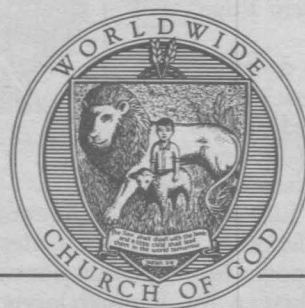


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Canadian members play role in pioneer program

By Andrew Egan

TORONTO, Ontario—Two one-hour television specials for Canada, based on two public Bible lectures, will also feature vignettes of Canadian Church members.

Evangelist David Hulme gave the lectures (see box, right). They were videotaped here March 14 and 15 for two television specials, to air in Canada later this year or early next year.

Plans are to raise the Church's profile in Canada, as well as test a new instrument the Church may employ to more effectively make disciples.

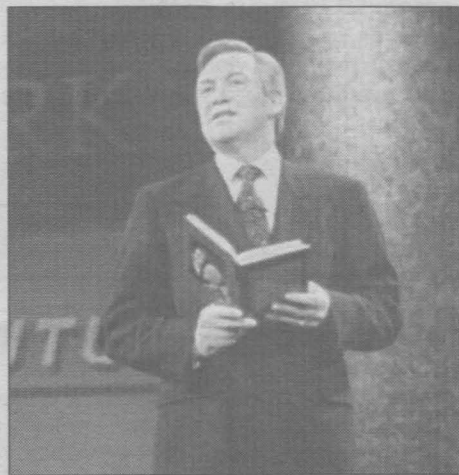
"Our purpose is to reintroduce the Canadian public and *Plain Truth* readers in Canada to the Worldwide Church of God, with the expectation that they will develop a relationship with the Church," said Frank Brown, Canadian regional director.

This endeavor is a pilot project. Aside from commercials, the only

television tool the Church uses to preach the gospel is the telecast.

Larry Omasta, senior producer for *The World Tomorrow*, said, "We decided to combine the most provocative and dynamic excerpts of the lecture with information on the Church. We give a relevant religious message, but we also highlight the

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Upfront: David Hulme tells Canadian subscribers the Bible's solutions to their inner hunger.

Andrew Egan is a member who attends the Brampton, Ontario, church.

A framework for peace

TORONTO, Ontario—About 500 people attended the March 14 afternoon lecture titled "Framework for Your Future." The Monday evening lecture, titled "Finding Peace of Mind," attracted about 425. This night's audience included some Church members. Both lectures were in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Summarizing the message he strived to convey to the audience, Mr. Hulme expressed, "We believe there is an answer to this inner hunger people have, and we believe it's the gospel—true Christianity."

At the end of each lecture the attendees were invited to enjoy refreshments, where they could chat with Mr. Hulme, area ministers and members assisting with the activity.

A specially produced video described the *World Tomorrow* telecast and highlighted clips of Mr. Hulme on location throughout the world. Others viewed display boards about the Church and its connection to Ambassador College and Ambassador Foundation. Complimentary issues of the March *Plain Truth* were also displayed.

Each guest was offered a literature packet at the door upon leaving. Assembled by members in the Brampton church, the packets included the booklets *Recapturing True Values*, *The Bible: A Guided Tour* and the Church's *Statement of Beliefs*.

An invitation from regional director Frank Brown to attend four follow-up Bible studies was also enclosed, as well as biosketches of ministers who will present follow-up studies, a *Plain Truth* literature request form and a questionnaire. The Canadian Office promoted Mr. Hulme's appearance by mailing 57,000 invitation letters to current and former *Plain Truth* subscribers in the greater Toronto area, and by airing tags following *World Tomorrow* broadcasts.

South Africa: assassination aftermath

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Members here are exercising extreme caution after violence broke out in South Africa in April, following the assassination of black leader Chris Hani, general secretary of the South African Communist Party.

From Petros Manzingana, a minister in the Johannesburg area: One thing is clear: South Africa will not be the same again. The assassination of Mr. Hani has plunged the country into an unprecedented national crisis.

The real danger for Church mem-

bers is the mood in the country right now and where the country might find itself after this.

Yesterday [April 17] protest marches in various cities, including Johannesburg, caused us to cancel services there.

Attending services is often difficult. Some members from black townships depend on taxis to get to services. It is dangerous to wait at taxi ranks, which can be targets of shooting by rival taxi associations.

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Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

The Plain Truth: showing the way to our election and not escapism

By now you should have received the May/June issue of *The Plain Truth*. I am very pleased with it, as I was with the April issue.

Now, as I say this, of course, I don't mean that I wasn't pleased with the issues preceding these two. I just mean that I was particularly happy with the powerful focus of these issues on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—in other words, the true gospel and its true meaning for humanity.

So many people today have only *heard* about Jesus. They have a vague notion about him—they know there was a man named Jesus who lived long ago and performed some miracles.

They may know that some people think he is the Son of God. There are even many people who belong to a church, but don't really know a whole lot about Jesus or what the gospel actually means for them.

All have a part in proclaiming message

But how exciting it is to be called of God to have part in the work of proclaiming that message, which Paul called "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16)! Paul said he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, and I hope none of God's

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Haitians progress even in lean times

By John Halford

HAITI—When our Haitian brethren pray "Give us this day our daily bread," they mean it!

It's been nearly three years since I visited the church in this Caribbean country, and Haiti, already one of the poorest countries in the world, has fallen on even tougher times.

The United Nations trade embargo,

to pressure the existing government to restore the elected president, has brought a devalued Haitian dollar, skyrocketing prices and shortages of nearly everything.

In spite of this, the small congregation is in good spirits and making progress. Three years ago the Church bought a house in Port-au-Prince for a permanent meeting place and small mailing office.

The Port-au-Prince congregation has worked hard to renovate the house. Aided by members in Montreal, Quebec, the size of the meeting room was doubled by demolishing some internal walls. Now fresh paint

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John Halford, a Plain Truth senior editor, and pastor Cyrille Richard visited Haiti during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Nuclear weapons: Who knows who has them?

Our world is becoming a more perilous place as more nations acquire nuclear weapons.

Just how close the world came to its first nuclear exchange came to light in an article titled "On the Nuclear Edge" in the March 29 *New Yorker*.

Author Seymour M. Hersh describes how Pakistan and India were on the brink of war over the disputed area of Kashmir in the spring of 1990. Pakistan was determined to avoid another defeat by its archfoe. In 1971 it lost East Pakistan (now independent Bangladesh).

American intelligence, reports Mr. Hersh, concluded that Pakistan by early 1990 had at least six, and perhaps 10, nuclear weapons.

"There was little doubt that India," he continued, "with its far more extensive nuclear arsenal, stood ready to retaliate in kind."

Richard J. Kerr, then deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is quoted by Mr. Hersh as saying: "It was the most dangerous nuclear situation we have ever faced since I've been in the U. S. government. It may be as close as we've come to a nuclear exchange. It was far more frightening than the Cuban missile crisis."

