon planners remained cautious throughout the war about going up against the world's fourth largest army, one in possession of deadly chemical weapons.

Pride was in large part responsible for the downfall of Saddam Hussein's Iraq (see Proverbs 16:18). Unless it is careful, America, with undue pride in its own enhanced power, could face the same fate.

Caribbean Office maps media-buying strategy

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—Tom Lapacka, Media Purchasing supervisor, and his assistant, Mary Hamilton, met with Caribbean Office staff and advertising agency officials Feb. 21 to discuss media time-buying plans in the region.

Representing the Caribbean Office were evangelist Colin Adair, regional director; Bryan Weeks, assistant to the regional director; Rick Taylor, media coordinator; and Charles Fleming, pastor of the Jamaica churches, who will become media coordinator in July.

Peter Shelton, senior vice president of BBDO Atlanta, the Church's outgoing advertising agency, gave a history of the Church's media involvement in the Caribbean.

Nina Cohen, president of BBDO-Miami; and Robert MacMillan, president of MacMillan Advertising of Jamaica; made presentations on what their agencies could offer the Church in the Caribbean.

After the agency presentations Church officials met privately to discuss whether the agencies or the Caribbean Office should handle media time buying.

Mr. Adair then contacted evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International, and Ray Wright, director of Media Planning & Promotion, with his suggestions.

The World Tomorrow is on television in Jamaica, Bermuda, Bahamas, Barbados and Grenada. It is on radio in French in Haiti.

Imperial gets computers

PASADENA—Imperial Schools collected nearly \$660,000 in grocery store receipts for the Vons Companies "Apples for the Students" program.

Students, parents and Church members from several Southern California congregations helped by collecting and saving green cash register receipts they received when shopping at Vons, Pavilions and Tianguis grocery stores.

Imperial Schools began receiving receipts after the Feast of Tabernacles and set a goal of collecting \$250,000 in receipts by the end of the program Jan. 31.

"We were very inspired and

somewhat overwhelmed by the incredible response of our parents and especially the many members of the Church all around Southern California," said Carrie Oswald, administrative assistant at Imperial Schools and coordinator of receipt processing for the program.

Imperial Schools will redeem these receipts for a Macintosh computer, a Macintosh laser printer and several items of educational software. "We would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support of Imperial Schools. We couldn't have done it without everyone's involvement," said Greg Achtemichuk, assistant principal.

International headquarters of Church Buildings available to Church

By Steven Andrews

PASADENA—The former Ambassador College facility is now the international headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador Foundation. The transfer of property from the College to the Church was approved by the board of directors of Ambassador College in late February.

Steven Andrews is director of Finance and Planning.

Along with the transfer of property we have applied for a religious tax-exemption that better reflects the present use of the facilities. Previously the College had been granted an educational tax-exemption.

With the tax-exemption and title of property decisions now reached, the Church can now make use of the former College facilities to better serve the domestic and international needs of the Church.

One immediate benefit to the Church is the use of several buildings and facilities that will help resolve the overcrowded conditions in Church operations here.

Some of the former College buildings will be renovated into offices and others will be used to house ministers and their wives who attend the Ministerial Refreshing Program (which will be conducted in a shorter period of time because of the extra housing now available).

The property transfer represents one of the final steps in the plan to reorganize the Church's U.S. operations. It follows the decision in 1989 by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and the board that the

College could operate more efficiently and provide a higher quality education by operating from one consolidated campus in Texas.

While we were once known to

the community as the Ambassador College campus, the Pasadena facility now profiles itself as the international headquarters of the Church and Ambassador Foundation.

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. This column shows how the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the Church's publications change the lives of subscribers, co-workers and prospective members.

Still there to help

Your magazine has helped me in many ways. I used to read it when I was 13 back in Mexico. Now I'm 19 and when I saw your subscription offer at the college I go to, I did not think twice about getting subscribed to your magazine. My life has been through a lot of pain but it is good to see that after all these years you are still there to help people find Jesus. He has made me a new creature and I'm not anymore of the world. Thanks to the King of kings.

M.S.

El Paso, Tex.

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Precious pearls

Your books are like precious pearls, a sediment and a dream come true that one couldn't imagine. They're wonderful! Your people are spreading good works and good words. That is why the magazines are called, *The Plain Truth*, because that is what they are.

S.H.

Cambridge, Mass.

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Bridge of truth

I am a science student at the University of Missouri, Columbia. I have never found a conflict between what I believe as a Christian and my study of the sci-

ences. The thought has often occurred to me that science is simply a wonderful game that the Creator allows us to play while we are here on earth. Just when we think we have a complete understanding of a particular situation ... He presents us with yet another perplexing tidbit ... of information.

A case in point would be our search for the fundamental particle of matter. Atom to proton-neutron to electron to neutrino and quarks to? Don't you get the feeling that there will always be just one more?

Thank you for publishing *The Plain Truth*. I am enclosing a donation because I feel that *The Plain Truth* is an extremely important bridge between scientific thought and the inner light and spiritual knowledge that all men possess.

J.A.

Hartsburg, Mo.

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Eye catching

I was reading your [Youth] magazine that one of my teenage boys had brought home from our public library. It was a great source of information to me about my six children, five of which are teenagers. It also caught their eye and attention.

I am a single parent and it's been very hard for me trying to bring up my children. Especially now, it's even harder because they are teenagers.... I didn't know where to turn until I saw your magazine.

R.M.

White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

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Australian Office

Burleigh Heads, Qld.

Research helps preach gospel to the community of the 1990s

By Rod Matthews

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Traditionally negative attitudes toward the preaching of the gospel in Australia appear to be altering. People here are looking for meaning, purpose and stability in their lives.

