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European message: 'Service in love is always the goal'

PERTISAU, Austria—This small Tyrolean town 28 miles northeast of Innsbruck was host to a four-day conference May 4 to 7 for full-time ministers and their wives serving in continental Europe.

The conference's purpose was to equip the ministry to do their jobs more effectively and to serve the needs of brethren in Europe, according to evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International.

"The European conference is important in helping to build relationships between fellow ministers and to exchange thoughts and ideas," Mr. Salyer said in his keynote address.

Victor Kubik, assistant director of Church Administration U.S., told the group: "While people differ by nationality and language, their spiritual needs are similar. The goal of both the U.S. and international areas is to equip each pastor to more effectively serve the brethren under his charge.

"We must work toward unity and common goals in the ministry worldwide," he added. "Service in love is always the goal, and ministers must consider the well-being of the membership."

Randal Dick, assistant director of Church Administration International, also discussed key ways

ministers can pastor churches more productively and put unity into practice across national, cultural and language barriers.

He emphasized ministers' integrity and character, and said to treat each member according to the same set of values.

"Let's work for win-win situations," he told the group. "You don't win unless the membership wins."

Identifying with people

Evangelist Les McCullough, regional director for the United Kingdom, Scandinavia, the Middle East, and East and West Africa, spoke about how the ministry can better accomplish the Church's mission by helping to change human life in a way that is pleasing to God.

He said to become all things to all men and to identify with people.

"It is beneficial for the European ministers that the focus was more directly on the work the ministry does and how to deal with people," said Wade Fransson, associate pastor of the Stuttgart, Germany, and Basel and Zurich, Switzerland, churches.

Regional directors attending the conference with continental field ministers and their wives were evangelist Carn Catherwood, who oversees the French

and Italian region; Bram de Bree, Dutch-speaking areas; John Karlson, German-speaking areas; and Leon Walker, Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking areas.

Each regional director gave an update on his region, covering ministerial manpower needs, projected Church growth and trends and advances in Europe.

Italy is battling increasing unemployment; France is returning to conservatism; the economy is booming in Spain.

Mr. Walker said *The Plain Truth's* biblical focus "has a posi- (See CONFERENCE, page 2)



VIEWS ON UNITY—Regional directors Carn Catherwood (left) and Bram de Bree, and Mr. de Bree's wife, Trudy, face European issues during the May conference in Austria. [Photo by Victor Kubik]

Church responds to riot victims

Members left homes for safety away from riot-torn areas

By Roxann E. Thompson

LOS ANGELES—Cliff and Ophelia Tracy, members who attend the church here, were driving toward their home in south central Los Angeles April 29 with their four daughters.

Roxann E. Thompson is a prospective member who attends the Los Angeles congregation.

With the city in disarray and chaos, young children and adults were looting stores and running through the streets.

When Mr. and Mrs. Tracy stopped at a gas station for fuel, looters from a nearby gun store approached them and offered to give them cover if they wanted to grab some loot.

Before they left the gas station they heard gunshots and took cover. They made it home safely but left the city for a relative's house.

Power outage starts fire

Members of the Los Angeles

church were protected during the civil unrest here, which began April 29 after four police officers were acquitted of the charge of severely beating black motorist Rodney King.

But many did suffer from the effects of the riots.

Several members lost electrical power for more than 24 hours. When power was restored, an electrical problem in the home of Elnora Burks caused a fire Saturday, May 2.

The Burkses were safe at Sabbath services during the fire, but the house and most of their possessions were destroyed.

The Burkses have already received donations from members and are extremely grateful, said Curtis May, pastor of the Los Angeles congregation.

Evacuation

As the unrest grew increasingly worse some members decided to leave the area for the safety of friends and relatives' homes in other cities.

Four families "were evacuated from the south central area, the scene of the worst of the violence, looting and fires, on Thursday, April 30," said Mr. May.

"The previous evening two of those families had to wash down their houses with water to keep falling embers and sparks from starting fires, and they didn't get to bed until the early hours of the morning."

One family that lives in Crip (an L.A. street gang) territory told Mr. May the gang set fires in the territory of a rival group, which retaliated by setting fires in a Crip area.

Mr. May's wife, Jannice, called John Kennedy, assistant pastor of the Pasadena West P.M. church, for housing assistance Thursday afternoon.

"Several of the former college dormitories have been given to Church Offices for needs such as this," said Mr. Kennedy. "The space was available and we informed Mr. Tkach."

Members of the West P.M. congregation provided meals for the families on campus.

Peggy Dickey, one of the evacuees, said she felt especially moved by the kindness and by God's intervention.

"Nothing in the world is like God's Church. When God says he's going to lift his Church on eagles' wings, he really means it. God rescued me!"

The families returned to their homes May 4. Pasadena brethren offered to open their homes to those in need during the unrest.

Looting and arson

Member Tanya Grant said businesses in her neighborhood were almost completely demolished by looters.

She saw carload after carload of looters—sometimes whole families—drive by.

A shop across from her home was plundered, and the stolen goods left on her property temporarily while looters returned to the store to set it on fire.

Mrs. Grant kept the roof of her own house wet because of falling sparks.

Member Draylon Robbins, who said his house seemed to be surrounded by fires, described the destruction as similar to that seen during the Gulf War.

Another member was ostracized by his family when he refused to participate in the looting or to accept stolen goods.

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

I was in Big Sandy to host the annual Ambassador College Senior Dinner for our graduating senior students when news came of the verdicts in the Rodney King beating trial and resulting rioting and burning in Los Angeles.

Like all of you who watched the verdict and the violence on live television, I felt every emotion from outrage and helplessness to heartrending sympathy and compassion.

These sad events are but a microcosm of all that has

plagued humanity from the beginning of history.

The continuing march of injustice and oppression, combined with selfishness, hatred, ignorance, arrogance and fear, leaves in its path a legacy of suffering and destruction.

We long for and pray for the second coming of Jesus Christ, when justice and peace will prevail. But in the meantime, God expects his people to be his emissaries of justice and peace.

God has called us to do more than proclaim the coming of Christ in word; he has also called us to proclaim Jesus' coming in how we live (I Thessalonians 1:4-5).

Moved with compassion

How should Christians view such tragic events as have befallen Los Angeles? Jesus Christ was moved with compassion when he saw the great crowd beside the sea of Galilee, "because they were like sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34).

Jesus gave the parable of the Good Samaritan to teach his disciples the need to view any person in need as their neighbor.

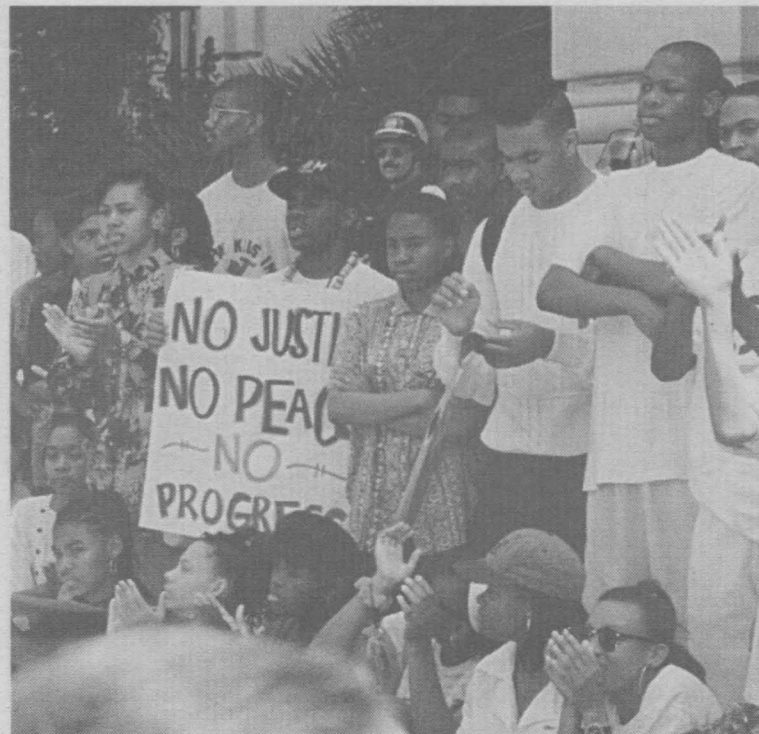
The Holy Spirit in us leads us to see these people as human beings who need the grace of

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A BETTER WAY—Youths from John Muir High School stage a peaceful rally April 30 on the steps of Pasadena city hall to protest the Rodney King case verdict. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Cities' problems require moral solutions

The appalling toll from the three-day Los Angeles riots stands, for the moment, at 58 dead, 2,383 injured, 12,000 arrests and more than 7,000 fire responses.