Robert M. Gates, a former CIA official serving in the Bush White House as deputy national security adviser, flew to the Pakistani and Indian capitals of Islamabad and New Delhi to negotiate a stand-down between the



two perennial enemies.

Mr. Gates convinced Pakistan that it could not win a nuclear war against its much larger, and better armed, foe.

"An enduring mystery," continued Mr. Hersh, is how details of this barely averted nuclear disaster had been kept hush-hush for nearly three years. The answer, he claims, lies in the long-term relationship between Pakistan and the United States.

Pakistan had been Washington's principal Cold War ally in South Asia. From northern Pakistan the United States eavesdropped on Soviet nuclear facilities in Kazakhstan. In the 1980s Pakistan became a supply route in the American proxy war against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan.

According to Mr. Hersh, Washington looked the other way as Pakistan, attempting to match India's budding nuclear arsenal, "assembled its nuclear arsenal with the aid of many millions of dollars worth of restrict-

ed, high-tech materials bought inside the United States."

Clandestine development

The world of nuclear weapons development and procurement is often a clandestine one.

On March 24, for example, President F.W. de Klerk of South Africa announced that his government had built six nuclear bombs since the late 1970s but, three years ago, destroyed them along with blueprints.

Observers speculate that the government might have been concerned with what a successor government would do with any future weapons.

What is interesting in this case is the degree to which the arms program was kept secret, ever since former Prime Minister John Vorster ordered it begun in 1974.

"Over 1,000 people worked on the project over the years and not a single one said a word," said Tielman de

Waal, head of Armscor, a South African government-owned arms maker.

Other nations may follow

The stories of Pakistan and South Africa illustrate how such weapons programs can be kept hidden. Not all nations are so secretive about their desire to obtain nuclear weapons, however.

In March, North Korea announced its withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The only explanation, experts agreed, was that President Kim Il Sung was determined to continue a nuclear weapons program, even if jeopardizing ties with the West.

And with North Korea's 21 million people eating only about one and a half meals a day, and its power-short factories operating at only 40 percent capacity, those ties are needed more than nuclear weapons.

The ramifications of North Korea's decision could be serious. "If North Korea develops nuclear weapons," wrote Jim Mann in the March 31 *Los Angeles Times*, "many Asian experts worry that eventually Japan and South Korea may be compelled to follow suit."

"And if Pyongyang [the North Korean capital, withdraws] from the non-proliferation pact, it could blaze a path for other countries, such as Iran, which ... have shown an interest in nuclear weapons."

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Pastor General visits...

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



Trip Overview

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 3,780 brethren April 3 from the Augusta and Savannah, Georgia; Asheville, Boone, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Lenoir, Marion, Raleigh, Rocky Mount and Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Charleston, Columbia, Dillon, Greenville and Sumter, S.C.; and Roanoke, Va.; churches.

Hosts for the visit were Bob and Faye League from Charlotte; David and Cynthia Carley, Boone, Lenoir and Marion; Robert and Zenda Cloninger, Winston-Salem; Dennis and Karen Diehl, Greenville; George and Anne Elkins, Columbia and Augusta; James and Lois Haeffele, Greensboro; Steve and Theresa Pelfrey, Charleston and Savannah; George and Mickie Pinckney, Asheville; Britton and Donna Taylor, Roanoke; Greg and Susan Williams, Fayetteville; and Larry and Joanne Hinkle, Lenoir, Boone and Marion; and Jim and Becky Valekis, Raleigh and Rocky Mount. [Photos by Bill Simmons and Julian Roscoe]

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Sincerely,
Steven D. Andrews, President

South Africa: concern for safety

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Much needs to be done to minimize dangers for brethren, especially those living in high-density areas. Brethren desperately need prayers; the country needs prayers.

South African State President F.W. de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, have called for calm to defuse a highly explosive situation.

From Peter McLean, pastor of the Durban and Pietermaritzburg churches: Grahame Thomson, a member on Natal's south coast, was traveling to work by bus at 5:30 a.m. one day on a major highway when about 12 men stepped onto the road armed with guns and rocks.

The driver switched off the passenger lights (it was still dark outside), asked the passengers to put their heads down, then ran the gauntlet through the blockade.

Bullets hit the bus around the driver's compartment and rocks burst the radiator. Although windows were smashed down the side of the bus, Mr. Thomson was unhurt in the incident.

Other members could not get to

work on another day because many bus and train drivers were afraid to go to work.

In Pietermaritzburg, capital of Natal, rioters smashed shop windows and looted in the city center.

Debbie Hancock, a member, was in a baby clothing shop she and her mother own when rioters burst in and demanded that she "close this shop right now!" She closed the shop, and although windows on either side of her store were smashed and goods were looted, her shop was untouched.

From Peter Hawkins of the Cape Town Office. A memorial service was conducted in Cape Town, where criminals capitalized on the situation by smashing shop windows and looting in the city center. Members have to be careful where they go, but one can't always predict dangerous situations.

The state president, as well as leaders of the African National Congress and Pan African Congress, have asked for calm and self-discipline in honoring Mr. Hanzi, who had called for peaceful solutions to South Africa's problems. The country has calmed down, but tension lingers. Thanks for the prayers of brethren.

FROM SHARPERS

Does God identify and underpin his Church by doctrines, growth?

By Joseph Tkach Jr.

With increasing frequency, there are false rumors circulating by certain ones who have left us to form their own church organizations. Recently, I was given a booklet on church government written by one who has recently left us. It was somewhat surprising to observe that the author used the standard Protestant argument in his booklet. The surprise was because he is accusing us of "slowly turning Protestant."

A rumor that has been circulated is that we now believe that all churches are God's churches. That is most certainly not our belief. An irony is that neither is it the belief of other churches.

Scriptural teachings

Our teaching comes from Scriptures, as all our doctrinal positions should do. In Mark 9:38-40 we read: "Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop [New Revised Standard says "tried to stop him"], because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us."

We should notice a few important points from the context. John says "we," which shows that he is speaking for all the disciples. A man who was not one of the disciples was driving out demons in Jesus' name. The fact that the disciples had been using

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Jesus' name shows they were aware that it was Jesus who had the power to cast out the demons, and that it was by the authority of Jesus—God in the flesh—that the demons left.

There are other examples of people casting out demons in Jesus' name, and they did not have the same successful experience. Remember the seven sons of Sceva in Acts 19.

And we have an important reminder in Matthew 7:21-23, where we are told that not everyone who says "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?" is going to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Some will be told that they are evildoers.

We see that there are some who misuse the name of Jesus Christ. He is not really Lord of their lives. It is interesting to note that sometimes he does honor their requests—when it is his will. But they use his name without faith and obedience to him and the Father. As Matthew 7:23 says, he does not know them, because they have not known him.

Freedom for the troubled

There is, additionally, an irony to the statement that John makes in Mark 9:38. It seems that there was a measure of jealousy involved in the disciples' attempt to stop the man from casting out demons in Christ's name. This is because the disciples had just experienced failure in casting out a demon (verses 14-18).

