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Pastor general approves new close for World Tomorrow

Each test area has people interested in the Church

By Joseph Tkach Jr.

In the May 19 *Worldwide News*, we announced that we would test a new close for the *World Tomorrow* program.

Joseph Tkach Jr. is director of Church Administration.

As you may recall, the new close mentions we have local congregations and invites viewers to write for the address of the church in their area.

The test ran in seven church areas over an eight-week period beginning in July. A similar test is also being conducted in the Philippines and the Caribbean.

The purpose of the test is to inform viewers that the Church has local congregations and to provide them a means of connecting with the Church other than requesting literature.

Two types of letters were prepared to send to the respondents. Letter A gave the church address directly to the respondent as well as the minister's phone number.

Letter B required the respondent to phone the minister for the church address. Four church areas

church address information from all seven areas.

Results

About half of the respondents were added to the Church's literature file for the first time in 1992. Roughly a third of the respondents did not request any litera-



JOSEPH TKACH JR.

ture but simply asked about the Church.

Although Los Angeles was not one of the cities scheduled to air the close as part of the test, the close was inadvertently placed on tapes delivered to the stations for one of the weeks.

The many letters inquiring about the local church from just that one airing in a major city further confirmed that every area has people interested in the Church.

Input from local church areas participating in the program was positive and encouraging. No problems were reported by pastors.

The congregations did receive visits from interest-

ed viewers. Several of the church areas reported that they have people showing good potential for baptism.

Pastors in the test-market areas and those of us who reviewed the material recommended use of the new close for television markets nationwide.

I was pleased to hear this, since my dad's vision for the program was to go ahead and use the new close. We have decided to use letter A, which includes the address of services. It also includes the pastor's phone number, so people may phone him if they wish to.

We are appreciative of the support we received from the local pastors and their congregations. Their comments were valuable in developing the "church close" further.

New close to continue

We plan this year to continue to mention on *The World Tomorrow* that the Church has local congregations and to invite interested viewers to write for the address.

The close will not appear on every program, but should be offered at least once a month or on

programs that generally lend themselves to such information. The first program to air the close nationwide is scheduled for January.

Youth 92 reader surveys show ways to improve

By Micheal Bennett

Youth 92 magazine sent out four small surveys this year to receive reader feedback on the effectiveness of each section of the magazine.

Micheal Bennett is editor of Youth 92.

Two hundred surveys were sent to a random sampling of *Youth 92* readers after each of the first four issues this year. We also sent 180 surveys to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minnesota. Altogether we received 416 responses.

The simple one-page survey asks readers to rate the articles in the issue (from loved to hated). Other questions include rating the helpfulness of the magazine in key areas and listing what subject areas the reader would like to see more of.

The article with the highest ranking, "When Is Sex Safe?", was loved or liked by 91 percent of the respondents. This article was rerun from *Newsweek* at editor-in-chief Joseph W. Tkach's request.

The "News, Trends and Hot Tips" section was rated first or second in each issue.

After Media Promotion compiled results of the survey, we discussed ways to increase the helpfulness of the magazine in presenting biblical principles and in improving family relationships.

We are also looking at articles and sections that didn't do as well as expected and considering other approaches that would be more effective.

What do readers want to read more about?

Sex/dating/marriage	74%
Personal improvement	63%
School/career planning	60%
Family relations	48%
Values	43%

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

In recent "Personals" we have looked at the importance of understanding that God has called his people not only out of this world, but into the new life of the kingdom of God.

I have explained that if we do not have the spiritual insight to know that we are already citizens of the kingdom of God, then we will not even be able to pray "Thy kingdom come" with real understanding, because we will not be true participants in that kingdom.

In other words, how can we appreciate the fullness to come when we do not even understand

the radical transformation that takes place at conversion?

The Church continues, of course, to place as strong an emphasis on the future fullness of the kingdom as it ever did.

But strong emphasis on the reality of the kingdom of God now, into which we have already entered, and what that means to the kind of life each Christian must lead now, is essential to really understanding the future fullness of the kingdom, which we will experience with new spiritual bodies after the resurrection.

Paul speaks clearly in Colossians 1:12-14 of our present status in the kingdom: "Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

The writers of the New Testament admonish Christians to fully and actively grasp that new identity and calling, to wholly participate in it, to make it sure.

This requires a devotion, a dedication, a realization and recognition of what that calling is. It is not just a future hope, though it certainly includes a future hope.

It is also a present reality, an all-new, actual, real *relationship*

with God and Jesus Christ.

People in general who call themselves Christians, and even some among ourselves, have not yet understood that, partly because their eyes are always on a future time when "things will be better."

But God calls on us to live as citizens of his kingdom now, not just wait idly on him to make all things nice for us at some future time.

What we must do

We must live in Christ now, we must make our calling and election sure.

We must forgive one another now. We must get rid of grudges *now*. We must get rid of our alcoholism, our sexual lust, our outbursts of rage and our insensitivity to our spouses and children now, in this life.

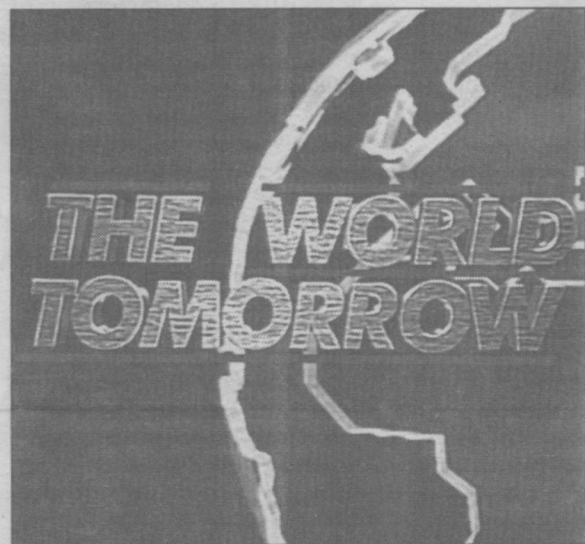
Why? Because we are already citizens of the kingdom of God, and we are awaiting our inheritance in that kingdom when it comes in its fullness.

We need to shed racial prejudices, bigotry, dishonest business practices, arrogant attitudes and envious hearts now, "while it is still called today."

God is already at work. He is already destroying the works of darkness and wickedness, the ugly, dark monster of rebelliousness, selfishness and pride.

He is doing it today, right now, in the hearts and minds of his people—and they are to be fully immersed with him in that work of faith and true righteousness, fully participating in it.

Jesus said, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know (See PERSONAL, page 3)



received Letter A and three areas Letter B.

Now that the test has been completed and evaluated, we wanted to share with you the results. Pasadena received inquiries for

INSIDE



Queen Sirikit: Extending hands of friendship. 4-5

New Festival site in Fort Worth, Texas

Fort Worth, Texas, has been chosen as a Feast of Tabernacles site for 1993. About 3,000 brethren are expected to attend, and the Festival Office is making housing arrangements.

Services will take place in the Tarrant County Convention Center theater in downtown Fort Worth.

After lengthy negotiations, the Festival Office announced that Keystone, Colorado, will continue as a Festival site.

Other sites worldwide will be announced in the Festival Planning Guide, which is scheduled for distribution in late January.

Foreign challenges await administration

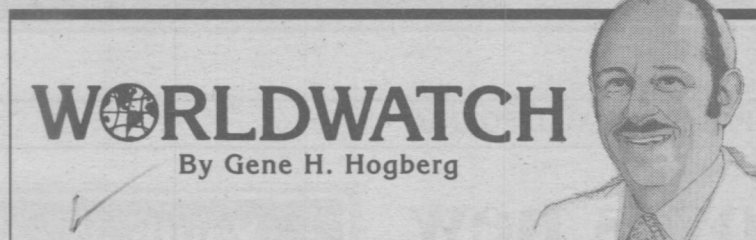
Like nearly all American presidential campaigns, this battle was primarily fought over bread-and-butter economic issues. But with 24 wars now under way, the world outside the American campaign circuit is a dangerous place.