About 3,000 buildings were affected by rioting or looting. Property losses exceed \$700 million.

Raw numbers, however, can be cold and remote. It is the human dimension that tells the scope of this man-made disaster. The May 3 Los Angeles *Times* recounted this one tragic tale:

"For Rod Davis, the Firestone tire and auto repair shop on the corner of 52nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard was the culmination of a lifelong dream—to



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

charged with using excessive force in apprehending a black motorist, Rodney King.

The unrest punctured a widely held perception that Southern California, which has undergone a profound demographic change in the past two decades, with a huge influx of Asians and Latins, was on its way to a peaceful,

election year) are busy pointing fingers, blaming opponents and their "failed policies" for having caused the riot. Some blame Great Society programs launched in the 1960s, others say the fault is with redirected government priorities in the '80s.

Now the intellectual wells are almost dried up in these tight-money times. "No one has a clue how to help these frightful places," wrote Brian Duffy in the May 11 *U.S. News & World Report*.

Just in the past few days, some analysts have begun to ask whether or not we must search for moral or spiritual solutions to the crises gripping the nation's cities. It is rewarding to hear at least this question being asked.

Crime and poverty are fundamentally moral, not economic, issues. Both are ultimately traceable to the soundness of a community's family structure.

Is progress possible?

In America's inner cities, economic rebuilding cannot succeed where the vast majority of children are born out of wedlock and are reared by single mothers dependent upon meager public assistance—or, increasingly, in no-parent families where children are reared by grandparents or other family members or friends forced to step in because of the mother's addiction to crack cocaine.

All such families—as distinct from the healthy rise of the minority middle class during the 1980s—are economically disadvantaged from the beginning. Such conditions also breed, understandably, jealousy and envy of the "haves" in society.

of our area, the conference provides a tremendous opportunity for fellowship and we feel very much more equipped to carry on our work."

Looking to the future, Mr. Salzer explained, "We wish to continue to focus our attention on serving the brethren most effectively, by providing the ministry with the necessary instruction, programs and resources to accomplish this goal."

dynamic, multicultural future.

But racial tensions are only part of the story. Opportunistic crime played a big role, given the generalized breakdown of authority and a mystifyingly slow response on the part of law enforcement agencies.

A good deal of the destruction was wrought by members of Los Angeles' notorious street gangs. In a perverse unity pact, rival Blood and Crip gangs collaborated in an orgy of arson and looting.

Gang members heaved molotov cocktails (lighted gasoline-filled bottles) through store fronts as they raced by in their automobiles.

With L.A. gun shops ordered closed, other gang members drove as far away as Bakersfield and San Diego to buy or steal ammunition for their automatic weapons, which have greater firepower than those of the police or federal troops.

In their avowed war against what they call "the system," the gangs proclaim that the police is now their common enemy.

As expected, local and even national politicians (this being an

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become his own boss.

"Davis got his start changing tires, worked his way up to management and bought his shop in 1983 with a loan from Firestone. His wife, Lola, and son Rod Jr. helped build the shop into a \$1-million-a-year business, working 14-hour days, six days a week....

"Davis watched the horror unfold on a television newscast as his life's work was reduced to a blackened heap of twisted steel and concrete. 'I'm bitter,' said Davis, 53, who doesn't know if he's going to rebuild his ... business, which is one of the few black-owned Firestone shops nationwide."

Upheaval punctures perceptions

This wrenching story finds its counterparts among thousands of other shopkeepers in areas hardest hit by arsonists and looters. In addition, as many as 10,000 people may have permanently lost their jobs at the destroyed businesses.

The upheaval, we all know, erupted in the wake of an April 29 jury verdict largely acquitting four white Los Angeles police officers

lated primarily by rootless, single males from Central America, most of them illegal immigrants. Older, established, family-structured Hispanic neighborhoods were quiet.

Only 10 businesses were looted in East Los Angeles, and much of the booty from a Sears store was returned when angry parents realized what their children had done.

In the long run, what is likely to happen after this outbreak of urban unrest in America simmers down?

With living conditions in the inner cities worse than they were during the riots of the 1965-68 period, it is unlikely that any healing process this time will last much longer than the camaraderie shown in the post-riot sweep-up.

Crime, sad to say, will likely become even more of a scourge.

After the Rodney King verdict and its aftermath, police officers around the country may be more reluctant than ever to forcibly apprehend suspected criminals, even within permissible limits, lest they later be accused of overstepping their bounds.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



After L.A. riots, who will follow America?

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Like most Americans abroad I watched the riots in Los Angeles, April 29 through May 1, with horror. How could this be happening?

People looting in Pasadena scarcely two blocks from Church headquarters.

But what occurred was not without warning. Last year Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach wrote President George Bush a letter warning that dangers to America would be from within.

A warning was sounded by secular authorities also. In England *The Daily Telegraph* reported that "for three years [the President] has ignored these solutions to inner city blight, although they were pressed on him by one of the most conservative Cabinet officers."

Editor David Gergen, writing in *Foreign Affairs—America and the World*—wrote a lead article titled "America's Missed Opportunities."

He observed: "What a difference a recession makes. Few outside the White House talk anymore of creating a 'new world order,' unless in jest. The United States cannot achieve order in its streets or even in its capital, much less in the rest of the world."

Jack Kemp, U.S. secretary of Housing and Urban Development, reinforced this point in the wake of the L.A. riots: "If it [democracy] can work in Eastern Europe, it must be made to work in East Harlem and East Los Angeles."

Change begins at home

Foreign affairs and domestic affairs are inextricably connected. A people with deep troubles in their own country cannot hope to instill respect in other countries.

What influence and respect America gained abroad through the Gulf War and the fall of communism are in danger of being dissipated by a domestic economic downturn and serious social unrest.

The land that might have seemed a role model for the new nations of Europe is not living up

to its responsibilities at home.

Without a sound financial and moral base, the United States is in no position to build a new world order around the globe. Unless its inner life is one of peace and harmony, no one will want to follow the example of Uncle Sam.

The reluctance of other countries to follow the United States was observed by Mr. Gergen.

"As troubles spread in America, other powers began edging away from its orbit. In Japan the press was intrigued by the sudden popularity of *kenbei*—a feeling of condescension toward America—while in Europe leaders gathered in Maastricht without thinking twice about any interest the United States might have had in their deliberations."

Will America remain the ascendent power or, as Mr. Gergen writes, was the Gulf War "the last gasp of a great nation visibly and sourly slipping?"

A message for world rulers

The troubles facing U.S. leaders today are not new. The ancients also found themselves in trouble because they lacked inner moral strength too.

The king of the first world ruling empire received a simple message from the prophet Daniel before his seven years of madness.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of his own demise (though temporary) was interpreted by Daniel. He told the king, "My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meanings to your adversaries!" (Daniel 4:19).

Then after explaining what would happen, Daniel's personal warning is succinctly expressed in one sentence: "Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed" (verse 27). The New King James Version renders it, "by showing mercy to the poor."