It seems that the disciples were more concerned about defending their own authority than helping those who were troubled by demons. What an important lesson for us! We can have a similar attitude to that of the disciples when we do not take the opportunity to help those who are in need.

Just because a humanitarian program is not sponsored by the Church and because our efforts might not receive enough recognition is no excuse.

I am still amazed that some of our Church members were critical of the donation that was made to the Red Cross to help victims of an earthquake. How blind can some people be?

It is important for us to focus a little longer on what Christ said in Mark 9:39. Jesus said, "Do not stop him. No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me."

Jesus did not take a restrictive view of who could serve others. He did not belittle or condemn this man as he had condemned the attitude of the Pharisees. Casting out demons showed that the man was not against Jesus, and "whoever is not against us is for us."

More than neutrality

And Christ also mentioned the other side of the coin in Matthew 12:30, "He who is not with me is against me." Jesus' message calls us to make a commitment. We cannot be passive when confronted by the gospel.

Quite the contrary. Jesus confronts us with a simple choice—to follow him or reject him.

Those who share a common faith in Jesus Christ should not attack each other. God can and does work wherever, however and with whom-ever he chooses. He does not need our permission. We should have no problem understanding that we do not direct God.

That in no way diminishes the fact that we are the Church of God. If we really want to be like Jesus Christ, See *Becoming Christlike*, page 5

Adoption mirrors God's desires for his children

Childlessness is a difficult trial that some married couples face. Some childless couples and some who already have children consider adoption.

Adopting a child is often a difficult and time-consuming process. Long, strict interviews are conducted to determine if the couple can offer a suitable environment for the child. The prospective parents must wait many months.

Some friends adopted two daughters after childless years of being aunt and uncle to everyone else's children. They prepared for the children as much as possible and waited with anticipation.

On the day they went to the orphanage for their first little girl, they left the house early out of eagerness. An old film records the event.

The two girls, now adults, never tire of watching the film of the day they became part of the family.

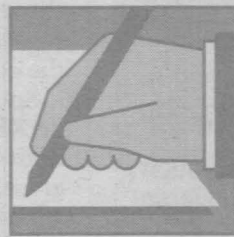
Another example is that of a Scottish surgeon and his family who adopted a South American boy. The boy was severely deformed—he had only half a face.

To officially adopt him the couple traveled into the depths of the jungle to find his mother.

No one can deny that the boy is a full part of the family. The joy all felt on the day of his official adoption was deeply touching.

The surgeon went to enormous lengths to help his adopted son. Eventually, because they cared so

"When a person was adopted into a Roman family, the relationship with the new family was legally binding. Adoption not only brought with it duties, but also conferred family rights. The result of the adoption was so final, and the change was so real,



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much for him, the family moved to America so he could receive medical help for his deformity.

'We are children of God'

In Romans 8:15, the apostle Paul speaks of "the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'" (New King James).

Paul used this word *adoption* to tell us something remarkable about our relationship with God, which is explained in our booklet *What Is Salvation?* "In the Roman world in which [Paul's] original readers lived, the practice of adoption had a unique and distinctive meaning....

that the adopted individual was treated as if he had been a natural child.

"Since God is eternal, the Roman Christians would have understood that their place in God's household is forever."

Why do people want to add a child to the family? Because they have love to give, and because that is the way they are—their nature wants to share.

It is not so different with our heavenly Father and elder brother Jesus Christ. We are called into the family because we are deeply wanted. Because we are greatly loved.

God says love identifies and underpins his Church

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then we need to share Jesus' noncombative attitude toward others, even those in other churches who are providing care and comfort to the thousands of hurting and needy people of the world. Jesus, of course, did not tell the disciples to go join the man who was casting out demons, nor did he tell the disciples to ask the man to join their group.

He simply told them, in effect, not to worry about what God may be allowing to be done somewhere else. He said not to stop the man because there was some spiritual benefit to what was taking place. That is a profound lesson for us.

The apostle Paul made the same point in Philippians 1:15-18. "It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice." Like Paul, we should be glad if God uses whatever truth there may be in others' messages, regardless of their motives.

Our validity as the true Church of God is not in question. We know who we are and we know that our motives are pure as we strive to faithfully emulate all that the Bible teaches us.

If God decides to use people from other organizations to bring a person to himself, that is his business. We do not decide how God the Father chooses to call people. That is for him to decide. Are we to be so arrogant as to decide whom God can save and how he should draw them to himself?

One thing that churches commonly exhibit is intolerance, rejection and abuse of people in other churches and denominations. Jesus tells us not to behave that way. This does not mean that we agree with, nor that the Bible condones every doctrinal position of the more than 500 denominations extant today.

Setting the right example

We need to be an example. We don't need to be riding on the high horse of self-righteousness, condemning everyone who is attempting to do good works but fails to observe the Sabbath and the Holy Days. We know that we should observe these days sanctified by God. And we don't need to be condemning others simply because God has not revealed it to them.

Over the years, our approach has tended to be like that of many other churches—to consider all people not in our fellowship as witting or unwitting instruments of the devil. We should not be so quick to impute such negative motives.

Pride was a big factor in the disciples' attitude toward the man who was casting out demons. In Mark 9:34, we find that part of the context was another one of their arguments over who will be the greatest in the kingdom. And it is in this context of pride vs. humility that Jesus Christ tells them to leave the man alone.

The Pharisees were also prideful and thought they were superior to everyone who was not as knowledgeable about the law as they were. Jesus called them "whitewashed tombs, snakes, a brood of vipers."

Who was it that Jesus called the children of the devil? It was the ones

who thought they had a corner on the market on spiritual values and truth.

Those who thought they were the only ones who could possibly have a relationship with God. It was that attitude of spiritual superiority that made them partakers of the attitude of the devil.

So, what makes the difference? What makes us disciples of Christ? Mr. Armstrong hit the nail on the head in the March 1938 *Plain Truth* magazine. He wrote (emphasis his):

We live in a babylon of confusion. Hundreds of denominations and sects, each teaching a different creed.

The Plain Truth comes as a magazine of UNDERSTANDING to help those who honestly hunger and thirst after righteousness out of this modern confusion into the knowledge of TRUTH.

Solomon was wise when he asked for UNDERSTANDING! But he would have been wiser, had he asked for something else!

There is one thing that is even more important—a thing that is still more rare. That thing is LOVE!

It does make a difference what we believe. It is the TRUTH that shall make us free. But, "though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and ALL KNOWLEDGE ... and have not CHARITY I am nothing!"

Can you have LOVE in patience and kindness, toward the one with whom you disagree? If you can't, you'll never repel error or find TRUTH. Why do people argue, strive, quarrel over differences of belief? That is not the way into truth. Rather it confirms one in his error until he comes to BELIEVE a lie. "Hereby know we the spirit of TRUTH, and the spirit of error: beloved, let us LOVE one another" (1 John 4:6-7).

Stop and think a moment. The one great barrier that separates professing Christians into denominational bundles—that keeps them apart—that promotes rivalry, hatred and causes continued new splits and divisions—is this insane insistence that the other fellow must see "eye-to-eye" on every little point of doctrine!