And, as Karen Elliott House wrote in the Nov. 3 election-day issue of the *Wall Street Journal*, "foreign policy seems certain to stumble out of the closet, causing stress and distress in the next presidential term."

Just how an American president handles an unexpected foreign policy crisis often determines the success of his term in office, or at least helps define his place in history.

President-elect Bill Clinton's advisers must be sobered by the fact that, three times in this century, according to Jack Beatty, a senior editor of *Atlantic Monthly*, "a Democratic President [was] elected with a mandate to pursue a sweeping domestic agenda and three times foreign wars ... supervened, derailing the President's agenda."

Woodrow Wilson, buoyed with considerable domestic success from his first term in office, campaigned for reelection in 1916 on the slogan, "He kept us out of war." Within a month of his inauguration, Mr. Wilson reluctantly became America's World



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

War I commander in chief.

In the grim 1930s, Franklin Delano Roosevelt had two terms in which to implement his Depression-era recovery program. Elected to his third term in 1940 on a promise that "our boys" would not fight overseas, Mr. Roosevelt, a year later, had to lead his nation into a two-front war in Europe and Asia.

In the mid-1960s, President Lyndon Johnson, according to Mr. Beatty, "sought to pursue a domestic program more ambitious than Wilson's or Roosevelt's.... He also declared a 'war on poverty.'"

Mr. Johnson, elected in 1964 on a promise to keep "American boys" from fighting in Vietnam, a year later felt compelled to sharply escalate the war.

That decision ultimately cost him the presidency, when he chose not to run again in a stunning announcement in 1968.

Crises await attention

Judging from experience, for-

eign crises trying a new administration are almost a certainty. What is not sure is where these crises will arise, or out of what set of circumstances, given the nature of the chaotic new world disorder.

For the first 35 years or so after the end of World War II, nearly all foreign troubles arose, directly or indirectly, out of the East-West struggle defined as the Cold War.

Some of these crises were deadly serious, such as the Cuban missile standoff in 1962.

But both sides—the United States and the Soviet Union—and their alliance partners instinctively knew the boundaries and ground rules, as it were, of their struggle.

"By contrast," noted Ms. House, "the era we are entering will bear more resemblance to the Roller Derby, with many reckless competitors careening about, with little regard for the any rules of the game or results of their actions."

The former Soviet Union heads the list of potential problems. Economic reform in Russia is stalled, inflation is running at 700 percent annually and hardliners threaten to undermine President

Boris Yeltsin's authority. An estimated 35 current and potential ethnic hot spots are on ex-Soviet territory.

Meanwhile, no one quite knows who is in control of the former union's vast arsenal of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

In the Balkan cauldron, no Western power or collection of powers has made much headway to stop the carving up of the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Bosnian crisis, moreover, could be just a warm-up for two potentially worse conflicts. First, early indications show Serbia may decide to "ethnically cleanse" the Kosovo region of its Albanian majority.

An even more fearsome confrontation looms over the disposition of the ex-Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, one that threatens to embroil Greece, Turkey (both NATO members) and Bulgaria.

New threats in Middle East

The Middle East, of course, will require consummate diplomatic skill to keep the peace process moving along between Israel and the Palestinians, and Jordan and Syria, and steely nerves to diffuse ever-lurking threats elsewhere.

Mr. Clinton has already been warned about Iran's apparent attempt, with newly acquired ballistic missiles, to again assert itself as a major Middle East power—

with connections deep into the Islamic belt of the former Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, Iraq's Saddam Hussein bides his time, hoping to wear down Western powers.

An election-day edition of a Baghdad newspaper trumpeted Saddam's success so far at outlasting his enemies: "Yesterday Thatcher, Gorbachev and Schwarzkopf; today Bush ... And tomorrow ... will be the end of [Saudi Arabia's King] Fahd and [Egyptian President Hosni] Mubarak."

Mr. Clinton and the rest of the Western leaders soon may face a test in Egypt.

Islamic fundamentalists are gaining strength in opposing the Mubarak government. Part of their plan is to intimidate foreign tourists, who pump \$3 billion a year into the Egyptian economy.

It was Egypt's willingness to come to terms with Israel that ended the cycle of Arab-Israeli wars and made today's further attempts at negotiation possible.

A radicalized Egypt once again hostile to Israel would completely alter the equation.

These and other potential problems in Asia and Africa are essentially political in nature.

Yet the biggest global challenges in the future may prove to be economic ones, as evidenced by disputes arising out of the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) negotiations.

Whatever happens, and where, international affairs may drive domestic concerns to the back burner, rather than the reverse.

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.

Singles: friends and friendship

I attended the Atlanta, Georgia, Memorial Day singles event, which I read about in the *WN*.

I would like to thank Earl Williams for his time, effort, caring and desire to accommodate the great need for singles activities.

I have been single in God's Church for two years. This was the first time I've had good pure fun and fellowship in all my life.

This was no meat market, as some people label all single events. This was great! The opening sermonette established the ground rules: "Friends and friendship" were our only instructions.

This first Atlanta singles weekend was a classic. Once again, I thank God for Mr. Williams. Don't give up, singles,

hang in there while you attend at least a few singles events. There are hundreds just like you, so get out and meet your brothers and sisters.

Long Beach, California

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What I do when I don't understand

I have to confess it upsets me when I read that some articles are written in response to grumbling by some members because of changes made in the Church.

When I don't fully understand a change, I ask God to show me and help me understand, and to support Mr. Tkach.

I also pray for others who don't understand. It is only through God's Spirit that we understand and are one.

After I wrote this, I received literature from some who grumbled. I stored it in the most appropriate place—the trash can. I do pray that God will grant them repentance. In the meantime, let's pray Christ will continue to guide Mr. Tkach in God's truth, and that we will walk in that truth.

Paul Anderson
East Bethel, Minnesota



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

A taste of Asia

The following diary is by Julie Wilson, an editorial staff member in the British Office, who traveled with her husband, Stephen, to Phuket, Thailand, for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Oct 4: Arrived in Bangkok, Thailand, a city of contrasts. Air-conditioned department stores alongside street vendors cooking on the pavements.

The noise and traffic can be overwhelming, but are interspersed with pockets of calm in the wats (Buddhist temples).

Oct. 7: For Atonement services, we met with students on the Ambassador Foundation project and other visitors from England, Australia and the United States, about 30 people in all,

who were here for the Festival. Some would attend the site in Bangkok-Chiang Mai and others Phuket.

Oct. 8: A day in Bangkok. We rose early and caught a boat up the river to the Floating Market.

The contrasts are stark. High-rise apartments dwarf dilapidated riverside wooden houses on stilts.

Oct. 10: Arrived in Phuket Island yesterday. The island lies off the southern shores of Thailand, 21 kilometers at its widest point and 50 kilometers long.

The topography of this tropical island ranges from jungle-clad mountains and rubber plantations to white beaches and clear seas.

In a wooden motor boat with a guide, we explored the tiny, mostly uninhabited islands of Phangnga Bay, north of Phuket.

Limestone cliffs jut out of the water, eerily eroded to form strange rock formations and vast caves.

Oct. 11: Explored Phuket, passing through vast rubber plantations. A narrow, overgrown track wound its way across the mountains, cutting through the thick jungle of the small national park in the north of the island.

The forests, spreading across much of Southeast Asia, are havens for many creatures, including tapir, jungle cats, iguanas and many birds, butterflies and insects.

Tigers and elephants also haunt the more remote parts of the jungle, but their numbers have been greatly reduced

because of destruction to their habitat.

In the evening 435 people representing 13 nations gathered for the evening service that began the Feast of Tabernacles.

A variety of cultures and colors came together to celebrate this Festival, as citizens of God's kingdom. The racial divides and animosity so characteristic of many parts of the world did not touch members and their families gathered here.

We were struck most of all by the humility and gentleness of the Asian brethren we met. This taste of another world is something we need to bring home with us.

Oct. 21: We left Phuket yesterday for Penang, Malaysia, a country of many nationalities, including Malay, Chinese, Indian, Eurasian and Indonesian. The national religion is Islam.