Daniel's social message is desperately needed in the closing years of our millennium. The problem is not one of military might, but of a need for internal repentance.

European conference

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tive impact on those who attend public Bible lectures in Spain."

Mr. Karlson said: "The gospel is spreading by word of mouth in Estonia. Eastern Europe poses some interesting challenges." He added that Poland has many opportunities for the Church to preach the gospel.

Activities a boost for ministers, wives

Winfried Fritz, conference coordinator and pastor of the Bonn-Duesseldorf, Darmstadt and Zwickau, Germany, churches, together with his wife, Carola, organized activities that built unity through fellowship, said Andre Zick, planning coordinator for Church Administration International, who also attended.

Mr. Fritz, who was born in Pertisau, gave a tour of a nearby Tyrolean village, followed by a ride back to Pertisau on a narrow-

gauge alpine train powered by a steam engine.

An Austrian folk-music band of Church members and youths played dinner music that evening.

John Andrews, pastor of the Scandinavian churches, said, "Because of the relative isolation



SUITABLE ATTIRE—Ministers Olivier Carion (left) and Victor Kubik geared for unity at the May 4 to 7 European conference in Austria. [Photo by Andre Zick]

Just One More Thing

The material Dexter Faulkner submitted for this issue will appear in the "Iron Sharpens Iron" section of a future issue.

Lessons from a flower shop: We should value differences

By Greg R. Albrecht

During the citywide destruction, looting and fires that engulfed Los Angeles after the Rodney King verdict, Ralph's Florist in Pasadena was burned to the ground April 30.

The weekend after, I stopped to say good-bye to some charred ruins of my childhood.

Greg R. Albrecht is editor for The Plain Truth.

Ralph Yack, a Turkish immigrant, started his flower business almost 70 years ago on the corner of Adams Boulevard and Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, about three miles north of where the riots started.

After World War II, he moved Ralph's Florist to Pasadena.

Ralph's Florist has been a symbol of my friendship with Ralph's son, Allen, and his family since the 1960s, when I first became friends with Allen and worked with him and his mother in their flower shop.

After seeing the destruction of the Pasadena shop, I stopped by to see Allen's other shop in the nearby city of Arcadia.

Eighteen years ago Allen expanded Ralph's Florist from its Pasadena base to Arcadia. So Allen at least had another shop to go to after his Pasadena shop was destroyed.

As I walked into the store, I saw him preparing an arrangement for delivery. He looked up, and almost without a word we embraced.

We both knew why I was there. We both needed to say good-bye and let go of the past, and we both

needed to face the future.

Allen described his feelings when he saw what was left of the shop the morning after it burned to the ground.

"I was overwhelmed, 24 years of my life, gone. But, I have also been overwhelmed by the support of longtime friends like you. You are all helping me close a chapter of my life."

Sitting on the patio in the back of his Arcadia shop, Allen and I reminisced about the past.

After a while he said: "You know, I think the shop burning

accorded my father, a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

So when I first saw Allen and his family grieving, I felt their pain. Thankfully, in spite of my mother and stepfather's conservative and traditional views, they allowed me to befriend Allen.

I was exposed to a world different from the familiar one that hates and distrusts because of color, religion or political views. Allen and his mother, Mary, helped me value such differences.

Since that time, I have been able to include people of color and of decidedly differing religious and political views among my friends.

As the theme of the purpose of life entered our conversation, all we had to do was look at each other. We both knew our differing views of life's purpose.

Allen and I have shared the deaths of our mothers, who also had become close friends. We have seen our nation go through other times of hurt and pain. And now, Ralph's Florist in Pasadena was in smoldering ruins, burned down as a token to anger and rage.

Later in the conversation, tears blurring our eyes, Allen humorously reflected: "You know, I'm glad that I haven't burned down too many bridges in my life. You never know when a big fire might burn down some of your life and you'll need to cross one of those bridges."

Allen chuckled and said that he wouldn't let me leave unless I promised to quote that one exactly.

I got up to leave, and we promised to meet for lunch the next week. Before I left, we both promised to keep our memories of Ralph's Florist alive, and we also promised to face the future with hope and determination.

Douse hate with forgiveness

Fires and ashes are so final. Anger and rage are so ugly. As the Los Angeles fires have become ashes, all of us—black, yellow, brown, white—know we must face the future.

We have to douse the fires of hate with forgiveness. We have to beat our guns of destruction into brooms and shovels. We have to learn to value peace and love more than hate and alienation. We have to.

Allen Yack wouldn't want it any other way. Selling flowers shows he and his family are about caring.

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down has helped me to gain a sense of perspective. When something like this happens, we are forced to find out what our priorities in life are all about.

"I'm coming to see that happiness is an inner peace, not a building or a business. I think that I am beginning to find my purpose in life."

A bigger perspective

Mentioning purpose in life moved the conversation in a decidedly spiritual direction.

Allen commented: "During the last two years I have become a lot more spiritual and a lot more reflective. I feel that my religious journey is just beginning."

That was a signal, because Allen and I both have long shared our very different religious upbringings and traditions. Until I met Allen, all of my close friends were in our church.

My mother would not let me get to know anyone other than church friends. So, I went to school, church and activities with church friends. But, I like to think my mother saw I needed a bigger perspective in life.

Feeling their pain

When I first saw Allen and his family in the '60s, they were returning from his father's funeral, and somehow I felt a bond and affinity. My mother had always kept my own father alive in my mind with stories and photographs.

I can't begin to count the times she told me about my father's funeral. I was 15 months old, but I remember being scared and frightened because of the rifle salute

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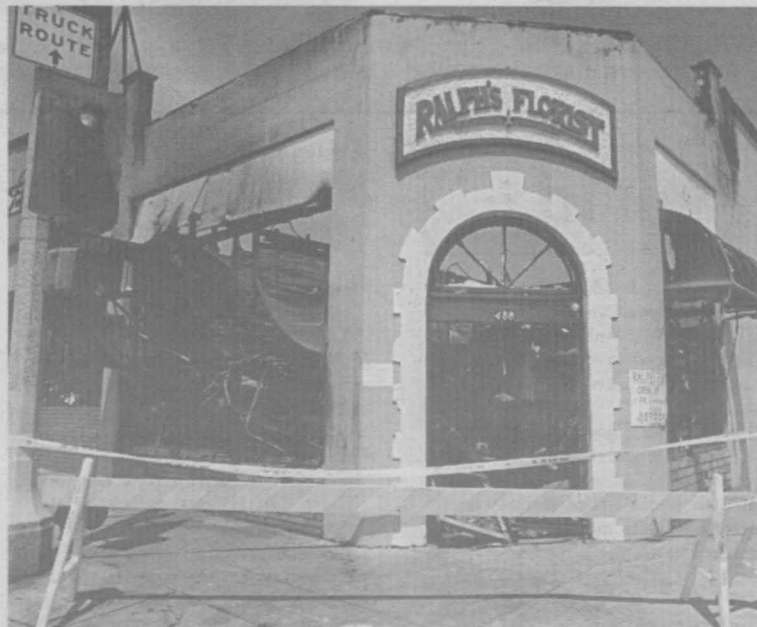
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WHERE FRIENDSHIP BLOOMED—"Mary Yack, Allen's mother, gave me my first job, at Ralph's Florist," recalls Greg Albrecht. "On long, hot summer days, left in charge, Allen and I had water-bucket fights. How I wish Allen and I could have been at Ralph's Florist with some water buckets to stop it being burned to the ground." [Photo by Barry Stahl]

Riot night makes for a long ride home

By John Elliott

My wife, Merrie, and I were contestants on a television show being taped April 30 in Hollywood. The night before there was rioting in central Los Angeles, a few miles to the south, but we were assured that the situation was under control. Now, in the television studio, we heard that rioting had erupted in the area.