Rod Matthews is regional director for Australia and Asia.

This change in attitude toward religion and religious magazines in Australia has been confirmed by research commissioned by Media Planning & Promotion (MP&P) in Pasadena.

With this added depth of knowledge of society's reactions to the preaching of the gospel, we will be able to better tailor our promotional efforts to the Australian community of the '90s.

The development of an increasingly multicultural society, especially as a result of a larger intake of Asian immigrants, is bringing new challenges and a new awareness that other cultures have different priorities in life.

At the close of 1990 the office here consolidated its operations in the region, following Pastor Gen-

eral Joseph W. Tkach's decision to cut back the *Plain Truth* subscriber list.

This decision, added to the one made by MP&P in Pasadena earlier in the year to cancel the *World*



ROD & RUTH MATTHEWS

Tomorrow telecast on Australian television, means that 1991 will be a year for only limited promotional activity.

Those decisions, while limiting the growth of subscribers and co-workers this year, will enable us to examine what approaches to take to preach the gospel in Asia and Australia and where the focus of our activities should lie for

1992 and beyond.

Asian sensitivities

In Asia we continue to face cultural and religious sensitivities. Because of legal restraints we are unable to fulfill *Plain Truth* subscription requests from Muslims living in Malaysia and Singapore.

While there is great interest in and

acceptance of *The Plain Truth* in many parts of Asia, we must be cautious. It is important to members and readers that we do not offend.

It is also important that we have the infrastructure in place to meet the financial and manpower requirements a larger readership and membership carry.

We are in the process of leasing a property in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from which to conduct the church's activities in Malaysia and Singapore. This includes mailing of literature and ministerial services. The building will also be used for church services.

There are some significant legal

benefits in having a property under the name of the Church.

During 1990 the Indian sub-office moved from Bombay to Hyderabad. This allowed us to take advantage of better facilities, cheaper rates and better living conditions.

Also in 1990, Mohan Jayasekera returned from a year at Ambassador College in Pasadena to resume pastoring the Colombo, Sri Lanka, congregation.

Our Asian members face a variety of challenges in leading a Christian life in a non-Christian society. In some areas children are

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Have performed at Auditorium

Youths study at conservatory

By Aub Warren

BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—The three children of Mark and Ileana Robertson of the Brisbane, Qld., East church have been accepted into the Brisbane Conservatorium of Music.

Sally, 9, Jemima 7, and Mitchell, 5, are believed to be the youngest students ever accepted.

They auditioned for the conservatorium at the urging of their piano teacher (who is an instructor there), after their violin teacher moved to another city. The children played the violin for their auditions.

They auditioned twice, as the judges were uncertain as to whether students should be accepted so young.

For the second audition the judges called in Carmel Caine, a violin instructor who has taught at the Menuhin school for gifted children in San Francisco. She decided she wanted to teach all three of the children.

All three children were accepted for instruction at the conservatorium, with two scholarships

being provided for a year's tuition.

"The conservatorium has some of the best teachers in the country," said Mrs. Robertson. "We're delighted to have Carmel Caine working with them as she has so much experience with children."

Sally began playing the violin at age 6, Jemima and Mitchell at 4½. They have performed in the Ambassador Auditorium and were featured in *The Worldwide News* Dec. 11, 1989.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

FROM OUR AUSTRALIAN OFFICE

By Aub Warren

BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—Australia, an island nation on the perimeter of Asia's vast populations and burgeoning economies, must adapt rapidly to meet the challenges of its geographic circumstance and a changing world political scene if it is to keep pace with world economies and marketplaces in the '90s.

The 1990s began with a fiscal and moral hangover from the 1980s: high-flying entrepreneurs collapsed spectacularly, taking investors' and banks' money with their unfulfilled dreams; interest rates soared before the recession took hold in 1990, with unemployment rising rapidly as businesses retracted and failed.

The wool industry collapsed, leaving farmers with thousands of sheep that they can only afford to destroy and farms they can only afford to sell.

The rapid and unchecked social liberalization has caused anxiety and fear, with many Australians now "taking to the lifeboats," as leading consumer psychologist Hugh Mackay has described the prevailing survival mentality in the community.

Dismayed at the problems they are facing—with promised freedoms causing only heartache, stress and worry—Australians now believe that only a return to traditional values can heal the situation.

Advertisers have latched onto nostalgia advertising and offer people an escape from the present and a return to a better, simpler and more honest time.

There is national concern at the laxity of ethical standards in the business community, with retired

National Companies and Securities Commission chairman Henry Bosch calling for a recommitment to integrity and honesty in corporate behavior.

Surveys reveal a lack of trust in business and political leadership across the country, which reflects the national skepticism and malaise in the face of mounting challenges.

This national hangover does not provide a sound foundation for the development and reform required, but it does provide motivation.

In 1989 the federal government commissioned a report by Ross Garnaut, who found that "through the 1990s, Australians, in a favorable international environment, will choose whether they step out in new, more hopeful directions through the twenty-first century."

His report discusses "the emergence of Northeast Asia as one of the three main centers of world production, trade and savings.... The emergence of East Asia as a major center of world economic activity has greatly moderated Australia's relative isolation."

But a major concern is that Australia may find itself effectively locked out of opportunities in Asia if it does not make substantial progress in its efforts to fit into this region of the world.

The Asian economies view developments in North America and Europe as threats and they are looking to form their own partnerships and trading arrangements.

"The idea of an Asian Trade Bloc is gaining momentum that many Asian countries will find impossible to ignore," reported the *South East Asia Monitor* in January.

