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## Estonians keep Passover, brave crime, shortages

By Simone Worthing

German wine, unleavened bread from Sweden and footwashing basins purchased in Estonia, added to the Passover service in Tallinn, Estonia.

The Estonians were hosts to Wade Fransson, associate pastor of the Stuttgart, Germany, and Basel and Zurich, Switzerland churches, and his wife, Kay, Kenneth Oftedal from Norway, Vesa Kurikka and Harri Koivu from Finland, and Darlene Reddaway from the United States who is studying at Estonia's Tartu University.

There were 12 at the service: the visitors plus Estonian members Leo Kaagjärv, Koidula Üprus, Anne Schotter, Terje Pruks, Merli Tähnas and Fea Otter-Üprus. Apart from Mr. Kaagjärv, this was the first Passover for the Estonians and Mr. Koivu.

This year, for the first time, translation equipment was used for Sabbath services and the Passover. Mr. Kaagjärv sat in the back of the room

and translated from English to Estonian for those listening by headsets. Mr. Fransson said twice as much material was covered than with intermittent translation. The group enjoyed an evening meal in the hotel April 2, then gathered for Sabbath services and lunch the next day.

The travelers, and most of the Estonian brethren, stayed at the Hotel EMI in Tallinn. "Some of the brethren were helped financially by Vesa and Harri. Rooms and meals are inexpensive by Western standards, but expensive for those living in Estonia," Mr. Fransson said.

Darlene asked the Garden Grove, California, church if they could help the Estonians financially. Members contributed \$250, "which went a long way in covering expenses and really made possible this weekend for the brethren there," Mr. Fransson said.

"It makes me think of Jesus' miracle with the loaves and fishes. Here is a real example of a small gift being multiplied in its value to the recipients."

The past year has seen much growth in Estonia. Last Passover one baptized member was living in Estonia (Mr. Kaagjärv). Mrs. Üprus was then baptized. See Estonia, page 7

Simone Worthing served at the Petersburg Television and Radio Co. project until May 1992.

### Estonian member runs halfway house for boys

Estonian member Anne Schotter is running what is believed to be the first halfway house for boys released from correctional facilities in Eastern Europe.

Mrs. Schotter has been supervising the renovation of the home for several years now, quite an achievement in a nation where building supplies and labor are not easy to obtain. The home was renovated in conjunction with other, specifically Lutheran, churches.

According to minister Wade Fransson the interior of the home is now finished and three boys live there.

The Franssons met the boys on their last visit to Tartu, and they requested that Mr. Fransson address them.

Much work remains to be done on the home. It needs a new roof, and Mrs. Schotter wants to hire a cook and housekeeper.

"This is impossible without support," Mr. Fransson said. "Hopefully we can find some way to assist her as the amount needed would be very small by our standards. It seems like her work is turning into the kind of community program Mr. Tkach is encouraging."

By Simone Worthing



**HIGHLIGHT**—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach converses with seniors (from left) Desiree Dalby, Michael McCord and Alisa Nunnery, April 28. Later he told the seniors, "We are counting on you." [Photo by Mike Bedford]

### Moroccan oasis, light show, fireworks add flair to college's senior dinner

By Julee Stanley

**BIG SANDY**—Senior dinner, an annual event for which Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach is host to honor each year's graduating class, took place April 28 in the Ambassador College field house.

Senior dinners were started by college founder Herbert W. Armstrong, who invited about 10 students at a time to his home. Chancellor Tkach now has all the seniors dine together at the end of each school year.

As the 375 seniors and guests entered the field house, they found it

transformed into a Moroccan oasis. The transformation began April 22, with Ambassador Auditorium staff and student volunteers working to set up 32 palm trees, a working fountain, lights and a canopied dining area.

Ellen Escat, executive assistant to Mr. Tkach, recommended the Moroccan theme. "We wanted to give the seniors a memorable sendoff on behalf of Mr. Tkach."

After a six-course meal of Moroccan cuisine, including loin of lamb, Mr. Tkach proposed a toast to the seniors.

"Go forth knowing this: We are See Dinner, page 5



## Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

### Viewing the cross in light of the Bible

In recent articles in *The Worldwide News* and *The Plain Truth*, we examined the correct use of the cross as a symbol of Christian faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We emphasized that the cross should never become an object of veneration or worship, but that it was used by Paul as a metaphor, or symbol, of the Christian life.

The articles pointed out that Jesus was most likely crucified on a cross, which was the customary instrument of Roman crucifixion, rather than a stake with no crosspiece.

Most members and ministers have had no problem understanding these concepts, but since we have received a few letters expressing concern over the use of the word *cross* in sermons and in our publications, I will make a few more comments on the subject.

Before continuing, let me say that the Church does not force anyone to use the word *cross* if he or she does not wish to. If a person prefers to use the word *stake*, there is certainly no prohibition against that.

After all, the Greek word *stauros* can be literally translated *stake*, a word many of us—though by no means all—have traditionally used,

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# Norwegians worry about nuclear pollution

**BOREHAMWOOD, England**—Few nations keep such meticulous records on cancer as Norway. From its population of four million, they continuously try to understand what causes cancer.

Several years ago they extended the record keeping to cancer in dogs. This was to show the effects of environmental factors.

The Cancer Register revealed an unprecedented and dramatic rise of cancers (mainly of the brain) in a rural community in Norway. Research, as yet inconclusive, disturbs experts because the area was badly affected by pollution from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

## Concern for environment

Norwegian authorities want to ease public anxiety, but their worries over nuclear pollution (not of their own doing) are many, including serious pollution of arctic and subarctic waters by Soviet nuclear waste.

At a nuclear conference in the Norwegian capital of Oslo, Russian officials admitted they dumped 17 nuclear reactors in northern seas around Norway; seven still contained fuel.

On top of this, a sunken nuclear submarine in the Norwegian Sea is causing serious debate. Many Norwegians feel it is best to leave it



## European Diary

JOHN ROSS SCHROEDER

undisturbed, while Russian and European Community experts want to raise it.

Additionally, the former Soviet Union has (according to official statistics) some 300 nuclear reactors and several thousand nuclear warheads. Each nuclear reactor could be another Chernobyl.

## Healing mental and spiritual environments

The March *Plain Truth* emphasized the environment and our Christian responsibility to care for the planet. This topic interests people all over Europe.

In a 1991 lecture in Cambridge, Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland spoke on the environmental challenges of the 1990s and our responsibility toward future generations.

She encouraged a respect for the environment based on spiritual values—"a growth of religious or spiri-

tual approaches to global and environmental issues.

"In Christian thinking we see a new focus on the need to protect the work of creation," the prime minister said.

Her connection between personal morality and a healthy environment typifies a growing view among environmentalists.

Many leading European commentators now believe radical change is necessary in the way society and individuals think.

Film producer David Putnam (who made *Chariots of Fire* and *The Mission*) put it this way: "I believe the environment of the mind is every bit as important as the physical environment. It's maybe even a bigger battlefield."

