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Harold Jackson hall is first building in College master plan

Concluding months of planning and discussion, Joseph W. Tkach, chairman of the Board of Regents, approved a long-range master plan for Ambassador College. Approval took place after a final meeting of Church and College officials March 20.

"Even before we consolidated all college activities on the Big Sandy campus, it was evident that we needed to develop a long-range plan for the College," Mr. Tkach said in an April 23 interview with *The Worldwide News*.

"Much of the construction that took place in the 1960s and the 1970s was of a temporary nature. The buildings, including trailers used for classrooms, were not expected to be used for as long as they have."

'Long-term needs'

"Over the past two years we have worked on redeveloping the facility to serve the College and Church's needs for many years to come," Mr. Tkach continued. "Now we can turn our attention

to resolving more of the College's long-term needs."

As part of this effort, the board chairman directed that a master plan be developed to accommodate growth and expansion of Ambassador College over the next decade, and perhaps beyond.

The first phase in implementing the master plan will be a new 25,300-square-foot building that will be named the Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities in honor of the late evangelist.

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JACKSON HALL—Computer-generated rendering of front- and side-view architectural elevations, blended with 10 photographs, yields a lifelike building scheduled for construction on the Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy. Ground-breaking is set for May 15. [By Matthew Faulkner]

PERSONAL FROM

✓ Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

As we observe the annual festivals and Holy Days, it is important to understand that we are not merely keeping the Old Testament observances minus the sacrifices.

The coming of the Son of God transformed these festivals into completely new ones. The Old Testament observances were shadows of the true reality revealed in Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:16-17).

Our observance of the festivals must certainly not omit the great supernatural events of God's deliverance of his people Israel in the Old Testament, but we must realize that those miracles served to foreshadow the incomparably greater miracles of salvation through Jesus Christ.

We should not become so caught up in the rituals of the Old Testament observance of these Holy Days that we lose sight of their transcendent fulfillment in Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament.

For Christians, the festivals are no longer Old Testament Holy Days. They have been transformed in meaning to teach us about the gospel—God's past, present and future work in Jesus Christ for the salvation of the whole world.

We are not celebrating, as Israel did, just the deliverance of one nation (which was merely the physical forerunner, or type, of what God would do in Jesus Christ for all peoples). When we keep the Holy Days, we are commemorating and celebrating God's glorious plan of salvation for all humanity.

At Passover, we honor Jesus Christ as our Redeemer, and we commemorate God's love in sending his Son to die for our sins and the sins of the whole world (John 3:16, I John 2:2).

During the Festival of Unleavened Bread, we celebrate the reality of our new birth, our new life in Jesus Christ, united with him in his resurrection (Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12, 3:1).

On Pentecost, we commemorate God's gift of the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and Advocate (John 15:26). On Trumpets, we honor Christ as the Judge of all (John 5:22, II Corinthians 5:10, Isaiah 2:4, Revelation 11:18) and as Ruler of all the world (Revelation 11:15).

On Atonement, we honor Christ as the slain and resurrected Lamb of God (Revelation 5:6-10) through whom God has made atonement for us (Romans 5:10-11), and we celebrate Jesus' binding of the power of Satan (Romans 16:20, Hebrews 2:14, Revelation 20:2).

During the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day, we celebrate Jesus' millennial reign with the saints after his second coming (Revelation 20:4-6), the preaching of the gospel to those who have never heard it (verses 11-12) and the glorious arrival of the new heavens and new earth (Revelation 21:1-4).

As we assemble together on

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Members feel effects of Los Angeles riots

AT PRESS TIME, violence, rioting, arson and looting continued to plague Los Angeles. Three Church families with houses close to the fires were evacuated from the south-central area, which was hardest hit, and housed on Church property in Pasadena Thursday afternoon, April 30.

"I have not heard of any injuries or stolen property from our members who live there or nearby," Curtis May, pastor of the Los Angeles congregation, said May 1.

One member said there were shootings a couple blocks from where she lives. "She and her husband spent the night with relatives in Orange County," reported Judd Kirk, Long Beach pastor. Services were canceled in Long Beach and Reseda, Calif., May 2.

In Pasadena one in a group of 12 to 14 youths punched Stephen Gilbreath, a member who attends the West P.M. congregation, April 29 as he left an optometrist's office on Colorado Boulevard across from the Plaza Pasadena (now closed indefinitely). Mr. Gilbreath suffered facial injuries but was not taken to the hospital.

"I'm sure God gave me some protection, because I was surprised that the whole group didn't jump on me and keep going," said Mr. Gilbreath. "The one guy who hit me—the anger and hate I saw in his eyes was vicious."

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach advised all employees to take safety precautions: "Because of the recent violence in the Los Angeles area, all employees should evaluate the safety of themselves and take appropriate precautions."

Pasadena police arrested 50 suspected looters between 7 and 11 p.m., April 30. A dusk-to-dawn curfew went into effect in some of the affected areas.

Church plans media program for Russia

Several booklets to be translated into Russian

By Paul Monteith

"The Church is planning for a Russian-language Work," said evangelist Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations.

John Karlson, German-language regional director, who oversees the Russian project in St. Petersburg, "is arranging for translators to have several of our booklets translated into the Russian language with guidance from headquarters," said Mr. Schnippert.

Some of the funds for the translation program have come from member donations.