About 70 percent of Malaysia is covered in dense rain forest. During an early morning walk in the hot and humid jungle, I examined some of the great assortment of plants and insects there.

Oct. 22: We hired a jeep and visited a wat in Georgetown, Penang, that houses a large reclining Buddha. Around the temple walls and below the Buddha are niches in which jars containing the ashes of deceased buddhists are located. There are hundreds of such caskets, with a photograph and details of each individual.

We crossed over Penang Bridge, which joins the island to the mainland. This bridge is 8.3 miles (13.5 kilometers) long.

Oct. 24: Yesterday we flew to Singapore, a city-state, that lies almost on the equator and has one of the strongest economies in Asia, despite its lack of natural resources.

Singapore is home to many different ethnic groups. The majority are Chinese, but a substantial number of Indians and Malays live here.

We toured the various ethnic quarters of the city, including Chinatown and Little India. Later we flew home to London.

"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.

Wheelchair dreams

I've been reading your magazine very attentively the past six months. Finally a magazine that doesn't stop with the religion we've had dished out for hundreds of years, but which digs deeper, looks up facts, opens up the Bible; and by doing so gives people a clear view of the belief of an Almighty.

Personally, I don't believe in one Almighty. In my view there are two: planet Earth and money. Why do I not believe in God? Simple. When I was 11 I was run over by a car, and from then on I have been in a wheelchair, and will be for the rest of my life.

The driver was never prosecuted. The witnesses were children, so not reliable, according to the law.

This has made me a realist, even though I still have dreams in which I'm fit again and not in a wheelchair.

I don't want you to think that because of how I feel about my accident I don't appreciate your magazine, because it's excellent.

Bruges, Belgium

Religious class now more lively

I am very thankful for your magazine, which is always a great gift and an enormous help for me to endure daily life, to accomplish and to overcome.

It also helps me conduct the religious class I teach in a more interesting and lively manner.

I am single and have a lively 8-year-old daughter, whom I would like to raise in the Christian faith. That isn't easy.

I hope that *Klar und Wahr* [German Plain Truth] will continue to give help and encouragement to single parents.

Burgwedel, Germany

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Emerging from a great hole

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the amazing and wonderful truths that the Bible correspondence course has revealed to me.

The lessons are comprehensive, in depth and so clearly written. I have an unquenchable thirst for more but, sad to note, I have finished my 12th lesson.

It's a unique approach to Bible study and better understanding of the Word of God. It gives me the feeling of emerging from a great hole of the earth and discovering God's good news to many.

N.P. Aresta
Tuguegarao, Philippines



STANDING WATCH—Statues outside Bangkok's Grand Palace. [Photo by Stephen Wilson]

from the Pastor General's Report

Question: Should a Christian operate a franchise that remains open on the Sabbath? Should a Christian manage a business that requires employees to work on the Sabbath? What if a subcontracting company works on the Sabbath?

Answer: We are frequently asked by members about how to handle business matters in relation to keeping the Sabbath.

Some businesses such as franchises have their hours of operation and policies set by master contracts with the franchiser. Thus, a Christian would not be free to decide to close on the Sabbath if he owned such a franchise.

In explaining the Sabbath to Israel, God made it clear that whoever was under one's direct control and authority was to rest on the Sabbath (Deuteronomy 5:12-15).

In patriarchal times, the householder had authority over his family and servants and was able to see that they rested from their normal labors.

As Christians, we seek to apply these principles for our society. We do so keeping in mind the emphasis Jesus Christ placed on our approach to the Sabbath. In our society, a man cannot require his wife or grown children to observe the Sabbath.

As Christians we understand that each person is responsible for his or her own relationship with God.

A householder has no way to require "servants" to keep the Sabbath, though they can be

excused from work so as not to require them to break the Sabbath.

A business owner must not require his employees to work for him on the Sabbath, though he cannot require them to keep the Sabbath, because that depends on the individual's relationship with God.

Therefore, we see that a Sabbath-keeping businessman will not be able to buy a franchise that carries requirements in the contract for the business to operate on Sabbaths.

There are other situations, however, where the Sabbath keeper is not the owner of the business but is the manager. His duties may include scheduling people to work during the Sabbath, though he does not personally work at that time. In such cases, the responsibility rests on the owner of the business who sets policies such as the hours of operation.

A third situation is sometimes encountered when one has hired a contractor or subcontractor. Constructing a building, repairs to essential services and custodial services are examples.

In this case, the Sabbath keeper might simply pay a fee for work being done. He may not be

able to determine the employment policies or work hours of the contractor or subcontractor he hires.

In such cases, if the contractor and his employees choose to work on the Sabbath, it is their responsibility. Their activities have not prevented the Sabbath keeper from keeping the Sabbath.

One must be careful, however, not to try to avoid Christian responsibilities in Sabbath observance by classifying employees as contractors. If by government standards a person would be considered an employee, then the Sabbath-keeping businessman ought to release him from work on the Sabbath.

Unusual situations may not clearly fall into one of these categories. In such cases, please counsel with your minister.

Question: May a member own a business that does not close on the Sabbath?

Answer: The teaching of the Scriptures is clear that the Sabbath day is holy and to be observed weekly. It is the day on which we are to rest from our work.

Work is technically defined as any expense of physical energy, so we need to clarify what kind of work is prohibited. It is necessary for the Church to give some general guidelines about the ownership and operation of businesses.

Generally, the Church has broadly defined that certain businesses may be in operation during the Sabbath if no one is required to work.

For example, vending machines, automated car washes or laundromats may be open for business on a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week basis. No individual is asked to work during the Sabbath time, and the operation runs itself.

Automated businesses are comparable to ownership of apartment buildings. As owner of an apartment building, you would not ask all tenants to move out each Sabbath so that you are not profiting from them during the Sabbath. Neither do we remove our money from the bank before each Sabbath so as to avoid the earning of interest. All the above examples can be categorized as passive in regard to the Sabbath.

There are certain service-oriented businesses that may be in operation during the Sabbath, such as some bed-and-breakfast businesses.

The owner can make arrangements to avoid dealing with business issues during the Sabbath.

Most businesses would be considered as prohibited from operation during the Sabbath because they would require people to work during the Sabbath. Thus Church members have avoided sole ownership or majority ownership of a business that would ordinarily operate during the Sabbath. The key factor in this view is that the owner is responsible for requiring people to

work during the Sabbath.

However, Scripture does allow for business emergencies (ox in the ditch). These are individual situations for which the "necessity for survival" standard may apply.

For example, the Church has traditionally felt that an engineer at a power plant serving a rural community, or a fireman, under specific circumstances, should perform essential or emergency work on the Sabbath. In such cases, there are no other people who are qualified to do the job, and such efforts are needed for the safety or survival of the community. This has also been the case for the Church and Ambassador College. Volunteers have been assigned to work a few hours in Food Services and Security since their inception.

Another distinction must be clearly understood regarding the ownership and operation of a specific category of businesses. These are businesses that meet the survival needs of people who require such service and special care.

Hospitals and nursing-care facilities are necessary for the survival of many people. The nursing home is typically the only dwelling place of the people in residence.

It is essentially their apartment home. Thus it would be permissible for a member to own such a business. This category does not include restaurants and hotels for the simple reason that they are not necessary for survival. If you have questions about specific situations, please see your minister.

Ministerial Ordinations

John Abrell	a deacon in the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Otha Cain	a deacon in the Clarksburg, West Virginia, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Robert Cote	a deacon in the Pasadena West P.M. church, was ordained a local elder Sept. 26.
Terry Curren	a deacon in the Anniston, Alabama, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Reese Edmondson	a deacon in the Pasadena West P.M. church, was ordained a local elder Sept. 5.
Dan Elliott	a deacon in the Enid, Oklahoma, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Charles Fleming	a preaching elder in the Caribbean Office, was ordained a pastor Sept. 28.
Ojih Gabriel	a ministerial trainee in the Accra, Ghana, church, was ordained a local elder May 16.
Glenn Gillham	a deacon in the Midland, Texas, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Carlton Gordon	a deacon in the Kingston, Jamaica, church, was ordained a local church elder Aug. 29.
Randy Gregory	a deacon in the Austin, Texas, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Steven Grimm	a deacon in the Clarksburg, West Virginia, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Lowell Graham	a deacon in the Dublin, Georgia, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Leaford Henderson	a ministerial trainee in the Kingston, Jamaica, church, was ordained a local elder Aug. 29.
Thomas Holladay	a deacon in the Huntsville, Alabama, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Eric Keefer	a deacon in the Peoria, Illinois, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
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Hugh Simmons	a deacon in the Gadsden, Alabama, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Willie Taylor Jr.	a deacon in the Macon, Georgia, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Carroll Williams	a deacon in the Miami, Florida, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
Hugh Wilson	a deacon in the Kingston, Jamaica, church, was ordained a local church elder Aug. 29.
Harvey Yarbrough	a deacon in the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.

