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Conference calls for Christ-centered conduct

Regional directors hear 20 presentations in Pasadena; pastor general explains role of mass media and individual Christians.

"We are joined together by Jesus Christ, the head of the Body. He is our head. He is our leader. He is our inspiration. He is our source of teaching and our doctrine. As a matter of fact, he is our very existence. Without Christ we are absolutely nothing."

These words by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach keyed the 1993 regional directors conference in Pasadena, June 7 to 17.

Attendees came from the Church's regional offices in Australia, Canada, the Caribbean, England, Germany, the Netherlands, the Philippines, South Africa and the French-Italian and Spanish offices in Big Sandy.

Including Mr. Tkach's opening address, regional directors, wives and headquarters personnel heard 20 presentations by the Pastor General's Office, Church Administration,

Media Operations and Computer Information Systems.

Mr. Tkach told the group that being united is sometimes easier said than done. "It takes the Spirit of God, it takes a Christlike individual who is converted, who will cooperate and be tolerant, patient and understanding."

"There are times when we all don't perfectly understand or agree together. At such times it is important to remember *how* we are united—that's the thing we need to reflect back on."

We all have important parts to play, no matter where we are in the Body, Mr. Tkach said. "We are interdependent on one another." Each member and each congregation have an important part to play in preaching the gospel.

"Mass media has an important role to play, but it must not become the whole picture or even the main picture," Mr. Tkach said. "It must be a *support* for the real work that goes on in the local congregation."

He told regional directors that the people of God are both the message and the medium. "The Church, the *ekklesia*, the called-out ones, are the

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UNIFIED APPROACH—Regional directors, business managers, wives and headquarters personnel gather north of the science lecture hall in Pasadena during the 1993 regional directors conference June 7 to 17. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Thailand's Queen Sirikit named woman of the year by Stanford

By Sheila Graham

Queen Sirikit of Thailand was named Woman of the Year by Stanford University May 26. Thailand's queen arrived at Stanford, near San Francisco, California, after receiving an honorary doctorate in humanities from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., May 14.

Queen Sirikit continued the 18-year relationship between Thailand's royal family and the Church, College and Foundation by inviting Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach to attend the special award ceremony.

Mr. Tkach asked Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation and responsible for Foundation projects in Thailand, and Ellen Escat, his executive assistant, to represent him, the Church and Foundation at ceremonies honoring the queen. Mr. Locke and Mrs. Escat

were accompanied by Julie Stocker, Foundation director David Hulme's administrative assistant, Leon Sexton, Foundation representative, and his wife, Gloria.

After being recognized by the California Commission on the Status of Women for "her outstanding accomplishments and many contributions for the women, children, and men of Thailand," Queen Sirikit thanked Stanford University and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

In her remarks she said: "We Thais seem to have a kind of national social system, from the grassroots level upwards, in which we care about each other's problems and circumstances. Because we care about each other, we are willing to help each other, both by collective and by individual efforts."

According to Mr. Locke, Queen Sirikit's generous concern for others extends to the Ambassador College students in Thailand teaching the English language. "Her Majesty occasionally provides funds for our students so they can purchase a few extra personal items they may want while they are in Thailand," Mr. Locke said.

After the award ceremony and dinner, Queen Sirikit invited Mr. Locke, Mrs. Escat and their party to her hotel suite. "The queen was quite concerned about the health of King Hussein of Jordan. She knows we have projects there as well as in Thai-

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JOSEPH W. TKACH

Graduates stand on the threshold of the future, poised for growth

I want to share with you an edited version of the commencement address I gave at Ambassador College. Just as those young people face uncertain futures and new vocations, all of us face new challenges each year in our Christian lives. Therefore many of these commencement comments are relevant to God's people worldwide. I hope they help strengthen our commitment to follow Christ's example in doing God's will.

Greetings and a very pleasant good afternoon to all of you, especially on this most joyous and certainly momentous occasion for our young graduates here this afternoon.

One thing comes to mind that I could never understand in the past, but maybe understand a little better today. How can commencement speakers look out over a sea of shining faces, young, expectant graduates, hopeful, anticipating life itself, and say to them, The future is yours. Now I ask you, Is that any time to be threatening these young graduates? [laughter]

I thought I'd start out on a light note this afternoon because a ceremony of this nature often can be sobering and somber. I think you know it's only fair to inject a little humor along with the nostalgia that

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Queen Sirikit of Thailand

Asian-Pacific region to fill pivotal global role

For months, the international spotlight has been focused on Europe, especially the calamity in Bosnia. As a consequence, developments in the Asian-Pacific region have generally been pushed off the front page.