"Because until we win the environment of the mind we have very little chance of winning the fight to save the environment" (*Green Magazine*, October 1989).

## Our toxic radioactive water

Not only Norway worries about disposed-of radioactive material. Japan is concerned about the nuclear waste Russians jettison in the Pacific Ocean.

In the former Czechoslovakia one nuclear reactor is said to be in such a precarious state of disrepair that experts fear it could dump radioactive fallout all over Europe. The Austrian government even offered to pay the entire country's electricity bill for a year, if they would just turn the reactor off.

Radioactive waste is only one of many environmental headaches in Europe. According to *National Geographic*, acid rain has wiped out fish in 4,500 lakes in Sweden. Germany's Rhine (Europe's largest river) discharges 100 tons of toxic heavy metals into the North Sea each year.

The Irish Sea is the world's most radioactive sea, thanks to nuclear discharges from the Sellafield nuclear power station in England.

## Letters to the Editor

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. We welcome your comments.

### What a surprise

When I got home from Church today I found in my mail box your April 13th issue, and what a surprise.

It's so much easier to read now as you have enlarged the letters, and the blue borders not only look nice but also separate the articles. And for the births, weddings and obituaries I don't need my magnifying glass. I have trouble with small light print.

As to my age I'm 75, so it's not what is considered old age, just eye problems.

Mrs. John Staroba  
Arcadia, California

### From an original staff member

One day John Robinson called me into his office and told me about a new publication the Church was beginning. The Church was going to have a newspaper, and he offered me a job on the staff.

I jumped at the chance—and looking back I can see it was heady stuff for an 18-year-old young woman. I had the chance to be paid for doing what I love to do, to be part of an exciting project from the word go and to be involved in the Work.

I have fond memories of those early days of the *WN*. I remember when our small staff discussed a name for the paper. I remember when we chose a masthead and decided on certain style standards. I remember when we talked about the purpose of the paper.

Over the next few months Clyde Kilough and Dave Havir became like brothers to me. We spent long hours at the press building, and often we worked through the night to meet deadlines.

So, when I read the article about the 20 years of the *WN*, I decided to write and add another name to the list of early staff members. I'm no one special, but I was a part of the beginning of *The Worldwide News*, and *The Worldwide News* is a part of me.

Patricia Willhoite Sooter  
Horizon City, Texas

### Dateline: Ambassador

A newer section in *The Worldwide News* is "Dateline Ambassador." We have two children in YOU. One is a junior and deciding on college. By reading about Ambassador Col-

lege and the activities she is more inclined to apply there. She is being approved already by several colleges. We'd prefer she attend AC.

The articles make it easier to discuss the college. Playing intercollegiate sports is a major part of the decision and the sports update is important to her. And of course we can pray for the students and faculty as we hear about their needs and accomplishments. Above all, *The Worldwide News* serves as a tool to unite us.

Nancy Corbett  
Bigfork, Montana

### Important tool for feeding flock

Congratulations on entering the 21st year of the *WN* and a hearty thank-you for the new format. The punched-up graphics are GREAT!—a super job, Greg [Smith, designer]. Keep up the good work.

I know that the *WN* is one of the most

important tools God uses to feed his flock.

Ted Johnston  
Grand Junction, Colorado

### Brethren show love, care

I was saddened by the two letters in *The Worldwide News* dated Jan. 12 (about visiting the sick and that we need each other). For many years, I have had health problems that keep me from attending services for weeks at a time.

The brethren in my area have shown love, care and sensitivity to my needs. The fireplace mantel is always filled with cards and letters of encouragement. Daily telephone inquiries cheer me. The knowledge I am not forgotten in prayers strengthens me.

People like myself are blessed to have the gifts of dedication, love and caring that Mr. Tkach speaks of so often.

Kathryn Vanderbeck  
Bridgeton, New Jersey

### For the record

The population of Rotorua, New Zealand, is 53,702, not 563,702, as mentioned in the March 23 *WN*.

## "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.

### Courage to tell truth plainly

I want to congratulate you [Neil Earle], for your article in the April *Plain Truth* titled "Forgiveness Is a Choice."

I am 94 years old, and I have read everything I could find about forgiveness. I have heard many sermons and conferences about forgiveness. In all my religious life (73 years) you are the first, for me, to have the courage to tell the plain truth (Matthew 5:23-24).

Not only do we have to learn to forgive, but also to ask for forgiveness. We need to be humbled to learn how to ask for forgiveness and to recognize our own guilt. Well done, Mr. Earle.

A.S.  
Quebec

### Magazine won't collect dust

I want to thank you for sending me your

magazine, *Youth 93*. My youngest daughter picked it up, unsolicited, and read it from cover to cover in one sitting.

I was surprised in that she is not the most religious child and I was very curious to hear her response.

She brought it back to me with: "This magazine is cool. Are we going to get any more of them?" I told her that if she thought it would be worthwhile, I would get it for our youth group at church. She responded with an emphatic: "You should put it in our Sunday school room, so everyone could read it. It says a lot of good stuff for kids my age [13]."

So, how can I resist? I would love to have *Youth 93* sent to me so I can share it with our youths. I can assure you it will not sit on some shelf and collect dust. I also have long enjoyed your television program and your magazine, *The Plain Truth*. You are using God's talents in a very impressive outreach ministry.

A.S.  
Nashville, Tennessee

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# Personal: Cross has rich meaning for Christians

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even though *stauros* is used in the New Testament in specific reference to the Roman form of execution called *crucifixion*, which was normally on a cross, as the Latin word *crux* itself indicates.

## Pagan symbolism not key factor

As the articles in *The Worldwide News* and *The Plain Truth* explained, there is no known nor compelling reason to consider Jesus' crucifixion as anything other than a standard Roman execution. That means a cross was almost certainly used.

Some have vigorously taught that since a cross symbol was used in some pagan religions, Jesus could not possibly have been crucified on a cross. One person wrote, "My Lord and Savior was not crucified on a 'cross,' the symbol of a pagan deity."

However, we need to realize that a stake or "upright pole," as we have tended to put it, was used as a phallic symbol in pagan religions. So, either way—cross or stake—we would be dealing with something that could be considered a pagan symbol. Pagan symbolism is not, then, the deciding factor of what instrument Jesus was crucified on.

The cross is not an object of veneration or worship. We worship Christ. Whether crosses have a pagan histo-

ry or wrong applications is not crucial to our recognition that Jesus was crucified on a cross. Again, we don't use the cross in our worship. We don't use a crucifix (a cross with an image of Jesus on it). We don't cross ourselves. But this certainly does not mean that the cross, as a symbol of Christ's saving work, should become an abomination for Christians.

The cross of Christ reminds us of the sacrifice of our Savior. The Roman symbol of death becomes, for us, the symbol of Christ's victory over sin and death, and of our victory in him. Some have asked whether it would be a sin to display a cross where we meet for services. While it would not be a sin to display a cross (unless we were to venerate or worship it), we have no plans to do so.