The one chord that binds together each little denominational bundle is the identical thing that has caused every split and division that ever took place between brethren—DOCTRINE! As long as DOCTRINE is employed as basis for church unity, every so-called "church" will continue to suffer strife, division and separation into more divisions.

And yet each denomination firmly believes that it, and it alone, is God's one and only TRUE CHURCH! And they think they base their claim on solid Bible evidence, the same as YOU probably think about YOURS! So many assume that salvation hinges upon such an organization connection and whether you accept its creed!

But Jesus said differently. "By THIS shall all men know ye are my disciples, IF YE HAVE LOVE one to another!" Why can't we have it? Lacking that LOVE for those who see some points a little differently, we lack the SPIRIT which alone can guide into the TRUTH. The inspired Word says we must "GROW in grace and in KNOWLEDGE" (II Peter 3:18). We fear there is still so much we have yet to learn, that each can afford to have charity for those who see some things differently.

God's Word must tell the truth when it says we now "see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know IN PART," etc. And again, we shall all "see eye to eye WHEN the Lord shall bring Zion"—or, as the marginal rendering says: "when the Lord returneth to Zion" (Isaiah 52:8). Then the earth shall be FULL of the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:9).

We do not mean to imply that whatever a man believes is right, or that it makes no difference so long as we have love. Freedom must come thru the TRUTH, but—catch this!—the TRUTH can come only thru LOVE! Love is the first fruit of the Spirit who guides us into Truth. When love is lacking, the Spirit has fled. LOVE COMES FIRST!

Beyond doubt you will read things in *The Plain Truth* which will conflict with what you have believed. If *The Plain Truth* cannot bring you something you did not know before, or correct you where you were wrong, it will have failed in its mission. Its real value to YOU lies in how much correction and added knowledge it brings.

And so, we ask, do as the Bereans were commended for doing with Paul. Read, study, without prejudice. Then search the Scriptures whether these things are so! (Acts 17:10-11). Then write us if you still disagree, and let us study it together in LOVE.

Why can't those who profess to be God's children have kindness, gentleness, and LOVE toward each other? Let us open our hearts to God's LOVE, and then we can have PEACE with our minds opened for God's TRUTH.

Unfortunately, some people must be disfellowshipped for causing division within the Body of Christ. Some individuals actually come to view themselves as "God's chosen servant" to save you. Such individuals, often unwittingly, organize a group of zealots to conform to their own dysfunction.

The apostle Paul gives us a warning about false teachers in 1 Timothy 6:3-

5. He wrote, "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness..." Notice that Paul defines what he means by wholesome words as the words of Jesus Christ and the doctrine according to godliness. Then Paul goes on to describe the false teacher's problems.

"He is proud [one who has and is always bragging about his past accomplishments. The Greek word, *tetuphotai*, means puffed up and conceited], knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings [rumors about other people and always accusing others]. Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."

Gain is not godliness

There are those who would try to confuse you with the idea that growth in numbers and income is the proof that God approves of you. Please take notice of the fact that Paul said that we should withdraw ourselves from those who suppose that gain is godliness.

We do not believe such individuals are part of the Body of Christ (those who are called together as a community of believers). We do not believe all churches are God's churches.

But we do not believe that we need to behave like the Pharisees in an attitude of self-righteous superiority. We do not need to go about labeling and condemning any specific group, whether they have once been affiliated with us or not.

Our commission is to proclaim the Gospel. Yes, we still make a call for repentance, but we make it as a proclamation of what Christ has done, is doing and will do. We don't make a protestation.

The difference between proclamation and protestation is in the attitude. We give a humble warning, not a prideful one. We need to preach the truth that God has given to us, and be a light and a positive force in the dark and negative world in which we live.

Canadian members' hands-on part

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Church and the Church members, because people identify with people."

Neil Earle, *Plain Truth* international editor and script co-writer, said, "This is a true pioneering venture in which we try to break out of the Sunday market and reach into prime time."

Foreign-content regulations restrict the telecast to certain time slots in Canada. But these specials, virtually 100 percent Canadian-produced, can be shown any time, allowing the Church access to new audiences.

Responding to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's direction that the Church reach out to people, the lectures emphasized member participation. Seventy-five Church members provided transportation for lecturegoers, 25 members served as ushers and 10 more handed out literature packets.

Members were most attendees' first contact with the Church. "I wanted to make them feel comfortable," said a member who drove two women. "I didn't want to give them the impression we were out to recruit people."

Said another member who drove

an elderly man, "He appreciated the Church taking the time to drive him, and he invited me for tea afterward."

The Church's advertising agency in Canada contracted the television production to Videogenic Corp. of Toronto. According to their producer, Angie Colgoni, she and the production crew were initially wary of working for a church, expecting verbal outbursts and demonstrative healing rituals.

"I was pleasantly surprised," she said. "Instead I saw that the Church was trying to logically use the Bible to help people with their lives."

Sue Vivian, assistant to the producer, commented: "Of all the clients we work for, you are the most fun. Your people are the easiest to work with."

Mr. Brown said the goal is to let people know the Worldwide Church of God "is different, its members are caring people and that it will help them improve their lives."

Brampton church pastor Bob Morton, the event's master of ceremonies, added: "Many of our subscribers think we are no more than a post office box in Vancouver. We hope to show them we are a church with congregations across Canada."

U.S. and Canadian Music Coordinators for Feast of Tabernacles 1993

The Festival Office announced special music coordinators (SMC) and Festival choir directors (DIR). Those interested in performing at a Feast site should contact the appropriate person listed below and request copies of the music to be used. Prospective choir members should list the voice part they sing and their experience level.

Instrumental or vocal soloists should contact the SMC for the site that they plan to attend unless an instrumental ensemble is noted separately. Soloists should submit several possible numbers for consideration.

Choir members are expected to know their music before arriving at the Festival site, as rehearsals during the Festival will be sufficient only to tune up the choir for performance.

Whom to contact

Anchorage, Alaska: Doug Hanson (SMC), (DIR), 5109 Lionheart Dr., Anchorage, Alaska, 99508-2528.

Big Sandy: Paul Heisler (SMC), (DIR), c/o Ambassador College Music Department, Box 111, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755.

Chattanooga, Tennessee: Bob Rodzaj (SMC), (DIR), 2 Orchard Lane, Cambridge, Ohio, 43725.

Corpus Christi, Texas: Dennis Morris (SMC), (DIR), 2313 Robbie Ave., Bellevue, Nebraska, 68005; Instrumental ensemble: Norm Myers, 5811 88th Ave., Kenosha, Wisconsin, 53144.

Dayton, Ohio: King Finlay (SMC), (DIR), Box 124, Spinnerstown, Pennsylvania, 18968.

Daytona Beach, Florida: Ted Japhet (SMC), (DIR), 4167 Westgate Rd., Orlando, Florida, 32808.

Eugene, Oregon: Howard Davis (SMC), (DIR), 6815 SE 114th Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97266.