John Elliott pastors the San Bernardino and Banning, Calif., churches.

Further taping was canceled, and everyone was ordered to evacuate the studio.

Exiting the soundstage building, we stepped outside into a world we weren't prepared for. Massive billows of black smoke rolled into the sky.

A contest official urged us: "Get out of here, go home to your kids. Go now!"

I grabbed a phone and called our oldest daughter, RaeAnn. A few blocks from our home where our three girls waited, rioters were looting and burning businesses. One person had been shot dead.

I asked a friend to take my daughters to his family's home in a mountain village.

Driving from Hollywood to our home is usually a simple route. But not that day.

We heard that two blocks east a sniper was blocking traffic on our usual route to the freeway. One block west, rioters were looting and burning businesses.

Someone told me about an alternate route, which I took, through neighborhoods unfamiliar to me. I was acutely aware of things I'd never focused on before: like every driver's ethnicity, the number of people in each vehicle and if they were carrying weapons, and exercising extreme care not to offend anyone with my driving.

Two and a half hours later we called for news of our children and found they had made it safely to the mountain village.

Three and a half hours after leaving the Hollywood studio we covered the 75 miles between us and our children.

Our daughter Cindy, 12, rushed into our arms, followed by Michelle, 10.

RaeAnn held me tightly and tearfully. At age 16 she had carried the brunt of worrying and seeking safety for herself and her sisters. As the disturbances ended, we all gratefully returned home.

Letters to the Editor

The Worldwide News welcomes your comments. Letters for this section should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

More than money

The articles appearing of late in The Worldwide News about our scattered brethren in foreign lands have been especially inspiring to me.

The problems they are confronted with—poverty, disease, unemployment, etc.—should make us all sit up and take notice and be more thankful to God for the blessings we have.

The members in Ghana and other such countries who live on an average salary of \$50 a month must be building much more character than most of us in more prosperous nations.

Lorraine Braden
Vista, Calif.

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Part of something special

I am 13 years old and in Youth Opportunities United. My family and I started going to the Church five months ago. We have been receiving The Plain Truth and some booklets for over five years.

I am writing this letter to you to let you know that I am glad my family and I are in the Church and would also like to thank you for sending me the Youth magazine and other literature. They have helped me with a lot of problems I am faced with at home, school and everywhere else.

The Worldwide Church of God is different from any other church I have ever been to. The people are very kind and easy to get along with.

When I tell all my school friends about how much fun I have and what I learn at church, they all say they wish they could go to a church like that. That lets me realize how blessed I am to be a part of something so special.

V.M.
Chicago, Ill.

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Countering limitations

After reading "Children with Disabilities" in the March 3 Worldwide News, I had to write, with tearful eyes. Our daughter, 12½, was born with spina bifida (open spine). We can certainly agree with Mr. Dean that there is much emo-

tional pain, anger and helplessness.

You blame yourself, wondering if you did anything wrong either during pregnancy or before to cause the condition. Doctors try their best to help your child and you through the weeks and years.

To the parent, each day is an eternity, with constant decisions to make. Should I allow surgery? What about hospitalization, medicine, orthopedic devices, physical therapy?

The constant struggle emotionally wears and tears at the rest of the family. God helps you find the strength to endure each trial, failure and success. As we look back, we really don't know how we got this far.

It's very difficult to watch all the limitations placed on our daughter. Yet, she and all like her are special, and although we sometimes can't understand the "whys," we know we will someday see them all healed. We look forward to that day so much.

Until then, we must all pray for added strength and constant encouragement from others to help us endure.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Cecala
Arlington Heights, Ill.

Feast Update

The Punta del Este, Uruguay, Feast site has space available. The following prices include lodging in a four-star hotel and luxury apartments for 11 nights, ground transportation, a city tour and round-trip airfare from the following cities: Miami, Fla., \$1,250; New York, \$1,465; and Los Angeles, \$1,475.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. For single occupancy add \$310.

An optional post-Feast stop-over in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for two nights and three days is available at an additional charge. More information will be supplied upon application. Those interested should apply as soon as possible.

Work in Italy commemorates 10th year of service to Church

BIG SANDY—"From Chariots to Computer Chips: God's Work in Italy Continues" was the theme for a surprise party April 20 for evangelist Carn Catherwood, Italian regional director, and his wife, Joyce.

The Italian Department staff and students gave the party to commemorate 10 years of God's Work in Italy.

Guests included evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church

Administration International, and his wife, Judy.

During a full-course Italian meal David Panarelli read greetings from the ministry, past employees of the department and staff in Italy who couldn't be present.

The high point of the evening came when Mr. Salyer presented a plaque and "deleavened" cake to the Catherwoods. After a few attempts the Catherwoods managed to cut out a piece, then real-

ized it was Styrofoam.

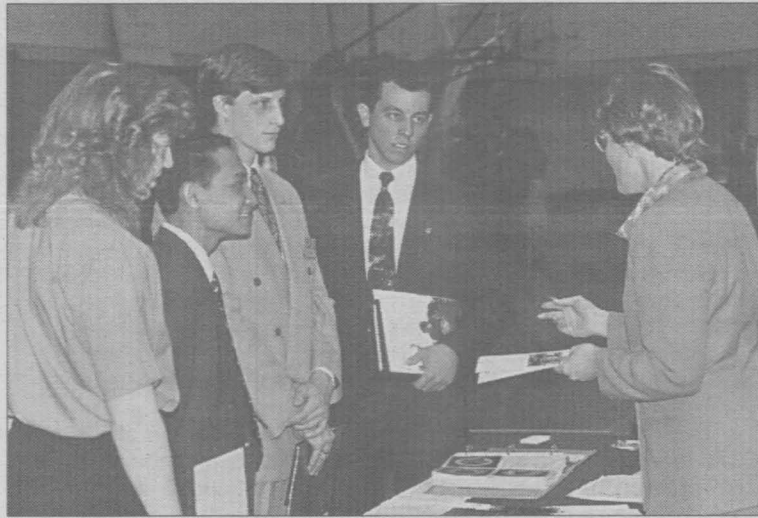
The meal was followed by a song, slide show and presentation by the students, "From Chariots to Computer Chips," contrasting what the Work may have been like in the early days of ancient Rome to what it is today.

Mr. Catherwood closed out the evening reflecting on 10 years of the Work in Italy. The July-August *Plain Truth* was the first issue published in Italian in 1982.

The Work in Italian-speaking areas started with one student, Luciano Cozzi, now pastor of the Catania church.



SURPRISED PARTY—Regional director Carn Catherwood and his wife, Joyce, accept a plaque presented by evangelist Larry Salyer to commemorate 10 years of God's Work in Italy. [Photo by Audrey Walden]



A CUT ABOVE—At Ambassador College's Career Day and Job Fair, April 6, one of the recruiters asked, "Where have you been hiding these students?" [Photo by Jim Sutton]

Job fair gives students insight into vocations

By Gary Staszak

BIG SANDY—About 250 graduating seniors and interested students met with representatives from 30 companies April 6 at the Ambassador College Career Day and Job Fair.

Gary Staszak is a 1992 Ambassador College graduate.

The job fair, organized by the Ambassador College Career Services & Placement Office, allowed students to meet company representatives and to ask questions about career interests.

"We started preparing for the job fair last summer," said Stan Murphy, director of Career Services & Placement. "It went very smoothly and the companies seemed very impressed with the students and with the College's approach to education."

Ambassador President Donald Ward spoke on the value of a liberal arts education and an Ambassador education. He explained how Ambassador students learn worthwhile skills and a solid work ethic through the College's student employment program.

Ken Pearson, chief executive officer for the Pearson Sales Group of Clearwater, Fla., also spoke to the group, underlining the advantages of Ambassador graduates as employees. Mr. Pearson has interviewed and hired several Ambassador graduates in the past.