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PERSONAL

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you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3).

God's people must believe that and teach it. If we do, then we will understand, as John did, that we have already entered into eternal life. No, we don't yet have spiritual bodies—that will come later, and we look forward to that time—but the Bible says we have indeed already entered into eternal life.

John wrote, "This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son" (1 John 5:11). This is important.

Verse 10 reads: "Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son." Eternal life, the kingdom of God and Jesus Christ are inseparably connected.

John went on in verse 12, "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

What life was John talking about here? In verse 13 he wrote, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

Even so, our hope in Christ is very much a future hope. Paul wrote: "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men" (1 Corinthians 15:19).

The hope of a Christian is the resurrection. Why? Our hope is the resurrection because we have already entered, in a limited, but very real way, into eternal life and the kingdom of God. Those who do not have eter-

nal life do not have that hope. Think about that.

We believe the Scriptures and have assurance of the future inheritance we will receive—eternal life—because we have been given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never fade (1 Peter 1:3-4).

As we noted above, John wrote, "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Coming to know Christ

Where is God leading his Church today? God continually leads us to get serious about our calling, to realize who we are and what it means to be Christians.

God is leading us to grow in knowing him and knowing Jesus Christ, whom he sent. God is leading us to see that growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ is not only coming to know more about Jesus Christ, but coming to know Jesus Christ more.

God is leading us to understand that grace means grace, and that we need it.

And God is leading us to see that he works with and through people who know they need him, who know they are unworthy, who know they are not fit for his kingdom, who really know that they have what they have spiritually because and only because he loved them enough to give it to them.

As God leads us into a fuller and deeper relationship with him through his Spirit, let us respond to his love with active and zealous participation in the new life to which he has so mercifully called us! Never cease to pray for one another!

Extending the Hand of Friendship Among Nations

By Sheila Graham

The long-standing relationship between Thailand's royal family and the Church, Ambassador Foundation and Ambassador College was reinforced when Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was invited to ceremonies marking the 60th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit.

The Thai calendar is divided into cycles of 12 years each. At age 60, a person completes the fifth cycle. Queen Sirikit, whom her husband, King Bhumibol, describes as his "smile," turned 60, Aug. 12.

When Mr. Tkach's schedule would not permit him to attend, he asked his executive assistant, Ellen Escat, to represent him and the Work at royal ceremonies honoring the queen.

Mrs. Escat was accompanied by Julie Stocker, Foundation vice president David Hulme's administrative assistant, and Leon Sexton, Foundation representative and longtime acquaintance of the royal family.

"Although this was my fourth visit to Thailand," Mrs. Escat said, "when Mr. Tkach asked me to go there again, this time as his representative, I deeply felt the responsibility.

"With Mr. Tkach reminding us about how important it is to be a good example, in our communities, where we're employed, with whomever we come in contact, to be asked to represent him and the Work was something I took seriously," she said.

Mrs. Escat, Miss Stocker and Mr. Sexton were met in Bangkok Aug. 4 by Jonathan and Christy McNair. Mr. McNair is director of Foundation projects in Thailand. The McNairs have an 11-month-old son, Evan, who was born in Bangkok.

The group visited Chitralada Palace, where they toured the SUPPORT workshops.

Queen Sirikit set up SUPPORT, the Foundation for the Promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques, in 1976 to train low-income families to earn extra money through producing folk arts and crafts.

With more than 35 centers around the country,

SUPPORT serves 200 villages and 9,000 artisans employed in various projects.

A twofold program

"A second purpose of SUPPORT," Mrs. Escat said, "is to preserve the art techniques that would be lost in the country today—for example, their method of inlaying gold and silver into metal.

"This technique was almost lost. Only one man was left in the country who had this skill, until the queen brought him in to the palace to teach the young people at the workshops," she said.

The students were working in a new facility provided by Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, according to Miss Stocker. "They said without the SUPPORT Foundation a lot of those ancient crafts would die out."

After touring the workshops, Mrs. Escat was introduced to Thanphying Suprapada Kasemsant, the queen's personal secretary. "Lady Suprapada welcomed us, and I passed along greetings from Mr. Tkach," Mrs. Escat said.

"Lady Suprapada is a companion and adviser to Her Majesty. Queen Sirikit calls her 'my older sister,' which refers to her protective nature over the queen."

After discussing the schedule of events with Lady Suprapada, Mrs.

Escat's party left the palace for Wat Po Temple to visit Abbot Phradhammarajanuwat (formerly Abbot PhraThepsopon), a friend of evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, Plain Truth executive editor, Mr. Sexton and the Foundation.

"The abbot now has a new title bestowed by the king," said Mr. Sexton. "The abbot is well-known in Thailand because he often speaks on television."

Mr. Sexton said the abbot was quite taken with little Evan, the McNairs' baby son. "He carried Evan around for an hour," he said. "Thais love little chil-

dren. Queen Sirikit is choosing a Thai name to bestow on the child."

Royal exhibit opens

The grand opening of the Royal SUPPORT Exhibit began the next day when Queen Sirikit arrived at Anantasamokon Hall, a throne hall near Thailand's parliament building.

"As is customary, Her Majesty was greeted with the Thai anthem and a receiving line on both sides of the entry to the throne hall," said Mrs. Escat.

"When the queen saw Mr. Sexton, it was obvious she was genuinely pleased to see him and interrupted the processional to greet him. It was a heartwarming experience."

After the queen viewed the SUPPORT exhibition, the party met privately with her and her eldest daughter, Princess Ubolratana.

Mrs. Escat said: "Our conversation included a discussion of the jeweled peacock presented to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong in 1985.

"The queen was curious to know

where it was being displayed. Queen Sirikit feels it symbolizes her work with the SUPPORT program."

On to Chiang Mai

The party flew to Chiang Mai Aug. 9 and met Pisit Voraurai, chairman of His Majesty's Initiative Center for Flower and Fruit Propagation at Chiang Mai University.

"Dr. Pisit generously offered his new van and a driver for our use during our stay in Chiang Mai," Mrs. Escat said.

Dr. Pisit conducted a tour of the Ban Rai facility, a seven-acre project commissioned by King Bhumibol 12 years ago for agricultural research, development and training.

After the tour the group met Thai Ambassador graduate, Chogait Elmore, and his wife, Fong, for dinner at the Whole Earth Restaurant.

Back in Bangkok, Aug. 12, the group attended a gala for the queen at the Chitralada Palace.

"We were asked to be in the receiving line," Mr. Sexton said. "When the king and queen came in, Queen Sirikit brought King Bhumibol over, and Ellen and Julie met the king.

"The following day Queen Sirikit's secretary invited us to come to the Dusit Thani Hotel for a private dinner party that the queen was

host to," Mr. Sexton said.

Mr. Tkach's gift presented

"Queen Sirikit was very gracious," said Mrs. Escat. "We talked about the Foundation projects and about Mr. Tkach."

At the end of dinner, Mrs. Escat presented the queen with a gift from Mr. Tkach and helped her open the red-leather presentation box. The queen was genuinely surprised and delighted with the gift, Mrs. Escat said.

Mr. Tkach's gift was a piece of Steuben crystal titled "Soaring Eagle," a reminder that Thailand was one of the first nations to have diplomatic relations with the 13 states of the fledgling United States.