Fort Worth, Texas: Byron Griffin (SMC), (DIR), Route 2, Box 282-1, Hawkins, Texas, 75765.

Hot Springs, Arkansas: Pat Henry (SMC), (DIR), 13 Donnell Dr., North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72120.

Jekyll Island, Georgia: Tom Hammett (SMC), (DIR), 3107 Elmore Ave., Chattanooga, Tennessee, 73415.

Keystone, Colorado: Craig Coulter (SMC), (DIR), 3989 S. Fundy Circle, Aurora, Colorado, 80013.

Kona, Hawaii: Ross Jutsum (SMC), (DIR), c/o Ambassador College Music Department, Box 111, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755.

Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri: Joseph Rivers (SMC), (DIR), (instrumental ensemble), 611 W. 15th St., No. G6, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74127.

Lexington, Kentucky: Mark Graham (SMC), (DIR), 1490 Roycroft Ave., Lakewood, Ohio, 44107.

Lowell, Massachusetts: John Sullivan (SMC), (DIR), (orchestra) c/o Festival Music Program, Worldwide Church of God, Box 527026, Flushing, New York, 11352-7026; Women's Chorus: Debbie Swift, c/o Festival Music Program.

Niagara Falls, New York: Dan Hope (SMC), 59 Reeve Dr., Markham, Ontario, Canada, P3P 1B4; Ted Rounds (DIR), 224 Blaklee Hill Rd., Newfield, New York, 14867.

Norfolk, Virginia: Floyd Satterwhite (SMC), (DIR), Box 561, Mechanicsville, Virginia, 23111.

Palm Springs, California: Ella Marie Schatz (SMC), (DIR), c/o Worldwide Church of God, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, California, 91129.

Pasadena: Jerry Bieritz (SMC), (DIR), c/o Ambassador College Music Department, Box 111, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755.

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College Music Department, Box 111, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755.

Rapid City, South Dakota: David Fishburn (SMC), (DIR), 67 Blossom Heath, Williamsville, New York, 14221.

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St. Petersburg, Florida: Lowell Timberlake (SMC), 3367C Crystal Ct. East, Palm Harbor, Florida, 34685-1204; Carl Dayhoff (DIR), 1105 SE 30th St., Cape Coral, Florida, 33904.

Saratoga Springs, New York: Roger Smith (SMC), (DIR), (Instrumental Ensemble), 622 E. Poppyfields Dr., Altadena, California, 91001.

Spokane, Washington: Roger Briggs (SMC), (DIR), 5825 Salakanum Way, Bellingham, Washington, 98226.

Tucson, Arizona: Gary Pendergraft (SMC), (DIR), 7230 Lamesa Lane, Memphis, Tennessee, 38113.

Vail, Colorado: Alex Leffek (SMC), (DIR), 9902 Ferguson Ave., Lot 187, Savannah, Georgia, 31406.

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin: David Kroll (SMC), (DIR), 6865 N. Burbank Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53224.

Amman, Jordan: Joe Locke (SMC), (DIR), 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, California, 91129.

Chiang Mai, Thailand: Fred Stevens (SMC), (DIR), 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, California, 91129.

Canadian sites

Halifax, Nova Scotia: Chris Starkey (SMC), 60 Carlton Dr., Mount Pearl, Newfoundland, Canada, A1N 3A4, telephone 1-709-368-9901; Carole Stanley (DIR) HC-77, Box 247, Hancock, Maine, 04640, telephone 1-207-422-6475.

Penticton, British Columbia: Robert Berendt (SMC), 133 Sherwood Blvd. W, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, T1K 6E7, telephone 1-403-381-1601; Jim Brandenburg (DIR), 3559 Morley Trail NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2M 4H5, telephone 1-403-381-1601.

Sherbrooke, Quebec: Richard Lefrancois (SMC), (DIR), 402 4e Ave., Lac Lanier St., Colombar, Quebec, Canada, J0R 1N0, telephone 1-514-432-2592.

Victoria, British Columbia: Rod DeVries (SMC), 9551 Woodward Place, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, V7E 1H5, telephone 1-604-272-9953; Guy Moss (DIR), 740 E. 17th St., North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V7L 2W8, telephone 1-604-988-7999.

Regina, Saskatchewan: James Little (SMC), 73 Langley St., Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, S4S 3V7, telephone 1-306-789-3220; Richard Gillis (DIR), 17 Wedgewood Dr., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3T 2J7, telephone 1-204-261-6740.

Personal: escapism is selfish

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people are. As always, we received both critical and complimentary comments.

I want to share with you one of the many positive letters we received about the April *Plain Truth*:

Dear Mr. Tkach,

I want to congratulate you and the *PT* staff for the excellent April issue. I have been a subscriber since 1969 and a Church member since 1975. In my opinion, the April issue is the best ever produced.

You have reached new levels of excellence in terms of content, editing, layout, graphics and illustrations. The ad for Passover on the back cover is an exciting step toward reaching out to the rest of the world. Now, instead of telling them how pagan Easter is, we're telling them how positive Passover is.

This seems to be the more Christlike approach. I would expect a tremendous response to this beautiful ad. May Christ continue to guide you in keeping up this excellent effort.

I certainly hope all of you are taking the time to read *The Plain Truth* every month. I, too, congratulate our staff and writers on the outstanding job they are allowing Christ to do through them, and I pass on my appreciation to all of you who have written words of encouragement and support about the publications and the telecast.

As we draw closer to God individually and collectively, the more clearly we can see and understand, like Paul did, the *power* in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

And the more we actively participate in the work God has given us to do, the more excited we become

about our calling and identity as the people of God.

Attitude of escapism

How easily society pulls us into its *false value system* that makes us want to withdraw from the needs of the sin-laden neighbors around us. Society creates in us an attitude of escapism, which makes us want to seclude ourselves while we simply vocally or in print condemn evil—from a distance.

But Jesus did not seclude himself. He not only condemned sin, he also healed the sick, fed hungry mouths, comforted the brokenhearted and washed dirty feet.

He emptied himself of status and took the form of a servant (the same mind we are to have—Philippians 2:5-8). He, the perfect model of service, set the example for us, and he sends us into the world to walk in his steps, to be his servant Church!

This selfish, materialistic and individualistic society tells us continually to "focus on yourself." But God tells

us, as the Body of Christ and citizens of his kingdom, to "love your neighbor as yourself."

In *The Plain Truth* and our other publications, we are focusing on these vital issues, which have to do with making our calling and election *sure*, as Peter admonished.

Let's not cease to pray for one another and to make it our full-time work to live as faithful and devoted representatives of Jesus Christ, in everything we do bringing honor and glory to God.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your encouraging letters and cards of support. They do mean much to me, and to all of us here in Pasadena!

Haiti: People want to succeed

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and ceiling fans stirring the breeze make our hall an oasis in this rather dilapidated city.

About 20 miles from Port-au-Prince lies the small town of Ganthier, where we're working with the mayor to set up a small agricultural and educational project in his district. Cyrille Richard, Haitian pastor, local

church elder Blaise Franklin and I met him, and it looks promising.