Students met with company representatives and asked questions about the fields of advertising, journalism, fashion, financial services, merchandising, nursing, education, travel, public relations, television, insurance, architecture, construction, real estate, environmental consulting, telecommunications and marketing.

"The information the companies provided was very helpful," said Tom Turci, a senior from Youngstown, Ohio. "I've had three inter-

views since the job fair that were a direct result of contacts made there."

"Many of the company representatives commented how they liked the setup and organization of the job fair," said Mr. Murphy.

"One company commented in an exit survey that the job fair was a cut above many of the other college and university job fairs he had attended. One of the recruiters even asked, 'Where and why have you been hiding these students?'"

To assist students in career planning and development the Career Services & Placement Office offers counseling, career vocational testing, job search, resume writing, interviewing techniques and placement.

"Next year we hope to increase the number of companies at the job fair," said Mr. Murphy. "We also hope to provide company information prior to the job fair in order to assist students in their preparation for meeting company recruiters."

Imperial conducts mathathon

Students earn funds for leading researcher in children's diseases

By Scott Delamater

Elementary classes at Imperial Schools in Pasadena participated in a mathathon in February, raising more than \$5,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Scott Delamater is a sixth-grade student at Imperial Schools in Pasadena.

St. Jude in Memphis, Tenn., is a leading researcher in cancer, leukemia and other children's diseases. The money collected will

pay for such things as artificial legs, X-rays and bone marrow tests.

Greg Achtemichuk, assistant principal, introduced the program by showing a video to grades 4 to 6. He then explained some of the details about the math program. Students' reactions were varied: some moaned, some seemed happy.

The next week students solved 211 math problems, after finding sponsors to pledge two or three cents a problem.

"I was glad I got to help the children," said one student who participated.

Byron Zick, a third grader, said he was motivated to take part

because hospital patients "were suffering and we were fine. I wanted to help the hospital help the kids."

Mr. Achtemichuk said he was pleased the elementary school did a fund-raiser for someone else. Usually the junior high and high school do such projects.

Since the students earned more than \$5,000 for St. Jude, Imperial Schools will get a videocassette recorder. Of the 90 students who participated, 26 made more than \$75 and 84 made more than \$30. Participants also received gifts.

About 16,000 schools participated, raising more than \$10 million in pledges.



PROBLEM SOLVERS—Students from Imperial Schools in Pasadena with T-shirts they received after participating in a mathathon to help fight childhood diseases. [Photo by Janet Black]

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column prospective members, co-workers, subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

A child shall lead them

I am a 17-year-old girl and soon I will be graduating from high school with a diploma in education for teaching on the kindergarten level.

My dream, in fact, is to help small children grow sound both in body and mind—giving them not only a good education but the proper psychophysical training to adapt better to society.

The *Plain Truth* magazine has given me much-needed help, and, given that I am convinced it will be of great help with my work, I would like

to renew my subscription to it.

Thanks to you I see that to face up to the educational obligation I have to children, I need to strengthen my faith and establish a new relationship with God.

I need to set a good Christian example, for my pupils' sake. So, I have decided that as well as studying scholastic books I need to study another textbook—the most instructive and formative of all: the Bible.

Foggia, Italy

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Standard work

I had refrained from donating to any religious institution until I ascertained which one best fulfilled the criteria presented in the Bible.

With much prayer and guidance, I see that of the many churches I know

of, only yours has met God's own written standards. Although I am far from being a "good" Christian, I certainly wish to support your fine work.

Vancouver, B.C.

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Vietnam restrained

I would like to continue receiving your wonderful magazine as I am one of the many Kiwis who served in Vietnam, and I still have nightmares of my time over there.

Reading *The Plain Truth* helps me through my troubled times.

Blenheim, New Zealand

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No small faith

I've subscribed to *The Plain Truth* for almost two years. I am 16, and cannot begin to tell you how much your magazine helps me understand a lot of things better! I began to put my faith in God.

I have prayed since I was small, but now, through reading *The Plain Truth* and the Bible, my prayers have more meaning and come from my heart. Now

I kneel and pray because I want to.
Hornby, Ont.

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Old habits die

Some wonderful person sent us a *Plain Truth*, and we have accepted real Bible knowledge, determining to live the short time we have in improving our characters.

We have kept the Sabbath for the past three or four years, and we have stopped many bad practices (astrology, lotteries, my smoking, gambling).

The peace we have, the blessings, are so wonderful. We miss none of the old life.

For the first time in our lives we live well because we eat well. Through reading the booklet *Principles of Healthful Living*, our health has improved to a degree we never thought possible.

Also, despite tithing on our small income, we don't miss out on any necessities.

Mount Pritchard, N.S.W.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Pentecost and our new life: our basic self has changed

By Paul Kroll

Have you ever wished you were someone else? Most of us have at some time.

Paul Kroll is a senior editor for The Plain Truth.

Suppose we had been born into a different social stratum, a different family, even a different nation? Oh, yes—and with different genes. To be sure, our lives would have been different.

Actually, if we have been baptized and had hands laid on us, we have become different people, and Pentecost explains the process by which this has happened.

We have switched spiritual lives. Our parentage has changed. Our citizenship has changed. Our basic self has changed.

All God's children

That's because at the time of our baptism we were born a second time—this time spiritually and of God. We were born again through the Holy Spirit.

Of course, we weren't given any outward evidence of that birth. No one handed us a birth certificate. If we were asked to prove in a court of law that we had been born again, we wouldn't be able to do it. We can't walk through walls yet.

So when someone mentions our "born again" experience, what do we think? Is it merely a dry doctrine or emotional religious phrase to us?

The phrase "born again" is no shorthand for a Church of God *ism* or dry doctrinal exposition. Neither is it simply a catchy New Testament metaphor or clever literary device.

Being reborn describes a genuine spiritual birth, more profound and lasting than our human one.

When we are born from above, God and Jesus Christ actually live in us through the Holy Spirit (John 14:23). Yes, that's right—they live in us. And, we are born of God.

The apostle John wrote that when one is born from above, "God's seed remains in him" (I John 3:9).

John used the Greek word, *sperma* for seed. *Sperma* can mean seeds of plants, descendants and children as well as the male seed or sperm.

As the seed of God, *sperma* describes "the beginning or germ of a new life, planted in us by the Spirit of God," says the Arndt and Gingrich *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*.

Peter also used the concept of a seed as the birthing agent. "You have been born again, not of perishable seed [Greek, *sporas*], but of imperishable" (I Peter 1:23).

That is, God as the spiritual procreative agent has sown his Holy Spirit within us, causing us to be born again spiritually. What a profound mystery!

Humanly, of course, we don't completely understand what happens when God plants the seed of the Holy Spirit within us—engendering us as his children. We only grasp such truth in part (I Corinthians 13:12).

We might say, God has fully

purchased us, but on the layaway plan: He has put down some money now (the Holy Spirit) and will pick up his purchase at a later date—the resurrection.

Then, God will pay out the full price. That is, give us the Holy Spirit without measure and energize our bodies (Philippians 3:21).

The layaway portion of the Holy Spirit is a kind of deposit. Paul wrote of it in those terms: "You were marked in him with a

mindful of him?" (Hebrews 2:6).

God's purpose and promise are truly staggering. In the redeeming process, "God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts," Paul wrote (Galatians 4:6).

Being born of God's spiritual seed, we "receive the full rights of sons" as children of God (Galatians 4:5).

When we are born from above, we automatically become citizens of a different nation—God's king-

"A new creation" (II Corinthians 5:17) is not just a slogan like "new world order." It tells us we should consider ourselves truly reborn.

seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession" (Ephesians 1:13-14).

In another letter, Paul put our born again experience in similar terms: "He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come" (II Corinthians 1:21-22).