Mrs. Escat told Queen Sirikit the gift represented the queen liberating her people from poverty and lack of education. "I said what was in my heart. I felt the gift was a nice link between her goals and values and those of the Church."

Visiting members, students

During their stay in Thailand, Mrs. Escat, Miss Stocker, Mr. Sexton and the McNairs visited Church members and schools where Ambassador students teach English on the palace grounds.

"Our Ambassador College students are literally carrying out Mr. Tkach's exhortation to set the right example of good conduct and good morals, wherever they may be," Mrs. Escat said.

"They are doing their part to be a light to the world.

"I like Thailand and I like its people," she continued. "If I had to describe the country in one word, it would be *enchanting*."

"The people have a high respect and a deep love for the royal family. The king and queen have dedicated their lives completely to their people and to each other.

"Of course, like any other nation, they have their troubles and problems, but it's so encouraging to visit a country where there is so much mutual love and respect between those ruling and those being ruled. In Thailand, it's a way of life."



Leon Sexton (second from right) introduces Ellen Escat as Mr. Tkach's representative to Thailand's King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit at Chitralada Palace Aug. 12. [Photo courtesy Chitralada Palace]



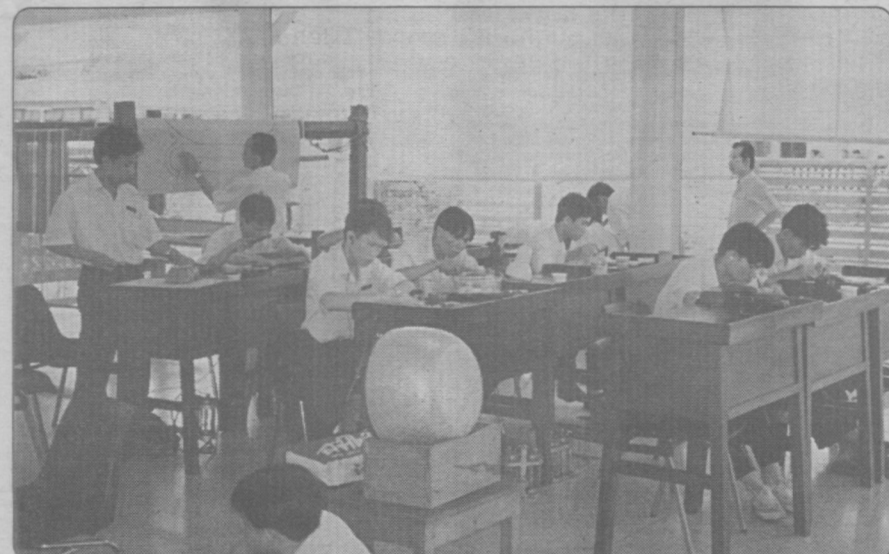
Her Majesty Queen Sirikit receives Mr. Tkach's gift, a crystal "Soaring Eagle," from Ellen Escat at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok. Left, Julie Stocker. [Photo courtesy Chitralada Palace]



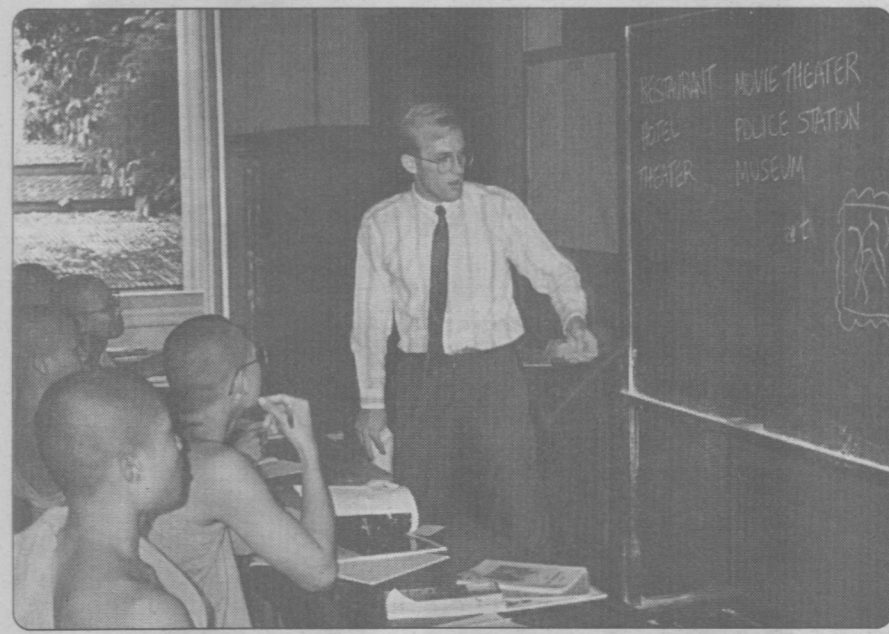
Pimchai Apavatjrit (left), assistant professor of the Department of Horticulture at Chiang Mai University, and Pisit Voraurai, chairman of King Bhumibol's Ban Rai facility for agricultural research, show Ellen Escat and her party an agricultural project. [Photo by Julie Stocker]



After Sabbath services Aug. 15 in Bangkok, the McNairs pose with Ambassador volunteers. Back row, from left, Jonathan McNair, John Boyll, Jonathan Reedy, Eric Swagerty, Joel Gehman and Rod McNair. Front row, Evan McNair, Christy McNair, Edna Wilkie, Michele Wegh, Anne Bagnall and Kellie McDonald. [Photo by Julie Stocker]



Students at Chitralada Palace SUPPORT workshop are intent on completing their gold- and silver-inlay neilloware projects for display at the Royal SUPPORT exhibit the next day, Aug. 7. [Photo by Julie Stocker]



Ambassador student Jonathan Reedy teaches English to teenage Buddhist monks at the Wat Saket Pali Introductory School in Bangkok. The monks will return to their home regions and teach others what they have learned. [Photo by Julie Stocker]



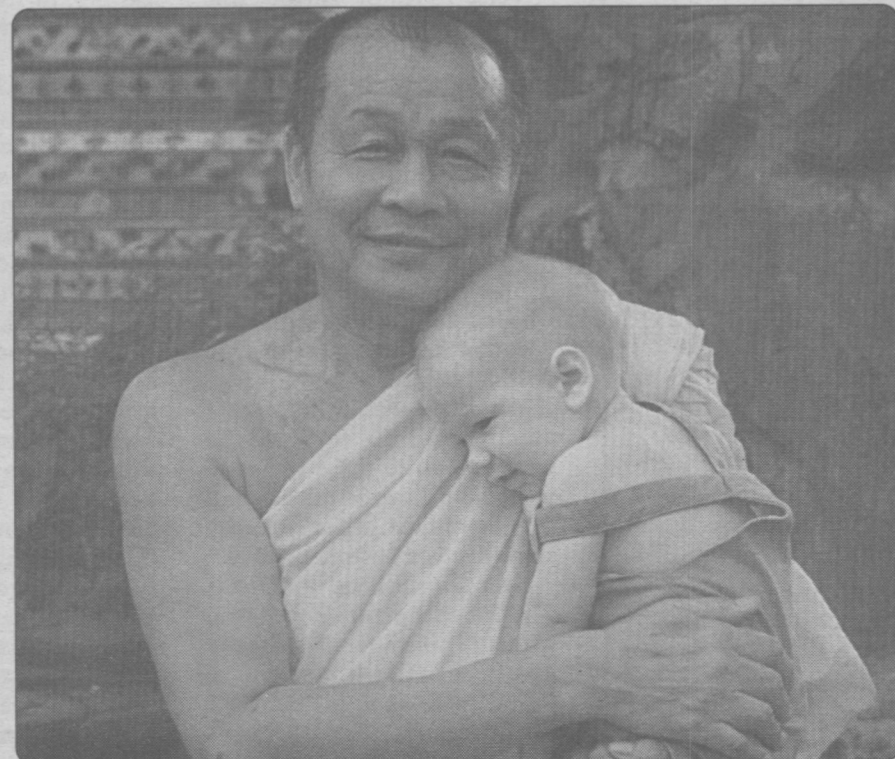
Lady Suprapada, Queen Sirikit's personal secretary, with Ellen Escat and Julie Stocker. [Photo by Jonathan McNair]



Visitors from Pasadena and members in Thailand and their families share a rainy Sabbath, Aug. 8. [Photo by Jonathan McNair]



At Wat Po, Bangkok's largest temple (from left), are Leon Sexton, Abbot Phradhammarajanuwat, Evan McNair, Jonathan McNair and Julie Stocker. [Photo by Ellen Escat]



Abbot Phradhammarajanuwat (formerly Abbot PhraThepsopon), a longtime friend of the Church, holds Evan McNair, son of Thai project leaders Jonathan and Christy McNair. [Photo by Ellen Escat]

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MR. & MRS. VLADAN STEVANOVIC
Louise Rebecca Hunnisett, daughter of Alan and Maureen Hunnisett of Essex, England, and Vlado Stevanovic, son of Dusan and Anna Stevanovic of Brisbane, Australia, were united in marriage July 26. The ceremony was performed by Mark Ellis, Brisbane South pastor. Penny Cauley was maid of honor, and Tony Sidle was best man. The couple live in Canberra, Australia.