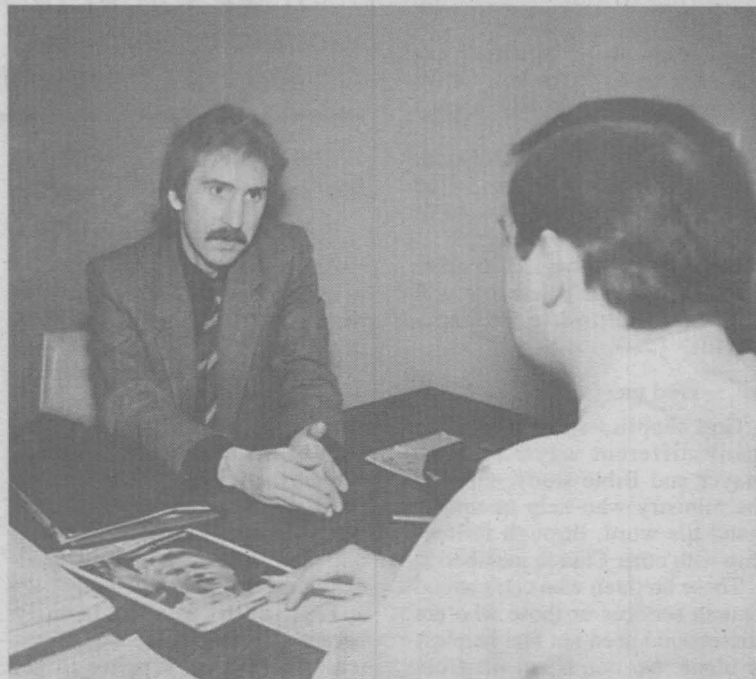
The connection between the former Soviet Union and the Church continues to grow.

Sergei Yerioman, director of foreign relations of the first independent private television company in the Ukraine, visited Church headquarters March 29 and 30.

Mr. Yerioman, a *Plain Truth* subscriber, spoke with Victor Kubik, assistant director of Church Administration U.S., about the Church, its publications and telecast.

He is familiar with the St. Petersburg project and plans to meet with Cliff Worthing, a staff member at Petersburg Television-Radio.

While here Mr. Yerioman toured the Television studio and Editorial Services.



OFFICIAL VISITS—The first Ukrainian independent private television station sent Sergei Yerioman (left), a *Plain Truth* subscriber, to tour the Church's media operations in Pasadena. Paul Monteith interviewed him in our Editorial offices March 30. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

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Nationalism curse threatens unity cause

Only eight months away from its most significant achievement to date—the creation of the single market Dec. 31—the cause of European unity is under great strain.

It is finally sinking in on the citizens in many of the 12 European Community (EC) countries that the further advances toward unity agreed to by leaders of the 12 at the EC summit in Maastricht, Netherlands, last December, are going to mean much greater sacrifices of national sovereignty to a European super-state.

The Maastricht pact seeks to establish common foreign and defense policies and, most importantly, a single European currency and central bank by 1999 at the latest.

There are growing doubts the Maastricht accord may not go into effect, since all 12 nations must approve it. A June 2 referendum in Denmark on the treaty may be the political weather vane (opinion polls indicate a possible rejection).

Jitters in Germany, Austria

At the same time, surging forces of nationalism present an equally challenging threat to the cause of European unity.

Capitalizing on rising public fears over soaring numbers of immigrants and the future loss of the mighty German mark to a single European currency, German voters catapulted right-wing extremist parties into parliamentary representation in two states April 5. Chancellor Helmut Kohl conceded his Christian Democratic



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

Party suffered a terrible defeat when it lost sole control of Baden-Wuerttemberg for the first time in 20 years.

Despite this, the greater concern is for Germany's neighbor to the east, Austria, which is expected to be an EC member soon.

The rightist Freedom Party of Austria captured 25 percent of the vote in municipal elections in Linz and Vienna, surging past the Conservatives to become the second largest party in the capital.

Formerly a refuge for aging Austrian Nazis, the Freedom Party has been rejuvenated in the past five years by its young, dashing leader, Joerg Haider.

Called by some a "yuppie-fascist," Mr. Haider, 42, has openly but carefully praised some policies of the Third Reich, although he usually claims his remarks are twisted by political opponents.

Because Austria has not fully acknowledged its World War II Nazi past, extremists find more fertile soil there than in Germany.

Gallup polls have unearthed disturbingly high levels of anti-Semitism and distrust of foreigners.

Mr. Haider is banking on public

disgust over political scandals to propel him into the federal chancellorship someday.

The fractured forces of the right in Germany are not nearly as formidable. They are also under much closer governmental surveillance than those in Austria.

Nevertheless, the extremist fringe in Germany is growing. The ever-wary German news media has been highlighting 25-year-old Fuehrer claimant, Ewald Althans, who is determined to pull all right-wing forces under his command.

Mr. Althans represents, says one German sociologist, "the first of a new generation of Nazi ideologists who survive without the 'old men.'" At the same time, Mr. Althans did not absorb all his ideas just from history books.

In his teens, as an admitted political rebel, Althans was introduced to some old Nazis.

One of these men, who served under Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's wartime propaganda minister, 88-year-old Willi Kraemer, "taught me rhetoric and philosophy. He inspired me," says Mr. Althans.

He admits to being an anti-Semite, professing that "the Holo-

States, I took every opportunity to fill up the fuel tank because gas stations are far apart.

