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Two ministers learn from living with Sabbath-keepers in Ukraine

By Victor Kubik

UKRAINE—John Karlson and I certainly have taken one of the most interesting trips of our lives in western Ukraine.

Victor Kubik, an assistant director of Church Administration, visited Sabbath-keepers in the Ukraine Sept. 16 to 20 with John Karlson, German-language regional director.

For nearly a year I had planned to visit with these Sabbath-keepers. We had found out about them from Sabbatarian Ukrainian immigrants who settled in Florida and started attending our services a year and a half ago.

They have since moved from Port St. Lucie, Florida, to North Carolina and now attend services in Raleigh.

One of those immigrants is Michael Palchey, who was a leader of the Transcarpathian Sabbatarians.

I first flew to Zurich, Switzerland, to meet with pastor Henry Sturcke, who had visited with several Sabbatarians in Singen, Germany.

A few years ago these people attended our Bible lectures in Zurich. They migrated from western Ukraine more than 10 years ago and gave us valuable background information about the area. One of them is related to

the Ukrainians in North Carolina.

Mr. Karlson met me in Zurich, from where we continued by train to Zahony, a remote town on the Hungarian-Ukrainian border. From this point we had no schedules as to how to proceed further.

No telephones worked into Transcarpathia—we were on our own. The Ukrainian brethren in North Carolina only gave us the addresses of a few of their relatives and friends who would introduce us to other Sabbatarians.

The border crossing at Zahony (See UKRAINE, page 8)



FOUND!—Victor Kubik (left) and John Karlson (far right) show Church literature to Ukrainian Sabbatarians, Ivan Pavliy (standing), Victor Pavliy (third from right) and Vasil Mondich (second from right).



BEYOND BORDERS—Map shows location of Sabbath-keepers visited by Victor Kubik and John Karlson in mid-September. "No telephones worked into Transcarpathia—we were on our own," said Mr. Kubik. [Map by Ron Grove]

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

This is the last issue of *The Worldwide News* published before the Feast of Tabernacles.

As we observe the Feast, I again remind you that we are not keeping an Old Testament feast, but a New Testament feast in Jesus Christ.

These fall Holy Days should in every way focus our attention on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the glorious salvation of God made possible through him!

What could be more exciting, more wonderful, than the return of Jesus Christ as "King of kings and Lord of lords"?

We gather together at this time of year to celebrate that magnificent future event, and to encourage and hearten one another to stand firm and faithful in the sure hope of our future inheritance.

Kingdom here in part

As I have written many times, we also need to focus on the amazing fact that the kingdom of God, while yet to come in its fullness, is also already here in part in you and me—in all the Body of Christ.

Jesus calls us the light of the world because he lives in us. The incredible, all-encompassing transformation that will eventually encompass the whole world when Jesus returns has already begun—in a tiny, to be sure, but very real way—in all those who are led by the Spirit of God!

We are not much, but Jesus Christ lives in us and we in him! The Feast of Tabernacles, along with Trumpets, Atonement and the Last Great Day, should reawaken and renew our hope for the future as well as our abiding commitment to love and serve God *right now*.

We should pray every day, "Your kingdom come." But how can we pray "Your kingdom come" with *real meaning* if we fail to remember "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"?

God has already brought us into the new life in Christ. We are already citizens of his kingdom. Paul wrote: "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20).

We await our Savior because we know him, and we know him because he has given us eternal life (John 6:54).

We don't have that eternal life

in its fullness yet, of course, but as children of God, born from above by the Holy Spirit, we have tasted the waters of life (John 4:14).

Paul wrote, "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves" (Colossians 1:13).

Our new life

Our hope of the future, the time when we will receive the fullness of our inheritance, is made *all the more real* to us as we truly enter into and participate in the new life to which God has called us in Christ *right now*.

Likewise, the more we participate in that new life, the life of the age to come, the more real will become that glorious hope of the magnificent future God has prepared for us!

The Feast of Tabernacles should serve to bring our present life in Christ and our future hope in Christ into sharp focus and rejuvenate us as we spend eight days in joyful fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters.

Let's rejoice together in spiritual celebration of the grace and salvation of God as we rededicate ourselves to his love and worship! Have a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles!

Jackson Hall Building Fund

P.S. On another subject, I want to address a matter that needs to be corrected.

As you know, several months ago the Church initiated a special building fund program for the construction of the Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities, a much-needed new classroom and office building for Ambassador College, that involved

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Last issue before Feast

Our staff wishes you and your family a profitable Holy Day season. Our first issue after the Feast of Tabernacles will be Nov. 17.

New WN supplement targets Australia, Asia and Pacific

By Aub Warren

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Beginning with the September 22 issue of *The Worldwide News*, readers in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Asia, India and Sri Lanka began receiving a two-page regional supplement.

The monthly supplement, produced in the regional office here, addresses news and issues of particular interest in the region, according to regional director Rod Matthews.

"We presented the idea to Mr. Schnippert during the regional directors conference this year," said Mr. Matthews. "We were de-

lighted when Mr. Tkach approved it.

"It will enable us to communicate more of the details of headquarters' directives and their implications for our region," Mr. Matthews added.

"I really believe it will enable members to feel much more a part of the Work we have all been called to."

The supplement will also more specifically explain headquarters programs for Australia and the Far East.

It will carry several regular features, including a YOU activity summary, member profiles, coming events and news from other offices in the region (New Zealand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and India).



REGIONAL FOCUS—Kathy Cooke, administrative assistant in the Australian Office, works on the first issue of the Australian regional supplement to *The Worldwide News*. [Photo by Aub Warren]

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Portugal: Age of Discovery not over

Small countries that do big things fascinate me. The Scandinavian peoples, for example, and the Swiss have had a global impact far out of proportion to their numbers.

Portugal is another modest-sized nation exercising an outsized influence on world affairs.

Positioned not in the heart of Europe but at its southwestern extremity, Portugal is often overlooked—or overflowed—by travelers to the Continent.

I had long wanted to go there, but never got close. This summer, my wife, Barbara, and I finally had the opportunity.

Lisbon looks to the sea

We arrived in Lisbon, capital of Portugal, July 19, by overnight train from Madrid, Spain. For four days we were the guests of Carlos Tavares and his wife, Yvonne.

Mr. Tavares, a busy executive at a food distribution company, is a local church elder who assists Madrid pastor Pedro Rufian.

Mr. Rufian, responsible for congregations in Spain and Portugal, serves 50 people (18 are baptized) in Portugal and the Madeira and Azores Islands.

Though born in Portugal, Mr. Tavares spent much of his life in southern Africa, primarily in Mozambique, which was then a Portuguese colony; Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe); and South Africa.

He returned to Portugal about three years ago with his wife, their children, Ruth and Benjamin, and Mrs. Tavares' mother, Mrs. Potgieter.



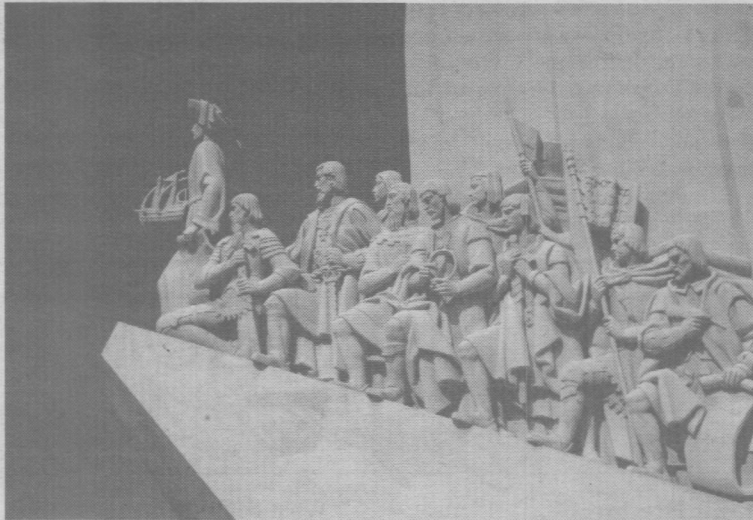
On the first day of our visit, Mr. Tavares took us to the heights of St. George Castle, overlooking much of Lisbon and the broad expanse of the Tejo River (called the Tagus in Spain) as it flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

More than anything else the orientation to the sea has shaped Portugal's national character.

In a year honoring the first voyage to the New World by Christo-

pher Columbus—a Genoese sailing in the service of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella—it is easy to overlook what the Portuguese accomplished both before and after 1492.

"For a century and a half, from the mid fifteenth to the late sixteenth century, Portugal was the supreme power across the oceans of the earth," writes Marion Kaplan in her absorbing new



LOOKING FORWARD—Figure of Prince Henry the Navigator, holding a caravel, stands on the prow of Lisbon's shiplike Monument to the Discoveries. The memorial honors those who participated in Portugal's historic voyages five centuries ago. [Photo by Gene Hogberg]

book, *The Portuguese*. "Its wealth, from its dominions and from monopolies across the globe, was dazzling."

The Portuguese, continues Kaplan, "were the first Europeans to open the way into the Atlantic, to sail down western Africa, to cross the Equator, to round the Cape of Good Hope, to reach India by sea from the west.

"They were the first westerners in Ceylon, Sumatra, Malacca, Timor and the spice islands of the Moluccas, the first Europeans to trade with China and Japan, and to see Australia, more than two hundred years before Captain Cook. To the west, the first to set a foot in South America, they discovered Brazil."

Quite an accomplishment for a nation whose population in those times never exceeded 1.5 million!

Prince Henry the Navigator

More than any other person, Prince Henry, the third son of King João I, born in 1394, was

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



The jewel called Earth

SOUTHAMPTON, England—The Royal Society, founded in 1660 for the promotion of the natural sciences, consists of 1,100 elected fellows—mostly top scientists from Britain and the Commonwealth.

Not long ago the society's press office invited staff at the Borehamwood Office to a lecture by the Astronomer Royal, Professor Arnold Wolfendale.

He gave a lecture titled "Energy and the Cosmos" and explained what scientists understand about the beginnings of the universe.

Two points emerged. First: Our sun is a low-radiation star. It is unusually low in its radiation of X-rays for stars of its type.