Others have asked whether it would be wrong to have a cross on a bracelet, a necklace, in a picture, on a key chain, etc. Again, unless the cross becomes an object of worship, it is not a sin to wear or display one, any more than it is a sin to wear the Church seal on jewelry or display it on the lectern at services.

Such a thing is entirely a personal choice. Just as we will not demand that anyone use the word *cross*, we will certainly not demand that anyone remove a cross on a necklace or key chain or a Bible binding.

Some have wondered if wearing or displaying a cross would be breaking

the second commandment. Again, the commandment is against the *worship* of or service to images, not against every representation of them. Otherwise, we could have no symbols, pictures, carvings or any representation of anything at all (and some people believe we shouldn't).

But God does not command such a thing. Even the tabernacle and the temple had images of various plants, and even of cherubs. We are commanded not to make *idols* and not to *worship* them. And, of course, anything can become an idol, whether it has "pagan" origins or not.

Again, Christians are not obligated to accept an exact shape of the instrument used to crucify Jesus Christ. But Christians must accept all that Jesus did on their behalf, and the Bible uses the cross as a metaphor, or symbol, of his saving work.

Jesus says that each Christian must take up his cross and follow him (Matthew 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 14:27). This figure of speech originated from the practice of forcing condemned criminals to carry the wood or crossbeam they were to be crucified on. Our loyalty to Jesus needs to be so great that we would be willing to suffer and die if that's what it costs to follow him.

## Crucified to the world

In Galatians 5:24, we are told that Christians "have crucified the sinful nature." We have put it to death and consider it dead, no longer exercising power over us. This is one of the ways we daily carry our cross.

Our old nature has been "crucified with [Christ] so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin" (Romans 6:6). The Christian life—rejecting sin and obeying God—can be described as sharing in Christ's death on the cross. We, like Paul, have been crucified with Christ so that he might live in us (Galatians 2:20). We carry in our bodies the death of Jesus, so his life might also be revealed in our bodies (2 Corinthians 4:10).

Paul said that he had been crucified to the world, and "the world has been crucified to me" (Galatians 6:14). In that verse, he uses crucifixion to symbolize a complete and permanent separation from the ways of the world. He considered the world and its ways as dead and powerless for him, since he was, in effect, "crucified with Christ."

Those who set their minds on earthly things are "enemies of the cross of Christ" (Philippians 3:17-19). Paul patterned his life after the example of the cross—he wanted "to know Christ ... and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death" (verse 10).

The cross—in this symbolic sense—is a model for day-to-day Christian living. Just as Christ was crucified in weakness, we are also weak—and because we are weak, it is evident that our work is empowered by God, not by ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:4; 12:9-10).

Paul also uses "the cross" to symbolize the entire Christian message. In Corinth, Paul preached "nothing ... except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2). He summarized his message as "Christ crucified" (1 Corinthians 1:23). His gospel, proclaiming salvation to Gentiles without any need for circumcision, he called "the offense of the cross" (Galatians 5:11). Some people advocated circumcision "to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ" (Galatians 6:12). In these passages, the word *cross* refers to the gospel itself.

When Paul, preaching to the Galatians, portrayed Christ as crucified (Galatians 3:1), he was not concerned about giving a detailed physical description of the death of Jesus or of the actual cross itself. He was pointing to the *meaning* of Jesus' sacrifice, and he used the cross as symbolic of God's grace toward us as demonstrated through Jesus Christ.

## Message of the cross

Because of the cross, God's people are saved by grace through faith (Galatians 2:16-21). Paul can boast in the cross, that is, in what God has done on his behalf, rather than in his circumcision, that is, in what he can do for himself (Galatians 6:12-15).

Paul characterizes the gospel as "the message of the cross" that contains "the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18). What kind of power does the cross have? It is the means by which Jews and Gentiles are reconciled to God, because the cross is the means by which the hostility that separated us from God has been killed, through the death of Christ for our sins (Ephesians 2:14-16).

In saying "cross," of course, we are talking about the *sacrifice of Jesus*, not the literal wood on which he was executed. The "cross," then, is a *symbol* that brings together several fundamental Christian concepts, especially Jesus' sacrificial death on our behalf. And like any symbol, its purpose is to remind us of something or to point us to something—just like a flag of a country, a wedding ring or the seal of the Church.

Crucifixion was an ignominious death, used for the worst criminals. It was painful, humiliating and scandalous. But Jesus was obedient even to his death, even to death on a cross (Philippians 2:8). "He was crucified in weakness" (2 Corinthians 13:4).

Despising the shame of such a public execution, Jesus willingly endured the cross, setting an example. See Personal, page 5

## Australian Ministerial Ordinations

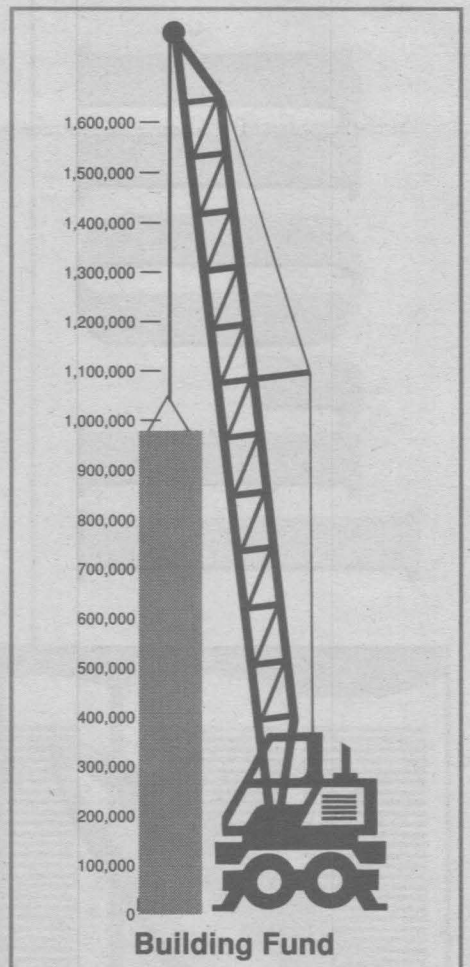
- Eric Cohen a deacon in the Brisbane, Queensland, East church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.
- Laurie Nicholls of the Brisbane, Queensland, North church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.
- Willem Van Heere a deacon in the Penrith, New South Wales, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.

## Canadian Ministerial Ordinations

- Archibald Lauchlan of the Edmonton, Alberta, South church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.
- Donald Bergstrom of the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.
- Ron Swerdfeger a deacon in the Cornwall, Ontario, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.