"The Asian nations will have to unite if they are to counter the creation of the single European market in 1992 and the formation of the North American Free Trade Area. The Asian Common Market proposed by Malaysia could comprise the ASEAN countries plus China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Indochina, South Korea and Japan. Australia and New Zealand may not be included in such a market."

All of which provides the nation with a sobering outlook for the decade ahead. Great opportunities are still available, but they require a confidence, commitment and resolve that the community perhaps does not yet have.

More than at any other time Australians are looking for answers. They acknowledge the problems and are prepared to examine solutions.

The Work in Australia and Asia at a Glance

(as of Dec. 31)

	Australia	Asia
<i>Plain Truth</i> circulation	129,196	52,656
New subscribers in 1990	38,921	16,237
<i>Youth 90</i> circulation	6,405	317
<i>Worldwide News</i>	2,859	370
Correspondence course students	2,288	1,361
Co-workers	1,993	304
Donors	4,662	567
Members	4,035	489
Prospective members	177	46
Baptisms in 1990	171	28
Churches	40	6
Average attendance	5,563	345
Ministers (full-time)	35	5
Church pastors	24	5
Local church elders	31	1
Deacons and deaconesses	101	8



Papua New Guinea: Growing interest in Church, publications

BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—Tim Grauel and John Curry traveled to Papua New Guinea to meet with members and interested readers there in early February.

Tim Grauel, associate pastor of the Brisbane, Qld., North church, pastors brethren in Papua New Guinea. John Curry is the personal correspondent in the Australian Regional Office, who corresponds by mail with members in Papua New Guinea who desire more contact with the Church.

During the trip Mr. Grauel baptized three people, and conducted, what may be, the first-ever Sabbath service of the Worldwide Church of God in Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guinea is north of Australia, and has a population of almost four million people. Most are Melanesian by race. Many traditional Christian churches operate in the country, and most Papua New Guineans are classified as Christian by religion.

Growing interest

Interest in the Church and its

Australia

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required to attend school on the Sabbath. There are military service obligations, Sabbath work difficulties and, of course, the general isolation of many brethren from a local congregation.

Jonathan McNair, a minister who directs the Ambassador Foundation projects in Thailand, has been able to visit, on occasion, Saw Lay Beh, an elder who lives in Myanmar, by arranging to meet him in Rangoon, the capital.

Brethren in Myanmar are too remote to reach because of limitations of the visa allowing travel in the country, and travel restrictions in Myanmar under the military government have made even visiting the country difficult.

We also have scattered members in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

The five members in Indonesia are visited by Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Malaysian churches; while 23 in the Solomon Islands and 20 in Papua New Guinea are pastored by Chris Hunting and Tim Grauel, ministers in Australia. They visit members several times a year.

Six scattered members live in Hong Kong and one in Nepal.

Australian recession

Many members in Australia have faced serious difficulties in the past year. The economy is in recession and a number of members have lost their jobs. The rural sector is in crisis because of a world downturn in wool, wheat, sugar and mineral prices. Also, serious flooding has affected many parts of the country.

One of the most encouraging areas of the Work can be seen in the lives of our young people. The next generation of the Church is responding to the direction their parents are providing and that the Church is urging.

Mr. Tkach's emphasis on the family is evident in the fruits being borne in the lives of our youths. The Summer Educational Program Dec. 27 to Jan. 15 highlighted the vision of our young people as they plan for educated, productive futures.

publications is growing, and there are now 20 baptized members, as well as several more prospective members, living there.

Mr. Grauel and Mr. Curry flew into the capital, Port Moresby, Sunday, Feb. 3, where they were met by several members living in the area.

Over the following two weeks they traveled to several cities and towns where members and interested readers met with them.

Some of the people they met live in remote villages and traveled considerable distances by PMV (public motor vehicle), or flew from remote airstrips to meet with someone from the Church.

Mr. Grauel and Mr. Curry also flew to the isolated area of Cape Vogel in Milne Bay Province where two elderly members, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Cane Asabuna, live.

A plane lands at Cape Vogel on just one day a week. It dropped

Mr. Grauel and Mr. Curry off in the morning, and then picked them up again in the afternoon on the return trip, allowing them to spend several hours with the Asabunas.

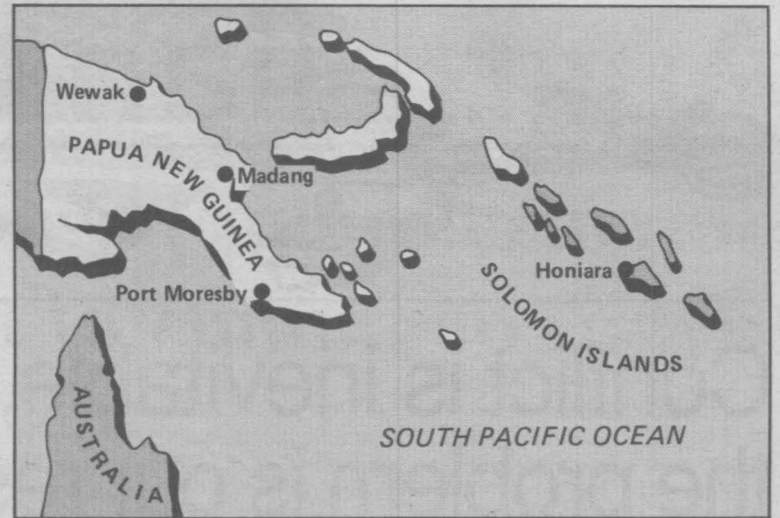
Mrs. Asabuna suffered a stroke several years ago and her husband cares for her at home. Mr. Grauel reported that they are doing fine despite their isolated circumstances.