Radiation similar to the average star would make it impossible for human and animal life to exist as we know it.

Our fragile home

About three years ago another Astronomer Royal explained: "The more that is seen of the planets, their moons and their atmospheres, the more it is realized that conditions on earth are special and precarious.

"We live within a thin skin on the surface of one of the smaller planets, balanced between the searing heat of Mercury and Venus and the freezing cold of the outer planets. Only earth has an atmosphere which can sustain life."

Our earth is unique and fragile. Unlike what the fantasies of science fiction say, scientists tell us that there is no other place for humans to live in the foreseeable future.

All eight sister planets in our solar system are hostile to human life. Some too hot. Some too cold. None has oxygen in the accepted sense.

If we destroy the earth, we are destroying our only home. To harm our planet is the ultimate in bad stewardship.

The speed of light

The second point made here was: The velocity of the sun trav-

responsible for little Portugal's bold outflow into the world.

He was, says Kaplan, the organizer, the *impulsionador*, or motivator, the "navigator not of any single ship but of the Age of Discovery itself."

Prince Henry—who came to be known as Prince Henry the Navigator—first set his eyes on the settlement of the barren Atlantic island groupings of Madeira and the Azores.

The pioneering spirit in Madeira was so strong that the first boy and girl born there were named Adam and Eve.

The nine islands of the Azores, a third of the way across the Atlantic, were an even greater prize. They became ports of call for European seafarers, even for Columbus as he returned from his 1492 voyage.

(In our times, the Azores proved the value of their strategic location. Though officially neutral during World War II, the Portuguese government granted British forces use of the islands, which became an indispensable transport link and airplane refuel-
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"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.

Will not stop learning

I am a 23-year-old student at Warsaw University School of Medicine. I was brought up in a traditional Christian home. For the past two years I have subscribed to your magazine, which has changed my way of living and thinking.

Having studied the Bible for a good many years and having attended Sunday school and church, now I see that what the Bible teaches is not at all like I had been taught.

This will not end here—I will certainly study the Bible throughout the remainder of my life.

Warsaw, Poland

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Teaching what she never knew

Your magazine has really helped me a lot. I come from a broken family with an alcoholic father, who was married several times and was also sexually abusive toward me when I was a little girl.

I'm now 28 and have my own 2-year-old girl. I was having a hard time at first with discipline because I didn't know what discipline was, or morals, for that

matter. But because of your magazine, I've learned a lot about life and what's expected from each of us.

Every time I pick up your magazine it teaches me something new: from what God expects from me to raising my daughter properly, teaching her the morals I never had the opportunity to learn.

Thanks to you, my daughter will grow up with Jesus.

Deltona, Florida

Helping someone understand

I am a widow, 83 years old, and cannot do much financially. Also, my health is not good and I'm living on borrowed time.

I try to help some of the young ladies I know and often share your literature with them. One lady told me she had been reading her Bible but the book of Revelation had put her off religion. I sent for your booklet and helped her understand.

She would not have written in herself, but when she and others talk to me, I do what I can to help.

New South Wales, Australia

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.

Touching on important issues

Thank you, thank you, Becky Sweat, for your wonderful article ["A Member in Need: How to Help a Friend Who Is Hurting," July 14]. You answered so many nagging questions and touched on so many important issues, helping us understand how we'll come across.

We've heard the admonitions to bear with, support and encourage others, but many of us stumble and bumble and haven't really known how. You showed us how to be balanced.

I made your article part of my Bible study and prayer for the next week or so to get these principles into my mind and have them as ready tools to use.

Thomas L. Richardson
Seattle, Washington

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Kelly: a beautiful memory

Our hearts go out to Bill and Janet Kiselewsky and their family for their loss of their beautiful Kelly ["Kelly, a Little Girl of Courage," Aug. 11]. What a shining example she was of God's way of life.

What a beautiful memory and taste of God's kingdom she left her family!

In one of Mark Graham's songs, he speaks of a child who wants to be like his daddy. But the daddy tells him that God wants us to be just like the child.

If we did not know before what kind of a child God meant, we know now because of Kelly. Again, thank you for sharing with us Kelly's fine faith and sparkling example.

Billie Wakeman
Roseland, Nebraska

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Hot embers of faith

After reading your "Personal" in the June 30 *Worldwide News*, Mr. Tkach, and hearing our minister reinforcing that message—of our responsibility to lead people to salvation—I felt greatly inclined to let you know that I as well as others find those words so very motivating.

I can honestly say your article has stirred up the hot embers of faith in me to a fire of participation, renewed individual purpose and responsibility.

Your requests of us as individuals and as a whole will make our efforts feel more directly effective and meaningful rather than just gestures of example while we wait for our Lord's return.

This new challenge is surely destined to inspire members everywhere to new ideas and action, to God's pleasure.

I pray he will continue to give you the wisdom to guide us in these renewed efforts.

Roger Wood
Ottawa, Ontario

For the record

The Sept. 8 issue incorrectly reported that Hazor, Israel (site of an Ambassador College archaeological project), was destroyed at the end of the 13th century B.C. The destruction of Hazor by Joshua took place at the end of the 15th century B.C.

The article was written by Michael Germano, academic dean at Ambassador, not Thomas Delamater, as indicated.

Mr. Tkach visits Rapid City, South Dakota

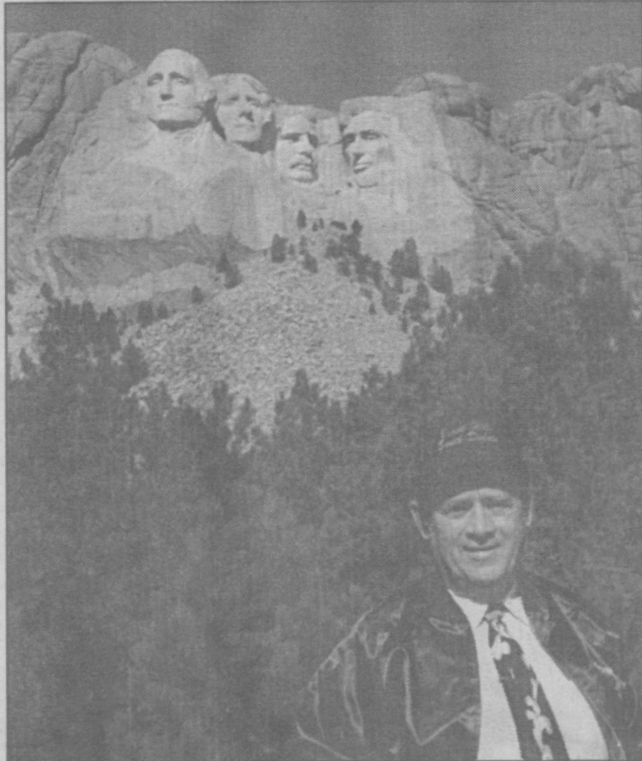


TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 291 brethren Sept. 19 from the Rapid City, South Dakota; Buffalo and Casper, Wyoming; and Chadron and Scottsbluff, Nebraska; churches.

Hosts for the visit were Daniel and Alice Bierer, Rapid City and Chadron; and Roger and Matty Ludwig, Casper and Scottsbluff.

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Grandparents Day



Cora Locke, Melba Nichols and children in the San Antonio, Texas, East church display a quilt they made for Joseph W. Tkach. On Grandparents Day, July 27, grandparents showed children things they did in the summer with they were young.

Portugal: New empire

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ing depot. Portugal and Britain have enjoyed close ties, including an alliance dating back to 1373.)

Also under Prince Henry's inspiration, Portuguese mariners pushed farther and farther down the west coast of Africa throughout the mid-1400s.

Finally, in 1488, Bartholomeu Dias broke a formidable navigational barrier by becoming the first to sail around Africa's Cape of Good Hope. Nine years later, in 1497, Vasco da Gama pushed all the way around it to India.

One reason Portuguese authorities were disinclined to sponsor Columbus' untested scheme of reaching India by sailing west is because they were committed to doing it by sailing east.

Another interesting historical note is that some of the great Portuguese mariners, including Vasco da Gama, were aided by navigational tables devised by Jewish astronomers and mathematicians.

One of these was Abraham Zacuto, who had fled to Portugal from Spain along with 60,000 other Jews during the Inquisition. Later, this grim era was repeated in Portugal, some say even worse.

In 1989 President Mario Soares extended to the Jews an official apology on behalf of Portugal.

Seeking a new empire

What of today's Portugal? The empire is gone, except for the tiny remnant of Macau on the China coast. Macau reverts to Chinese

Pastor general's Church and College travels

March 1, 1986 to Sept. 19, 1992

Air miles traveled (G-III, BAC 1-11)	507,755
Hours in flight	1,022
Days traveled	419
Total unduplicated church attendance	145,782
Baptized members in attendance	89,127
Percentage of worldwide membership visited	90 percent
Total worldwide membership (Sept. 1, 1992)	99,087

CONGREGATIONS VISITED

1986 - 1992

AREA	NUMBER
Africa	29
Asia	62
Australia	51
Canada	72
Europe	83
Latin America	42
United States	439
Worldwide Total Visited	778

rule in 1999, two years after neighboring Hong Kong does the same, ending 452 years of Portuguese control.

Of course, a viable Portuguese linguistic and cultural community remains, linking the mother country with Brazil and former possessions in Africa. Nearly 200 million people speak Portuguese, only 10.5 million of whom live in Portugal.

Since 1986 Portugal has sought inclusion in a new empire, of sorts, the European Community (EC).

Portuguese support for the EC is strong, partly because the country receives massive funding from Brussels for infrastructure improvement.

Lately, Portugal has enjoyed

the highest growth rate of all 12 EC countries. Yet how secure is this link to the new power, given the EC's troubles in implementing the unity plans in the controversial Maastricht treaty?

It is within this context that a handful of members in the Portuguese-speaking world, small in number like the Portuguese themselves, have entered their own, spiritual, Age of Discovery.

Their ancestors found fabulous riches on their grueling voyages. But the brethren in Portugal, as with their spiritual kin around the world, have been shown a pearl of great price, symbolic of the eternal empire of God's kingdom, that is worth seeking more than anything in this world (Matthew 13:45-46).