Unemployment and underemployment are facts of life here, and as many have useful skills, they can benefit themselves and their community.

We also looked at a Feast of Tabernacles site, a clean, comfortable resort on the coast north of Port-au-Prince. The management has given us a favorable rate.

While we were there, ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's return was being negotiated. If he is reinstated, foreign aid will flow again. Haitians pray this will happen. Hard-working and resourceful, they want a chance to succeed.

Mr. Richard and I based our sermons on the present and future reality of God's kingdom. I was deeply impressed with our Haitian brethren's faith and loyalty in the face of difficulties. I have never seen a church make as much progress in two years as this congregation in Haiti. Remember them from time to time, as they surely remember you.



Poised: Visiting minister John Halford with the family of Jove Jean-Pierre in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

GREGG, Clarence and Katrina (Bailey) of Elkhart, Indiana, boy, Brandon Scott, Feb. 23, 10:02 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

HALE, Mike and Janet (Burbeck) of Pasadena, triplets (1 girl and 2 boys), Natalie Louise, Christopher Creed and Michael Walter, March 5, 12:31 p.m., 12:32 p.m. and 12:33 p.m., 4 pounds 13 ounces, 5 pounds 7 ounces and 4 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HAWRELAK, Brian and Elaine (Yoder) of Edmonton, Alberta, boy, Devin Michael, Jan. 11, 12:15 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

JORENBY, Jeff and Michelle (Pepin) of Madison, Wisconsin, boy, Blake Andrew, March 24, 5:05 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

KOGUTKIEWICZ, Jeffrey and Lynda (Cole) of Phoenix, Arizona, boy, Jonathan James, March 6, 4:55 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

KUSHNIRUK, Patrick and Carol (Bennett) of Regina, Saskatchewan, girl, Janelle Faith Alexandria, Feb. 18, 5:53 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 girls.

LAY, David and Vivian (Rodriguez) of Saline, Michigan, boy, Daniel David, Feb. 7, 6:17 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

LLEWELLYN, Melvin and Diana (Kling) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, boy, Corey Dallas, Feb. 20, 5:46 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

MARCOS, Joselito and Margarita (Cortez) of Cabanatuan, Philippines, girl, Jamie Kirstie, March 10, 3:30 a.m., 8 pounds, now 3 girls.

MARSON, Brad and Cyndi (Nicoletti) of Baltimore, Maryland, girl, Taylor Marie, Dec. 21, 6 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

MARTIN, Ian and Barbara (Keepes) of Birmingham, England, boy, Nathan Carl Joseph, March 22, 6:57 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MAUGH, Steven and Rosalie (Langdon) of Eugene, Oregon, boy, Nova Daniel, Jan. 9, 4:20 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

McCULLLEY, Gary and Darlene (Mayhew) of Indian Mound, Tennessee, girl, Darathy Kay, March 3, 6:20 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

MEYER, Douglas and Becky (Hutchins) of Tampa, Florida, boy, Benjamin Paul, March 5, 4:26 p.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MOTSAPI, Mohau and Dineo (Twala) of Bloemfontein, South Africa, girl, Matieho Emely, Sept. 20, 4.875 kilograms, now 2 girls.

NICHOLLS, Laurie and Joanne (Fawcett) of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Jared Owen, Feb. 28, 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

PARRET, Johnny and Roberta (Miers) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, boy, Cameron Lee, Jan. 15, 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PREISENDORF, Matthew and Cindi (Hohnholt) of Grand Island, Nebraska, twin girls, Becca Mae and Breanne Shandra, Feb. 18, 8:46 a.m. and 8:48 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces and 5 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls (also 1 girl, 1 boy deceased).

RAND, John and Lynette (Crisman) of Dallas, Texas, girl, Meagan Leticia, Dec. 23, 8:44 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RUSSELL, Richard Allen and Stephanie Renee (Brown) of Memphis, Tennessee, girl, Jordan Renee, Feb. 19, 1:07 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

RUTTER, Thomas Jr. and Melanie (Reiner) of Erie, Pennsylvania, girl, Bryanna Dawn, Nov. 4, 9 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

SCHAFERS, Darren and Valerie (Knuth) of Edmonton, Alberta, girl, Sabrina Valene, March 7, 7:28 a.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STEINBRENNER, Alan and Debbie of Chicago, Illinois, boy, Matthew Kyle, Feb. 22, 9:03 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

STEINHUEBL, Andrew and Debbie (Gordon) of Toronto, Ontario, boy, Jordan, March 17, 8:56 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

STONEMAN, Curtis and Pamela (Johnson) of Jupiter, Florida, girl, Ashley Jayne, March 11, 5:02 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

TOMCAVAGE, Thomas and Debra (Heim) of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, boy, Bryant David, March 19, 6:19 a.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

UMBERFIELD, Clay and Jeanne (Ledy) of Freeland, Michigan, boy, Drew Duane, Jan. 19, 4:22 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys.

WILSON, Glen and Lynn (Poftak) of Nassau, New York, boy, Christopher Ferdinand, Feb. 3, 3:30 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

WINNING, Mark and Miranda (Bowen) of Warwick, Australia, boy,

David Mark, March 6, 7:34 a.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

Engagements

Shirley Rhoades of Pasadena and Elmer Salmon of Reno, Nevada, would like to announce their engagement. A Mother's Day wedding is planned for May 9.

Mike and Tessa Merkel of Perth, Australia, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Larissa to David Eddington, son of Bill and Rae Eddington of Melbourne, Australia. A Sept. 19 wedding in Melbourne is planned.

Carla Suzanne Thorpe, daughter of Carl and Stella Thorpe of Atlanta, Georgia, and Trevor Wayne Attenborough, son of Syd and Jessie Attenborough of Pasadena, are delighted to announce their engagement. A May 23 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knick of Lima, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Audrey Ruth to John Micah Laux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laux of Sylvania, Ohio. A December wedding is planned.

Derwyn Johnson of Ottawa, Ontario, is pleased to announce the engagement of his daughter Kareena Ruth to Eric Tracy Wilding, son of Richard and Janet Wilding of Toronto, Ontario. An Aug. 22 wedding in Ottawa is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Kurtz of Basalt, Colorado, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Katrina Ray to Patrick William Sloma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sloma of Colorado Springs, Colorado. A July 25 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jennings of Brisbane, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Larissa, to Christopher Graeme Newton, youngest son of Rona Newton of Mackay, Australia. A June 14 wedding in Brisbane is planned.

Peter and Eileen Davies of Kingston-upon-Thames, England, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Ruth to James Anthony Newby, son of Ray and Verna Newby of Antioch, California. An Aug. 29 wedding is planned.

David and Lea Evans of Devonport, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cathie to Stephen Clark, son of Don and Kath Clark of Brisbane, Australia. A June 6 wedding in Devonport is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Patey of South Brisbane, Australia, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Laila to David Bell, son of Merv and Narell Bell of Newcastle, Australia. A Sept. 19 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pieper of San Antonio, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Wendy to Johnny Overton, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Overton of Hammond, Louisiana. A June 13 wedding in San Antonio is planned.