MR. & MRS. GARRETT HERSCHLEB
Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Magruder of Reston, Virginia, are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Karen Nichole to Garrett Dean Herschleb, son of Stuart Herschleb of Longmont, Colorado, and Barbara Adams of Tucson, Arizona. The ceremony was performed Sept. 13 by Abner Washington, Pasadena East A.M. pastor. Aruna Lal and Helen Lobpreis were bridesmaids, and Rad Arner and Michael Scheid were groomsmen. The couple live in South Pasadena, California.



MR. & MRS. RICHARD BARNHOLDT
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Blackman of Des Moines, Iowa, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Bobbi to Richard Barnholdt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman "Jack" Barnholdt of Massena, Iowa. The ceremony was performed Aug. 22 by Calvin DeVries, a minister in the Des Moines church. Debbie Crabtree and Dixie Olson were maids of honor, and Mike Barnholdt and Jeffrey Holste were best men. The couple live in Remsen, Iowa.



MR. & MRS. JADE WITTE
Bonnie Lorraine Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Shaw of Pasadena, and Jade Fitzgerald Witte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witte of Houston, Texas, were united in marriage July 26. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Houston East pastor, Vicki Shaw, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Troy Witte, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. & MRS. TIMOTHY HIRSCHLER
Deborah Jean Schulz, daughter of Ray and Linda Killingsworth, and Timothy James Hirschler, son of Dan and Kay Hirschler, were united in marriage Aug. 28. The ceremony was performed by Karl Beyersdorfer, Joplin, Missouri, and Independence, Kansas, pastor. Frances Eckert was matron of honor, and Walter Eckert was best man. The couple live in Duenweg, Missouri.



MR. & MRS. FOY ABBOTT
Ruth Driver of Morristown, Tennessee, and Foy Abbott of Windsor, Ontario, were united in marriage Aug. 22. The ceremony was performed by Gary Demarest, Morristown pastor. Marilyn Driver, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and Paul Abbott, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live near Morristown.



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL SAWYER
Sharlene Brown, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Wayne Brown of Thunder Bay, Ontario, and Michael Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sawyer of Thunder Bay, were united in marriage Aug. 2. The ceremony was performed by Carl Burns, Winnipeg, Manitoba, associate pastor. Priscilla Wolfe was maid of honor, and Jukka Liimu was best man. The couple live in Winnipeg.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. BOB FREEMAN
Bob and Pat Freeman of Jefferson City, Missouri, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 9. They have one daughter, Kim Ziegler; two sons, Mark and Jason; one son-in-law, Andy Ziegler; and three grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. BILL AGUIRRE
Bill and Yolanda Aguirre of Albuquerque, New Mexico, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 28. They have two daughters, Yvonne and Yvette; one son-in-law, Joseph; and two grandchildren, Dominique and Gabriel.



MR. & MRS. CLIFFORD HERRBOLDT
Clifford and LaVanna Herrboldt of Menno, South Dakota, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Aug. 24. They have one daughter, Peggy Schelske; two sons, Perry and Todd; one son-in-law, Rendall Schelske; two daughters-in-law, Janet and Deborah; and 10 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Herrboldt serve as deacon and deaconess in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, church.



MR. & MRS. JOSEPH RAYMAKERS
Joseph and Mieke Raymakers of Melbourne, Australia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 13. They have three sons, Peter-Paul, Jerome and Philip; two daughters, Emily and Madeline; one daughter-in-law, Heather; two sons-in-law, Stuart McAlister and James Becker; and two grandchildren, Josiah and Brennan.



MR. & MRS. LYNDSAY HESSE
Lyndsay and Betty Hesse of Murwillumbah, Australia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 20. They have two sons, Mark and Mathew; one daughter, Nicole; two daughters-in-law, Joyce and Jenny; and one son-in-law, Glen Cauley. Mr. Hesse is a deacon in the Gold Coast, Australia, church.



MR. & MRS. ROSS MCKOWN
Ross and Martha McKown of Pasadena celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary June 28. They have two daughters, Irene Nation and Lois Tucker; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. DOUGLAS DEDMAN
Douglas and Vera Dedman of Southampton, England, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 22. They have one son, two daughters and seven grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. GAIL ALLWINE
Gail and Karen Allwine of Spokane, Washington, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 25. They have three children, Tim, Dorothy and Stephen.

Herbert and Burgi Forster of Melbourne, Australia, together with John and Gwen Clarke of Hobart, Australia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Oct. 14 during the 1992 Feast of Tabernacles. Both couples attended the Feast on the Gold Coast and celebrated their anniversaries with a meal at the Wallaby Hotel in Mudgeeraba.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shoemaker of Winchester, Virginia, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 29. They have two daughters, Diane and Susan; one son, Chester Jr.; two sons-in-law, Ed Hawk and Ernest Beitzel Jr.; and four grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. & MRS. DALLAS MENEELY
Dallas and Lillian Meneely of Terre Haute, Indiana, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Aug. 21. They have two daughters, three sons, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



MR. & MRS. LYNN WEAVER
Lynn and Olive Weaver of Dauphin, Manitoba, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 2. They have three daughters, Elaine Bonnett, Lori Iwanchysko and Lynda Beasse; three sons-in-law, Robert Bonnett, Dan Iwanchysko and Laurent Beasse; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.



MR. & MRS. LEON BATES
Leon and Audrey Bates of Salem, Oregon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 21. They have three sons, Larry, David and Jeffrey; one daughter-in-law, Linda; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE ARNOLD
Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold of Athens, Ohio, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Oct. 14. They have four children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. ARCHIE DEXTER
Archie and Laura Dexter of Phoenix, Arizona, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 8. They have one son, Allen; one daughter, Ilene Kuhlmann; one son-in-law, Max Kuhlmann; four grandchildren, Michael, Eugene, Jamie and Nancy; and one great-grandson, Kyle.



MR. & MRS. FREDERICK CARLSON
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Carlson of Warren, Minnesota, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 25. They have three sons, David, Sven and Raymond (deceased); one daughter, Rosalind Kalanquin; two daughters-in-law; one son-in-law; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

OBITUARIES

LANE, Sylvia, 82, of Atlanta, Georgia, died June 4. She is survived by her husband, George; one son, George Jr.; one daughter, Nancy Lochner; and four grandchildren.

DYER, R.C., 66, of Corsicana, Texas, died Sept. 6 of cancer. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Patsy; one daughter, Sandra Markwardt; two sons, Kenneth and Gary; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, and one sister. One grandson is deceased.



AUSTIN, Edward Kenneth, 85, of Acworth, Georgia, died July 7 of respiratory failure. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Odel; one son, Elwin; twin daughters, Lynn and Glynn; one daughter-in-law, Marie; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four sisters. Mr. Austin was a deacon in the Rome, Georgia, church.