Similarly, we should take every opportunity to replenish our lives, going to God daily so that the "inward man is being renewed day by day" (II Corinthians 4:16).

He is ready to provide for us daily—with the same power and concern that he always shows.

We can depend on him to meet all our "need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Throughout the Psalms God is called the deliverer. He hasn't changed. He delivers his saints today.

If we need courage to live in these upside down times, God provides it. If we need love, he gives it. If we need help to overcome our doubts, he offers it. If we need forgiveness for our sins, he forgives and forgets.

Go to God and present your

If we forget or neglect to go to the source of our power, we will find it difficult to live the Christian life.

at work" within him (New English Bible).

Experience not enough

As we mature in our Christian growth it often seems that our needs increase rather than decrease.

Christians should not expect to get by on experience alone. We need constant daily provision, such as the confidence to endure and the humility to listen. We may need additional energy to renew our flagging spirits, or the patience to keep on living in an extremely difficult situation.

This help we need daily because we cannot depend on yesterday's spiritual supplies to get us through, nor does God want us to.

When I was traveling in the Commonwealth of Independent

caust is a fabrication." He also says, chillingly: "Hitler is a hero to me.... I am living proof Hitler can happen again."

Save Germany, rescue European unity

Germany's neighbors are understandably anxious over support being given to the far right.

Europe's responsible leaders realize it is bad enough for extreme nationalism to erupt in the Balkans or in the Caucasus.

But it is far more serious to let xenophobic nationalism reestablish itself in Germany, the single most important country in the European Community.

A narrow-minded nationalistic Germany ("nationalism will be our binding agent, a greater Germany will be our aim," says Mr. Althans) would wreck everything Europe has achieved since the end of World War II.

The slow, painful march toward European unity would have been all in vain.

What policies may ensure that the cause of unity is not lost? Watch these areas.

First, one likely outcome of the German situation could be redoubled efforts by other European nations to help Germany diffuse its latent nationalism.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



A sign from Jerusalem

A sign in Israel makes this request: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

The following article is by Gerhard O. Marx, a local church elder in Dunstable, England.

During a trip through the Holy Land, my wife, Diana, and I found peace continually emphasized throughout our stay.

The official Jordanian and Israeli guides spoke of it. Ecclesiastical voices raised it. The *Jerusalem Post* referred to it. The word was spotlighted at Eilat airport in large Hebrew letters.

This elusive concept has haunted these lands for millennia. The writers of Psalms requested readers to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:6).

The prophet Isaiah foretold that a Prince of Peace would come to bring peace to this city (Isaiah 9:6). But 2,600 years later, peace has not been achieved in Jerusalem. There it remains only a dream.

Long travail

Peace in the Holy Land is on everybody's lips but has not been imbedded in many hearts.

Jerusalem has been besieged on 20 different occasions, twice devastated and has experienced 11 religious transitions.

In its 3,000-year history, the city has been ruled by the Jebusites, the Judeans, the Babylonians, the Romans, the Christians, the Muslims, the Turks, the British, the Israelis, and influenced by the Greeks and Persians.

Jerusalem means "city of peace" but has seldom enjoyed periods of prolonged peace.

To be at peace, the Arabs insist

The other EC states might feel compelled to calm German fears over the impending loss of the deutsche mark. One way might be to base the future European central bank in Frankfurt.

They may also reconsider the proposed name for the currency, ecu (European Currency Unit). Germans dislike the word since it is too close to their word for cow (*kuh*). One wonders if *Euromark* could be the final result.

Also, look for EC leaders to call for urgent financial assistance for the struggling ex-communist countries of Eastern Europe, to stem the refugee tide and disarm extremists of one of their main issues.

Finally, watch to see who becomes president of the EC Commission when Jacques Delors retires in 1994. The speculation is that German Chancellor Kohl is interested in the job.

Mr. Delors says a bigger Community needs a "European executive" with greater power. His advisers suggest Mr. Kohl fits the bill.

Having Chancellor Kohl as the EC's executive would calm Germany's angst over European unity.

Reported the April 18 *Economist*: "Mr. Kohl has often repeated that 'German and European unity are two sides of the same coin.' Having achieved the first, he may apply himself to the second."

the Israelis give up land gained during the 1967 conflict. But Jews consider this to be no less than the sale of their birthright, and they say the land is essential for security.

"We have returned to our most sacred sites never to leave them again!" said the late Moshe Dayan, Israeli defense minister, after conquering the Old City of Jerusalem in 1967.

When a *Jerusalem Post* journalist asked Israel's prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, what his Likud party's reelection prospects were, he said: "We will certainly put at the top of our platform our serious desire and movement towards meeting peace."

When asked if he hoped to achieve peace "without giving up land," Mr. Shamir replied: "That's right. We are ... keeping the Land of Israel along with an unremitting effort towards peace."

The Arab states have been uncompromising in their stand not to recognize Israel's existence. Some Arab countries have called for a jihad—a holy war against Israel—but such talk is unlikely to lead Israel to give up territory.

Entrenched views on both sides make a lasting human peace a nonstarter. Consequently the Holy Land exists in a high state of military tension.

The Messiah's sign

To bring peace to the holy city is an awesome assignment only the long-awaited Messiah can accomplish.

Jerusalem will become a city of peace when the Prince of Peace returns to this earth.