Weddings



JOCHANAN & MILITZA SILBIGER
Militz Cifuentes of Tel Aviv, Israel, and Jochanan Silbiger of Vienna, Austria, were united in marriage July 26. The ceremony was performed by Helmut Kaserer, a minister in the Salzburg, Austria, church. The couple live in Tel Aviv.



GENE & DIANNE BREMER
Dianne Chandler and Gene Bremer were united in marriage Nov. 28. The ceremony was performed by Gary Pendergraft, Jackson and Memphis, Tennessee, associate pastor. Bessie Wilder and Sherry Butler were maids of honor, and Garrett Bremer, son of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Metropolis, Illinois.



CAM & LORI YEOMANS
Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Murphy of

Kelowna, British Columbia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lorianne Mae to Cam Rodney Yeomans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Yeomans of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The ceremony was performed July 4 by the bride's uncle, Owen Murphy, Vancouver, British Columbia, associate pastor. Melanie Davie was maid of honor, and Sam Hofer was best man. The couple live in Calgary, Alberta.



DANIEL & TAMARA FARNSWORTH
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carmichael are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Tamara to Daniel Farnsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene McGuire. The ceremony was performed Jan. 9 by Richard Baumgartner, Bellevue, Washington, pastor. The couple live in Winchester, Kentucky.



PAUL & AIMEE HUBER
Aimee Patricia Ruest and Paul Anthony Huber were united in marriage Aug. 2. The ceremony was performed by John Borax, Ottawa, Ontario, pastor. Marie Ruest was maid of honor, and Richard Huber was best man. The couple live in Ottawa.



JOSEPH & SARAH CONTI
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kielczewski are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sarah Jean to Joseph Conti, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Conti of Chicago, Illinois. The ceremony was performed Aug. 29 by Richard Frankel, Chicago West pastor. Marlette Kielczewski was matron of honor, and Angelo Conti, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Oak Park, Illinois.



PETER & PEARL STRNAD
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Horschler of Lansing, Michigan, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Pearl Lorretta to Peter Joseph Strnad, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Strnad of Cicero, Illinois. The ceremony was performed July 12 by Robert Fahey, Chicago West and Joliet, Illinois, pastor. Ruth Metz was matron of honor, and Carl Scroggins was best man. The couple live in Cicero.



JEFF & MELANIE RYAN
Mr. and Mrs. Rick Caldwell of Baltimore, Maryland, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Melanie to Jeff Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ryan of Texas City, Texas. The ceremony was performed Dec. 27 by Frank Pierce, a minister in the Houston, Texas, East church. The couple live in Houston.



JOHN & THERESA HENSEL
Theresa Vivencio and John Hensel were united in marriage Sept. 6. The ceremony was performed by Randy Bloom, Syracuse and Utica, New York, pastor. Sherry Musso, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Richard Hensel, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Auburn, New York.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let readers know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born. Baby announcements should be no more than six months old.



Our coupon baby this issue is Ryan Matthew Shallenberger, son of Jerry and Charla Shallenberger of Pasadena.

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RUSS & MORIAH SCHAFFER

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O. Huse of Pasadena are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Moriah Michele to Russ Schaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Schaffer of Bismarck, North Dakota. The ceremony was performed Nov. 22 by Gary Endres, Pasadena West A.M. associate pastor. Katherine Yoder was maid of honor, and Jeff Stoebner was best man. The couple live in South Pasadena, California.



KIMANI & ANNE THIDNG'O

Anne W. Warui and Kimani Ndung'u Thidng'o were united in marriage Feb. 7. The ceremony was performed by James Henderson, Nairobi, Kenya, pastor. The couple live in Nairobi.

Anniversaries



ALAIN & NICOLE TURNER

Alain and Nicole Turner of Eau Coulee, Mauritius, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 19. They have two sons, Dany and Jean Francois; one daughter, Nathalie; one daughter-in-law, Marie Michelle; and one grandchild, Rickard.



TODD & NATHALIE NESTER

Nathalie Anne Stein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean-Louis Stein of Vimy, France, and Todd Andrew Nester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nester of Richboro, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage Dec. 20. The ceremony was performed by Ron Siefert, a minister in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, church. Melinda Nester, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Chris Ward was best man. The couple live in Danville, Pennsylvania.



HARVEY & PATTY GILLEY

Harvey and Patty Gilley of Kansas City, Kansas, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 30. They have two daughters, Angie Abts and Tammy; one son, Brian; and one son-in-law, Boyd Abts.



MARIO & CARMELITA BONNE

Carmelita Tuazon of Manila, Philippines, and Louis Joseph Mario Bonne of Sydney, Australia, were united in marriage Dec. 20. The ceremony was performed by Karl Karlov, Penrith and Bathurst, Australia, pastor. Joselina Muyargas was matron of honor, and David Bonne, son of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Sydney, Australia.



GERALD & BARBARA PINDER

Gerald and Barbara Pinder of Windermere, England, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary March 30. They have one daughter, Rebecca; four sons, Benjamin, Joseph, Kevin and Gary; and two daughters-in-law, Diane and Lisa.



ALTON & ANGELA DACUS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ewing Jr. are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Angela Marie to Alton Dacus. The ceremony was performed by Robert Jones, Norfolk, Virginia, pastor. The couple live in Conroe, Texas.



JOHN & JOYCE CHURCHLAND

John and Joyce Churchland of Gold Coast, Australia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 14. They have two sons, David and Heath.

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Ghanaians to meet in new building for services, Feast

ACCRA, Ghana—The Church purchased a building on about four acres of land on the outskirts of Accra.

The building will house the church hall, office and pastor's residence, and also be large enough to serve as a Feast of Tabernacles site.

The purchase relieves the church in Ghana of expensive rental overheads and secures a site for church services and Holy Days.

Churches to celebrate anniversaries

SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick—Brethren who have attended the church here are invited to the 20th anniversary celebration June 5 and 6.

Sabbath services, a dinner and social are planned. For information write **Alan Hart** at 17 Cannon Rd., Quispamsis, New Brunswick, E2E 3T9, or call him at 1-506-847-3671.

KITCHENER, Ontario—Brethren who have attended the church here are invited to a 25th anniversary celebration June 19 and 20.

Sabbath services, a potluck, entertainment and dancing will take place at Bingeman Park. For information call **Henry Miller** at 1-519-742-7592.

LUFKIN, Texas—The Lufkin congregation will commemorate its 25th anniversary June 5 at the Holiday Inn in Nacogdoches, Texas, and all are invited to attend.

Activities will be a welcome hour, Sabbath services, a dinner and picnic. For further information and meal reservations call **Bill Willis** at 1-409-384-7981 or write to him at Route 4, Box 541, Jasper, Texas, 75951.