This spiritual seed, this deposit of the Spirit, makes something new in us and makes something new of us.

Paul said, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (II Corinthians 5:17). That's not just a slogan like "new world order." It tells us we should consider ourselves truly reborn.

Some big changes

Peter tells us when we are born again we "participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (II Peter 1:4).

We ... participate in the divine nature? We ... puny mortals? No wonder David and Paul both asked of God: "What is man that you are

dom (John 18:36; Philippians 3:20).

In a real sense, we live in two different worlds. We are God's kingdom scattered among the nations of the world.

Peter says of us: "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God ... who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (I Peter 2:9).

We speak of this calling as "coming out of the world." But have you realized it's impossible for a human to not be of the world in any meaningful, spiritual way without being born again?

In fact, being born again is the real coming out of the world for the Christian. That's because God gives the Christian a new nature at baptism that resonates with God, not the ways of the world.

Through our new spiritual birth, God actually saves us from the world's way. We are saved "through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit," Paul wrote (Titus 3:5).

The spirit causes the birthing process, and we can't be born of God unless God's Spirit lives in us.

Once born of God, we are no longer of the world. We have been freed from the clutches of Satan's world—"from the dominion of darkness" (Colossians 1:13).

That new birth by God's Spirit bonds us with Christ, enabling us to share his own dynamic power. It frees us from the magnetism the world exerts on our fleshly nature.

The two 'selves'

The new birth transfers the management of our lives from a sinful nature to God's nature. This process makes it possible for us to be in the world but not of it.

Paul said we leave our "former way of life" by putting off the old self—"corrupted by its deceitful desires" (Ephesians 4:22).

But this spiritual transformation is not without responsibility and effort. In fact, it equips us to toil spiritually to drive out the worldly desires and attitudes that are now contrary to our new nature.

The new nature does battle with the old nature. The old self, which we try to discard like an old snakeskin, struggles against the newly born self developing in our minds by the Holy Spirit.

Paul eloquently described the struggle in Romans 7:14-24, and the source of the victory in 7:25 to 8:17.

We can now share in the power of the risen Christ against any thinking and actions that would lead us in lockstep obedience to the world's ways.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world," Paul urges us, "but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).

The born again experience is a real spiritual transformation for each of us. The ideal of that rebirth is that we no longer live as merely the weak humans we are, but through the spiritual strength of Christ in us.

No one expressed the born again life better than Paul: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God" (Galatians 2:20).

This Pentecost we should remember we have been spiritually reborn as God's children.

Christ's victory is now our victory, as we participate with him in the new life God has given us through his Spirit.

Ministerial Ordinations

Todd Carey	a ministerial trainee in the Detroit, Mich., West church, was ordained a local elder April 18.
James Cook	a deacon in the Bangor, Maine, church, was ordained a local church elder March 14.
Ted Dusek	a deacon in the Dallas, Tex., East church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Lawrence Greider	Alton and Belleville, Ill., pastor, was ordained a pastor April 11.
Ronald Jones	a deacon in the Wausau, Wis., church, was ordained a local church elder April 24.
Columbus King	a deacon in the Chico, Calif., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Randy McGowen	of the Pasadena West A.M. church, was ordained a local elder March 7.
Wendell Miller	a deacon in the Lake Charles, La., church, was ordained a local church elder April 24.
Larry O'Connor	a deacon in the Des Moines, Iowa, church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
Steven Purkapile	of the Orlando, Fla., church, was ordained a local church elder March 28.
Alfonso Richardson	a deacon in the Brooklyn, N.Y., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.
David Roenspies	Jersey City and Union North and South, N.J., associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder March 7.
John Torgerson	a deacon in the Wisconsin Dells, Wis., church, was ordained a local church elder March 24.
James Valekis	Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder April 18.
Clifford Williams	a deacon in the Montgomery, Ala., church, was ordained a local church elder April 18.

Bomb blast rocks Church office in Kenya

A metal pipe-bomb exploded in the Nairobi City Hall building March 24. Just 15 floors above, at the Church's suboffice, Joseph Wainaina, local church elder, and members William Othieno, Clement Obuba and Bernard N'dungu, were preparing to leave.

At 4:45 an explosion shook the building. "Everyone immediately leapt to the window. It sounded like a building collapsing," Mr. Obuba said.

A bomb had exploded on the ground floor, scattering glass and debris into the street.

"No one had ever heard such a thing before, and we were initially very scared," said Mr. Othieno.

From the office windows they saw people running in all directions, many of whom returned to investigate the blast.

The explosion destroyed a toilet, "damaged partition walls, enamel sinks, glass windows, drainage and water pipes," according to Makau Niko, a reporter for the *Nation* newspaper.

"The explosion was followed by a telephone message to the press from a spokesman of the self-proclaimed God's Oppressed Army (GOA) claiming responsibility," Mr. Niko said.

The GOA spokesman said the government was not taking his organization or demands seriously and warned that his army would hit hard.

The same group claimed responsibility for a similar explosion Feb. 6, in another building that houses government ministries.

PERSONAL

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God. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18).

Our goal is to freely give the life-changing gospel of eternal salvation to all those God enables us to reach.

Though it is human to have opinions, there is no value in taking sides or assigning blame. Christians should avoid becoming polarized in ways that lead to more pain and heartache.

There is only one way in which we should be polarized: toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are children of God, and we want what God wants—to see all people repent and find the true peace of God's forgiveness and the joy of his salvation.

These explosive situations focus our attention all the more on the reality of our calling in Jesus Christ and the need for each of us to put away our own evil attitudes, strife, resentment and hatred.

Within the Body of Christ there should not be division, prejudice, racism or attitudes of superiority. After all, the kingdom of God is already governing our lives.

We need to be growing in unity with our King as we progress toward the glorious day when that kingdom will encompass all nations.

The calling we have been given is not a static thing, something we can just sit on while waiting for Christ to return. We must use it; we must go to work.

We must not be like the unfaithful servant who buried his talent in the ground.

We must overcome our former factions and ungodly attitudes, and work together in the unity and power of the Holy Spirit to reach out to others with the hope God has given us.

More personal contact

On the subject of doing God's work, I am seeing more and more the need for our members to become more personally involved in the work of spreading the gospel.

Throughout the history of God's Church, people have responded to the support and encouragement of faithful brethren who share their experiences of being called into the Church.

Fully 50 percent of our members first became interested in

the Church because of personal contact with another member.

Even those who were first interested by the radio or television programs or literature often did not have that interest really mature until they had personal contact with brethren. And that is how it should be.

Along these lines, we are currently exploring the feasibility of a visiting program in which member couples would be trained to call on *Plain Truth* subscribers who respond to a letter asking if they'd like a visit from a member couple.

In addition to any future program such as this, members should always be prepared to "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

We should never be pushy or obnoxious, but neither should we shrink back from giving a gentle and respectful answer when asked about our conduct or faith in Christ.

We should never be ashamed of what we believe. As Paul wrote: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'" (Romans 1:16-17).

The Body of Christ is a dynamic, functioning body. Not only should prospective members whom God is calling be inspired by the humble and unpretentious strength and conviction of members, but members should continually encourage and strengthen one another, as we are instructed in Ephesians 4:16:

"From him [Jesus Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Unity and maturity in Christ are not possible unless members actively support, help and encourage one another.

New projects

We are also planning to test in some areas a new procedure on the telecast. At the close of the program, the presenter will inform viewers that the sponsor

of the program, the Worldwide Church of God, has local congregations in their area, and invite them to write for information about attending.

If the test proves successful, this will become a regular part of the telecast in all areas.

In addition, I am especially pleased and excited that we are now working on plans for testing yet another special project that will involve members organizing an ongoing distribution of surplus food and clothing to people in need in their local communities, including to our own needy brethren.