Is the United States paying enough attention to this dynamic, yet potentially unstable area? Probably not, according to former President Richard Nixon, who says that "America, unfortunately, only pays attention to Asia in [times of] crisis."

According to Mr. Nixon, as reported in the June 1 *Wall Street Journal*, the present administration's decision "to renew most-favored-nation trade status with China, but for the first time with explicit human-rights conditions attached, is likely to further strain U.S.-China relations."

This would certainly be the case if Beijing fails to meet U.S.-imposed standards and Washington decides to slap higher tariffs on Chinese imports.

Such action would be a blow to China since its booming trade with the United States is critical to its economic reforms. China's economic growth has been so strong that it is said to possess the world's third largest economy, after the United States and Japan.

On an equally important issue, Mr. Nixon told the *Journal* that Washington's "inconsistent but largely aggressive rhetoric on trade issues with



Japan" is souring relations with its largest Pacific trade partner.

Highlighting this factor, the June 7 *New York Times* reported that "Japanese officials have swept through Asia in recent weeks to rally opposition against America's new trade policies."

The Japanese claim the United States has abandoned the principle of free trade, in favor of managed trade, which, in the case of Japan, involves forcing Tokyo to set aside specific percentages of its market for American imports.

Conceding they were once masters of managed trade, the Japanese now portray themselves as reformed free traders. They are warning other newly industrialized nations throughout Asia that if Washington imposes managed trade quotas on Tokyo, they will be the next targets.

Because of problems that lie over the horizon, Mr. Nixon wants the spotlight turned eastward. He told the *Journal*, "Asia is the place now which,

even more than Europe, is potentially the most explosive because change is occurring very rapidly—politically, economically and militarily."

Mr. Nixon urges the United States to remain in the region militarily, as an impartial power all sides can respect. "Without the U.S., Asia's future rests on a three-legged stool which is very unstable. Anyone who believes a China, Russia, Japan balance of power is stable is crazy."

For America to continue this pivotal role is more difficult now because of the loss of its two huge facilities in the Philippines, Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base.

More than ever, maintains the former President, the United States cannot afford to remove remaining ground troops stationed in Japan and Korea. Doing so would "risk Japan's arming to defend itself against a historically aggressive Russia and a more assertive China."

Continued peace and prosperity in

Asia, Mr. Nixon stressed, is possible only with continued U.S.-Japanese cooperation. For this reason, he continued, Washington can't afford to engage in Japan bashing.

"Japan bashing is popular politically, but geopolitically it's disastrous," said Mr. Nixon. "We are competitors and it will get rough. But ... we have to cool the economic tensions."

There is another angle to the story that bears watching, as well. That is the emergence of what Singapore's foreign affairs official George Yong-Boon Yeo calls the reemergence of "a common East Asian consciousness."

This development can be seen in two major areas. In addition to reaching out for a common Asian stand toward Washington, Japan made the difficult decision to commit peace-keeping forces, under United Nations command, to help restore order in Asia's worst political crisis, Cambodia.

The second is the growing rapprochement between mainland China and Taiwan. Trade between the two Chinas amounts to several billions of dollars a year.

Representatives from both nations met officially for the first time to plan further steps toward softening their strained relationship.

As Mr. Nixon advises, it will pay to watch developments in Asia in the years ahead.

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Looking at inner qualities

Thank you for the letter from the single woman in the Feb. 9 *Worldwide News*. Being a single woman in my late 20s, I can relate to what she is saying, but I do not believe that only older single women can understand the message between the lines. I think her letter is for everyone.

Toward the end of her letter, she wrote, "The unmarried woman in the Church needs to be accepted as a whole person, as a Christian among Christians and a friend among friends." Isn't this what most people seek? Acceptance as their own individual self, barring those superficial labels—man, woman, single, married, deaf, paraplegic, etc., which define only a part of who we are, only a part of whom we define ourselves as being.

I think one of the most beautiful verses in terms of its simplicity yet great profundity in relation to this is Galatians 3:28, where Paul writes, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

I think many of us have spent too much of our lives being told we're too this or too that, not this or not that; all based solely on another's opinion. This manner of treating each other, of judging each other in this shallow fashion, does not demonstrate love—it only hurts and destroys.