Mr. Tkach visits Helena, Montana

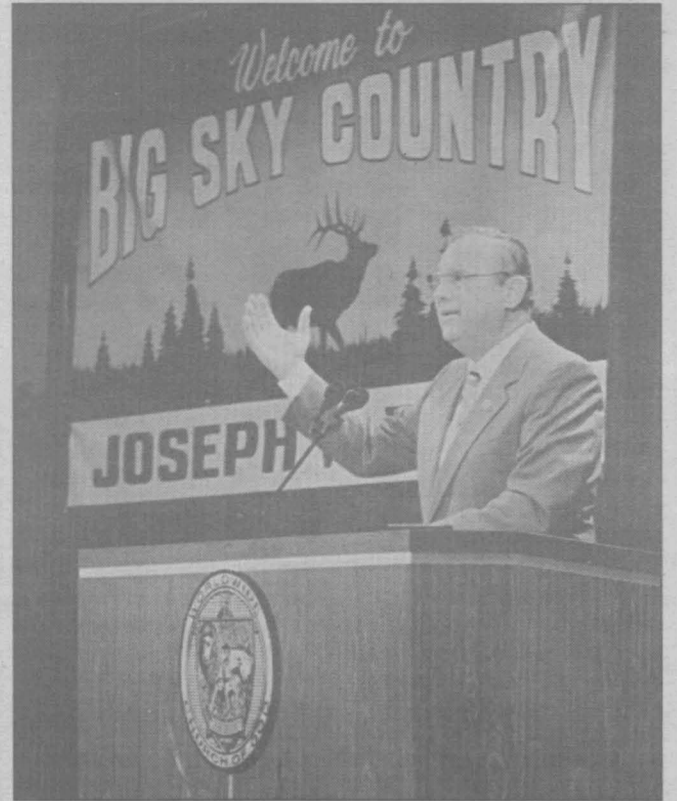


TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 416 brethren Sept. 12 from the Helena, Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Kalispell and Missoula, Montana, congregations.

Hosts for the visit were Carl and Dorothy McNair, Butte, Great Falls and Helena; Ron and Marilyn Miller, Kalispell and Missoula; and Jim and Sondra Reyer, Billings.

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Little Ryan Solum ends up in good shape

By Robert C. Smith
AUSTIN, Texas—When Lela Solum called her parents from the hospital Aug. 21 to inform them of their newest grandson, her message carried a slight hint of concern.

Robert C. Smith pastors the Austin, Texas, congregation.

"Ryan James Solum weighed in at seven pounds, 13 ounces, is beautiful, has red hair like his big brother, but was born without an anus!"

With no rectal opening, little Ryan had no means of elimination. Doctors informed Lela and her husband, Wayne, members here, that this defect is extremely rare, occurring once in 35,000 births.

He also said that, following surgery, more than 90 percent of such victims have to wear permanent colostomy bags. Surgeons are not able to duplicate a sphincter.

Hospital personnel scheduled surgery for later that afternoon. Concerned grandparents Jeff and Donna Tucker accompanied their son-in-law to the hospital, where we met.

Wayne and I were allowed into the area where Ryan was attached to a couple of monitoring machines. We scrubbed down, donned hospital-issue gowns and walked in.

The baby was sleeping. I was praying for him when one of the machines made disruptive sounds that brought a nurse on the run.

She couldn't explain why and reset some dials.

I continued the prayer, anointing the boy's forehead with oil, and the machine acted up again. I quickly finished my conversation with God and stepped out of the way.

The nurse settled the machine down again, and the doctor came in and told Mr. Solum that it was time for surgery. Removing the diaper for one final look, he blurted, "Why, there's some kind of an opening here!"

He called for an X-ray machine and upon examining the X-ray prints, found a large intestine leading to the hitherto totally smooth area where an anus should have been. He asked the nurse for a probe.

By then we were facing the doctor through a window and watched the flurry of excited personnel just a few feet from us.

The doctor gently probed the rectal area, then suddenly straightened up. The baby began to eliminate and have a normal bowel movement as babies do.

An excited, teary-eyed nurse opened an adjacent door and gushed, "There will be no need for any surgery!" The doctor added excitedly, "It's PERFECT!"

The jubilant father raced to the hospital room, where he shared the good news with an anxious mother and grandmother.

Nurses and doctors cleared their areas in a professional manner and went to their next cases.

John Ledbetter, a local church elder, and I practically floated to our automobiles filled with gratitude and awe for our great God.

Ryan James Solum's "beginning" was at 5:30 a.m. His "end" came along 12 hours later.

I have prayed heartfelt prayers of faith over sick brethren—and have preached their funerals just days later. I have also laid hands on the sick, praying the same prayer of faith, and had them leave their sick beds in good

health just hours or days later.

Each time the prayer is that God's will be done. But Christ died for each of us, and God is anxious for us to receive the reward of eternal life. Because of that we can be of good cheer.

9-year-old walks away from car accident

By Rex Morgan

WHANGAREI, New Zealand—My son, Andrew, 9, received only small grazes on his arm and leg after being hit by a car Aug. 1 at an intersection here.

The "cross now" sign was on, and Andrew walked across as my wife, Davina, and I helped our daughter Cherie cross the street.

Suddenly we heard the screech of brakes and a sickening thump. A car slammed into Andrew, lifting him briefly onto the bonnet (hood) and then sent him sprawling several meters down the street.

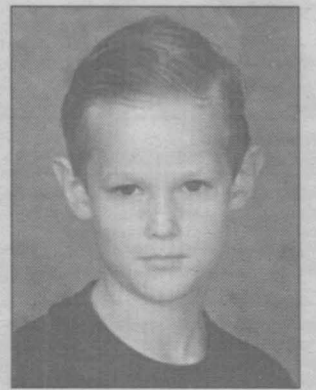
We thought this was the end for him. What a relief when he rushed over to us, screaming from the shock, and stood beside us shaking.

A car pulled up, and the woman driver said: "I'm a doctor. I'll have a look at him." She quickly examined him and declared: "Nothing's broken. He'll be OK."

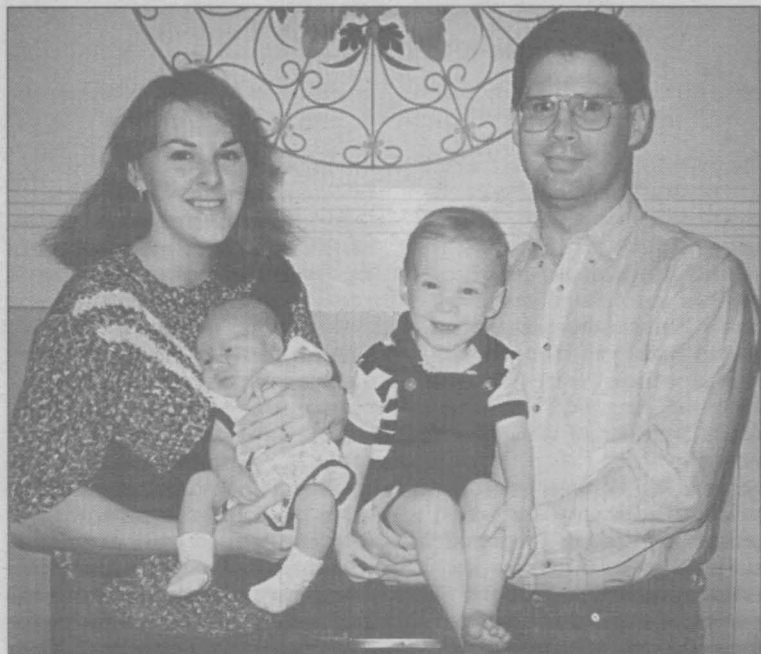
Then another car, driven by a policeman, stopped. "I'll go and get the traffic officers for you," he said.

Meanwhile, Davina had telephoned for an ambulance, and within a few minutes an ambulance and two patrol cars arrived. The ambulance men examined Andrew carefully and gave him a clean bill of health.

Onlookers marveled that considering the massive blow he had sustained, he only had small grazes on his arm and leg. Davina and I believe that if it wasn't for God's miraculous intervention we could well have lost our son.



ANDREW MORGAN



GRATEFUL—Ryan Solum was born with no rectal opening, but one appeared 12 hours after his birth. Wayne and Lela Solum, members in Austin, Texas, with Ryan and Matthew, 1 1/2. [Photo by Jeff Tucker]



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Deaf and hearing brethren both need to show friendship

By Selmer L. Hegvold

How many deaf members do you know and fellowship with? Is such fellowship possible for you—even though you don't know the language of the deaf?

We encourage "mainstreaming" deaf and hard-of-hearing brethren into all activities and fellowship in the congregations.

This is based on an article that appeared in the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Bulletin, a limited-circulation quarterly newsletter. Selmer L. Hegvold, former manager of the Church's Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Program, is now retired.

Mainstreaming is a familiar word to most deaf people in the United States. This is because more deaf children are being mainstreamed with hearing children in the public schools.

In the past most deaf children attended state residential schools established exclusively for the deaf. But we are not a school system, we are a Church.

How does mainstreaming apply to us? Deaf brethren are members of the same congregations as hearing brethren. Therefore, learning how to mainstream successfully is a must.

It is a challenge to inspire warm and close fellowship that includes all members. In a religious setting, successful mainstreaming means that every member can become acquainted with all other members in the congregation.

Do hearing brethren involve

them as readily as every other member? Also, do deaf brethren include the hearing brethren in fellowship? If everyone does, we have achieved success in mainstreaming. But, frankly, most of us need to improve in this area.

Many of us fear meeting new people. We might fear that we will reveal flaws in our character that we would just as soon keep under wraps. We may fear that our home, our children, our lifestyle or our family will receive unfavorable criticism.

The disabled may feel that their disability may cause others to turn away to more acceptable brethren.

These are just so many groundless fears. Wonderful and interesting relationships with others are missed out on by neglecting to follow through on this wonderful exercise of fellowship with others of God's people.

We need to overcome our fears and meet and sit alongside others we haven't met before. We all need to get involved to break these old habits.

The question is, How will mainstreaming be accomplished in the Church? Whose responsibility is it to build that warm, all-inclusive fellowship?

I think the obvious answer is that we are all responsible to do our part.