REIS, Doris "Dot" Ann, 69, of West Orange, New Jersey, died Sept. 9 of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Gene; two daughters, Cynthia Whyte and Amy; two sons, Stephen and Kenneth; and four grandchildren, Todd, Rebecca, Trevor and Ashley. Mrs. Reis was a deaconess in the Union, New Jersey, North church.

FULFORD, Gerald, 50, of Monroe, Louisiana, died Aug. 12 after an accidental fall at a construction site Aug. 11. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; one son, Edward; two daughters, Pam Eisler and Brenda; one son-in-law, Patrick Eisler; and one granddaughter, Ariel Elizabeth Eisler. Mr. Fulford was a deacon in the Monroe church.

BYERS, Guy E., 85, of Evans City, Pennsylvania, died April 15. He is survived by one daughter, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. His wife, Hilda, and one daughter, preceded him in death.



LEDBETTER, John L., 69, of Shreveport, Louisiana, died Aug. 18 of myocardial infarction. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; one son, Harvey; one daughter-in-law, Eva; and one granddaughter, Kalli.

HERDMAN, Mabel E., 86, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, died July 15. She is survived by two sons, Bob and Bill; two daughters, Hilma and Anne; one daughter-in-law, Marlene; two sons-in-law, Herbert Sinclair and Ken Forbes; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

MILLER, Robert, 66, died Aug. 15 after a battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. He is survived by one daughter, Judee Miller.

HALE, Kara, 73, of Hurricane, Mississippi, died Sept. 5 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, three brothers, two sisters, two sons, two daughters, nine

grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Hale was a deaconess in the Tupelo, Mississippi, church.

ANTHONY, Eileen, 73, of Wichita, Kansas, died Sept. 7 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by one son, one daughter, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



GOMES, Bessie Davis, 64, of Plainfield, New Jersey, died July 29 of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Alvro; two daughters, Deborah Brown and Winifred Davis; three sons, Albert, Eric and Neal; 13 grandchildren; her mother, Louise Davis; four brothers; and four sisters.

CAYLOR, Lillian L., 93, of Orange Grove, Texas, died Sept. 18. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Her husband, Robert, died in 1944.

GARRISON, Ross, 93, of Springfield, Missouri, died Aug. 25. His wife, May, died May 21.

BOZELL, Albert E., 78, of Medford, Oregon, died Sept. 28. He is survived by two sisters, Mae Browning and Rose Stockhoff.

RAUSCH, Robert, 82, of Grants Pass, Oregon, died Sept. 18. He is survived by one daughter, Ronnie Broeffle; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



CARMAN, Billie, 69, of Post Falls, Idaho, died Sept. 19 of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Melvin; four daughters, Carolyn Engebretsen, Marilyn Smith, Judy Smith and Linda Raboy; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

QUINN, Ivy, 88, of Redditch, England, died Nov. 12. She is survived by three sons, three daughters, 26 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

POPE, Frank, 47, of New Haven, Connecticut, died June 26 from injuries suffered in an industrial accident. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; and three daughters.

HIX, Clarence George, 76, of Brainerd, Minnesota, died Sept. 12. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Erma; two daughters, Carol Campbell and Cathy Finden; one son, Gary; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



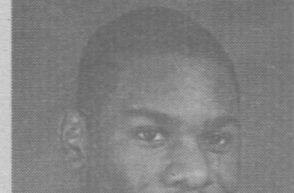
BOOTMAN, Rina, 93, of Eye, England, died June 20 following a fall in her home. She is survived by two daughters, Lillith and Elaine; one son-in-law, Peter; and six grandchildren, Vanessa, Daniel, Tracy, Ursula, Linus and Mark.

SKAGGS, Marcus, 85, of Leesburg, Texas, died Sept. 22. He is survived by his wife, Josephine; three daughters, Mollie Weatherman, Beulah Crab and Julie Mitcham; one son, Marcus; and nine grandchildren.

CHEN, Nee Lau Bee Choo, 31, of Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, died Sept. 29 of brain and lung cancer. She is survived by her husband, David; and 2 1/2-year-old daughter, Si Hui.

MCKENZIE, Lucy, 47, of Fort Valley, Georgia, died Oct. 24. She is survived by her husband, Joe; one son, Monte; one daughter, Miesha; her mother; two brothers; and three sisters.

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MARTIN, John Jr., 23, of Sumter, South Carolina, died Sept. 9 in a swimming accident. He is survived by his mother, Delores Mitchell; and two sisters, Delia and Debra.

EATON, Ted, 72, of Woodford, Australia, died Oct. 15 of a heart attack. He is survived by his sister, Coralie Richardson; and one nephew, Peter Richardson. Five brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

PEARSON, Leavy, 81, died Oct. 16 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Cora Lee; four sons; and one daughter.

MALONE, Helen, 74, of Bessemer, Alabama, died Oct. 10 after a long illness. She is survived by two daughters, four sons, 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



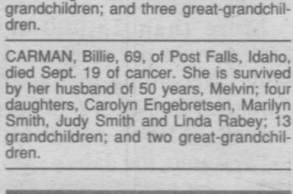
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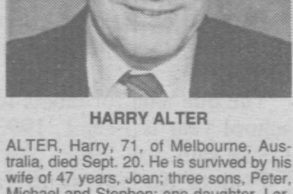
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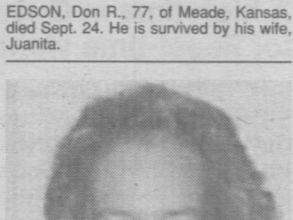
ALTER, Harry, 71, of Melbourne, Australia, died Sept. 20. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Joan; three sons, Peter, Michael and Stephen; one daughter, Lorraine; and 10 grandchildren.



RITCHIE, Chris W., 62, of Elizabethton, Tennessee, died Oct. 4. She is survived by her husband, George; three daughters, Karen, Linda and Syndee; one brother; and three sisters.



EDSON, Don R., 77, of Meade, Kansas, died Sept. 24. He is survived by his wife, Juanita.



SCHNELLE, Evelyn, 55, of Elsberry, Missouri, died Sept. 2 of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Robert; four children, Steve, Mark, Herb and Eileen; one daughter-in-law, Michele; and two grandchildren, Jaclyn and Bradley.

COLLINS (Cox), Jean Marie, 85, of Fairmont, Minnesota, died Oct. 26. She is survived by three children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ROSEWARNE, Don, 93, of Olympia, Washington, died Sept. 15. He is survived by four sisters; one stepdaughter; and several stepgrandchildren, nieces and nephews.



LAWRENCE, Jean, 60, of Granby, Massachusetts, died Oct. 22 of complications with diabetes. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Ernest; three sons, John, Ernest Jr. and Peter; six daughters, Brenda Riopel, Christy Brown, Monica Reed, Peggy Shartrand, Bettina and Katrina; and 11 grandchildren.

Announcement reminders...

The Worldwide News prints birth and anniversary announcements up to six months after the date of the event. Wedding and obituary announcements can be up to one year old. Please include a daytime phone number with any announcement submitted in case we need to contact you with questions.

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UPDATE

Labels campaign soups up school equipment

Imperial Schools completed its 10th year of collecting and sending in Campbell's Soup labels March 12.

The school earned six computers and two paper cutters from the 716,850 labels sent in.

Last year, 28 computers and a large selection of educational software were received.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Campbell Labels program in the United States.

More than 25,000 schools took part in the program nationwide. According to Campbell's, Imperial is No. 12 in terms of volume of labels collected.

"Without the labels program, there are many items Imperial Schools just would not be able to provide its students," said **Joseph Locke**, Imperial Schools superintendent.

Mr. Locke continued: "Over the years, the program has been totally dependent upon the assistance of the local members collecting and sending in the labels.

The due date for labels for this school year is Feb. 1, 1993, Mr. Locke said.

Please do not send labels "Rush" or "Priority" mail as it only increases the cost. Nor-

mal mail delivery is sufficient.

Normally, United Parcel Service (UPS) can deliver larger boxes more reasonably than the post office.

The UPC codes that were requested for a couple of years no longer need to be sent.

Campbell's has decided to use only the front labels rather than make a full switch to the UPC codes.