## U.S. Ministerial Ordinations

- Jose Cotti Jr. a deacon in the Pensacola, Florida, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.
- Ronald Felling associate pastor of the Indianapolis North and Terre Haute, Indiana, churches, was ordained a **preaching elder** April 6.
- Lawrence Hale a deacon in the San Francisco, California, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.
- Mitchel Jay a deacon in the Monroeville, Alabama, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.
- Glen McCutchan a deacon in the Pasadena East P.M. church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 10.
- Paul Meyer a ministerial trainee in the Alamosa, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colorado, churches, was ordained a **local elder** April 6.
- Eugene Nouhan associate pastor of the Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Murphy, North Carolina, churches, was ordained a **preaching elder** April 6.
- Ted Ralph a deacon in the Miami, Florida, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 12.
- Rex Spears a deacon in the Oakland, California, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.
- Charles Taylor a ministerial trainee in the Hollywood and Miami, Florida, churches, was ordained a **local elder** April 12.
- James Todd a deacon in the Elmira, New York, church, was ordained a **local church elder** April 6.



**STILL CLIMBING**—As of May 4, individuals and church areas have donated \$973,881.44 to the building fund.

# FROM SHARPERS

## PT series on creation and evolution will compare Bible and science

By John Halford

At dinner one night a friend's teenage son told me he was having trouble in science class because he did not believe the theory of evolution. The teacher had said: "Don't just say you don't believe it. Offer me a reasonable alternative."

"So," my friend said, "we plan to study the subject together."

"What will you study from?" I asked. He pointed to his bookshelf, where he kept one of the textbooks we studied in college 25 years ago.

"Don't," I suggested. "It is completely out of date, and its arguments and information aren't considered reliable any more." In this fast-changing field any book more than 20 years—or perhaps even 10 years—old might be suspect.

"So how do I help my son?" my friend questioned.

I'm sure many other parents face this dilemma. That's one reason we are planning a series on creation and evolution in *The Plain Truth*.

The magazine has not published anything substantial on these subjects in several years. Some articles, written about 20 years ago, like the old textbook on my friend's bookshelf, have become outdated.

We need to update ourselves and give a new generation of parents some material to help their children maintain faith in the Bible.

### Sophisticated debate

The Church does, of course, most emphatically believe in a Creator. Therefore we do not accept any explanations of the origins of the

universe and the development of life (two separate issues) that exclude the role of the Creator. Such statements clearly contradict the Bible.

Anyone who does research in this field soon realizes it is not a straightforward either-or issue, but a sophisticated debate with opinions ranging across the philosophical spectrum.

For example, I talked with a German scientist who said he did not believe in a Creator, but nevertheless had been shown convincingly through mathematics that the evolu-

**The Bible's explanation is not intended to end further scientific inquiry, nor is it intended to contradict genuine scientific truth.**

tionary process could not have happened without the intervention of an intelligent designer.

I spoke to a leading artificial-intelligence researcher working with some of the most complex computer programming in Europe. A deeply religious man, he has written several books on the creation-evolution question. He is convinced that everything, including fossils, came into existence only 6,000 years ago.

Yet a geologist with a super-collider project in Texas, who is also a Jesuit priest, recognizes the antiquity of the fossil record. He sees it as clear evidence of a Creator-Designer.

A leading geneticist, a firm believ-

er in creation, told me he had no difficulty accepting Adam as a neolithic farmer divinely selected to be the first human made in God's image.

Even scientists who are Church members have different ideas about what happened (although they all believe in a Creator).

If experts interpret the evidence so differently, what is the average layman to make of it? Frankly, most of us could not follow some of the arguments in what has become a very technical field.

But the essence of the problem is simple: Either you can believe what the Bible says about the origin of the universe and the development of life, or you cannot. If you do believe, obviously you must understand what the Bible says about these subjects, and what it does not.

### Genesis is first PT topic

The Bible is not intended to be a science textbook, giving detailed technical answers to every question about the age of the earth and human prehistory. The Bible is the source of revealed knowledge, teaching us what we cannot understand or discover with our five natural senses.

The Bible makes us "wise unto salvation." It teaches us what we need to know about our sins, our Savior and the way of life that God expects us to follow. These things, as Paul explained, are spiritually discerned.

It is significant, then, that the first thing the Bible reveals in Genesis 1:1-2 is God created the heavens and the earth. It then goes on to explain the creation of the environment and life.

In the first *Plain Truth* article, See *Creation*, page 7

## Contentment is within, not somewhere over the rainbow

By Bill Palmer

In the popular children's story, *The Wizard of Oz*, a young girl named Dorothy is lost in a strange land after a tornado rips through her Kansas farm.

The Wizard of Oz is the only person who can help her get back to Kansas. During her quest to find him, she meets several strange characters. Among them is a scatter-brained Scarecrow who sings a song that tells of all the things he would accomplish if he were smart. After each accomplishment he repeats the refrain, "If I only had a brain."

Too often, we are like that Scarecrow, dreaming of things we could do or have, if only.... Each of us, of course, fills in the blank differently. For some, perhaps, life would improve "if only I were married." For others, "if only I had a better job."

Unfortunately, the "if only" attitude detracts from our effectiveness as tools in God's hands. It's all too human to ignore the root of our dissatisfaction with life, rather than take charge of our lives and our mental states.

That's why things may be no better when the circumstances of our lives do change. When we move into a new job, for example, we find that

the job hasn't removed our problems or made life a Shangri-la dreamland. That's because the problems and the dissatisfaction are part of us!

This struggle with the "if only" is not new. The apostle Paul grappled with it. "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (Philippians 4:11-12).

This does not mean we should not try to change the circumstances of life. What makes life exciting, and what provides opportunities for growth, are our goals, our efforts, our experiences. But we must never make our contentment contingent on something that may or may not happen!

Christians should focus on what is truly important, as the apostle John explained. "Do not love the world or anything in the world" because the "world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever" (1 John 2:15, 17).

The secret of contentment is not to make it contingent on the things of this world. We've already been given the greatest gift possible, the gift of a new life in Christ. Next to it, everything else is of little value.

Once we have the proper focus, disappointments in the physical, temporary aspects of life will not embitter

us. We will have learned, like Paul, that through our relationship to Christ we can face all setbacks, all disappointments, because we no longer value those things so highly.

With our focus set on Christ, we can take up life's challenges, confident in our efforts that whatever happens, Christ will never abandon us: "Be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5).

After Dorothy met the Scarecrow on the way to Oz, she met a Tin Man who wanted a heart, and a Cowardly Lion who wanted courage.

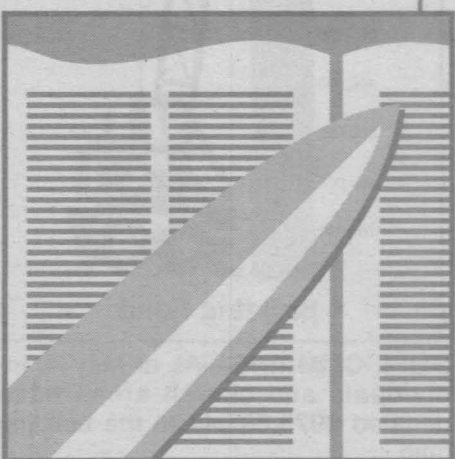
When they finally met the Wizard and told him their adventures, he said that the scarecrow could reason; also that the Tin Man had love in his heart and the Lion had courage, as they had fought for Dorothy.