Meanwhile, Arab and Jewish inhabitants utter their words for peace when greeting one another—"Shalom" and "Salaam"—but their peace remains a dream.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Don't run on empty

I have vivid memories of my father routinely driving our family car with the gas tank gauge pointing to EMPTY.

"You are running on empty again," my mother would say. "I know, I know," he'd reply, "but when the needle gets to that point on the gauge there is always a gallon or two left in the tank."

I don't know if my father was simply out of money, or if he liked to push his luck.

But I do remember many worrisome trips on lonely roads in northwestern states with our car appearing to run on gasoline fumes.

What about our spiritual gas tank? Do we try to see how far we can go without spiritually topping up?

Brethren, we need a constant supply of spiritual fuel and God will provide it. But do we go to him often enough for a fill-up?

If we forget or neglect to go to the source of our power, we will find it difficult to live the Christian life.

God meets our need

God supplies spiritual fuel in many different ways: through prayer and Bible study, through the ministry who help us understand his word, through fellowship with other Church members.

Those brethren who can't attend Church services or those who are housebound need not feel helpless or alone. No one is cut off from the source of spiritual strength.

For all of us, wherever we live, through Bible study, prayer, fasting, meditation and reading

Building resolves pressing need

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This building will house offices and classrooms for the English, Foreign Languages, Classics and Philosophy, and History departments.

"Construction of Jackson Hall will resolve our most pressing need at Ambassador, which is more classroom and office space," said evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president.

"Much of our current classroom space includes buildings originally constructed for an elementary and high school complex."

Rick van Pelt, facilities director for the Church, said: "To provide students with a well-rounded education, a variety of classes must be offered, and this has required us to alleviate the strain on current facilities."

Through the cooperative efforts of Church and College employees, plans for the two-story humanities complex have been developed. Ground-breaking is scheduled for May 15, graduation day.

"Jackson Hall will be the first new building on campus since the major construction effort in 1990, when five dormitories, an administration building, a lecture hall and office complex (now named Ambassador Hall) and an office facility for the Spanish and Italian departments were constructed," said Mr. van Pelt.

Physical vision

Careful consideration has been given to academic programs,

FUND-RAISING GOAL—Donations for the Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities building in Big Sandy will be plotted on this diagram, which will appear in future issues of *The Worldwide News*. Rick van Pelt, facilities director for the Church, estimates costs at \$1.4 million. [Artwork by Ken Tunell]

activities, fiscal resources and the physical plant, Dr. Ward said.

"The master plan, though only a blueprint, represents the physical vision of the College's future," he continued. "It is a future we look forward to with eager anticipation."

Other summer projects scheduled for completion before the 1992-93 academic year include an addition to the campus band hall and upgrading street and area lighting.

The next project will be new locker and shower facilities for the physical education complex.

The master plan calls for the continued development of an

academic park, which will become the academic hub of the campus.

Booth City (the informal name given to once-temporary residences for students) will be demolished over time to allow room for the academic center. New residences will replace the old structures.

"The future Herbert W. Armstrong academic center will consist of a new library, a fine arts center, a new student dining hall, a mass communications complex, a computing center and may eventually include an auditorium," Mr. van Pelt said.

A site has also been chosen for the possible construction of an aquatic center in the physical education complex.

The master plan calls for the present Field House to remain as the physical education facility and the Roy Hammer Library to be transformed into a student union facility.

Member involvement

"Members often ask how they can become more involved in Ambassador College," Mr. Tkach said.

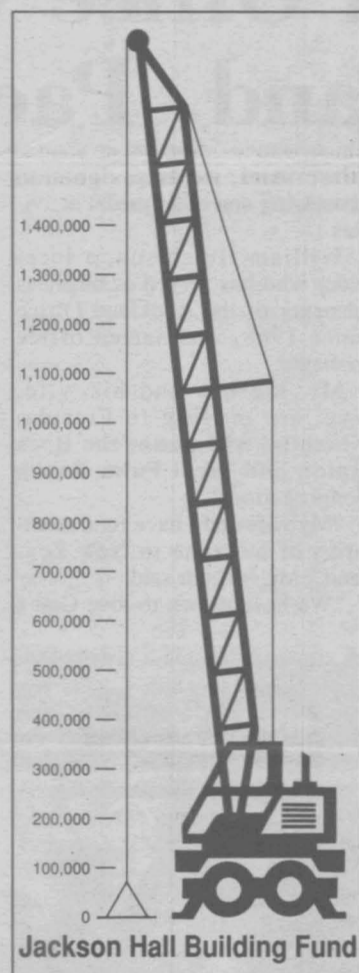
"To allow personal involvement in the construction of Jackson Hall, we are encouraging local congregations to begin fund-raising activities as appropriate to fund the building.

"Members can now contribute directly to the building of a new vision at Ambassador.

"We are not advocating that members finance these projects from their own pockets," Mr. Tkach emphasized.

"If members have spare time to devote to helping raise funds, their involvement in a congregational fund raiser would be a worthy activity."

We intend to acknowledge both congregational and individual donations with an on-site plaque. Details of this program will be provided in the near future.



Donations, whether congregational or individual, should be made to the Church's Building Fund.

However, so the Church can properly acknowledge contributions for the new humanities building, please indicate on your check or money order that your

contribution is for that purpose.

Mr. van Pelt estimated the cost of building the Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities at \$1.4 million.

As the building fund grows, *The Worldwide News* will report results and plot donations on the chart below.

LAST CHANCE!