Two of the new members are from the Sepik region on the northern coast of Papua New Guinea. They met with Mr. Grauel and Mr. Curry at the provincial capital of Wewak. The third new member is from Madang, which is also on the northern coastline.

Another prospective member from the Madang region was unable to meet with Mr. Grauel and Mr. Curry because of travel difficulties.

Together for the first time

Feb. 16, Mr. Grauel conducted



a Bible study in Port Moresby for 18 members, prospective members and children. The brethren appreciated the opportunity to get together as a group for the first time.

Mr. Grauel told the group that the Church was looking into the possibility of having a Feast of Tabernacles site in Port Moresby this year, which was approved on his return to Australia.

The Port Moresby Festival site will be a four-day mini-Feast. About 50 to 60 people

from throughout Papua New Guinea are expected to attend. This site will not be open to transfers.

Mr. Grauel reported that several members in Papua New Guinea are experiencing various trials. One member lost his wife during childbirth last year just before the Feast. Another member was in prison for several weeks on a false charge, but is now out on bail. He said the prayers of members around the world for the Papua New Guinean brethren are truly appreciated.

Members volunteer for life of service

By Aub Warren

BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—When Dick and Valerie Reeve, members who attend the Grafton, N.S.W., church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Nov. 2, they were inundated with cards, letters and telegrams from public officials and friends from around the world.

Among the acknowledgments they received were messages from Prime Minister Bob Hawke and his wife, Hazel; Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair (governor of New South Wales), and his wife; Nick Greiner, premier of New South Wales; Senator David Brownhill; and Don Page, member of Parliament.

What evoked this extraordinary recognition?

The Reeves have a long history of community contribution and volunteer effort in the Northern Rivers area of New South Wales, where they have lived for 30 years. Their efforts have included development of a wildlife refuge, collection of more than 12,000 gemstones and 30 years' service to the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

According to the Reeves, volunteering is a way of life they were brought up with. They said volunteering was the rule, not the exception, in rural Australia during their younger years. They have noticed that the same spirit is not evident today.

"People want to know 'what's in it for me?' these days," said Mrs. Reeve. "Everything has to have a dollar attached to it now. It's very difficult to get people involved."

Mr. Reeve agreed. "You'd be amazed at the number of people who tell me: 'I wouldn't give my time to that,'" he said. "I don't understand that. To me it's simple: think of others—that's what God expects of us, I believe."

Traveled widely

Mr. Reeve was born in Woonona, N.S.W., in 1914, Mrs. Reeve in Temora, N.S.W., in 1915. They have traveled widely, attending the Feast of Tabernacles in China and Thailand twice, as well as touring Europe and the United Kingdom. They have also toured every state in Australia on mineral expeditions.

"We like meeting people from other areas," said Mrs. Reeve. They received numerous cards and

letters from many overseas friends they met during their travels.

Married in Sydney in 1940, the Reeves moved to the Northern Rivers area in 1950. Throughout that time Mr. Reeve worked for Telecom (formerly the Post Master General's Department). He started as a telegram deliverer but worked mainly as a field survey officer.

Mr. Reeve is a cartographer by profession. During World War II he served as a telecommunications instructor on loan from Telecom. He retired in 1977 after 48 years service.

For 30 years Mr. Reeve served as a senior honorary ranger for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in northern New South Wales. He spent five years as a St. John's Ambulance weekend volunteer. For the last four years he has worked at the police station, filing and indexing reports in the one-man station.

Restoring wildlife

In 1969 the Reeves took on a challenging task: the reforestation of a 160-acre property and development of a wildlife refuge.

Between 1969 and 1977 the Reeves spent weekends, public holidays, and vacations at the former logging and sawmill site at

Rosebank, N.S.W.

Mrs. Reeve said their purpose was to bring back some of the endangered bird species from the area. She estimates there are now 260 different bird species resident in the park, which is known as Reeveer Park and is a registered government wildlife refuge.

The Reeves replanted thousands of trees, both hardwood and rainforest varieties. One of their major efforts was to reestablish a rainforest on the property by planting cedars, blackbeans and coachwoods in former rainforest areas.

The forestation project has been so successful that ecology students visit the park to conduct environmental studies. Today Mr. Reeve advises the local council on matters related to forestry.

Over time the Reeves took in a variety of injured and orphaned native animals and developed the refuge. Possums, koalas, kangaroos, echidnas, wombats and wallabies have all benefitted from the Reeves' care and attention.

Gold and gemstones

In the late 1940s and early 1950s the Reeves developed an interest in gemstones, after spending holidays camping and panning for gold in the old diggings

around the Bathurst, N.S.W., area.

They took up part-time studies in mineralogy. Mr. Reeve graduated in 1959 and is a graduate fellow of the Gemological Association of Australia. He has frequently lectured on gemology.

Over the years they collected more than 12,000 gemstones, which they displayed in their own gallery. They gave most of the gems away to students and associates.

Mrs. Reeve has established a natural and area history library that academics and researchers use frequently. She is one of only two honorary life members of the Richmond River Historical Society.

How do they find time for all their unpaid work?

"You can do anything if you set your mind to it," said Mrs. Reeve. "We've found our enjoyment in our work."

"I like people in the community to know I'm a member of the Worldwide Church of God," said Mr. Reeve. "That way they can understand God's way of life is a way of giving and serving others."

Their secret to happy and healthy longevity? "It's essential to stay physically and mentally active," says Mr. Reeve. Both feel blessed to have enjoyed good health throughout their lives.

The Reeves' contact with the Church goes back to 1938, when Mrs. Reeve's aunt loaned them a copy of *The Plain Truth*. But she told them not to keep it more than two or three days because there were many other people waiting to read it.