Please do not roll or staple labels when you send them in. It is best to bundle them with rubber bands or send them loose.

"I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the program over the years including the members who have saved the labels faithfully and the congregations for all of their support," Mr. Locke said.

Ministers, employees honored for quarter century of service

Three ministers and three employees received plaques and watches in Pasadena Nov. 5 for 25 years of service to the Church.

They are **Joseph Contreras**, a Custodial Department employee; **Richard Frankel**, Chicago, Illinois, Northwest pastor; **Barry Gridley**, manager of Publishing Services.

Joel Lillengreen, Portland

East and Hood River, Oregon, pastor; **Tracey Rogers**, Jacksonville, Florida, associate pastor; and **Garland Snuffer**, supervisor of Cassette Services.

In addition, **Floyd Lochner**, a retired Church employee, was presented with his 25-year plaque during the Feast, Oct. 14, in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

Mr. Lochner worked for the Church from 1954 to 1980. He began work serving as the superintendent of Imperial Schools.

He was instrumental in the formation of the Summer Educational Program in Orr, Minnesota, and spent many summers there.

Tacoma and Olympia congregations mark anniversaries

OLYMPIA, Washington—Brethren who have previously attended the Tacoma and Olympia, Washington, congregations are invited to attend an anniversary celebration here Jan. 23 at the Westwater Inn.

The occasion will mark the 40th anniversary of the Tacoma church and the 25th anniversary of the Olympia church.

Activities will feature Sabbath services, a video presentation tracing the history of the Tacoma and Olympia congregations, a banquet, a musical program and presentations to previous pastors and original members.

For further information, including a complete schedule of events and a map, call **Guy L. Engelbart** at 1-206-458-6527

ANNUAL RECEIPTS

The Mail Processing Center plans to mail 1992 annual receipts to members in the United States in mid-January. They will be mailed first class and should arrive at most homes by the end of January.

All U.S. donations must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be eligible for a 1992 receipt. Contributions mailed after that time will be posted on 1993 records.

Anyone in the United States who has not received his or her receipt by the first week in February should telephone Mail Processing. The toll-free number is 1-800-423-4444. Ask for Donation File. Please call during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time).

or write to Mr. Englebart at Box 956, Spanaway, Washington, 98387.

Howard Silcox's 30 years of service honored in England

LONDON—Howard Silcox was honored at the Church's United Kingdom board meeting Aug. 3 for 30 years of service as a trustee.

Postal subsidy for nonprofit organizations continues

In the Sept. 8 issue we reported that President George Bush's 1993 budget proposal called for discontinuing postal subsidies for nonprofit organizations.

When the budget was signed, however, the language against nonprofit subsidies had been removed.

It now appears the subsidies will remain in effect through 1993 except for the 2.2-cent increase already slated for third-

class mail. (The increase, which was included in our 1993 projections, will cost the Work about \$25,000 yearly.)

Caribbean ministers and wives meet at conference in Florida

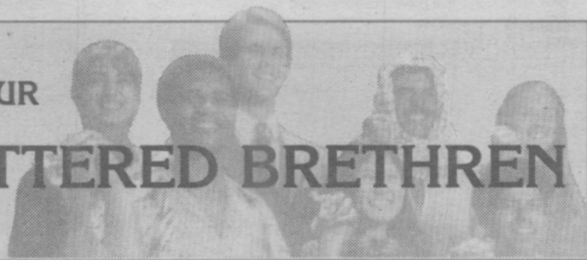
FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida—Sixteen ministers and wives met here Nov. 9 to 12 for the Caribbean ministerial conference.

This was the first of a series of international conferences where **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, director of Church Administration, and **Michael Fezell**, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's executive assistant, give lectures to update overseas ministers.

Other speakers were **Randal Dick**, assistant director of Church Administration; and representatives from the Caribbean Office: **Colin Adair**, regional director; **Charles Fleming**, Ministerial Services coordinator; **Bryan Weeks**, business manager; and **Rick Taylor**, Festival coordinator.

FROM OUR

SCATTERED BRETHREN



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

A high time in Guyana for Feast-time visitors

By Linda Orchard

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—Guyana may be considered a developing country, but God's people there possess a dignity, warmth, humility and joy that can only be described as first class.

Linda Orchard is the wife of John Orchard, pastor of the St. Cloud and Brainerd, Minnesota, congregations.

Enthusiastic hospitality welcomed those of us visiting Georgetown for the Feast. A hand-sewn banner and tropical flower arrangements decorated the meeting room at the Tower Hotel, where services were conducted.

Brethren sang hymns with such gusto that we were often unable to hear ourselves singing.

We were treated to a cultural presentation that included folk songs, a steel-drum band, poetry and a song about Pastor General Joseph Tkach and the Work composed by a member.

Family day was a relaxing old-fashioned affair complete with sack races, tug-of-war, pony rides and hamburgers. Toys brought by the visitors to Guyana were distributed to the children.

Visit to Amerindians

A high point of the Feast for us was a flight to the remote savannah village of Awarewaunau, where we spent five hours with

were doing. Doug Pietz, pastor of the Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, church, and my husband, John, gave split sermons.

We sang familiar hymns with guitar accompaniment. After little children were blessed and a wedding, we walked two miles to a pond where Wesley Webster, pastor of the Georgetown and Awarewaunau churches, baptized eight new members.

By the time we finished the two-mile trek back to the tabernacle there was just enough time to distribute donated clothing, food and medical supplies. Village members gave us handcrafted gifts.

God's Spirit at work

Throughout our stay in Guyana we marveled at the way God's Spirit works the same way in people of any race, culture or geographical location. Members of God's Church quickly recognize one another in spite of differences in background or life-style.

Amerindian members who only see a minister once or twice a year.

When we were introduced to our pilot, he asked, "Where are we going?" His next question was, "Where's that?"

At the village we were greeted personally by each family with the words, "Happy Feast."

A "Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles" sign was stenciled on the new tabernacle building made of adobe with a thatched roof.

We had to have services outside, however, because the entire village wanted to observe what we



AMERINDIANS—Eight people (shown with families) were baptized during the Feast in Awarewaunau, Guyana. [Photo by John Orchard]

We learned a lot from our brethren in Guyana. They are a sincere, resourceful and generous group of people. They live abundantly though lacking material goods.

Alex and Eva Peck take personal service to Prague trio

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—Before the Feast, Mail Processing employees Alex and Eva Peck visited three women in Prague, Czechoslovakia, who had written to the Church in Pasadena.

All three, who speak little or no English or German, were introduced to the Church through relatives in the United States. Mrs. Peck grew up speaking Czech so she was able to interpret for them.

The Pecks visited Daniela Lundakova on the Sabbath, Sept. 26, and again, Oct. 8.

They first met her last September, shortly after she wrote to the Church and asked if someone could visit and answer her Bible questions in Czech.

Daniela has since kept in regular contact and studied diligently. This year's visit confirmed Daniela's readiness for baptism.

She had planned to keep the Feast of Trumpets in Salzburg, Austria, and a part of the Feast of Tabernacles in Goslar, Germany, but a serious back problem prevented her from traveling the distances involved.

Shortly before the Feast, Mail Processing received a letter from Danuse Dvorakova requesting back issues of the English *Plain Truth*. Since Mr. and Mrs. Peck were planning to visit Prague, they offered to hand-deliver them.

Danuse promptly replied and asked for a visit. Her hospitality was heartwarming.

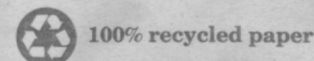
She gave them two hand-crocheted items and two pairs of hand-knitted slippers, as well as offering her home whenever needed.

Toward the end of the visit she

asked what biblical materials had been translated into Czech. After Mrs. Peck showed her literature she had brought with her, Danuse requested copies of several of them.

Finally, the Pecks visited Josefina Noskova, a 78-year-old widow who wrote to the Church in December 1991. She first came in contact with the Church 14 years ago through her daughter, who lived in Germany at the time.

The Pecks took her with them to keep part of the Feast in Goslar, where she met the two members from Poland and became reacquainted with Winfried Fritz, the minister she met 14 years ago.



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