Most deaf people anticipate written conversation with those who don't use sign language, and they are usually prepared (with pencil and notepad) to meet you.

They are excellent conversa-

tionalists and have interesting, absorbing, even fascinating experiences to relate to you. Some cannot hear you at all, but they can read your lips and expressions quite well. They are prepared to get acquainted with you.

The deaf among us often feel that those who are not deaf are not anxious to get together with and fellowship with them. They often feel on the outside, looking in when it comes to social mingling at church activities.

Will it be our deaf brothers and sisters who begin to invite hearing

families into their homes? Many already do that with other deaf members, their families and interpreters.

Whoever you are you can change all this and begin now to develop new friends.

Losing a blessing?

God is clear in exhorting us all to establish friendly, social relationships in his Church: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (Proverbs 18:24, New King James Version).

If we fail to introduce ourselves to such a friend we can lose the opportunity to have them as a brother or sister.

Each of us should develop this wonderful trait of hospitality and fellowship that God requires (Titus 1:8). It is not too late to correct this flaw in our lives.

Perhaps there are so few dis-

abled people in your church that they are lost in the crowd. Take note of who they are. Make it a goal to acquaint yourself with them and invite them to your home.

But here is a caution: Make the social occasion small, so there is much one-on-one discussion.

Do not allow what so often happens—the disabled person finds himself or herself edged out of the fellowship soon after the introductions.

With perseverance and love, and the help of God's Holy Spirit, the missing warmth and hearty fellowship that some in God's Church so deeply yearn for can be brought about.

But it will take personal initiative to overcome reluctance and fears. It will take an earnest, prayerful approach for all to have these richly rewarding relationships in God's Church.

Act early to stop bad habits

By Dexter H. Faulkner

In my teens one summer afternoon, I walked out the back door of my parents' house with a water pail in one hand, a brush and bar of flea soap in the other.

It was bath time for our dog Skippy, a happy black cocker spaniel that usually ran to meet anyone coming out the back door.

This time he started toward the door, spied what I had in my hands, then took off around the corner of the house like a flash. When I got to the last step and called him, Skippy poked his head around the corner and then disappeared.

My mother helped me look for him. Finally we found him lying flat and still in a hole he had dug under our large rhododendron bush. Skippy was trying to escape the inevitable.

How often do we hide under a bush (figuratively speaking) in an attempt to escape the inevitable.

Sometimes there are problems large and small we must face—habits and shortcomings we know are there—but we hedge around them every way we can. We just don't want to face them.

Many times we put off making decisions, such as making out a will, providing for our family, righting wrongs and changing our lives.

There is much in our lives to change. If we are honest with ourselves, major sins may still be present. God tries to break through, but often we resist him. We need to repent of that and ask God's forgiveness.

Yet, so often we simply will not do it. We will not face the inevitable about our lives and our future.

Erwin Lutzer in his book *How to Say No to a Stubborn Habit*, observed that "the chains of habit are so light you cannot feel them, until they are so strong you cannot break them."

At such times only God can free us from enslaving habits and help us change. We need to stop hiding and start admitting to God that a habit or attitude has us beaten.

We need to ask God to help us change and to believe that change is possible.

A word of caution though—Satan is active in the world. He is a master of mental manipulation, and he will attempt to convince us that our problem is unchangeable.

This is not true. When we submit to God, we consciously resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7).

It won't be easy, but habits can be broken with God's help. If you are ready to face the inevitable and stop hiding under your "rhododendron," then here are some encouraging guidelines from God's Word for greater spiritual strength.

Ask for God's forgiveness. God "forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases ... as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed

our transgression from us" (Psalm 103:3, 12).

East and west can never meet. This graphic illustration shows God's total forgiveness—when he forgives our sin, he separates it from us and doesn't even remember it. God wipes our slate completely clean.

Know your enemy. Ephesians 6:12 identifies the enemy: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Just one more thing

Prepare to do battle. We must arm ourselves by learning certain scriptures, especially those passages

that give courage and power against temptation. Study 1 Corinthians 10:13, Proverbs 4:14-15 and Romans 8:6. Learn to flee from sin.

Be aware of the early signs of problems and temptations. When faced with problems go to God immediately while the problems are still small and manageable. If necessary seek help from God's ministers and wise friends.

Remember, "Happy is the man who doesn't give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get as his reward the crown of life that God has promised those who love him" (James 1:12, The Living Bible).

And, "A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all" (Psalm 34:19).

Enjoy your time with God in prayer and Bible study. Make time to talk to God about problems and temptations. Build up a relationship with him. Through daily Bible study we give God a chance to speak to us.

Remember, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). There is great pleasure derived by daily contact with our Creator.

Make a commitment to choose God's ways. God allows us to choose when faced with problems or temptations, but we will be better off physically, mentally and spiritually if we choose that which honors him.

"The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever" (1 John 2:17). We can draw on this promise in times of need.

Remember the great lesson for us in James 1:12: "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

To the man or woman who meets trials head-on in the proper manner, there is joy right here and in the future.

Hiding in the bushes will not keep us from facing the inevitable. We must choose to face it. Let's prepare now for the future.

Church honors Honor

VANCOUVER, Washington—Brethren here presented Honor L. Wolverson, a longtime member, with a crystal bowl Aug. 29 as partial recognition for her many years of faithfulness to God and service to others in the Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver area.

Glen White, pastor of the Vancouver congregation, introduced Mrs. Wolverson and spoke about high points in her life.

Honor also received a card designed by her son, Monte, supervisor of Creative Services in Pasadena, and signed by brethren.

Honor Lovette Wolverson was born on a farm in Mansfield, Washington. One of her favorite things was harvesting wheat along with her father and three older brothers.

When Honor was in her teens, the Lovette family gave up farming and moved to Sedro Woolley, Washington, and then to Vancouver.

In Honor's senior year of high school, she met Basil Wolverson.

After graduating, Mr. Wolverson pursued a career as a cartoonist, and Mrs. Wolverson attended business college and worked at an insurance company in Portland. Basil and Honor were married in 1934.

A few years later they began listening to Herbert Armstrong on the radio. They met him in 1940 and began attending the Portland-Vancouver congregation.

Mrs. Wolverson was baptized in 1927, and Mr. Wolverson joined her in 1941. He was ordained a local elder in 1942 by Mr. Armstrong.

A few years later, in 1948, Monte, their only child, was born.

From 1951 to 1962 Honor worked as a payroll clerk for the Vancouver School District. She was ordained a deaconess in 1960. Basil died in 1978.

Honor continues to be a celebrated part of the church here.



HONOR L. WOLVERTON

SEP camps give international flavor

Germany

By Frankie Weinberger

VOHL AM EDERSEE, Germany—"Your group impresses me deeply. They really behave like ladies and gentlemen."

Those being commended were 46 campers at the German Summer Educational Program (SEP) here July 24 to Aug. 7.

The speaker was the manager of the lakeside youth hostel near the village of Vohl, where the camp has been for three consecutive years.

The manager, retiring after 25 years, added: "Hope is renewed within me as I observe your group. They display what can be reached today after all. They are an example which I will recommend."

Most of the campers were from Germany, but Switzerland, England, the Netherlands and Russia were also represented.

Working with the young people were 23 staff members serving as counselors and assistant counselors, teaching and supervising basketball, Christian living, soccer, journalism, canoeing, Spokesman Clubs, swimming, ballroom dancing, pottery, volleyball and waterskiing.

In addition to five classes each day, evenings were filled with activities such as a swim meet, dance, basketball game, soccer match and dorm parties.

Staff members arrived three days before camp to attend an orientation session and lectures focused on how God's way of life works best and that a key factor in effective teaching is encouragement.

Italy

By Florence Souza

CIOCCO MOUNTAIN, Italy—Was the Italian SEP camp fun? In

the words of Laura Paterno, a camper from Sicily: "It was the best week of my life."

Florence Souza received an associate of arts degree from Ambassador College in May.

"Although this was a very small group [15 campers and seven instructors]," said Cliff Veal, camp director and pastor of the Milan and Vicenza churches, "nonetheless, we tried to make this an opportunity for the young people of God's Church to learn some of the same principles that the youths in other SEP camps learn."

The campsite itself, Il Ciocco, is a resort nestled in a crest of Ciocco Mountain about one hour northeast of Pisa. Campers and instructors slept in cabins. Italian-style, multicourse meals were served to the group at Il Ciocco's restaurant.

Daytime activities were mountain biking, archery, horseback riding, swimming, and for the girls, aerobics classes. Evening activities included dance lessons and sing-alongs.

Mr. Veal said he was pleased to see the cooperation of the campers. Two young people from Malta and one from Rome did not have Italian as their native language.

"They were accepted and included in everything by all of the young people. Language wasn't nearly the barrier that I anticipated," said Mr. Veal.

One concept Mr. Veal stressed to the young people was the need for proper and adequate education. "Proper," said Mr. Veal, "in the sense that education is not used simply to ensure material success. God has set in motion laws that if followed, will set us

on the road to a happier more fulfilled life."

"One of the main ideas that we wanted to stress to the young people was the fact that following God's way of life will bring blessings and it is fun too," said Mr. Veal.

Mexico

By Randal Dick

VERACRUZ, Mexico—At 9 p.m., July 27, I found myself sitting among gently swaying coconut trees, under the tropical stars surrounded by eager counselors and church pastors.

Randal Dick is an assistant director of Church Administration.

I didn't need to speak Spanish to sense their excitement and commitment as they listened intently to instructions from Gilberto Marin, camp director and Guadalajara pastor.

Just yards away, tents stretched in neat lines along the former coconut plantation.

Inside each of those tents three excited campers listened to the surf of the Caribbean Sea pound the shoreline and quietly talked with one another, speculating what tomorrow—the opening of the SEP camp and the first day of activities—might bring.

One thing was sure, the camp was, as Felipe Neri, Mexico City pastor, put it, the fulfillment of a dream.

The dream began in the spring of 1991, when the Church in Mexico bought a six-hectare (almost 15 acres) parcel of beachfront property about an hour north of Veracruz.

"To our surprise the beachfront property, dotted by more than 200 coconut trees, had its own stream and access to a small lake," said Larry Roybal, manager of the Mexico Office, and pastor of the Monterrey and Torreon churches.