This recognition of what was already there, what had come out in the struggle to make it to Oz, is an important lesson. The rock group America sang a popular song in the '70s summarizing the lesson: "Oz never did give nothin' to the Tin Man, that he didn't, didn't already have."

It's important for us to recognize that we already have what it takes to succeed, a relationship with Christ that entails service.

And God gives us what we need to keep trying and to serve. It only remains to see whether, and how, we will use our lives to God's glory.

Bill Palmer is a department editor for *The Plain Truth*.



## Personal: We need not be ashamed

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ple for us (Hebrews 12:2-3). Again, *cross* means much more than just some physical shape—it symbolizes all that Jesus did for us so that we might be given salvation, and it includes the concept of our calling in Christ to a self-sacrificial life. We must be willing to live in him, "bearing the disgrace he bore" (Hebrews 13:12-13).

The worst aspect of crucifixion, from a Jewish perspective, is that it indicated that the person was accursed by God (Galatians 3:13; Deuteronomy 21:23). Most Jews did not accept that someone who had been publicly hung up to die could be the Messiah, God's Anointed One.

Paul preached a Lord who died a cursed death—thus Paul's gospel was "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" (1 Corinthians 1:23). The cross offended people—not its shape, but its function. Of course, God also raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating him, showing that he truly was and is the Righteous One.

Do we believe the message of the cross—that Jesus became a curse for us, that he has redeemed us, that through his death we might be saved by grace? Do we take up our cross and follow him? Do we crucify our own sinful desires and crucify ourselves to the world so that it no longer has any power over us?

Is Jesus, who permitted himself to be crucified in weakness, our role model of humble obedience? Or are we ashamed of the cross of Christ and what it represents?

I hope we can all see from the Bible that the cross of Christ has rich

meaning for Christians as a powerful symbol of their relationship with God, who gave his Son that we might die to sin and live in him.

We need not be ashamed of it, and we need not be offended by it. *The cross is not to be worshiped*, but neither should it be disparaged as sinful. What it *means* to us is what is really important, just as it was of utmost importance to Paul.

If a person wears a cross as a reminder of all these things, how can anyone gainsay that? We must not allow the misuse of the cross by some churches to dictate how *we* should view it in light of the Bible teaching.

I hope this helps clear up any misunderstanding. I plan to give a sermon on this topic in the near future.

## Dinner lights up

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counting on you, because we're all in this together," Mr. Tkach said. "A house divided against itself truly cannot stand. Go out and be lights to the world. We are proud of the example you have set."

Fireworks and a water and light show climaxed the evening.

"The show was electrifying," said senior Sarah Rule from Houston, Texas. "It really brought a wave of mixed emotions about graduation to the front of my mind. I'm really going to miss the friends I've made at AC."

## Portfolio takes top honors in Texas intercollegiate press contest

By Julee Stanley

**BIG SANDY**—*The Portfolio*, the student-produced newspaper of Ambassador College, was judged as the best college newspaper in Texas in its division by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA). Winners were announced at the TIPA annual awards brunch in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Judges rated *The Portfolio* ahead of 21 other college and university newspapers in Division 3, which includes institutions with full-time enrollment of less than 3,000. The paper's staff also won the Sweepstakes Award for accumulating the most overall points in the contest. Newspapers received points for any entry that placed among the top three in each of the 30 categories judged.

"It was a tremendous honor to be selected as the best paper in the state for our division," said Greg Spencer, editor of *The Portfolio*. "The staff has worked long and hard to produce a quality publication."

Dennis Robertson, chair of the Communication Department at Ambassador, attributed much of *The Portfolio's* success to Dixon Cartwright, faculty adviser.

Mr. Robertson added that the addition of advertising and an increase in frequency from biweekly to weekly have helped the paper better serve its community, an important criterion, he said, of the contest judging.

According to Mr. Cartwright, the awards serve as an indication of the continual progress of the school's journalism program. "You don't

invent an award-winning paper in a year," he said. "This year's staff built on its predecessors' work."

Staff members of the Meridian, Miss., *Star* were this year's judges. They analyzed each publication's layout, news coverage, headlines, photos, graphics, illustrations and content to decide which paper best served its audience.

Jeff Henderson, TIPA executive director, said that in addition to reviewing internal news, the judges also analyzed how the papers covered external events affecting the campus community.

*The Portfolio* and its staff garnered 21 awards in all, including six first-place honors. The paper received three of those first-place awards for layout and graphics.



**TOPS**—*Portfolio* editor Greg Spencer (right) confers with faculty adviser Dixon Cartwright. [Photo by Elizabeth Miller]



## Dateline: Ambassador

AN UPDATE OF AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

### Business majors excel

Sixty-four business administration majors scored in the top 12 percent of all participants March 23 in the Educational Testing Service's Major Field Achievement Test in Business.

The test assesses mastery of concepts, principles and knowledge of accounting, economics, management, quantitative business analysis, finance, marketing, legal and social environment and international issues.

More than 8,100 students at 147 U.S. colleges and universities took the test.

### All-sports brunch honors athletes

Student athletes from six sports were honored at the Intercollegiate Athletics Brunch May 2.

President **Donald Ward** presented a plaque to each of the 123 athletes who lettered in a sport. Assisting him were **Gil Norman**, athletics director, and the

coaches for each sport.

Dr. Ward emphasized the need for athletes to be leaders in the classroom and participants in service opportunities. "You can be an athlete, a scholar and a spiritual leader as well," he said.

### Ambassador hoopathon

AC was host March 23 to Hoopathon '93, a charity three-on-three basketball tournament that raised \$150 for the American Red Cross from entrance fees and T-shirt sales.

The tournament was open to the East Texas community and was divided into two men's divisions and a women's division. It also included a three-point shooting contest and two slam-dunk contests of nine and 10 feet in rim height.

### District honors tutors

Fifty-six AC student volunteers were honored for service in the five schools of the Gladewater Independent

School District at a volunteer appreciation luncheon April 22.

**John Good**, instructor in education and assistant director of Institutional Research, received a plaque for coordinating the 56 volunteers from his three classes.

### Highway adopted

Ten students participated in the Adopt-a-Highway program, a new project of Ambassador Outreach, on "Texas Trash-Off Day" April 4.

The students cleaned a two-mile stretch of Highway 80 east of the campus and will continue the cleanup program four times a year.

### Faculty update

**Neil Matkin** was appointed to chair the Computer Information Systems Department April 8. Mr. Matkin was acting chair since June.

"The administration has been most pleased with the way the department is functioning under Mr. Matkin's

leadership and felt that it was time to formalize his appointment," said **William Johnson**, dean of faculty.

Mr. Matkin is doing graduate work in management information systems at the University of Dallas and intends to apply the classes there toward a doctorate.