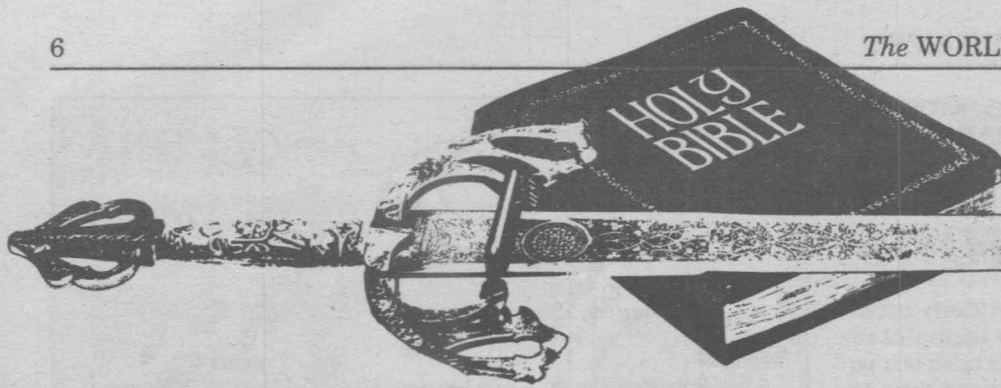
They became subscribers and co-workers in the 1960s. In 1974 they began attending services at the newly formed Grafton congregation. Mr. Reeve was baptized in 1978 and Mrs. Reeve was baptized in 1989.

Looking back over the years the Reeves note changes in society. "There's a lack of religious training in schools and at home these days," said Mrs. Reeve. "It shows in the lack of knowledge of right and wrong in children growing up today."

Mr. Reeve said he sees a lack of discipline today in schools and homes as well. He remembers his own childhood as a time when the family home was the center of entertainment and schools a place of learning and discipline.



DICK AND VALERIE REEVES



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Conflict is inevitable, resolving the problem is our responsibility

By Bernard W. Schnippert

Our world is one of conflict and confrontation. As Christians we must be aware of problems and be prepared to handle them.

Bernard W. Schnippert is Media Operations director.

In the Business Communications Workshop, I gave those attending seven maxims for handling confrontation as Christians. These rules of Christian conduct are of benefit to us all.

1) Recognize that some conflict is inevitable. All human beings, even within the Church and within the Work, have opinions and viewpoints that differ. That's because we've all lived different lives and experienced different things.

In addition, we all have character flaws that can cause conflict. So in an imperfect world with imperfect people, conflict is inevitable. Accept it and learn to

deal with it as a Christian.

2) Because conflict is inevitable, some confrontation is also inevitable. We can choose to walk away from conflict at times. That course may sometimes be the best way to deal with differences. Christ walked away from some confrontations. However, there are also times that we must deal with conflict.

Christ confronted scribes, Pharisees and common people with their problems.

3) Remember that we must still be Christians during moments of confrontation. Be honest and be willing to confront your own flaws. It may be your problem, not someone else's, causing the conflict.

If you've examined your position and you believe you're right, don't allow yourself to be unreasonable. And don't stoop to behavior unbecoming a Christian.

Always striving to maintain

Christian character is more important than always winning.

4) Learn to handle personal insults. Success often depends on working with others. What others say to you isn't as important as resolving the problems at hand.

Make your good behavior a

reply to their insults. So if you want to be successful, be willing to accept some insults gracefully.

5) Quick thinking will give you the best advantage. Learn to think quickly under stress.

6) Recognize the value of anticipating conflict and preparing for it. If you're not a quick thinker, practicing in advance can be a good substitute. If you believe you may be about to enter a confrontation, rehearse possible answers before you enter that situation.

7) Remember that principle and persistence will usually pay off. If you are right and if you persist, you will probably prevail in the end.

If you put these points into practice at home, in the workplace and any place where you interact with others, you'll find that you can deal with conflict and confrontation more easily.

You'll be able to resolve problems before they become too big. And you'll find that the results will be better not just for you, but for all the parties involved.

Worker spared serious injury, recovers

Air-gun nail strikes skull

By Ronald Kelley

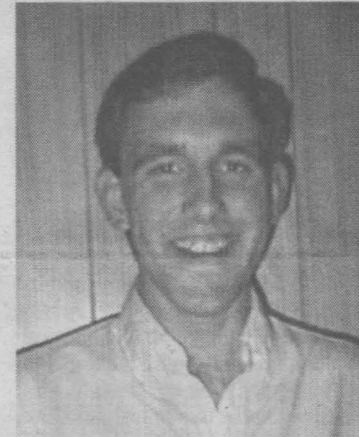
CAMBRIDGE, Ohio—Brad Starling, 18, was using an air gun to drive 3 1/2-inch nails with grips into overhead support beams at a construction site, Dec. 6.

Ronald Kelley and Brad Starling attend the Cambridge, Ohio, church.

Unexpectedly, the gun recoiled

when Brad fired two nails in rapid succession. As the gun struck him on the right cheek its safety mechanism disengaged. Brad's reflex action caused him to squeeze the trigger.

The gun fired. A nail pierced



BRAD STARLING

his cheek and became totally embedded inside his head.

Brad, taken to the hospital for X rays and treatment for the injury,

thought he had only a broken jaw from the impact of the striking gun.

But his X rays revealed the distinctive shape of a nail, which had penetrated through the sinuses and nasal cavity and lodged dangerously close to Brad's inner eye socket and brain. The slightest difference in the angle of entry or deeper penetration could have caused permanent injury or death.

Brad was taken to surgery to have the nail removed. Because the tip of the nail had slightly touched the base of his skull, he experienced a mild seizure after surgery.