But no camp was conducted that first year, as every peso was needed to improve the overgrown coconut plantation.

In the months that followed brethren built a bathhouse and a small but effective kitchen, hooked up the electricity and installed a septic system. A shallow well now provides water for toilets and showers.

The work paid off, and about 160 campers (90 percent of Mexican teens) and 50 staff from one end of Mexico to the other attended the July 29 to Aug. 4 inaugural session of the camp.

Opening day arrived with a tropical rainstorm. Lightning cracked, thunder rolled and the campers, some who had traveled more than 36 hours, got soaked.

After delaying the opening ceremonies as long as possible, Mr. Roybal, Mr. Marin and I opened the camp by reminding the young people they were pioneers in the real sense of the word, and that as they put their whole heart into the program they would be proving that God's way works.

A prayer of dedication was offered, and within 30 minutes the rain stopped.

Campers eagerly took part in surf fishing, boogie boarding, jet skiing, waterskiing, stunt kite flying, trampoline gymnastics, football, photography and snorkeling, not to mention camp improvement.

Scotland

By Andrew and Dana Silcox

LOCH LOMOND, Scotland—SEP Scotland celebrated its 25th anniversary this summer.

From its beginnings on a farm in



PARTING GIFTS—Paul Suckling, former SEP director, and his wife, Jane, receive gifts for 24 years of service at SEP Scotland. On behalf of members, Larry Salyer (left), now pastor of the St. Louis North and Wentzville, Missouri, churches, and Les McCullough (right), British regional director, presented the gifts at the camp's 25th anniversary Aug. 9.

Yorkshire to the small village that is assembled each year in a field on the shores of Loch Lomond, the story of SEP in the United Kingdom is one of steady growth.

Andrew Silcox, who pastors the Borehamwood and Watford, England, churches, and his wife, Dana, direct SEP Scotland.

Former director Paul Suckling remembers those first years of open fires and milelong walks to wash in a stream. Now, the camp enjoys all the utilities that would be found at a permanent site.

From that group of 22 campers in Yorkshire, SEP Scotland reached an attendance of more than 300 campers. Young people from Europe, Africa, the United States and Great Britain were present for this 25th year.

Sunday, Aug. 9, was an open day. Guests from the Church and the community were invited to observe the camp in action.

Mr. Suckling presented awards to longtime SEP Scotland staff members. Mr. Suckling and his wife, Jane, were given awards.

On a personal note Mr. Suckling feels that it has been especially gratifying to see the personal development and growth of hundreds of young people in God's Church over the years.

This is demonstrated in Scotland as at other SEPs by the return of former campers wishing to serve the program as staff members.

By Monika Wolverson
LOCH LOMOND, Scotland—
On July 12 of this year, several

sheep in a remote corner of the United Kingdom became very unhappy.

They were forced to leave their field on the banks of Loch Lomond to make room for 327 young people from 16 countries. However, before these visitors could arrive, this plot of land was to undergo an amazing transformation from a sheep field to the SEP in Scotland.

Monika Wolverson, an Ambassador College senior, worked at SEP Scotland.

For two weeks volunteers—including members from nearby Glasgow—laid the foundation for the camp.

They were divided into crews to do such things as clean up the field, set up tents, organize and clean the equipment needed for activities, prepare the ski and sailing docks, create workable plumbing and electric systems and build a new 5,000-gallon water tank.

While all this was going on, other staff worked in the kitchen to prepare meals for the setup crews and also get the kitchen ready to feed hundreds of campers.

The sheep stood by in mute protest as caravans (trailers in American English) to house the married staff began to fill one corner of the field.

Four caravans were brought in to be used for the *Summer Times* (weekly newspaper), the darkroom for photography class, the main office and first aid facilities.

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WATER FUN—At SEP Mexico a waterskiing instructor encourages and advises a young skier, while a camp staffer on a jet ski awaits instructor's signal.



HORSING AROUND—Apart from horseback riding, activities for campers in Italy included mountain biking, archery and swimming. [Photo by Ford Burden]

How to Use Wills and Trusts to Give to the Church

Many members and co-workers have requested information on how best to make a gift to the Worldwide Church of God, either during their lifetime or upon death, through wills, trusts or other means.

If you desire to receive information regarding such gifts, the Legal Department of the Church is available to aid you in this regard without cost or obligation. Please write to Ralph K. Helge, Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

The Legal Department regrets that, because of the variance in laws of other countries, such legal information is only applicable to residents of the United States and Canada. However, in regard to other countries it will furnish whatever limited information it may have available.

Church's service projects give communities a clean sweep

"We wanted to find a way to help the community in which all Church members could work together," said Ted Herlofson, pastor of the Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston, Idaho, churches. Adopt-a-Highway seemed like an ideal solution.

Church youths and members in

Tyler, Texas, Rochester, Minnesota, and Coeur d'Alene clean up trash from sections of highways as part of their states' Adopt-a-Highway programs.

Tyler

In Tyler four times a year members clean a two-mile section of

FM (farm to market) 2964.

Sunday, July 12, 45 Tyler members picked up 13 bags of trash on the two-lane country highway in one hour and 45 minutes.

Members were divided into groups of four or five, and each group was assigned a half mile to clean. Groups started in opposite directions with everyone facing oncoming traffic.

They collected 31 bags of trash on their previous outing April 5.

"A lady drove by, slowed down and yelled out, 'Thanks a lot,'" said Sheila Gardner. "It made me feel good and appreciated, like what we were doing is really being noticed."

"If the road is clean, there's less temptation to throw out trash," said Dean Hodges. "Litter invites more litter."

"I feel projects like this are good examples for our children because it helps show them we have a responsibility to our community, to be good citizens however we can," said Cathy Smith.

"Adopt-a-Highway allows us to 'dress and keep the garden.' It gives one a real sense of



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY IN TYLER, TEXAS

accomplishment to see the road neat and clean," said Brandee Strayer.

Coeur d'Alene

Church youths and brethren clean a two-mile section of Interstate 90 through northern Idaho three times a year—in the spring and mid and late summer.

"Because a large number of Church members turn out to help each time, the actual time spent on cleanup is only two to three hours," Mr. Herlofson said.

The work project is followed by breakfast in a rest area. "The state provides safety gear and trash bags, while the Church youths provide a concern for the environment and the enthusiasm to make the program work," Mr. Herlofson said.

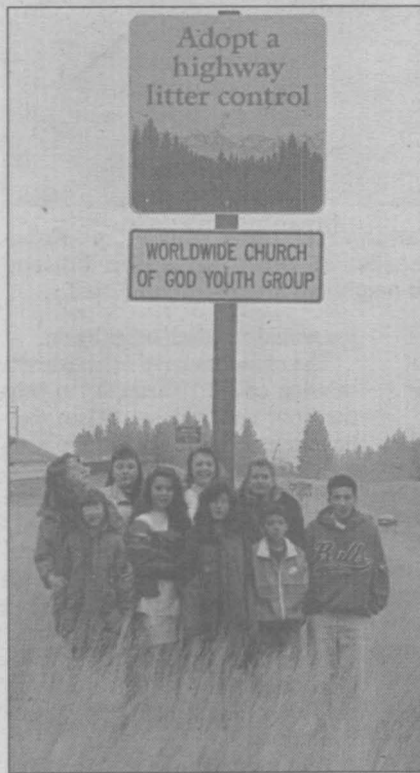
"I feel it is important to help our young people see the practical side of Christian commitment in action and share the pleasure of helping others," he said. "We hope they will continue in the spirit of service wherever they go."

Rochester

Church youths and parents clean up 2 1/2 miles of County Highway 1 about four miles south of Rochester.

According to Tammy Shumway, 17: "We had a lot of fun even though we found it was more work than we expected. We felt a warm feeling of satisfaction."

"I feel that the 'Adopt a Highway' program is a good one and helps make people aware of the hard work a little thoughtlessness can cause," Tammy said.



COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO, YOU



ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, YOU

SEP

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The second week brought an onslaught of tents: 16 tents for campers, two tents for staff and five other tents for various uses.

Finally there was the gigantic multipurpose marquee that served as a dining hall, a dance hall and a gymnasium of sorts, as well as the place where Sabbath services and sing-alongs took place.

The sheep must have wondered what the fuss was about. After all, they'd seen this happen time and again.

As the bewildered sheep munched on grass they watched youths do everything from gymnastics and fencing to climbing mountains and conquering the obstacle course.

Often the campers and staff would do these things in spite of wind, rain, mud and the cold.

The sheep might not have

known it, but something similar to this has been happening for 25 years. It began in 1968 in a field in Yorkshire with an open fire and small pup tents, and has expanded to its current nearly 10 acres size on Cashel Farm in Scotland.

During that time SEP has survived all kinds of circumstances. At one site in 1970 campers and staff walked 1.5 miles to bathe in a river.

In 1975 the camp had a visit from a lion cub and its owner. The cub gave everyone a scare when it leaped onto one of the campers and began to lick him. (It was later decided that no more lions would be allowed at camp.)

In 1976 the owner of Cashel Farm died, so SEP had to change locations.

Ski boats and other equipment were sold to raise funds, and camp took place the next two years at the former Ambassador College campus in Bricklet Wood.

The wettest and muddiest year for SEP Scotland was 1985 when Loch Lomond rose 28 inches. In 1988 a 100-mile-an-hour wind swept through the camp destroying several tents.

This year, Paul Suckling, who was involved with the camp for 24 of its 25 years turned over his position as camp director to Andrew Silcox.

As Mr. Suckling said in a letter to staff and campers: "No matter the size of the camp or the amount of money spent on it, the real success is in the development and growth that takes place in the lives of all those associated with it."

Philippines

BAGUIO, Philippines—"Say it in English if you can," was the message told to campers April 26 to May 10 in the Philippines, a country with numerous dialects.

"If you can't say it in English, say it in Tagalog or another language and your counselor or instructor will tell you how to say it in English."

Mauritius

BELLE MARE, Mauritius—"Have fun with substance, have fun with a purpose," Robert Klynsmith told 16 campers who gathered at the seaside resort of Belle Mare, Aug. 2 to 7.