A paper coauthored by Dr. Johnson and **A.B. Johnson**, adjunct professor of home economics, dealing with culture and its importance for organizational productivity, was presented at the national meeting of the American Educational Research Association April 12 to 16 in Atlanta, Georgia.

### Seniors hired

President Ward announced that two graduating married students will be hired full-time by the Church in May:

**Emmanuel Sogbo** from Accra, Ghana, will be assigned to Lagos, Nigeria, and **John Miller Jr.** from Phillipsburg, New Jersey, will manage personal correspon-

dence and mail processing in the German Office.

Also, **Todd Herridge** will work for the Ambassador Foundation as **Joseph Locke's** personal assistant.

### Sports update

April 1 the men's tennis team ended its first season of intercollegiate competition with a victory over Dallas Baptist University, 9-0.

Singles winners were **Jay Yothers**, **John Soh**, **Jeremy Coe**, **Steve Woodson**, **Brad Marshall**, **Daren Clayton** and **Greg Vigil**.

The teams of Coe-Soh and Clayton-Vigil had doubles victories. In matches with other four-year colleges, the Royals finished with four wins and three losses.

April 13 the Royals finished their most successful men's volleyball season with a dual match at Dallas Baptist University against Graceland College and Dallas Baptist.

Graceland, the top collegiate club team in the nation, won the first match in five games. AC won the next match against Dallas Baptist, also in five games, to end the season at 26-11.

Leading AC in kills for the season were **Steve Kruger** (408) and **Kai Hypko** (308). **Guillaume Couture** had the highest service percentage of .963 and also achieved the highest assist record (1,123).



Milton and Neville; and three sisters, Elizabeth, Sigelien and Alfrieda.



**WINNIFRED BROWN**

BROWN, Winnifred, 74, of Cardiff, Wales, died Dec. 7 of heart failure. She is survived by her husband, William; one sister, Eleanor James; and two brothers, Gwyn Evans and Hugh Evans.

CLARK, Charlie M., 92, of McAllen, Texas, died March 3. He is survived by one son, one daughter, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

LYON, Lowell, 71, of Bucyrus, Ohio, died March 4. He is survived by his wife, Delpha; one son, James; two stepdaughters, Sandra Lyons and Cheryl Sipe; one sister, Rosalie Miller; and several grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

ROWLAND, S.E., 86, of Pittsburg, Oklahoma, died Feb. 21. She is survived by two daughters, six sons, 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

SUDERMAN, Andy, 41, of Calgary, Alberta, died Jan. 28 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Tina; and two sons, Cary and Cory.

COAD, Mary Esther, 73, of Calgary, Alberta, died Feb. 27 of cancer. She is survived by one daughter, Myrna Hargrave; one son, Jack Bourassa; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



**ELMA LOWTHER**

LOWTHER, Elma, 83, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, died Jan. 9 after a long battle with diabetes.

GUTTRY, Gilbert A., 53, of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, died March 19 of cancer. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Charlotte; two sons, Gilbert J. and Ronald; one daughter, Jean; and three grandchildren. Mr. Guttry was a deacon in the Cleveland, Ohio, West church.

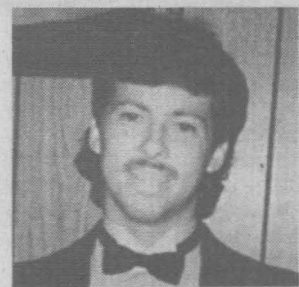
PATTERSON, Rowena, 80, of Las Vegas, Nevada, died March 29. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, two sons, one sister, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

BOLLING, Joy, 92, of Las Vegas, Nevada, died March 21. She is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



**HELEN ANDERSON**

ANDERSON, Helen, 74, of St. Joseph, Missouri, died March 7 of cancer. She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Corum and Roberta Majeski; one son, Larry; one sister, Annabell Purvis; and seven grandchildren. Her husband, Jack, died in 1984.



**KERRY FRYE**

FRYE, Kerry Glenn, 26, of Bamberg, South Carolina, died Jan. 15 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He is survived by his parents, Frank and Ella Frye; his grandmother, Maybelle Frye; one brother, Dale; and three sisters, Becky, Maureen Smith and Lynn Hayden.

YOUNG, Clarence Edward, 84, of Arcadia, Missouri, died Feb. 21. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jewell; two sons; one daughter; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters. Three brothers, five sisters, one

infant daughter, one grandson and one great-grandson preceded him in death.

DAVIS, Magie, 97, of Mounds, Illinois, died March 17. She is survived by one daughter. Her husband, Charles, died in 1970.



**LEDREW BUTLER**

BUTLER, Ledrew, 73, of New Hebron, Mississippi, died March 9. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lula Ma; three daughters, Betty Lou Davis, Nancy Ann Collum and Carolyn Osborne; two sons, Robert Louis and Carol; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

ALLEMAN, Florence C., 93, of Platteville, Wisconsin, died March 19. She is survived by two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



**LAWRENCE ROSE**

ROSE, Lawrence, 84, of Piketon, Ohio, died Feb. 21 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Ella; six children; and 16 grandchildren.

MERRIKEN, Harry, 89, of Medford, Oregon, died March 23 from complications resulting from a stroke. He is survived by two sisters.

WORTH, Sherman, 76, of Amarillo, Texas, died March 27.

CAUGHRAN, Helena, 89, of Albany, New York, died Feb. 11 after a lengthy illness.

LYON, Lowell E., 71, of Bucyrus, Ohio, died March 4 of cancer. He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Delpha; one son, Jim; one grandson, Travis; three stepchildren; and eight grandchildren.

WESTLEY, Grace, 87, of Wollongong, Australia, died March 22. She is survived by four sons and 12 grandchildren.

GRANDE, Herman, 57, of Kimberly, British Columbia, died Oct. 28. He is survived by his wife, Solveig; one son; two daughters; two sons-in-law; and three grandsons.



**ROBERT WAMPLER**

WAMPLER, Robert "Lee," 65, of Grand Terrace, California, died March 7 of metastatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Merry; two daughters, Brenda Stewart and Deborah Hunsucker; one stepdaughter, Michelle Clark; one stepson, Sean Hodson; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

COX, Jean Marie Collins, 85, of Fairmont, Minnesota, died Oct. 26. She is survived by three children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**BETH MACKENZIE**

MACKENZIE, Maye Elizabeth "Beth," 90, of Kelowna, British Columbia, died March 12. She is survived by three nieces, Ruth, Audrey and Pat; and three nephews, Wesley, David and George.

WEEMS, Amanda Pearl, 89, of Roswell, New Mexico, died March 23 after a long illness.

WITBECK, George A., 61, of Oberlin, Ohio, died April 9 after a long illness. He is survived by his father, Edmund Sr.; one brother, Edmund Jr.; and three nieces, Judy, Linda and Sheryl.