Brad made a rapid recovery and was attending Sabbath services by Dec. 15. The only side effect he has experienced is some double vision.

Stephen Brown, pastor of the Cambridge church, showed Brad's X rays to the congregation so that others could appreciate how God miraculously protected him from serious injury.

Premature baby weighs in as a survivor to the surprise of many

By Jonathan Stepp and Rick Stillwell

ASHEVILLE, N.C.—For Rick and Anna Stillwell of Asheville the birth of their first child was more dramatic than expected.

Jonathan Stepp is a junior at East Henderson High School, who attends the Asheville church with his parents Leon and Joyce Stepp.

In her 26th week of pregnancy, Jan. 28, 1990, Mrs. Stillwell was diagnosed as having toxemia. Toxemia shrinks the umbilical cord and is poisonous to the mother, therefore, the lives of both the unborn baby and Mrs. Stillwell were threatened. Her doctor prescribed plenty of rest.

But the toxemia progressed rapidly and on Feb. 5 Mrs. Stillwell was admitted to the hospital. The doctors were optimistic that the toxemia could be better controlled in the hospital and allow the baby to grow to an age of 30 to 31 weeks before birth.

Church members in the Asheville congregation prayed for Mrs. Stillwell, who was anointed by Gerald Weston, pastor of the Asheville church.

After three days in the hospital Mrs. Stillwell's condition had not improved. The toxemia became more severe and doctors feared that her rising blood pressure could lead to a heart failure, a seizure or a coma.

The doctors debated whether to deliver the baby by cesarean section. Because the baby would be three months premature the doctors didn't know if the child would survive long after birth. However, the unborn child was being increasingly cut off from nourishment. On the evening of

Feb. 7 they made the decision to proceed with a cesarean section the next morning.

Knowing that their child was to be born weighing less than two pounds the Stillwells found themselves contemplating the baby's death. "Helplessness seemed to overwhelm us as we tried to decide upon a possible burial for our baby," Mr. Stillwell said.

Before surgery Mrs. Stillwell was anointed again. At 8:17 Feb. 8, Rachel Kelsy, weighing 1 pound 5 1/2 ounces (she was so small that her father could slide



KELSY STILLWELL

his wedding ring over her wrist), was born. Without the need of stimulation or resuscitation Kelsy took her own first breath of life. That same day Mark Williams, a local church elder in the Asheville church, anointed her.

The first 48 hours would be the most critical and the doctors were not optimistic. In the hours that followed the doctors were surprised to discover that Kelsy had the organs of a 10 month-old baby. Although her weight decreased during that first week, by the sixth

day Kelsy was breathing on her own and had no need of the oxygen ventilator.

The doctors were surprised at her continued progress and had anticipated respiratory infections, collapsed lungs, brain hemorrhage and blood disorders. None developed.

By eight weeks her weight had doubled and it was common to hear Kelsy referred to as the miracle baby around the hospital. The Stillwells were told that Kelsy was the smallest baby born in that hospital that had survived and survived with the quality of life of any normal baby.

She remained in the hospital for the next 98 days, during which time the Stillwells visited her every day.

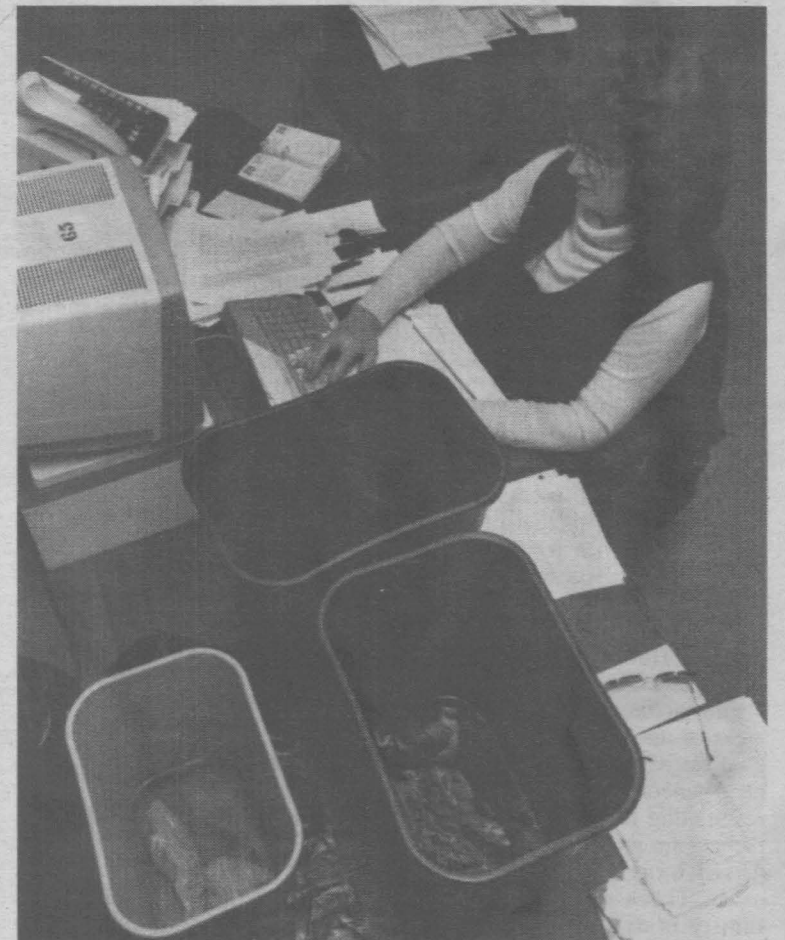
"Many of the predicted problems never occurred. It just goes to show that God never does a halfway job," said Mr. Stillwell.