Mr. Klynsmith, southern African SEP coordinator, attended the camp with his wife, Debbie.

The youths took a boat trip to Ile de l'Est, an island off the east coast of Mauritius, according to a report submitted by Prem Goolaup, assistant camp coordinator.

Patricia Rima was the most outstanding girl camper, and Patrick Nayna was the most outstanding boy camper.

Runela Ramlowat was the most improved girl camper, and Dany Louison was the most improved boy camper.

Ambassador College Applications Available

Application packets for admission to Ambassador College for the fall of 1993 are now available. Applicants are encouraged to request their application packets and submit applications early.

The deadline for submitting applications for the fall of 1993 semester is March 1, 1993. Applications must be received by the Admissions Office in Big Sandy by that date. U.S. applicants may obtain application packets by writing the Admissions Office, Ambassador College, Box 111, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755, or by calling 1-903-636-2190. Applicants should not use the toll-free number.

International applicants (except from Canada and the Netherlands) may contact their regional offices with application requests. The requests will be forwarded by electronic mail to the Admissions Office.

SAT test dates: The College Board ATP has released test dates for U.S. and international administration of the SAT. (SAT scores are required of prospective students with less than 30 semester hours of college-level course work.)

The following dates are Saturday tests. All Sunday SATs are administered the day after these dates: Nov. 7, Dec. 5 and Jan. 23. Other test dates (but considered too late for fall 1993 admission) are scheduled for March 27, May 1 and June 5, 1993.

However, high school juniors and international applicants planning to apply to Ambassador College for the fall of 1994 semester may take the SAT in the spring of 1993.

Registration information and forms for the above test dates are available from high school counselor offices or by writing the College Board ATP, Box 6200, Princeton, New Jersey, 08541-6200; or by calling 1-609-771-7588. Instructions for obtaining a Sunday administration are given in the SAT registration brochure.

International applicants (except those from Canada) may obtain SAT registration information and forms from their respective regional offices.

The Ambassador College Admissions Committee strongly recommends that Ambassador applicants take the SAT at the earliest possible date. The College Board requires six weeks to process SAT registration for U.S. applicants and longer for international students.

L. E. Torrance
Director of Admissions

Jnay Marlett
Associate Director

Ministerial Ordinations

Garry Barber	a deacon in the Hobart, Australia, church, was ordained a local church elder July 18.
Boniface Boateng	a deacon in the Detroit, Michigan, South church, was ordained a local church elder June 7.
James Burns	Winnipeg, Manitoba, associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder June 7.
David Clark	a ministerial trainee in the Brampton, Ontario, church, was ordained a local church elder June 6.
Boyd Mansanarez	Tupelo and Columbus, Mississippi, pastor, was ordained a preaching elder July 11.
Thomas Pickett	Mobile and Monroeville, Alabama, and Biloxi, Mississippi, associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder March 28.
Frandisco Pedeglorio	a deacon in the Dumaguete, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder April 4.
Cristito Rico	a deacon in the Iligan, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder June 7.
Donald Trumble	a deacon in the Melbourne, Florida, church, was ordained a local church elder June 7.

Ukraine: shared beliefs

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was difficult. The only train for Ukraine had already left for the day. This was definitely not a tourist town—there were no taxis and no one would drive us to the border.

We finally had to walk a mile to the border crossing, carrying all our luggage, including a suitcase full of Ukrainian Bibles.

When we got to the border we discovered foot crossings were not allowed. You needed to be in a car. The man who told us this saw our dilemma and offered to take us across into Ukraine. He was on his way home to Lithuania.

Without him we would have been stranded. John and I call him our Lithuanian angel. He drove us to the city of Uzhgorod, where we found a hotel.

The next day we took a taxi to Rokosovo, about 60 miles east and Michael Palchey's hometown. We found his daughter's home. She warmly greeted us and told us that many were waiting for us and would be coming over soon.

They did! We later met the leader of the Rokosovo church, Ivan Pavliy, who asked us to stay with him.

We also met the pastor of an adjoining church, Vasil Mondich, and another one of their energetic leaders, Victor Pavliy. We spent many hours getting acquainted.

About 3,000 Sabbatharians attend 32 congregations in Transcarpathia. Another 26 congregations are in Romania, just across the border. An unknown number of Sabbatharians live in Moldavia (now known as Moldova).

Sabbatarians comprise the largest non-Catholic, non-Orthodox group in Transcarpathia. They are sincere and devout, and have been much persecuted for their beliefs.

They spoke of how, under communism, they didn't allow their children to attend school on Saturdays and how they wouldn't allow their children to wear Lenin insignia.

Their young men do not bear arms in the military. They have freedom now, but the rising Orthodox Church is replacing the Communists as their persecutors.

Some tithe, keep Holy Days

The groups vary in their doctrinal understanding. The majority keep the Sabbath and only Passover. They practice the dietary laws of Leviticus 11.

A minority keep all the Holy Days. We spoke with people who kept them all—including the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day, which they observed as the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

As religions freedom is coming to the area, they desire a structure and unification. Under communism, their church was illegal and only loosely organized.

They took great care not to have member lists, attendance figures or anything indicating they were a church. They met secretly in different homes each Sabbath.

Nov. 1 they will conduct a conference in Rokosovo to address the issue of church organization. They heartily invited us to participate and present a lecture on how the Worldwide Church of God is organized.

Several congregations have adopted tithing. In Rokosovo they have been tithing for two years. Michael Palchey had written to them from the United States already and told them of our practice.

The congregation in Rokosovo constructed a beautiful building for their church. The upstairs meeting area can seat about 400 people.

Behind the speaker is a representation of the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone, inscribed in Ukrainian. The building is a joint venture with area Pentecostals, who use it on Sundays.

Everyone spoke highly of Michael Palchey, who is now 82. They regard him as a humble man and a peacemaker who helped start the 32 Transcarpathian churches.

Many commented how he related to all ages and kinds of people. Michael Palchey regards Ivan Pavliy as his son and wishes him to carry on his work.

The Pavliys have five children and truly live by God's Word. They keep the Sabbath in much the same way we do, are familiar with the Scriptures and like to discuss what we understand.

They know their Bibles. We discussed subjects such as divorce and remarriage, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Days, abortion, the role of women in church and hair length.

They believe in speaking in tongues and told us that 90 percent of them believe in this practice. The Seventh-day Adventists have already cautioned them that they shouldn't speak in tongues. They understand the argument and reasons.

Our position on this is that speaking in tongues may be falsified or fabricated, it may originate with evil spirits, it may come from a self-induced emotionally altered consciousness or it may come from God.

They want to know about the Holy Days and said it is an open question with them. They want to study our literature in Ukrainian and Russian.

They said that since they observe no days other than the

Sabbath and Passover, the Holy Days would enhance their glorifying God.

Mayor asks for prayer

We were taken to the larger neighboring town of Khust, population 40,000. We spent the night with the pastor, Vasil Mondich, and his wife, Svetlana.

Victor Pavliy and Vasil Mondich took us to the mayor's office the next morning. They are friends with the mayor, Volodimir Kaschuk, a dynamic 35-year-old man.

He has donated unused government building space for the church to use as a library, a place to display literature and to conduct meetings.

We were to spend only 20 minutes with him, but ended up talking to him for nearly two hours, explaining who we were.

In his office, after our formal meeting, he asked me to lead in prayer, asking for God to help them in their fledgling efforts to get the country on its feet.

Friday night, Sept. 18, we conducted a service at the House of Prayer at Rokosovo. After being asked to speak, I spoke for 20 to 25 minutes.

I talked about how much we had in common, about Mr. Armstrong and his role in God's Work, then went on to say that Mr. Tkach had succeeded Mr. Armstrong.

I spoke about Mr. Tkach's



CLOSE IN SPIRIT—John Karlson (far right) and Victor Kubik (second from right) with the families of Victor Pavliy (top left) and Ivan Pavliy (third from right) and neighbors in the town of Khust.

After Mr. Karlson spoke, I gave the sermon. Again, I spoke about where we came from and our common beliefs.

The main part of my sermon revolved around God's Holy Days and why they are important to us. I spoke about what these days represent and how they are a shadow of things to come.

In the afternoon service, two more messages were delivered.

we would see each other again.

The churches have established a mission called "Nazareth" to help the poor and widows. Also, they have sent relief to brethren in war-torn Moldova.

Of the thousands killed in the disturbance in and around Bender, Moldova, not a single Sabbatharian was harmed, although several had their homes damaged and destroyed by mortar barrages.

Several brethren will have to reglaze their windows and need staple items to get them through the coming winter.

People attending the Carpathian Sabbatharian churches donated 70,000 rubles (about US\$245) for two Moldovan churches to distribute as necessary.

We contributed 57,000 rubles (US\$200) for this effort, but feel we can do more. The average wage is 5,000 to 10,000 rubles (about \$20 to \$40) a month.

We also contributed money for buying chairs in the House of Prayer. They have about one third of the chairs they need—right now many of the people sit on rough makeshift benches.

Things we'll never forget

As we left the leaders told us how close they felt to us in spirit. They hope we can stay in contact and continue to learn from each other.

John Karlson and I learned things we never could have known, because we lived among these people for five days. They are people just like we are, with many of the same needs.

They are intelligent and God-fearing. They have suffered much. It's hard enough to live in a system like they do, but it's harder yet to endure religious persecution on top of all the other trials.

I'll have more to say later. I'm finishing this report on our flight from Budapest, Hungary, to Frankfurt, Germany, where we transfer to St. Petersburg, Russia, to visit with Jerry and Tami Rehor, who work on the Petersburg Television and Radio project.



DELIGHTFUL SONG—Ukrainian women sing hymns in the House of Prayer at Rokosovo. Two Sabbath services were conducted Sept. 19. [Photo by Victor Kubik]

Rusyn [Ruthenian] roots. The somber crowd listened with great interest and smiled as I spoke.

The next day there were two services, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mr. Karlson spoke for about 25 minutes (I translated for him) about how one of the components of unity is showing respect and consideration for one another.

The subject of one was hypocrisy—the importance, in Christian life, of not professing one thing while acting differently.

The other speaker warmly welcomed both Mr. Karlson and myself and said how happy they were to find people in another part of the world who believed like they did.