1992 ENVOY NOT AVAILABLE AT THE FEAST.

ORDER NOW!

The 1992 Ambassador College *Envoy* will **not** be offered for sale at this year's Feast of Tabernacles. Instead, this year's edition will only be available through advance sales at the **special price of \$20** (an \$8 savings over last year's price).

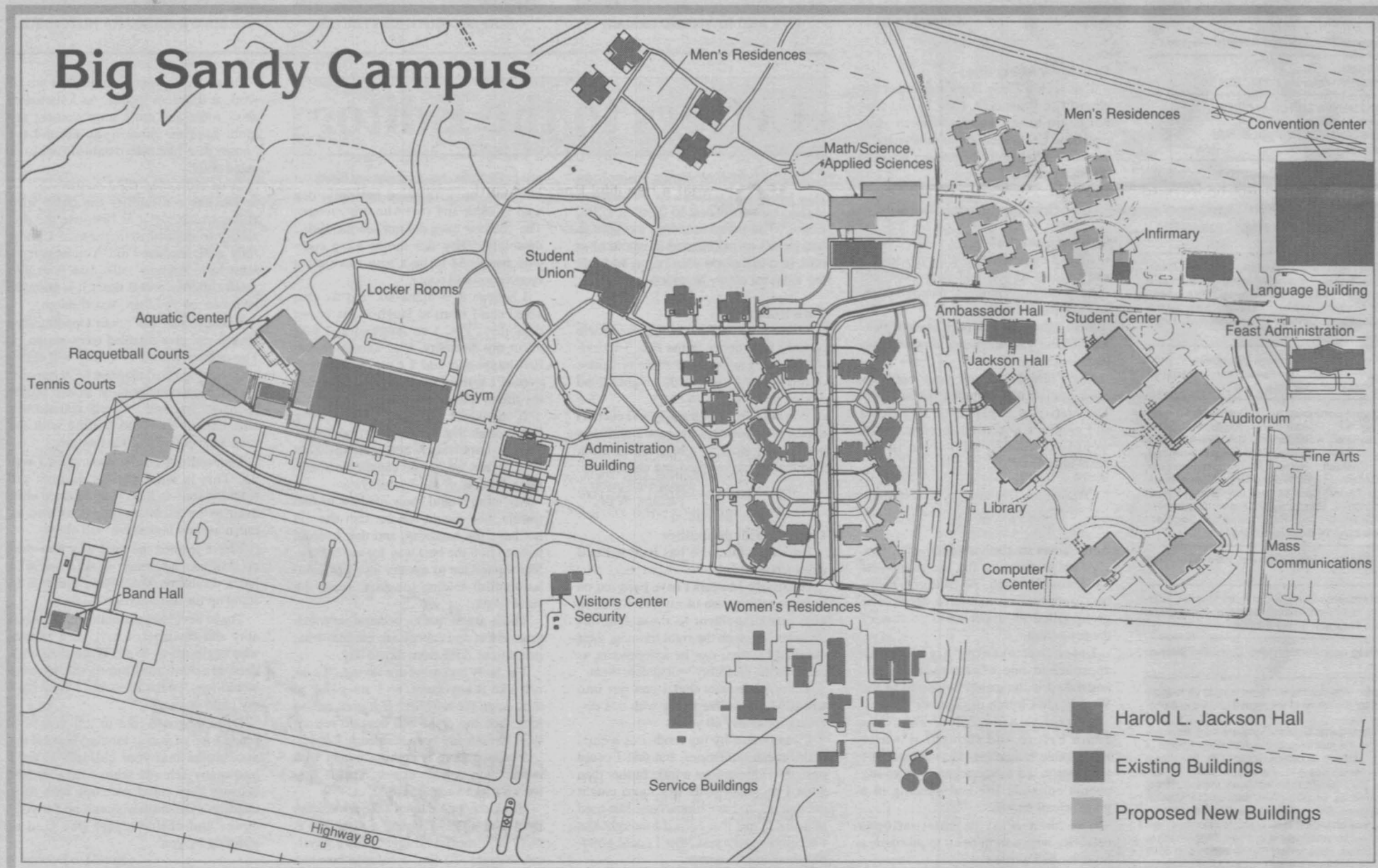
The 1992 *Envoy* promises to provide an informative pictorial record of the College's students, activities and projects during this 45th anniversary year.

Checks or money orders (payable to Ambassador College) should be sent to: 1992 *Envoy*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755. Please add \$3 for shipping and handling. In previous years the *Envoy* was sold at the Feast and could be purchased with second tithe funds. This year it is not appropriate to use second tithe for the *Envoy*.

The 1992 *Envoy* can also be ordered with your Visa or MasterCard by calling 1-800-423-4444.

For those in international areas, regional offices will give ordering information to church pastors.

This offer ends May 31. Expect delivery in the Fall.





IRON SHARPENS IRON

Pentecost: only a matter of time before our absolute freedom

By Paul Kroll

If we were free of all that enslaves us, wouldn't life be wonderful? Worth living? Wouldn't it be ... well, perfect? Wouldn't we ourselves be perfect?

Paul Kroll is a senior editor for The Plain Truth.

Our ultimate destiny is to have this absolute, total and eternal freedom. We will be free from sin, free from fears, free from human limitations. In that sense, we will be as God is (I John 3:2).

Think, for a moment, how free God is. God doesn't worry about what he will eat, drink, wear or live in. God isn't afraid of being hurt or dying.