California congregation marks 35th year

SAN BERNARDINO, California—About 570 brethren attended the 35th anniversary of the church here March 6. Guest speaker at Sabbath services was **Al Mischnick**, a retired pastor and one of the original members in the San Bernardino church. Activities included a potluck, anniversary cake, a family fun show and a slide presentation.

Latin America: Lectures main way into Church

BIG SANDY—More than 2,500 *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) subscribers attended 13 public Bible lectures in the Spanish-speaking region in 1992.

From the 28,073 invitations sent out, 2,505 people attended a lecture, bringing the response rate to 8.9 percent, said **Keith Speaks**, *Pura Verdad* circulation supervisor.

The lectures were conducted in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Spain and Uruguay.

From 1983 to 1992, 200 *Pura Verdad* Bible lectures were conducted in Spanish-language areas. According to a poll conducted by pastors, 662 people are attending Sabbath services because of these lectures.

"Except for young people coming with parents and other relatives to church, Bible lectures are the main way people come into the Church in the Spanish-speaking areas," Mr. Speaks said.

"Latin Americans enjoy going to lectures such as this. They like hearing a speaker expound on a philosophical or religious topic. In the United States people tend to want to be visited one-on-one by a minister.

"But in Latin America people feel much more at ease when they have a certain amount of anonymity, meeting with a lot of other people," he added.

Ministers and wives honored for 25 years

Glenn Harmon, a local church elder in the Eugene, Oregon, church, and his wife, **Marje**, were presented with a plaque April 6 to recognize their 25 years of service to the Church.

Al Tennant, a local church elder in the Midland, Michigan, church, and his wife, **Ginny**, received their plaque April 12.

Singles invited to church events

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota—Twin Cities singles invite singles to their 10th annual Friendship Fest in Minneapolis-St. Paul July 2 to 4.

This year's theme is

S.T.A.R.S., "Striving to Achieve Real Stardom," based on Daniel 12:3.

Lodging will be in the Canterbury Inn. Register before June 1 for the event and pay \$49 for quadruple occupancy and \$56 for triple occupancy. Add \$5 if registering after June 1. Prices include lodging, activities and four meals.

For registration materials or information, call **Scott Shaffer** at 1-612-537-6874 or write to **Mike Flom** at 6590 Chanhassen Rd., Chanhassen, Minnesota, 55317.

ATLANTA, Georgia—Come and join more than 700 singles at the Olympic City Classic II "Putting on the Ritz" July 3 and 4.

Discounted rooms are available at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel for \$64 for as many as four in a room. For reservations call 1-404-209-9999 and mention you are with the Worldwide Church of God.

A formal dinner dance on Saturday night costs \$30 a person, and a barbecue and a dance party on Sunday costs \$10 a person. Payment for the dinner dance and dance party must be received by May 30.

Checks should be made payable to the Atlanta East Activity Fund and mailed to **Frederick Moore** at 3760 Willowmeade Dr. SW, Snellville, Georgia, 30278. For further information call Mr. Moore at 1-404-985-9025.

Brooklyn member is 'woman of distinction'

BROOKLYN, New York—The Soroptimist International Club of Staten Island, New York, awarded **Mary Mosleh** with a 1993 Woman of Distinction award for her work as educator, administrator and interpreter for

New York's deaf community.

The Soroptimist Club, an organization of professional women, serves humanitarian organizations such as hospitals, museums and charities by raising funds and establishing scholarships.

The club honored Mrs. Mosleh with its Human Rights Award, spotlighting her contribution to the deaf community for cofounding (along with deaf member **Carol Lazorisak**) the College of Staten Island's Sign Interpreter Training Program.

Since the program's inception in 1979, 210 American Sign Language interpreters have graduated and are interpreting for the hearing impaired in classrooms, courtrooms, hospitals, conferences and elsewhere.

Soroptimist member **Ann Merlino** presented the award to Mrs. Mosleh, noting that women who are chosen as honorees "have made a significant contribution to their communities, are women of integrity and are ideal role models for other women."

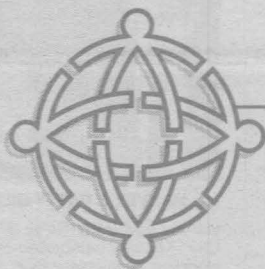
Mrs. Mosleh is a deaconess in the Brooklyn South church.

PT promotional program still cost-effective

In 100 U.S. church areas, members regularly visit stores and businesses, stocking newsstands with cards and brochures offering free *Plain Truth* subscriptions.

About 333,000 brochures and cards were distributed in 1992, adding 21,900 subscribers to the mailing list. The program has been vital to *PT* promotion for 15 years.

"Each year we lose subscribers to normal attrition, and the brochure program is a cost-effective way of pulling new subscribers," said **Carl Parnell**, newsstand coordinator. "The brochures are relatively cheap to produce and since brethren stock stands on a volunteer basis, it's quite affordable advertising."



FROM OUR

Brethren Worldwide

Pre-Passover baptisms for Croatian family, Czech woman

FREILSSING, Germany—Three family members from Croatia, Rosa Stos and her son and daughter, Robert and Suzana, and one person from the Czech Republic, Daniela Lundakova, were baptized by Wilhelm Mandel, pastor of the Munich, Germany, and Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, churches, April 4.

The Croatians traveled eight hours overnight from Zagreb by bus, arriving in Salzburg at 3:30, Sunday morning. Mrs. Lundakova had traveled from Prague.

All four remained in Salzburg for the Passover and the first day of Unleav-

ened Bread.

Since Mrs. Lundakova understands little English or German, Eva Peck, who returned to the Czech Republic with her husband, Alex, interpreted from English into Czech during the baptism ceremony. (Mr. and Mrs. Peck are former employees of the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena.)

After the baptisms the group and a Croatian member family shared a luncheon at the Mandels' home.

"It is very exciting to serve in Europe at this time, especially with people from so many different ethnic backgrounds and languages responding to the gospel, and to see firsthand the unity developing among those God

is calling out of that part of Europe," commented Mr. Mandel.

Eleven members live in the former Yugoslavia and three members live in the Czech Republic.

Kenyans unable to bank on recovery

NAIROBI, Kenya—The government here has rejected World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) proposals for economic recovery and imposed new price controls especially in relation to foreign exchange.

The pound rose to as high as 98 shillings (previously 52 shillings). Black market currency exchanges are flourishing. People demonstrated against President Daniel

Arap Moi in March near the church office.

Crime is on the increase, and some members suffer because of escalating inflation. Food has gone up—sometimes by 40 percent a week.

Prospective member taken off death row

OWERRI, Nigeria—In March ministers visited prospective member Okezie Okara, who has been in custody at Port Harcourt prison for the past nine years.

Because of the efforts of the Legal Office in Pasadena, Mr. Okara's death sentence was overturned on appeal, and he was taken off the list of those sentenced to die.

Mr. Okara is counseling for baptism, and the Legal Office is working to obtain a complete pardon for him.

Also in Owerri, six people were baptized in February. Five of them must travel long distances to attend Sabbath services.

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