ENNIS, Phyllis J., 63, of Kokomo, Indiana, died April 5. She is survived by her husband, Glen; two sons, Glen Jr. and Daniel; two daughters, Cynthia Morrow and Kathy Ennis; three sisters; three brothers; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



**MILDRED HELLER**

HELLER, Mildred, 77, of Westminster, Colorado, died Jan. 5 of heart failure. She is survived by one daughter, Ginger; one son, Fred; one stepson, John; two sisters, Laura and Janice; two brothers, Frank and Dan; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



**GIL GUTTRY**

GUTTRY, Gil, 53, of Cleveland, Ohio, died March 19 of brain cancer. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Charlotte; two sons; one daughter; and three grandchildren. He was a deacon in the Cleveland West church.



**VIRGINIA BURKE**

BURKE, Virginia Marguerite "Marty," 69, of Lavaca, Texas, died March 10 of heart failure. She is survived by her husband, Richard; three daughters, Carmen Taylor, Jody Weiche and Carolyn Jones; one son, Guy; her mother, Mamie Rosamond; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

WILKINS, Amy D., 98, of Palm Springs, California, died March 28. She is survived by one son, Ross; and one brother, Orne Ecker.

GOODCHILD, Paul Edward, 46, of Corpus Christi, Texas, died April 8 in an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; one son, Ben; one daughter, Suzie; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Goodchild; two sisters, Joan Elliott and Cynthia Koory; two brothers, Mark and George; one uncle, Arthur; and several nieces and nephews.

ZELLERS, Ardis D., 68, of Lafayette, Indiana, died April 11. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Ann; one son, Norman; two daughters, Sandra Henning and Janice Heater; one brother; three sisters; and several grandchildren.



**MARION HAYDEN**

HAYDEN, Marion E., 70, of Tipton, Indiana, died March 23 of coronary artery disease. He is survived by his wife, Opal; one brother; one sister; one son; and three grandchildren.



**ANN VAN BRAHEL**

VAN BRAHEL, Ann, 34, of Perth, Australia, died March 14 of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 7 1/2 years, Gerard; two children, Ricky and Shane; her mother; two brothers; and two sisters.

## Creation, evolution and the Bible

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scheduled for July, we will ask you to take a look at the Genesis creation account in a way you may never have thought of before. Because, as with any other part of the Bible, it is important to get the first two chapters of Genesis in context. What was God telling the original audience, and what does it mean for us today?

The article explains that this account was written to a people surrounded by pagan and polytheistic ideas. The Scriptures establish that God—not the various gods of man's imagination—created the universe, the earth and life. The Bible then explains progressively (from Genesis 1:3 to the end of Revelation) his purpose for creating us.

However, the Bible does not expound every question about how God created. It touches on these subjects in general terms, and these should guide us in the right direction for further discovery. The Bible's explanation was not intended to end further scientific inquiry, nor is it intended to contradict genuine scientific truth.

### Helping children make sense

*The Plain Truth* hopes to provide Christian parents with material to help their children make sense out of what they are taught in their science classes, without abandoning their belief in the Bible. And also help students explain why they do not accept certain theories, as my

friend's son was challenged to do.

Many people (including science teachers) do not realize the traditional theories of evolution are being challenged, and not only by people who believe in a divine Creator.

In *The Plain Truth* we will look at some of the weak points and false premises not only in the traditional theories of evolution, but also in some neo-creationist views.

We will also highlight some fascinating discoveries many scientists now see as evidence of intelligent design, even if they stop short of acknowledging a divine Creator. Studying human origins has never been so interesting, or so controversial.

We cannot adopt the extreme neo-creationist position—that everything came into existence about 6,000 years ago, or at most a few thousand years earlier. We know that the geological record tells another story.

We recognize an official position is not necessary to explain every facet of life's origin, beyond a correct understanding of what the Bible reveals. The subject is interesting but peripheral to the Church's mission outlined in Matthew 28:19-20.

However, it is our responsibility to help parents whose children are having their faith in the Bible eroded by what they are learning. We hope these articles, which eventually may become a booklet, will reinforce your belief in the inspired Word of God and help you better understand the fascinating discoveries now being uncovered on the frontiers of science.

## Festival Updates

The Festival Office announced that the following sites are closed and can accept no further applications:

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Goslar, Germany; Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius; Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe; and Ceres and Uvongo, South Africa.

Space for transfers is still available in Durban and George, South Africa.

**Correction:** The 1993 Festival Planning Guide lists the exchange rate as US\$1 equals 25 Zimbabwe dollars. The correct current rate is US\$1 equals 6.4 Zimbabwe dollars.

## Estonia: shortages, but blessings

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tized by John Karlson, German-language regional director. The others were baptized by Karl Karlov, Bathurst and Penrith, Australia, pastor, at the Feast in Sweden last year.

Mr. Karlov and Mr. Kaagjärv, born in Estonia, left the country during World War II with their parents and moved to Australia. In 1991 Mr. Kaagjärv returned to Estonia and Mr. Karlov stayed in Australia.

Living conditions in Estonia are difficult compared to Western nations. In Tartu, where most of the brethren live, there has been a chronic hot water and heating shortage for the whole winter.

Now most have warm, but not yet hot, water. The Soviet system of central hot water production is dependent on expensive oil, which Estonia must purchase at market prices.

Despite hardships, including crime, Estonian members feel blessed. They are excited about the Church and are praying that God will enable them to contribute to the spread of the gospel there, Mr. Fransson said.

The church in Estonia is an added blessing for the Finns. The Estonian and Finnish languages are similar, which makes communication possible. "This is a blessing, since there are 14 members in Finland and now there are seven more members 'next door.' Tallinn is only 1 1/2 hours by hovercraft from Helsinki, or 3 1/2 by ferry."

# Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

## Church Serves Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Since January 1990, Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Services has given workshops, sermons and Bible studies in more than 36 church areas, according to director **Ted Landis**. Many members are aware of sign language and respect it as a valid, real language, although many congregations have no deaf members or interpreters.

Services include providing Festival support services; publishing a quarterly newsletter; answering inquiries from ministers and members; visiting and conducting workshops in church areas; summarizing, editing and distributing transcripts of sermons for hearing-impaired mem-

bers; and giving Bible studies in sign language to groups of deaf brethren who sign.

"Sign language is not our only focus," said Mr. Landis. "Some of our deaf members speechread, and for them we provide oral interpreting. "We also are organizing resources and support for hearing parents of deaf and hard-of-hearing children."

**David Barnett**, who gives Sign Language Bible studies in outlying church areas, is completing his bachelor's degree at Ambassador College. A newly hired assistant, **Paula Emery**, and Mr. Landis produce the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Bulletin from Pasadena.

Mr. Landis added that a number of congregations are offering sign-language classes. Increased fellowship and learning a skill that helps others are just two of the purposes for the classes. And, of course, they provide an opportunity for deaf brethren to more fully feel like a part of the Church.

In area congregations, deaf brethren serve as deacons, basketball and volleyball coaches, and YOU chapters and helpers. Others pass out songbooks, usher and set up church halls, among other duties.