God knows there is an answer—a reason—a solution—for everything that happens, so that in the end even the absurd and unjust takes on meaning. God is in control of his mind and faculties and is not tempted to sin.

God is not afraid of an uncertain future. In fact, "uncertain future" is an oxymoron for God because he controls and makes the future what he wants it to be. Above all, God is Spirit and he is life, and eternity.

In short, God is truly free of all fear, of all need. That's why God wants us to be like him because it means we can be truly free as well.

Pentecost: symbol of freedom

What is this freedom the New Testament says we have? The answer points up the day of Pentecost as an important symbol of spiritual freedom.

We know the Holy Spirit was first "poured out" on all people during the day of Pentecost following Christ's resurrection (Acts 2). In his Pentecost sermon, Peter called on his hearers to repent, to be baptized, and to "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (verse 38, New International Version throughout).

From that time, Pentecost has symbolized God pouring out his Spirit on human beings (verse 17).

And, we have been among the blessed recipients: "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5).

Those who receive God's Spirit are born anew—of the spirit, from above. Besides their old sinful nature or self, God's people have a new, godly self forming within them.

As Peter put it, we "participate

in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (II Peter 1:4).

To escape something is to be free of it. If anything, then, the Holy Spirit in us means absolute freedom for us.

When we have the Spirit—guaranteed at our baptism—working within us we are free from the control of our sinful

propensity to sin, and yes, freedom from death. Think about it—forever free of death.

What Pentecost teaches us

In this life we experience only a down payment of that ultimate freedom we are to possess. We still must struggle against sin. We are subject to sorrow, pain and death.

We are no longer slaves to sin, but are freed from sin's bondage. Through Christ's victory over sin, we can live new lives in obedience to him to the glory of God.

nature. And, so, the day of Pentecost symbolizes our freedom in Christ, our liberation.

Value of freedom

Jesus, above all things, promised that his work was meant to set humans at liberty. Jesus said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Jesus said he was sent "to proclaim freedom for the prisoners" and "release the oppressed" (Luke 4:18).

Just before his death, Jesus promised his disciples: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever" (John 14:16). More than with them, the spirit would be in them (verse 17).

We also have that Spirit through which God and Jesus make their home in our minds (verse 23). That Spirit of Pentecost makes us absolutely free.

Having the Holy Spirit rids us of these enslaving chains that seek to control our lives.

True freedom—complete freedom—personal freedom—makes everything else we could want possible.

Consider what true freedom—as God has freedom—would bring to you and me.

We would be free of fears and worries, free of poverty and economic uncertainty, free of unjust restraints, free of prejudice and bigotry, free of guilt, free of illness and accidents, free of loneliness and feeling inadequate, free of ignorance, free of ugliness, free of the inability to do what we want, free of physical and mental exhaustion, free of enemies. But there's more.

We must not forget to mention the most important freedoms of all—freedom from our own moral weaknesses and addictions, our

sion" (Ephesians 1:13-14).

Our absolute freedom is guaranteed by God! It's only a matter of time. And, yet, we already have the deed to our absolute freedom.

When we become children of God through the indwelling spirit of God, our perfection is as good as done. (Of course, we must continue keeping God's faith in us.)

That's why Jesus could say God is not a God of the dead (Matthew 22:32). In a real sense—more real than our lives—those who are dead are as good as alive. And, we are as good as absolutely free.

each of us, Paul still says through his writings: "You have been set free from sin" (Romans 6:18).

"Set free"—what a wonderful thought. We all want to be free of everything that enslaves us, don't we? We have that desire in common with every human who has ever lived.

Free at last!

Remember the late Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech? He gave it Aug. 28, 1963, 100 years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation speech on freeing the negro slaves.

Dr. King's topic was, naturally, freedom. He said despite the racial bigotry still in America, he had a dream.

The dream was that, among other things, blacks could "one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Dr. King asked that freedom ring throughout America. He prayed for the day when all could be truly free and one in spirit.

Dr. King concluded his speech with words that we, of all people, can appreciate: "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Those words echo and articulate our most deep-seated yearnings to be free. They reflect the Pentecost spirit of both the reality-in-waiting and future hope of our freedom.

We already have the down payment of the Spirit and the title to its fullness. As we think of the meaning of Pentecost, let's remember Martin Luther King's resounding words that reflect the true freedom we have in Christ: "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Brethren inspired by Holy Day card

"Oh, what a beautiful Passover card.... What a fantastic scene that must have been," wrote Mrs. Oliver J. Bergeron Jr. of Chalmette, La., in response to the spring festival greeting card Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach sent brethren in early April.

Mike Wimmer's illustration on the card (below) captures the epic qualities of one of the most spectacular events in history—the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea.

"Thank you so much, such an uplift, a new year, another chance to renew all dedication to the great almighty God," wrote Mrs. Bergeron.

"Thank you so much for the beautiful card, for fitting words at the right time," said Mrs. William S. Nichols Sr. of La Vernia, Tex. "I must say it brought tears to my eyes and at the same time joy to my heart. It's the best one ever."

The majestic figure of Moses dominates the scene. His budding rod and outstretched arms seem to beckon the Israelites to safe passage. Behind the rock, to Moses' right, Aaron stares intently at the parted waters.

Beside the rock, to Moses' left, stands the courageous figure of Joshua, who carries the standard of the tribe of Ephraim. The insignia of Issachar can be seen at the lower right.