The Stillwells said that of all the problems leading up to Kelsy's birth the hardest was having to make the burial arrangements just in case.

While in hospital Kelsy had six blood transfusions to replace blood taken for tests.

Kelsy is now more than 1 year old. For the past year she has been hooked to a heart monitor during the nights because premature infants have a higher rate of sudden infant death syndrome. Doctors predict that she will remain small for her age and slightly behind in motor skills until age 3.

"We will never forget the support, prayers and encouragement of our family and our friends," said Mr. Stillwell. "It seemed as if Kelsy was everybody's baby. So much love and concern was poured out on her behalf. We are truly grateful for what God has done for us."



HEAVY RAINS—Much-needed rain in drought-ridden California revealed a leaky roof in the Church's Office Facilities Building. Dee Wendling, a Mail Processing Center employee, continues to work at her second floor desk despite dripping water falling about her. Waste baskets were used to catch the intruding rain. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

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

UPDATE

BIG SANDY—The Spanish Regional Office announced the following ministerial transfers.

Saul Langarica to Guatemala, Mexico; **Francisco Hui** to Tijuana, Mexico; **Daniel Vasquez** to Veracruz, Mexico; and **Jorge Diaz** (a ministerial trainee) to Guadalajara, Mexico.

In Chile, **Manuel Briones**, a local church elder, was hired into the full-time ministry to serve as assistant pastor of the Santiago and Temuco churches. **Alvaro Palacio**, a ministerial trainee in Chile, was transferred to help with the churches in Bogota and Medellin, Colombia.

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MANDAN, N.D.—**Darlene Daly**, a member who attends the Bismarck, N.D., church, was named Employee of the Quarter by the North Dakota Department of Human Services for her work as assistant director of Food Services.

The Bismarck *Tribune* reported that "she is credited with leading task forces that developed shorter forms to be filled out by persons applying for public assistance and a simplified manual for use in the Food Stamp Program."

Nominees for the Employee of the Quarter award must display attributes such as support, concern, unselfishness, dependability, initiative, cooperation, respect and self-improvement.

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BIG SANDY—The Italian Office announced that **Luciano Cozzi**, a 1983 Ambassador College graduate, was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, Feb. 9. Mr. Cozzi presently serves as assistant pastor of the Milan, Italy, church and the Vicenza and Florence, Italy, Bible studies.

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PASADENA—**Chris Collier**, the Georgia State University basketball player featured in the March 11 *Worldwide News*, made headlines again as the Georgia State athletic director petitioned the NCAA for an afternoon starting time for the team's first-round Southeast regional game against Arkansas March 15.

The NCAA granted the team an 11:15 starting time. Arkansas defeated Georgia State 117-76, and Collier led all scorers with 22 points and got 13 rebounds.

Reports on the petition mentioning Collier's religious convictions appeared in the March 12 editions of the Dallas, Tex., *Morning News* and *USA Today*. KFWB, a Los Angeles news station, also carried the story. A sportscaster quoted Georgia State coach **Bob Reinhart** as saying that playing Arkansas, a top-ranked team, "will be like fighting an elephant with a switch, but without Collier it would have been like hunting a rhinoceros with a BB gun."

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BIG SANDY—The Spanish Regional Office confirmed three sites in Mexico for the 1991 Feast of Tabernacles: Ensenada, Mazatlan and Veracruz. All sites are open for transfers, but English translation of services will only be available in Mazatlan.

Transfers to Ensenada and Veracruz must be fluent in Spanish. Applicants should fill out an international Festival application and return it to their pastor. Upon acceptance, a \$25 nonrefundable processing fee will be required, and further information will be sent.

In Ensenada the Church will use the San Nicolas Resort Hotel, one block from the beach. Ensenada is on the peninsula of Baja California 75

miles south of San Diego, Calif.

Room rates are \$38 for each room. Each room has two queen size beds, a direct-dial telephone and a television with satellite channels. The hotel has a coffee shop and restaurants, an olympic-sized pool and a jacuzzi.

The world-class resort city of Mazatlan will be host to up to 700 people for the Feast. This port city lies at the entrance to the Sea of Cortez on a strip of beaches 85 miles long. The average temperature in Mazatlan is 80 Fahrenheit (26 Celsius). Housing and services will be in the Holiday Inn Hotel.

The cost for housing is \$40 a night for a double room with two children free in the same room. Services will be in Spanish with English translations. Mazatlan offers excellent restaurants, shopping, water sports and deep-sea fishing, and the city is served by its own international airport with direct flights available from some U.S. cities.

Transportation in and around Mazatlan is inexpensive and readily available. There is room for only 200 transfers.

Veracruz will be host to about 500 for the Feast in 1991. Veracruz is a major port city of Mexico on the gulf coast. It is a city rich in history and natural landscape and offers beaches, historical sites, colonial buildings and folklore.

Group rates in the five-star Emporio Hotel are \$52 a night for a standard room (based upon double occupancy) and \$86 a night for a suite (based upon double occupancy). Accommodations at two three-star hotels are also available at a cost of \$31 a night (based upon double occupancy). These prices are subject to change because of inflation, since they are controlled by the government tourism agency.

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BIG SANDY—The Feast of Tabernacles in Spain will again be at Talavera de la Reina, near Toledo. Housing and services will be in the Hotel Beatriz. Temperatures range from 65 to 80 Fahrenheit (18 to 26 Celsius). A day trip to the historic city of Toledo is one of the planned activities.

Housing at the Hotel Beatriz includes breakfast and lunch. The cost of housing for each person is \$65 a day single occupancy, \$50 a day double occupancy, \$47 a day triple occupancy, children younger than 6 \$22 a day.