## Grand Island and North Platte churches to celebrate 25th anniversary

GRAND ISLAND, Nebraska—Brethren who have

attended the Grand Island and North Platte, Nebraska, churches are cordially invited to the 25th anniversary of the church here July 3.

Sabbath services will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Lexington, Nebraska. A dinner-dance is planned for that evening.

Those who cannot attend but could loan memorabilia for the event should send memorabilia to **Clyde Motin** at 514 Milan Ave., Ravenna, Nebraska, 68869.

## Church names R.R. Donnelley Printer of the Year

Each year the Publishing Department names a printer as Printer of the Year in recognition of outstanding print quality. This year's award went to R.R. Donnelley and Sons, which prints *The Plain Truth*.

**Barry Gridley**, manager of Publishing Services, presented the award Feb. 24 to Donnelley employees **Bob Savin**, senior vice president, and **Steven Zuckarini**, vice president and division director.

## North-central ministers attend conference

CHICAGO, Illinois—Ministers and wives from the north-central region of the United States met for a conference here April 20 to 22.

Speakers were **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, director of Church Administration; **Dean Blackwell** from Church Administration; **Victor Kubik**, an



**THE WORLD TOMORROW**  
TELEVISION PROGRAM

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**New station**

Station/Location	Air Time	Channel
KSAS Wichita, Kan.	Sunday 7 a.m. Starts July 4	24

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**Renewals**

WITI Milwaukee, Wis.	Sunday 10 a.m.	6
WJXT Jacksonville, Fla.	Sunday 8 a.m.	4
KTSP Phoenix, Ariz.	Sunday 7 a.m.	10
KCAL Los Angeles	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	9
	Tuesday 1 a.m.	
WDAM Laurel-Hattiesburg, Miss.	Sunday 7 a.m.	7
WFLA Tampa, Fla.	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	8
WJBF Augusta, Ga.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	6
WKBN Youngstown, Ohio	Sunday 10:30 a.m.	27
WTVY Dothan, Ala.	Sunday 7 a.m.	4

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**Last airings**  
(All stations May 16)

KCBS Los Angeles	Sunday 6:30 a.m.	2
KSEE Fresno, Calif.	Sunday 6:30 a.m.	24
KTXL Sacramento, Calif.	Sunday 11 a.m.	40
KUSA Denver, Colo.	Sunday 7 a.m.	9
KXAN Austin, Tex.	Sat. 6 a.m. & Sun. 6:30 a.m.	36
KWWL Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Sunday 10 a.m.	7
WAFB Baton Rouge, La.	Sunday 7:30 a.m.	9
WCTV Tallahassee, Fla.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	6
WMTV Madison, Wis.	Sunday 8 a.m.	15
WPTA Fort Wayne, Ind.	Sunday 8 a.m.	21
WTKR Norfolk, Va.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	3

assistant director of Church Administration; **Bill Jacobs**, YOU coordinator; **Michael Fezell**, executive assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach; **Bernard Schnippert**, director of Media Operations; and **Ron Kelly**, manager of Editorial Services.

The group also viewed a video of Mr. Tkach's presen-

tation to the regional directors last year.

## 25 years of service

NORTON, Virginia—**Guy Sams**, a local church elder here, and his wife, **Virginia**, were presented a plaque April 23 to recognize their 25 years of service to the Church.



FROM OUR

# Brethren Worldwide

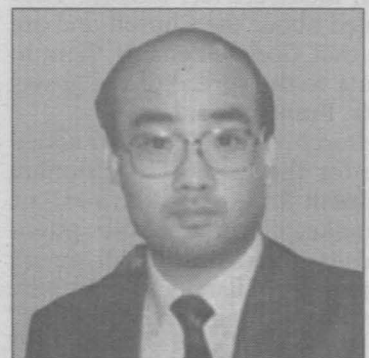
## Native Korean baptized in icy river

SEOUL, South Korea—Wohn Tae-Eui, the only native Korean member living in Korea, was baptized March 28 in the icy Han River.

Bill Sidney, director of ministerial services in the Philippine Office, performed the baptism in the river after an unsuccessful attempt in a hotel bathtub.

The previous day Mr. Sidney conducted a Bible study for Mr. Wohn and five others in Korea.

Mr. Sidney then traveled



WOHN TAE-EUI

to Taegu and stayed with member Ray Lafferty and his wife, Myung, who is South Korean. From Taegu Mr. Sidney visited a *Plain Truth* reader in Pusan.

Last August Mr. Sidney and his wife, Daphne, visited here on the way back from the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena. The Sidneys plan to visit the little flock in South Korea twice a year.

## A courageous survivor

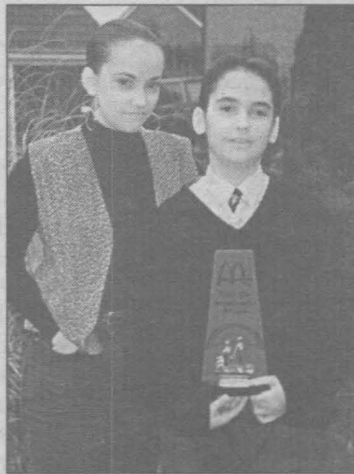
LIVERPOOL, England—Daniel Tattersall, 15, was one of 150 youths who received the 1993 MacDonald's Child of Achievement Award. The award honors children who have shown courage through suffering and have given love and support to their families and others.

Prince Charles attended the award ceremony.

Two years ago Daniel had five operations to remove a brain tumor and for complications that followed. He then had 40 sessions of radio-

therapy, which nearly killed him. Weighing less than 50 pounds and being fed from a tube, he finally left the hospital after five months.

His hair had fallen out, and he had stopped growing. He could only walk a few steps, had no short-term memory and trembled from head to foot. His eyesight was also damaged.



**HIGH MARK**—Daniel Tattersall, 15 (shown with his sister Lynda, 17), from England holds achievement award after recovering from a brain tumor.

For the next few months Daniel went to the hospital in his wheelchair to attend school. He became sort of a folk hero to the patients and nurses, comforting the parents of sick children.

Slowly Daniel began to recover. His hair grew back, he gained weight and he started attending regular school. Although he has to take medication and daily hormone injections, he is his normal, cheerful self.

Daniel is deeply grateful to God and all who prayed for him when he was ill and to those who continue to pray for him. His worst time was during the 1991 Feast when he was halfway through radio therapy in Liverpool.

Doctors thought he would not survive. Paul May, a neurosurgeon, told him: "I pray for you every morning, Daniel. You need all the help you can get."

During this time hundreds of cards poured into the hospital for Daniel and his family. People from the Feast site in Scarborough sent as many as 25 cards a day because Daniel was alone in the hospital with this mother.

But the most appreciated of all were cards and letters from brethren in Ghana, who Daniel loves very much. Their lives in Africa are very difficult, and some know the

agony of losing a child.

People outside the Church prayed for him as well. Nurses, social workers, even the Salvation Army, conducted prayer meetings for him. Daniel's life became a miracle and celebration of joy for all of us. *Kae Tattersall*

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