Illustrator Mr. Wimmer, a member who attends the Oklahoma City, Okla., church, consulted various sources in creating the painting, including archaeologist and historian Henry S. Noerdlinger.



Ministerial Transfers

Name	Transferred to
Robert Berendt	Lethbridge, Alta., and Maple Creek, Sask.
James Henderson	Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
Wilhelm Mandel	Munich, Germany, and Salzburg and Vienna, Austria.
Owen Willis	Moncton, Saint John, N.B.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.

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

UPDATE

Northern California quake delays services

EUREKA, Calif.—Brethren here are safe and suffered no serious property damage, after a 6.9-magnitude earthquake and several aftershocks hit this area April 25.

Although the quake hit Saturday morning, most brethren were still able to make it to Sabbath services, according to **Dan King**, Eureka, Chico and Redding, Calif., associate pastor.

"Sabbath services in Eureka normally start at 1 p.m. but were delayed until 1:30 p.m. because of the earthquake," Mr. King said.

"When we arrived at the hall, there still was no power. About halfway through the sermonette, the power came on, which was good because we were planning to play Mr. Tkach's tape for the sermon."

"About five minutes after the tape was completed, the power went back off."

School equipment redeemed from grocery receipts

Imperial Schools in Pasadena collected more than \$688,000 in grocery store receipts in the Vons Companies 1991-92 Apples for the Students program, and more than \$50,000 in receipts in the Lucky Stores Register Tapes for Education program.

Students, parents and brethren from Southern California churches sent cash register receipts they received when shopping at the two grocery store chains.

Imperial Schools will redeem the Vons Companies receipts for two Macintosh LC color computer systems and educational software.

The Lucky Stores receipts will be redeemed for two sets of 10 Casio scientific calculators.

"Programs like these help Imperial to acquire educational equipment we would otherwise not be able to afford. I would like to thank everyone who has helped us accomplish our goal," said **Joseph**

Locke, Imperial Schools superintendent.

Imperial Schools started receiving receipts before the Feast of Tabernacles and set a goal to match last year's Apples for the Students program total of \$660,000 by the end of the program Jan. 31.

This was the first year Imperial Schools participated in the Lucky Stores program.

Singles weekend in Tennessee to feature dinner, dancing

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—"Getting to Know You" is the theme of a July 4 singles weekend sponsored by Memphis singles.

The weekend will begin Friday afternoon with a picnic. Saturday activities are a morning Bible study, an afternoon singles Sabbath service, dinner and dancing in the evening.

Both Sabbath messages will be presented by **Gary Antion**, director of Counseling Services at Ambassador College.

The weekend is limited to the first 100 men and 100 women who send in a \$15 deposit. Total weekend cost is \$30.

For further information and reservations, contact **Tom Bart** at 1-901-794-8109 or write him at 2825 Cotton Way No. 1, Memphis, Tenn., 38118.

Twin Cities singles invite guests to 'World of Friendship'

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The Twin Cities singles cordially invite singles to a weekend of fellowship and fun, July 3 to 5.

The theme for the weekend is "Discovering a New World of Friendship."

Activities include a semiformal dance, a captain's dinner, volleyball, softball, brunch, two Bible studies, Sabbath services and a version of the *Family Feud* television game show. Evangelist **Dean Blackwell** is guest speaker.

Housing is at the Ramada Inn,

St. Paul. Cost for the weekend if registering before June 1 is \$39.95 for quadruple occupancy, \$46.25 for triple, \$59.95 for double and \$99.95 for single. Add \$5 for each person if registering after June 1.

Prices include all activities, four meals and lodging. The hotel has an indoor pool, sauna and hospitality suite.

For further information call **Mike Flom** at 1-612-934-6520 or write him at 6590 Chanhassen Rd., Chanhassen, Minn., 55317.

Norfolk singles to meet for July 4 festivities

NORFOLK, Va.—The church here invites singles to attend a Fourth of July singles weekend in the Virginia Beach area July 2 to 5.

Activities will include a beach party and cookout, Fourth of July fireworks at Ft. Monroe, and dinner and dancing at the historical Chamberlin Hotel.

Guest speaker for the weekend is evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse**.

Cost for the weekend is \$90 and includes three nights' lodging at Old Dominion University, seven meals, activities and transportation to and from activities.

Please make checks payable to Local Church Activity Fund and send them to Box 6217, Virginia Beach, Va., 23462. For further information call **Ruth** at 1-804-693-3052.

Kansas church to mark 25th anniversary in June

SALINA, Kan.—The Salina church will celebrate its 25th anniversary June 20. Services will begin at 3 p.m., followed by a dinner, slide show, presentations and a family dance.

Activities will be at the Holiday Inn, 1616 W. Crawford, Salina, Kan. Reservations for the evening meal are required.

For information call **Robert Swan** at 1-316-241-2822 or write him at 214 Hummingbird, McPherson, Kan., 67460.

YOU fund drive helps teen whose arms severed in accident

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The Minneapolis South Youth Opportunities United (YOU) group sponsored a fund drive in February for **John Thompson**, a North Dakota teenager who received national attention when his arms were cut off in a tractor accident Jan. 11. Doctors reattached his arms.

The YOU group collected \$230 from area brethren for the Thompson family to use for medical bills.

Terry Lundberg, a local church elder in the Minneapolis South church and YOU coordinator, initiated the project.