He quoted the passage in 1 Kings 19:18 where, besides Elijah, God had reserved 7,000 others who had not bowed down to Baal. He compared this moment with the scriptural example.

10 years of prayers rewarded

Later we learned that Pentecostals chided the Ukrainian Sabbatharians and told them there were no other such people in the world.

The Sabbatharians told us they had been praying for 10 years to find others of like belief and feel they have found them and their prayers are being answered.

Over and over they said how they wanted us to work together and how some differences should not divide us, but be a platform from which we work together to find greater understanding.

On the Sunday that we left Rokosovo, the pastor of the 20-person church that keeps the Holy Days talked to us for about an hour. He told us again how happy he was to find us and hoped that



COMPU-TUTOR—Between services Sept. 19, Victor Kubik explains how an electronic Bible is stored in his laptop computer to the Ivan Pavliy family in their home in Rokosovo.



HOUSE OF PRAYER—This Ukrainian-built church at Rokosovo seats about 400 people.

Personal from Mr. Tkach

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plaques recognizing various levels of contributions.

For this construction project, it was my desire to give special acknowledgement to the congregations, groups and individuals who contributed to the building fund by placing the names of contributors on special plaques to be displayed in the building.

Because I wanted to acknowledge as many names as possible, the minimum donation for inclusion on a plaque was set at \$200. I now see that the whole idea of acknowledging contributions in this way was a mistake.

The intention of this plan may have been good, but I now see that the fruit of this approach just isn't good.

Therefore, we have decided to cancel the plaque program and give a full refund to anyone who would like his or her Jackson Hall building fund donation returned.

We do plan to place an attractive single plaque in the main lobby of Jackson Hall that will acknowledge the collective generosity of all the members and co-workers of the Church.

Because of this change, if you wish to have your 1992 building fund donation to Jackson Hall refunded to you, send your request to Worldwide Church of

God, Pasadena, California, 91123, c/o Co-worker Department, stating your name and the amount you gave (see box).

Your request for a refund must be postmarked before January 1, 1993. If you do not want your donation refunded, you need do nothing, and your contribution will remain part of the building fund.

Again, I apologize and accept the responsibility for this mistake and hope that the decision not to have personal plaques or individual congregation plaques will not be too disappointing to anyone.

Thank you for your patience and your understanding. I hope you will not cease praying with me that God will continue to guide all of us despite our human shortcomings.

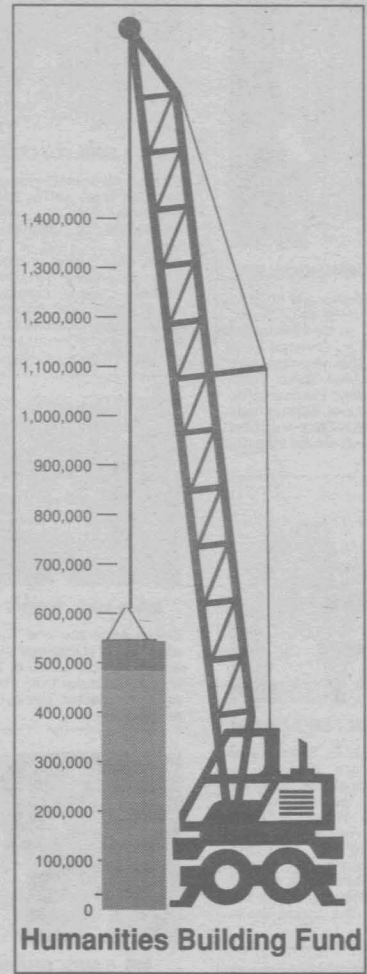
The building fund has long been and will continue to be an important part of financing necessary construction and maintenance of our headquarters and Ambassador College facilities.

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the building fund, and please do not forget this important aspect of the Work.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to all congregations that are involved in fund-raising projects for Jackson Hall.

These projects are still much

needed and much appreciated! Thank you all for your love of God's Work.



STILL CLIMBING—As of Sept. 29, individuals and congregations have donated \$546,899.71.

Subscriber Development targets interested subscribers

"Through the Subscriber Development program we hope to bring subscribers to the door of the Church," said Boyd Leeson, circulation manager. "Once they are there it will be up to them whether or not they enter."

To help them reach the door, however, we want to identify subscribers who are most interested.

"We are striving to build a sincere and warm relationship with our subscribers," Mr. Leeson said. "We recognize that some subscribers will progress rapidly and request many booklets, while others will require more time. But we want to ensure that the publications sent out are being read and appreciated."

On the Church's file are *Plain Truth* subscribers, co-workers and donors. Within these categories, some are more interested than others, and we want to identify those subscribers most interested in our organization, said Mr. Leeson.

"Through the subscriber program we want to ensure that subscribers retained on file are truly interested in the Church and its message."

Also, Mr. Tkach's decision to increase the biblical content of *The Plain Truth* and the *World Tomorrow* program as well as letting readers and viewers know that the magazine and telecast are produced by the Church, will screen out people who are only casually interested in social topics and not interested in the Church's message.

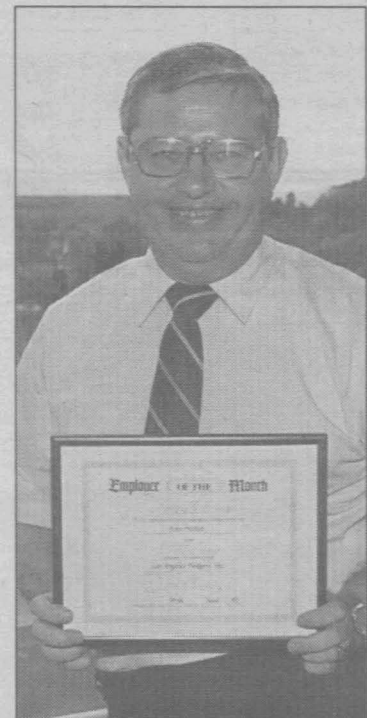
"The subscriber development program will also ensure that we are better stewards with the money God has given us."

The following points illustrate how the Church is building a relationship with subscribers based on their involvement with us.

- Everyone who responds to our media programs automatically receives a *Plain Truth* subscription. This gives the Church monthly contact with subscribers, which is necessary in building a relationship with them. Literature is also offered through the magazine. "Reaching subscribers in this way doesn't require any special promotion and therefore saves the Church money."
- After three months, subscribers receive a letter with a booklet offer and a pamphlet answering some of the most asked questions about *The Plain Truth*.
- Subscribers begin receiving a *Plain Truth* subscription renewal after six issues. By this time some may have become donors or co-workers and will receive further literature offers.
- If donors contribute twice within six months they become co-workers and receive a letter of thanks from Mr. Tkach. This letter includes a literature catalog offering the Church's core literature.
- Co-workers and donors also receive the *News of the Work* newsletter to inform them about the Church, the work being done and how their donations are used. "Because they have shown support by their donations for what the Church does, we want to give them more," Mr. Leeson said. "The newsletter helps familiarize them with the Church and that strengthens our relationship."
- The 12-lesson Bible correspondence course will also be offered to subscribers. "The correspondence course is a critical tool in our education arsenal. It gets people into the Bible and into studying it. Subscribers who go through the correspondence course develop a greater interest in the Church, and many become members," he said.
- By the end of the first year subscribers will have had from 22 to 40 opportunities to receive booklets through the magazine, semiannual letter, the newsletter, the telecast and the correspondence course.



BOYD LEESON



EMPLOYEE OF MONTH—John Heskett was named employee of the month of June by the Los Angeles Dodgers professional baseball organization. Mr. Heskett, who does computer programming for the team, attends the Pasadena West P.M. congregation. [Photo by John SooHoo]

PLEASE NOTE

If you contributed \$200 or more to the Harold L. Jackson Memorial Building Fund

As you know, it was the Church's intention to express its appreciation for gifts of \$200 or more to the Harold L. Jackson Memorial Building Fund by placing individual contributors' names on a plaque to be displayed in the main lobby of the building.

The Church has erred in establishing such a policy. Therefore, rather than acknowledging the donations of individual contributors, the Church will place a single plaque in the main lobby of the building in honor and recognition of the collective generosity of all who have contributed.

The Church realizes this change in policy will come as a disappointment to some. Therefore, if you made a contribution of \$200 or more to this fund in 1992, and because of this policy change wish to have your contribution returned to you, please fill out the form below and return it to:

Worldwide Church of God
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

We will process your request for a refund promptly. Please allow 15 to 20 days to receive your check. In addition, your request must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 1992. The Church will not be able to honor requests postmarked after that date.

If you do not wish to have your donation returned, there is no need to take any action. Contributions of individuals and local congregations continue to be welcomed even though acknowledgement of those donations will be made by a single plaque as opposed to individual plaques.

We apologize for our error and sincerely regret any inconvenience or disappointment we may have caused.

Request for return of Harold L. Jackson Memorial Building Fund Contribution

I designated a contribution to the Church building fund during 1992 in the sum of \$200 or more. I respectfully request that my contribution be returned to me.

1. Name _____

2. Address _____

City State Zip

3. Total amount of said contribution was: \$ _____

4. I agree that I will not deduct said contribution on my income tax return.

Dated: _____, 1992

Signature _____

Merle May, 66, dies as 'servant'

PASADENA—Merle May, 66, a local church elder and longtime employee of the Church, died of colon cancer Aug. 31.

Mr. May supervised several areas of the Transportation Department in his 36 years of working for the Church. For the past 10 years he worked for his son Dean, manager of the Transportation and Fleet Department.

Mr. May was baptized in 1956 with his wife, Bernice, ordained a deacon in the Los Angeles church in 1961 and a local church elder in the Glendale, Calif., church in 1985.

In late 1955 Mr. May began working on ministers' and students' cars as a self-employed mechanic. He was hired by Ambassador College full-time in

1956. This was the beginning of the Church and College Transportation Department.

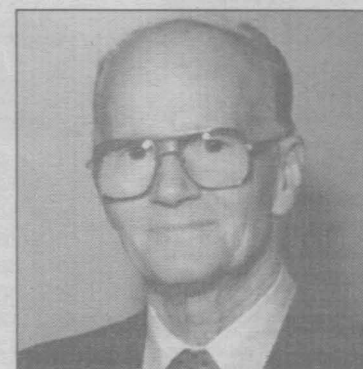
"When he wasn't working he enjoyed the outdoors," said his

son, Dean. "The local San Gabriel Mountains were a favorite retreat. He had a deep appreciation of wildlife and the beauty of God's creation."