Paul's words compel us to look inside people. To realize that within each individual dwells God's Holy Spirit, which makes that person God's own son or daughter whom God greatly cherishes.

When we reach this stage and beyond, we will be learning to understand how the love of God can be shed abroad through us.

Alise Spangler
Ashland, Wisconsin

Tremendous positive growth

Thank you, Mr. Earl Williams, for your March 23 *WN* article, "If You Feel Broken and Empty, You Can Get to Know God."

Having just come through 18 months of unemployment, losing my home, creditors raiding my bank account and losing an amount of income I depended on through no fault of my own, I know the feelings of being

worthless and broken, and the emptiness of nothingness.

And really for the first time in 20-plus years in the Church, having to totally and completely rely on God to put a roof over my head and food on my table and trying not to get in God's way while he works things out, has been such a tremendous positive growth for me. The intimacy I have with God is truly

wonderful. I had to always remember God will work all things for your good if you love and trust him.

God has taken me in a direction that in my wildest dreams I would never have thought possible. I am in a brand new career, with the greatest feelings of peace.

To all those out there who are going through some horrendous times in your lives, remember Mr. Williams' article. If a woman in her early 60s can overcome, you can too. This article is truly a reaffirmation of where our real blessings are. Thanks be to God.

Sylvia Houseman
Coos Bay, Oregon

WCG Travel provides Festival car rental information

Year-round car rental information for travelers needing insurance coverage was published in the June 8 *Worldwide News*. This contract rate of \$202.50 per week for compact through full-size vehicles is available at all participating Hertz locations for drivers over the age of 21. (Some major cities have additional surcharges.)

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Personal: Graduates learn about life's challenges

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is certainly going through everyone's heart this afternoon.

I would like to have all of you look around the auditorium. You'll notice a number of flags—29. And if you're asking yourself what these flags represent, they represent our young graduates today. Twenty-nine countries are represented in this graduating class.

It is fitting that we take stock of that, because in part that is a fulfillment of the commission Christ gave us in Matthew 28—to carry a message around the world, teaching others to observe the things that he has taught us to observe. And now these young graduates are going to be helping.

President Ward, able administrators, distinguished faculty, proud alumni, parents and most of all to you, the graduating class of 1993: In Matthew the 10th chapter, in verse 16 specifically, Christ said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep [helpless, in one sense] in the midst of wolves."

We need to face reality as we depart these cherished grounds. Jesus goes on to say, "Be you, therefore, wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Why? To avoid being ensnared by the enemy. You need to keep your wits about you as you face the challenges of life.

In John 3:16 we're told, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever [would] believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God is saying that we, the creation of his hands, have a certain amount of value.

And yet we're living in a world that increasingly is striving to devalue human beings and grind them up in the machinery of politics, business and education—even ecclesiastical machinery. And you graduates of '93 are to be there to remind the world of some of the absolutes of God.

Dream becoming a nightmare

Time is running out on this civilization. For example, the United States of America, which was once founded as a Christian nation, is rapidly becoming a

modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah. There are none so blind as those who refuse to look and admit what is happening. America's dream is rapidly becoming a nightmare.

Yes, we live in a world that is teetering on the precipice of self-annihilation, with nuclear proliferation threatening to tempt even the small nations. Especially terrorism is on the increase. Incurable disease and economic upheaval are but a few of the insurmountable problems that unfortunately world leaders do not have the solutions to.

Whether it be on the coast of Lebanon or the mountains of Afghanistan, the tropics of Central America, the plains of the Ukraine or the ghettos of our own inner cities, even the fabric of our homes is affected, where one in three is being knocked down by the wrecking ball of human nature—vanity, selfishness, greed, hostility, violence and anger.

Years ago one of our greatest leaders, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, said these words before Congress: "Men since the beginning of time have sought for peace. Various methods through the ages have been attempted to devise an international process to prevent or to settle disputes between nations...."

"Military alliances, balances of power, leagues of nations, all in turn failed, leaving the only path to be by way of the crucible of war. The utter destructiveness of war now blots out this alternative. We [may well] have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system," he said, "Armageddon will be at the door."

He goes on to say that "the problem basically is theological." Amazing, coming from a military man. A man of war admits that the problem basically is theological. It "involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature and all material and cultural developments of the past 2,000 years."