No translation of the services from Spanish to English is available, so transfers must be fluent in Spanish. Those wishing to transfer should obtain an international Festival application form from their pastor. Upon acceptance a \$25 processing fee will be required and further information will be sent.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced these ordinations.

Philip Perkins of the St. Louis North and Wentzville, Mo., churches, was ordained a local elder Jan. 5.



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

PASADENA—Brethren in eastern Germany face financial hardship this year. Despite the economic strength of western Germany the newly acquired eastern portion is sinking in a morass of social and economic problems.

The main concern of our brethren is simply keeping their jobs. Delayed financial transfusions to keep crumbling industries alive jeopardizes job prospects. Experts predict 40 to 50 percent unemployment this summer.

Many western companies refuse to invest in eastern Germany despite government incentives, because of a completely inadequate infrastructure.

Also, the unification contract calls for the return of east German possessions to former owners, instead of compensating them. The nearly nonexistent legal structure there will require a decade to sort out who owns what in eastern Germany. Consequently, companies hesitate to invest for fear of eventual legal wranglings over acquired properties or factories.

Guenter Froehlich, a member who lives in Zwickau and who works as a painter, said there is plenty of work in the former East Germany. "There's enough to paint after 40 years of neglect. But no one has any money to spare. They don't know if they'll be unemployed soon."

"Then too, many home owners have been notified of repossession claims on their house or property. They think, why should we invest in home improvements when we no longer own it," said Mr. Froehlich.

Another member in Zwickau,

Dietmar Pistorius, experienced the painful impact of repossession when the original owner of his property reclaimed it.

Mr. Pistorius had rented the property at a nominal fee from the previous socialist government for an unlimited length of time. Now the owner requires payment for the property in what seems to be reasonable and even inexpensive terms by west German standards.

Unfortunately for the Pistorius family the sum required is astronomical. When an expected economic slump begins this summer, Mr. Pistorius and his family face the grim prospect of losing their home along with his job.

As the stagnating economy eliminates more and more jobs, social unrest is surfacing. Thousands of workers demonstrated their growing discontent in the streets of Leipzig, Dresden, Erfurt and Schwerin.

Worker protests were preceded by calls from leading politicians for immediate action to avoid the bankruptcy of eastern German cities. Directing their urgent appeals on the federal government in Bonn, the governors of the new German states hope to avert an impending economic and social crisis.

Despite the new government the old hierarchy still exists. Before unification Communist Party members filled key managerial positions in many companies and factories with party friends, leaving them in control of the financial fate of eastern Germany.

Workers lured to the West

A self-defeating wage scheme



FLYING COLONEL AWARD—Donald Payne Sr. (left), senior account representative for Delta Airlines in Los Angeles, presents the Flying Colonel Award to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach Feb. 25. The Feast of Tabernacles was Delta's largest convention account in 1990. Delta Airlines, as a participant in the Church's travel program, issued 81 complimentary tickets to the Church in 1990 for ministerial and other corporate travel. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

Red Davis of the Detroit, Mich., East, church was ordained a local church elder Dec. 15; and **Richard Lorenzana** of the Pasadena Norte church was ordained a local church elder Dec. 22.

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PASADENA—The Mail Processing Center received a request from someone with the U.S. Air Force at Department of Defense headquarters at the Pentagon. He asked for five copies of *The Middle East in Prophecy* and said that peo-

ple in his office were interested in what we have to say in the brochure. The five copies have been mailed, according to **Richard Rice**, Mail Processing manager.

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AUSTIN, Tex.—The church here marked its 20th anniversary Dec. 15.

Messages from **Walter Johnson**, **Larry Neff** and **Harold Rhodes**, ministers who had served the area, were read, and 30 people who attended the first service were on hand for the anniversary.

causes many skilled workers to seek work in western Germany, because in eastern Germany workers receive only 60 percent of the wages paid for comparable work.

Mr. Froehlich said he is more fortunate than many others he knows in Sachsen. He found work and a better rate of pay in western Germany in his daughter's neighborhood near Bonn. Mr. Froehlich returns home (about 300 miles) to his wife, Rosemarie Froehlich, every other weekend.

Mrs. Froehlich works part-time in a department store's accounting department. Her second income enables the Froehlichs to afford a used western car. Without a car Mr. Froehlich would not be able to accept work in western Germany.

Another member, Joerg Harz of Jena, joined the ranks of those leaving eastern Germany when he found employment with a window company in the western part of Berlin.

Price burdens

Enormous price increases place additional burdens on the former East Germans. Previously subsidized rents, heating, electricity, food, insurance and gasoline prices are now almost as much as in western Germany.

The elderly especially notice the effect on their small pensions. Despite good intentions to support the retired populace, the government cannot compensate for the soaring prices as fast as they are rising.

Member Lydia Harz of Jena uses her artistic talents to supplement her husband's pension. She said the stores are now (after unification) full of consumer goods. The outdoor markets offer an abundant selection of produce.

However, the average former East German can't afford them. Statistics on family bankruptcies show that an increasing number of families plunge into debt to buy the coveted items from the west—only to lose them all when unemployment strikes.

As in the previous socialist state, wives in eastern Germany must

still work to support the family.

Some brethren have reaped benefits from the changes. Martin Harz of Jena continued in his job with the German railroads. Unification brought the advantage of a wage increase in German deutsche marks.

Reiner Barth of Dresden runs his own copy shop. Since unification his business has steadily improved. In these uncertain times being self-employed proves to be a blessing for him and his family.

Brethren in eastern Germany face critical financial problems. Undoing the damage of the past 40 years requires sacrifices.

With God's help and the supportive prayers of brethren around the world, our brethren in eastern Germany will successfully weather the hard times ahead.



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