We are told in Galatians 6:10: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Jesus also admonished in Matthew 25:31-46 that his people are not to ignore the plight of those around them.

It is time that we, as the Body of Christ, become more involved in following these instructions. This kind of work is an important part of proclaiming the gospel.

As I mentioned earlier, God expects us to proclaim the gospel not only by what we say, but also by what we do and what we are.

As Jesus said, "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'" (Matthew 25:40).

If this program is successful, as I expect that it will be, it will provide even greater opportunities for brethren to give an answer for the faith that lies within them.

As I said, the three new programs I have described here are

in the testing stage only. We will keep you informed of the results and any resultant future plans.

My heartfelt thanks go to all brethren for the Unleavened Bread offerings, which were 2 percent under last year's figures. The yearly income in the United States is now 1.4 percent below last year at this time.

I hope you will join me in praying for God's guidance in all we do and the successful development of all these programs in accordance with his will.

As Pentecost approaches, let's make it our goal to pull closer together in the unity of the Holy Spirit. My prayers are always with you.

Riots: donation given

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While driving in Hollywood, April 30, prospective member Hugo Quintanilla had to stop his car as looters fled from a store owner, firing on the crowd.

"Poverty and hunger did not justify what the looters did," he said. "People of all nationalities were participating gleefully in the destruction."

Mr. Quintanilla also had his parked car damaged when

drunken looters driving by ran into it.

In the aftermath, members living in those areas hardest hit by looters and arsonists must now travel outside their neighborhoods for some goods and some are unemployed.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approved a donation of \$10,000 that will be given to help victims of the Los Angeles riots who need food and clothing.



TRAGIC REMINDER—Up to 10,000 people may have permanently lost their jobs at destroyed businesses in the Los Angeles area. Opportunistic crime played a big role. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

AIDS awareness seminar given for Church members

By Marilynn Denny

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—An AIDS awareness program was conducted here Feb. 15 in lieu of the monthly Bible study by pastor Randy Bloom.

Marilynn Denny is the wife of Charles Denny, a local church elder in the Syracuse, N.Y., church.

Member Arturo Garcia arranged for the speakers, who represented the New York State Department of Health (AIDS Institute).

Mike Copani, an AIDS specialist trainer, gave an update on HIV-AIDS statistics, a history of the disease and an overview of prevention, symptoms and means of transmission.

Promoting abstinence as the only sure means of prevention, he said, "Only have sexual relations with one person in a lifetime."

Youths at risk

The second topic, "Our Youths Are at Risk," was presented by Shiheem Fain, an HIV educator at the Southwest Community Center and the American Red Cross.

Mr. Fain spoke on pressures youths face today and how parents can help.

He said parents need to take an active leading role with their children, to talk openly about sex and disease.

The third speaker, Wendy Alexis Modeste, an AIDS activist and certified AIDS instructor, gave a personal look at AIDS as

she lives with the disease.

She told of experiences leading to contracting the disease and warned of the pitfalls of drug abuse and sexual activity.

In her struggle with AIDS she considers herself "a person living with AIDS, not a person dying from AIDS," and she spoke of facing difficulties like prejudice and ignorance.

Speaking candidly

The speakers spoke candidly, but were sensitive to the diverse group that comprised the congregation. They tailored the information in a discreet but effective manner.

The speakers expressed surprise and pleasure at learning that a church was interested in educating their people on these subjects.

Afterward they asked how to obtain more copies of the Church's brochure titled *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*.

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New Stations

Station/Location	Air Time	Channel
KOTV Tulsa, Okla.	Sunday 7 a.m.	6
WDAM Laurel, Miss.	Sunday 7 a.m.	7

Renewals

WZDX Huntsville, Ala.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	54
KETK Tyler, Tex.	Saturday 11:30 a.m.	56
KSL Salt Lake City, Utah	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	5
KSTW Seattle, Wash.	Sunday 11 a.m.	11
WHOI Peoria, Ill.	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	19
WIXT Syracuse, N.Y.	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	9
WKBW Buffalo, N.Y.	Sunday 8 a.m.	7

Attention Church youths

Church youths who are 1992 valedictorians and salutatorians will be featured in a future issue of *The Worldwide News*. If you graduate first or second in your class, send us your name and include a photo, the name of your high school, your church area and indicate your class ranking.

Please have your church pastor sign it. If you want your photo returned, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Mail by July 15 to *The Worldwide News*, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

For the record

The amount of money the Church will donate to the relief effort for victims of the gas explosions in Guadalajara, Mexico, was incorrectly listed as \$100,000 in the May 5 *Worldwide News*. The correct figure is \$10,000.

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

UPDATE

Minister inspired by members' commitment in South Pacific

VANUATU—Rex Morgan, Whangarei, New Zealand, pastor, visited 72 members and prospective members in the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu, April 5 to 12.

Since no resident minister lives in Vanuatu, Mr. Morgan visits the island nation twice a year, in April and for the Feast of Tabernacles.

On the island of Tana, one of four islands where members live, Mr. Morgan conducted a lengthy Bible study and discussion with 18 in attendance.

"The Bible study, in the home of members Wilson and Talita Kitawi, began soon after my plane touched down for the day in Tana and concluded when it was time for me to go back to the airport several hours later," said Mr. Morgan.

On Malekula, 14 French-speaking brethren met with Mr. Morgan in the home of member Jeannot Verlily.

One member left his home at 4 a.m., walked two hours to the nearest road and took a three-hour taxi trip to meet Mr. Morgan.

Thirty-two brethren attended Sabbath services in Port Vila April 11. Mr. Morgan baptized two new members there, bringing to 20 the number of baptized members in Vanuatu.

"It is tremendously encouraging to see the commitment and dedication of the small group God is working with," said Mr. Morgan.

"They faithfully endure problems those of us in more developed countries can't really imagine. They are an inspiring example to the rest of us."

College puts on the ritz at senior dinner

BIG SANDY—"Puttin' on the Ritz" was the theme of the 1992 senior dinner at Ambassador College April 30.

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach was host at the occasion for 338 seniors and faculty.

The field house was decorated with the ambiance of a five-star restaurant atop a high-rise building.

The seniors enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Steve Sparks, director of Food Services, and his staff served a six-course meal.

Music Department chairman Ross Jutsum, music instructor David Bilowus and jazz musician Ben Kanter provided dinner music.

Mr. Tkach proposed a toast to the senior class: "Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong foresaw the need for true values in education when he founded Ambassador College in 1947. I can assure you that we will continue on course—that the vision that shaped Ambassador College's past will continue to form the future."

The evening concluded with a light show set to music.

"The highlight of the evening was the time that Mr. Tkach spent visiting each table to share some personal thoughts with graduating seniors," said College president Donald Ward.

"It was spectacular," said senior Karna Wolaridge. "I experienced the whole range of emotions. I was happy, yet sad about the friends I'll leave, excited about future and nostalgic about the past, all at the same time."

Mr. Armstrong began the senior

dinner tradition in 1967 by inviting seniors to his home for a formal dinner.

"He wanted the students to experience a sense of culture and know how to conduct themselves in formal situations," said Myrtle Horn, then women's guidance counselor.

"Mr. Tkach feels this event is a fitting capstone to four years of study. It adds a final touch to Ambassador's already outstanding liberal arts program," said Ellen Escat, executive assistant to the pastor general.

Employee honored for 25 years of service

BIG SANDY—A watch and plaque was presented to Richard Grizzard Dec. 23 in recognition of 25 years of service to the Work. Mr. Grizzard is an employee in the Italian Department.

'Powerful teacher' receives diploma

LYNCH, Neb.—Lenore Hartsock, 88, a member here, received her much sought after high school diploma Jan. 23.