"I was moved about the story about John Thompson," he said. "I thought it would be good to do something as a YOU group since he's a teenager, to let him know we are aware of his situation."

In addition to the cash donation, **Tanya Kern**, a YOU member

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• WFLA Tampa, Fla.	Sunday, 11 a.m.	8
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• KLAS Las Vegas, Nev.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	8
• WBZ Boston, Mass.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	4
• WSAZ Huntington, W.Va.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	3

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KPRC Houston, Tex.	June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Aug. 9	2
KUSA Denver, Colo.	May 17, May 31, June 7, July 19	9
WFAA Dallas, Tex.	May 24, June 7	8
• WHOI Peoria, Ill.	April 19	19

here, made a card for John, signed by YOU members and brethren.

Winners announced in YOU national writing contest

The YOU Office announced the winners of the 1992 U.S. Creative Writing Contest.

In the poetry division, gold level winners were (in alphabetical order, with name of church area): **Paul Alfieri**, Union, N.J., South; **Becky Baker**, Kenosha, Wis.; **Richenda Frankel**, Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest; **Matthew Giese**, Big Sandy P.M.; **Ben Koller**, Phoenix, Ariz., North; **Jared Sloan**, San Diego, Calif.; and **Virginia Thomas**, Kalamazoo, Mich.

In the general division, gold level winners were **Jennifer Affeldt**, Indiana and Huntingdon, Pa.; **Dawn Michelle Cain**, Reno, Nev.; **Carol A. Campau**, Grand Rapids, Mich.; **Richenda Frankel**, Chicago North and Northwest; **Ryan Meyer Hughes**, St. Petersburg, Fla.; **Janice V. Sadlo**, Minneapolis, Minn., North; and **Sarah Schnoebelen**, Des Moines, Iowa.

Honorable mentions in the poetry division were: **Kellie French**, Portland, Ore., West; **Denise A. Kuettner**, Phoenix North; **Gina T. Kuettner**, Phoenix North; **Leah Nichole Hunter**, Portsmouth, Ohio; **Dana Moehring**, Appleton, Wis.; **Mona Nichols**, Fort Myers, Fla.; **Ryan Stephens**, Jackson, Miss.; **Jennifer Ullrich**, Mount Vernon, Ill.; and **Joey Weeden**, Wilmington, N.C.

Honorable mentions in the general division were **Desiree Bukowski**, Houston, Tex., East; **Kelly Carey**, Seaford, Del.; **Amy Hilliker**, Bremerton, Wash.; **Dan Myers**, Wausau, Wis.; **David Reisner**, Davenport, Iowa; **Robin Shumway**, Rochester, Minn.; and **David A. Vine**, Flint, Mich.

Sharon Treybig of Spokane,

Wash., was the overall winner of the 1991 YOU Songwriting Contest.

Evangelist inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

BIG SANDY—**Donald L. Ward**, president of Ambassador College, was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., April 4.

Dr. Ward lettered in baseball and football at the university. As centerfielder, he led the baseball team in triples in 1960, home runs in 1961 and overall batting average both years.


He was a two-time letterman in football as a quarterback and safety, leading his team to their only bowl appearance in 1959.

Dr. Ward intercepted 13 passes at safety, threw seven touchdown passes and averaged 19.1 yards as a punt returner in 1959.

Dr. Ward served as baseball coach from 1967 to 1969, leading Delta State to a second-place finish in the NCAA Division II College World Series in 1968.

He also served as assistant football coach at the university in 1967 and 1968.

Dr. Ward has been at Ambassador College since 1969, serving as president since 1989.

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Church helps victims of explosions in Guadalajara

GUADALAJARA, Mexico—A series of underground gas explosions killed more than 200 people here April 22, according to **Gilberto Marin**, pastor of the Guadalajara church. No members were hurt or suffered property damage in the blasts.

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** announced that the Worldwide Church of God will participate in the relief effort by sending \$100,000 to appropriate relief agencies.

"If we are indeed Christlike individuals we are constantly thinking about the poor unfortunates of this world," Mr. Tkach said. He quoted Galatians 6:10: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Because of the emergency, only one service was conducted on the last day of Unleavened Bread in Guadalajara. The Feast of Tabernacles will take place here as scheduled.

Member **Daniel Garcia**, 30, who lives one block from the disaster area, was working on his car when the first explosion occurred.

People were running, bleeding, crying, screaming and asking for help.

"I ran to see what was happening and to help," Mr. Garcia said. "To my amazement the street had disappeared. In its place was a wide trench, in most places three meters deep. Cars, buses and trucks were turned around. Homes were destroyed and injured people were everywhere."

Mr. Garcia helped rescue people and belongings until he was exhausted.

The 160 brethren in Guadalajara thank brethren worldwide for their prayers.

1992 Festival Updates

The Festival Office announced that the following sites have reached capacity and can accept no further applications.

Paradise Island, Bahamas; Christ Church, Barbados; Roseau, Dominica; St. George's, Grenada; Georgetown, Guyana; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Ensenada, Mexico;

Castries, St. Lucia; Talavera de la Reina, Spain; and Beruwala, Sri Lanka.

A wind ensemble is being organized for the Daytona Beach, Fla., site. Anyone interested in participating in the ensemble should contact **Alex Leffek** at 9002 Ferguson Ave., No. 187, Savannah, Ga., 31406.