Robin Webber, pastor of the Pasadena East P.M. church, where Mr. May attended, said: "When one thinks of Mr. Merle May, one thought rings loud and clear. Simply this: The man was a servant to God through his actions to the people God has chosen around him."

"Always behind the scenes, always there for others, Mr. May will be thought of as a serving man."

Mr. May is survived by his wife, Bernice; three sons, Merle Jr., Dean and Aaron; two daughters, Donna and Dorthea; and seven grandchildren.



MERLE MAY

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

Ministerial conference in northeast builds on friendships

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania—Ministers and wives serving in the northeast region of the United States met for a conference Aug. 25 to 27.

Evangelist **Joseph Tkach Jr.** opened the conference, and the group watched a videotape of evangelist **Bernie Schnippert's** presentation to regional directors on the Church's media philosophy.

Evangelist **Dean Blackwell** spoke about encouragement, and **Victor Kubik** gave a presentation on proper relationships among ministers.

The next day **Bill Jacobs**, the new YOU coordinator, spoke on the need to relate to teens and how to put this into practice.

On the last day the group watched a video of Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach's** presentation to the regional directors.

Then evangelist **Michael Fezell** gave a presentation on editorial content and philosophy. Evangelist **Greg Albrecht** followed with how that content and philosophy is expressed in *The Plain Truth*.

"Many ministers and wives expressed their appreciation for the conference—both for the opportunity to get together with others in their region and to hear the information presented," said Mr. Tkach Jr.

"This first session in the second round of U.S. regional conferences has further bonded the ministry by building on the friendship and goodwill of last year's conferences."

Lyle Welty, Cleveland, Ohio, East pastor, remarked: "I hope to apply the material more fully this coming year. It's amazing how one can deceive oneself into thinking one is doing things right in a relationship, when one isn't."

"I still have a lot to learn, so keep cranking out those sessions to us ministers. I,

for one, need them."

David Register, pastor of the Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts, churches, added: "The combination of openness and confidence on the part of the presenters and the camaraderie among all the ministry in attendance provided a recipe for real success."

"We learned a lot, felt inspired, corrected and encouraged all at the same time."

Rochester church searching for memorabilia for 25th anniversary in July

ROCHESTER, New York—Brethren who have previously attended the Rochester church are invited to attend the 25th anniversary of the church here July 17 and 18, 1993.

The Rochester church is searching for information and memorabilia concerning the early years of the congregation.

If you have any items of interest please send them to **Nancy Caswell**, 211 Park Rd., Rochester, New York, 14622.

For further information call **Ron Feiock** at 1-800-388-0607 through Nov. 30, or after Dec. 1, at 1-716-426-1956, or write him at 26 Fenton Rd., Rochester, New York, 14624-3905.

Illinois member renders four days of firsthand care to hurricane victims

CHICAGO, Illinois—Sears' corporate Gulfstream III jet left Midway Airport here Aug. 25, carrying what the media labeled "Angels of Mercy" (nurses from Chicago's Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital) to the disaster-burdened Doctors Hospital in Coral Gables, Florida, just south of Miami.

Karin Jaros, a member in Chicago West, was one of 60

nurses at Rush Hospital who volunteered when Sears offered a free flight to Coral Gables to relieve overworked staff at Doctors Hospital.

Because of limited space on the jet, only 12 nurses could make the trip, and Mrs. Jaros was among those chosen.

"We were treated like royalty by the media and the crew of the G-III," Mrs. Jaros said.

"Once we arrived at Doctors Hospital we were back to being nurses again, ready to do our job and help out wherever we were needed."

All 12 nurses slept in one room on mattresses, and most never left the hospital during their four-day stay.

Mrs. Jaros got a firsthand look at the disaster when she volunteered to spend a night in the home of one of the victims who lived in Cutler Ridge, a hard-hit community south of Miami. She stayed with the children while their mother went to work.

"It was like a war zone, with helicopters flying overhead, supply planes taking off and landing, and the constant sound of generators that provided only enough power for a refrigerator and one light to those who were able to stay in their homes," Mrs. Jaros said.

"I even saw a huge ship sitting in someone's front yard."

One nurse at Doctors Hospital commented on the help received from the Chicago nurses: "It was a boost to our morale. To know that they cared enough to come all this way to help was immeasurable."

After returning to Chicago, Mrs. Jaros said she would "never forget the sight of the indiscriminate destruction, rich and poor alike, because the hurricane made no distinction. They need our help and our prayers."

Six ministers honored for 25 years of service to the Church

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania—Six ministers received plaques and watches for 25 years of service to the Church Aug. 27 at the northeast regional conference here.

They are **Jeff Barness**, pastor of the Suffolk, New York, church; **Edward Faulk**, associate



FOUNDING FAMILIES—Some of the founding members of the Vancouver, British Columbia, congregation and their families commemorate Vancouver's 30th anniversary in June. Begun in 1962, this was the first church established in the Canadian region. [Photo by Karin Comeau]

pastor of the Trenton and Brick, New Jersey, churches; **Bob Jones**, pastor of the Norfolk, Virginia, church.

Thomas Oakley, pastor of the Brooklyn, New York, South church; **Carlos Perkins**, pastor of the Brooklyn North church; and **Greg Sargent**, pastor of the Union North and Jersey City, New Jersey, churches.

Tom Blackwell, pastor of the Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Poplar Bluff, Missouri, churches, received his 25-year watch and plaque Aug. 22 at the 25th anniversary of the Abilene, Texas, church.

Mr. Blackwell is a former pastor of the Abilene church.

State judicial system names James Scott outstanding employee of the year

DENVER, Colorado—**James G. Scott**, a probation supervisor for the Adult Probation Department of the Second Judicial District, has been named the 1991 Outstanding Supervisor-Administrative Employee of the Year by the State of Colorado judicial system.

Colorado Chief Justice **Lois D. Rovera** presented the plaque to Mr. Scott May 15.

Because of Mr. Scott's efforts, the Adult Probation Department received \$28,000 for a computer link system with five satellite offices.

Mr. Scott, who linked computers between the offices, is now a troubleshooter with the State Judicial Department.

This is in addition to his normal duties of supervising seven probation officers and two clerical staff members.

Mr. Scott and his wife, **Marla**, attend the Denver South church.

Rainbow satellite makes footprint across Southeast Asia

MANILA, Philippines—The GMA network started using a satellite transmission system April 23 to relay its signal for live rebroadcast to affiliate stations in other parts of the Philippines.

The rainbow satellite (as GMA calls it) has a footprint (range of coverage) large enough to be received over much of southeast and south Asia for anyone with a satellite dish.

GMA expects that new cable networks in nearby countries may simply feed GMA's signal into their system because of a lack of domestic programming.

The new satellite is already bearing unexpected fruit for the Church in the Philippines, according to **Paul Kieffer**, regional director.

"We have so far received 25 responses from places like Indonesia and Papua New Guinea," he added.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

When panic set in, survivor of bus accident didn't think of dying, only helping

PALAYAN CITY, Philippines—Joseph Oliveros, a Church member and sales engineer, was one of 30 survivors in a bus that overturned in rising waters caused by Typhoon Ditang here July 20.

According to a story that member **Kenneth Roy Madrid** wrote for *Mr. and Ms.* magazine, the bus bound for Quezon City inched its way through knee-deep water and fell off an elevated road into a rice field.

It turned over on its right side and began filling up with water. It was like an island in the midst of the vast waters.

The 55 or so passengers climbed out the windows on the left side and hung tightly to the bus. The bus was tilted severely, and a slip

into the fast-moving current could be fatal. "Having gone through similar situations in life, Oliveros advised fellow passengers not to panic," Mr. Madrid wrote.

"But then, his own legs and body began to tremble as the cold reality of the situation dawned on him. He began to pray, but did not think of dying. His mind was busy with two concerns. First,



JOSEPH OLIVEROS

how to go with the current if he was taken by it, and second, how to save everyone on the bus."

Mr. Madrid wrote, "For 30 agonizing minutes the passengers waited impatiently for rescue."

Several passengers panicked before a rescue could begin, and 16 fell into the water and lost their lives. The rescue lasted 15 minutes, and Mr. Oliveros was one of the last of the 30 survivors to get off the bus because he was busy helping others.

Capture of Shining Path's 'guiding light' brings relief in Peru

By **Reginald V. Killingley**
"There's a palpable sense of relief, and widespread rejoicing and celebration," said **Wilfredo Saenz**, pastor of the Huaraz, Lima and Trujillo, Peru, churches, describing reaction to the Sept. 12 capture of **Abimael Guzman**, founder and "guiding light" of the notoriously ruthless guerrilla group Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path).

Reginald V. Killingley works in the Spanish Department.

Several other Sendero leaders were captured together with Guzman, leading many Peruvians to anticipate the end of a bloody war that has claimed more than 26,000

lives and caused \$22 billion in damage since 1980.

"This is a big boost to everybody's morale—even expatriate Peruvians are calling to say they'll return," said Mr. Saenz.

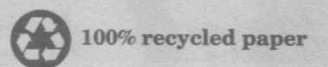
"Obviously, however, as President **Alberto Fujimori** cautioned in a televised address to the nation, it's too early to claim victory."

Mr. Saenz added that some experts warn of retaliatory action by Sendero guerrillas. Others fear Guzman may escape unless he is condemned to death in his military trial and executed.

During the capture, police seized documents confirming that Sendero had plans for a new offensive. There were rumors that a major attack on Lima would start Oct. 12—the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles—and would last eight days.

"We certainly hope these plans have now been thwarted," said Mr. Saenz. "God is the ultimate Author of peace and encouragement, for which we are profoundly grateful."

"The Church here has been faithfully fasting and praying about the situation for a long time. We have also been greatly comforted by the many cards, letters and expressions of support we have received from members worldwide. We deeply appreciate them all."



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