For the previous year and a



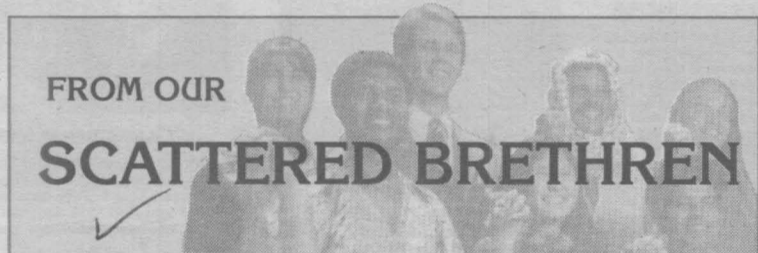
LENORE HARTSOCK

half, she had been taking courses by correspondence to qualify for her high school diploma (G.E.D.) through the Adult Basic Education program.

Mrs. Hartsock has overcome many hardships to accomplish her goal. When Mrs. Hartsock was 5, her mother died. Two years later her father placed her and her younger brother and sisters in an orphanage because he was unable to care for them.

At the orphanage Mrs. Hartsock attended grade school, graduating from the eighth grade in 1928. She would have finished high school in 1932, but dropped out of school after the 11th grade to care for her ailing father.

She married Tom Hartsock in 1935, and they raised 10 children. She put her dream of finishing school on hold until her children were grown and out on their own.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

"That He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—Food costs for Georgetown brethren greatly improved in February when Ambassador Farms Enterprises Limited (AFEL) opened a double produce stall at the Stabroek Market in Georgetown.

The government gave AFEL permission to build the stalls even though 30,000 other applicants had already applied for the same position.

Most Guyanese buy their food from outdoor markets, where vendors sell goods from stalls.

"Clearly God's hand opened the way," said Wesley Webster, Georgetown and Awarewanau, Guyana, pastor. "God gave us favor and we were granted permission to build the stalls."

The goal of AFEL, a company formed and owned by Church members, is to reduce food costs for brethren in Georgetown.

Although the company has operated a farm project and several miscellaneous ventures since August 1990, AFEL has focused its efforts on buying produce wholesale to sell at discount to brethren and others in the community.

Transporting goods is no easy task

Produce is transported from farms in northern Guyana to markets in Georgetown, where the majority of Guyanese live.

"This is no easy task," said Mr. Webster. "It takes two to three days to transport produce from the main producing areas to Georgetown."

"For example, coming from the Pomeroy River area, where one of our Church members farms, you have to

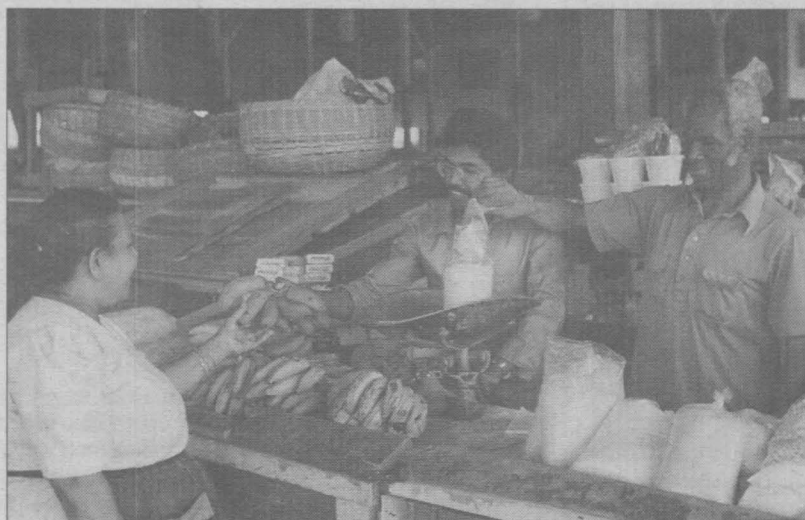
cross two rivers, one by ferry, which can mean disaster. Sometimes the boat breaks down and you get stuck there, which means you lose much of your produce."

Mr. Webster continued: "The road in this region along the Essequibo Coast is one of the worst in Guyana."

"The first time AFEL's truck attempted it, it went into a pothole, which snapped the axle and driveshaft, breaking the truck down so bad we still haven't been able to get it fixed."

So the Guyanese have to deliver the produce themselves or ask suppliers to deliver it.

Because transportation is difficult, food costs tend to be on the expensive side. A typical family in Guyana spends 50 percent or more of its income on food. Some people eat only one meal a day because that is all they can afford.



CUSTOMER APPEAL—Members Eric Abbensets (center) and Ramdeo Haripersaud help out at the Ambassador Farms produce stall at Stabroek Market in Georgetown, Guyana.

"In spite of the hardships and many adversities of life, Mrs. Hartsock displays an unusual warm concern for the welfare of others, not dwelling on her own difficulties," said Doug Johannsen, Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., and Sioux City, Iowa, assistant pastor.

Although her formal education is probably over, Mr. Johannsen said, "As an example, her life and positive attitude make her a powerful teacher."

Student's 4.7-ounce balsa-wood bridge supports 779 pounds!

URBANA, Ill.—Joe Zlab, a senior at the University of Illinois, won the 26th annual bridge-building competition at the Engineering Open House competition in February.

Each year civil engineering majors compete to build miniature



JOE ZLAB

The average member in Georgetown makes between G\$100 and G\$300 a day. A pound of chicken costs G\$100, an egg G\$15 and an avocado G\$20 (G\$120=US\$1).

AFEL began its sales operation by selling bananas, oranges, coconuts, plantain (a green tropical fruit similar to bananas) and cassareep (a derivative of cassava used as a preservative in traditional Amerindian meat dishes).

It has now expanded to offer a wide range of groceries and produce including staples like rice, flour and sugar.

Agricultural test

In addition to AFEL, another agricultural project in Guyana is a joint agricultural testing project between the Ambassador Foundation and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Dale Schurter, Dayton, Ohio, pastor, who has an agricultural background, initiated the project in the summer of 1990.

Mr. Schurter's discussions with Prime Minister Hamilton Green and officials at the Ministry of Agriculture led to establishing the project.

Mr. Webster explained: "Our objective is to show that the regenerative method of farming, which involves using natural foliar fertilizers and mineral balancing, is more beneficial than

balsa-wood bridges with the lightest possible span that can sustain the most stress before breaking.

Joe's bridge weighed 4.799 ounces and held 779.582 pounds, a ratio of 2598.89 to 1. This was the second year in a row he has won the competition.

Joe, the son of Ken and Eva Zlab of Pasadena, attends the Champaign, Ill., church.

Telecast airs with Spanish voiceover in Los Angeles

The World Tomorrow aired May 3 in English with a Spanish voiceover on two Los Angeles stations. A third station will begin airing the voiceover June 14.

Using the secondary audio programming technology available on newer televisions, the program is broadcast simultaneously in English and Spanish, enabling Spanish-speaking viewers to hear the telecast in their language.

Some programs offer Spanish booklets and all offer La Pura Verdad (Spanish Plain Truth).

The Spanish telecast will air on a test basis in Los Angeles only until the last weekend in September.

Technical difficulties were resolved that affected the start of the voiceover in April.

Response to the Spanish-language version will be monitored closely to determine the effectiveness of producing a Spanish audiotrack and whether it should be aired to other large Hispanic audiences.

conventional chemical methods."

George Brittlebank, a deacon in Georgetown, is conducting the research on behalf of the Church. Limes, peanuts and cow peas have been tested on trial plots of soil at a Ministry of Agriculture seed station.

The fertilizers were applied from November 1990 to June 1991. The regenerative approach yielded a 50 percent greater yield and tastier produce than by conventional methods of farming.

Before the government can recommend these methods to farmers, cost comparisons must be made.

Although the joint project is still in the beginning stages, the project has helped forge a positive relationship between the Church and the government of Guyana.



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