And he goes on to say, "It must be

of the spirit if we are to save the flesh." Yes, Gen. MacArthur touched on that missing dimension, that missing link in the solution to mankind's problems.

Because of that missing dimension, Herbert W. Armstrong founded Ambassador College 46 years ago based on revealed knowledge, the Word of God.

Mr. Armstrong had both the vision of Gen. MacArthur and the solution. Mr. Armstrong went on to establish an academy not for the preparation of war, like West Point or Annapolis, but a college for the preparation of world peace.

At Ambassador College we are in the process of recapturing true values. Notice, I said *process*—because it is a lifelong endeavor. It never stops until the day that we each give up the breath of life. However, a word of caution is in order.

Knowledge is of no use or has no value unless it is put into action. Therefore, an Ambassador College graduate, to be an asset to his God, his Church, his country, his family, his employment—must be a person of action, a doer and not just a hearer. Personal, hands-on experience is required.

In the past there were three great institutions that held our society together: the family, the school and the church. All three are now much weaker than they were a decade ago. Prayer is outlawed from our local schools. The name or the Word of God is not allowed to be used in a religious sense. We're encountering these things before our very eyes.

Our goal now is as the apostle Peter stated nearly 1,950 years ago. He said: "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. [And] honor the king" (1 Peter 2:17).

The Bible is our manual, a blueprint to achieve world peace and genuine success. True happiness is based on the Word of God. Happiness is not based on material things, material possessions. Paul defines that in 1 Timothy, the sixth chapter. Mere gain is not godliness. But for you graduates, the best

is yet to come, because today you stand on the threshold of the future and the greatest opportunity in your life. More than a century ago, Abraham Lincoln said, I will study to show myself approved so *when*—not if—an opportunity presents itself, I will be ready.

Ambassador graduates, you *are* ready, and don't let anyone tell you differently. You are more than ready and more than qualified to achieve success, which God desires for you. You have received an excellent education. You have the tools you need to be successful, and opportunities are available.

Standing on the threshold

About 3,400 years ago another group of people stood at a similar threshold such as you are facing today, looking out into a future that both excited them and frightened them. As the people of Israel stood at the threshold of the Promised Land, they looked backward to the good times and the bad times.

Before them were the covenant promises of God. Behind them were memories of their overseers' whips, the chariots of Egypt wallowing in the Red Sea and the blowing sand of the hot, hostile desert. Before the Israelites lay an unknown land, much like you are now facing and standing on the threshold of maturity and the opportunities and the unknown. And so an unknown land lay before the Israelites.

It was a land flowing with milk and honey, a land that could provide freedom from oppression. It was also a land of opportunity.

Now how could a band of nomads, the alumni of the school of slavery, cope with that kind of future? They were eager, yet afraid. They were enthusiastic, yet they were hesitant. We can't allow these things to hinder our progress, our growth, our development, our achievements in life.

Class of 1993, now is the time, as the baton of opportunity is passed to you and your classmates; you are no longer just spectators of life. As you go into the work force of this society, you are to be full participants, putting into

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Queen Sirikit works on training hilltribes to recapture Thai skills

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land," Mr. Locke said. Queen Sirikit also inquired about Mr. Tkach and the Foundation's work, Mrs. Escat said.

Mr. Tkach met Queen Sirikit during her visit to Church headquarters in 1985 and had an audience with King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1987.

Queen Sirikit presented the group

with gifts of commemorative SUPPORT (Supplementary Occupations & Related Techniques) books that included photographs of the queen with Herbert Armstrong during her visit to Church headquarters in 1985. Included in the gift were several meters of handmade Mudmee silk fabric woven by the hilltribe people.

Because Queen Sirikit regularly inquires about the gold peacock she

presented to Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Escat showed the queen photos of the work of art displayed in the Hall of Administration in Pasadena. "I had the photographer take the shots from several angles so Her Majesty could see how the gift was displayed."

Mrs. Escat added: "In her remarks at Stanford, Her Majesty called for balance in developing her agricultur-

ally based country. Her focus is on training the hilltribe people to be artisans in traditional Thai skills, while earning additional income preserving art techniques that otherwise would be lost."

When parting, Mrs. Escat said Queen Sirikit mentioned how close she felt to her friends from the Ambassador Foundation.



HONORS—The queen receives award from Stanford President Gerhard Casper (far left) and Iris Litt (far right), director of Institute for Research on Women and Gender. [Photo by Ellen Escat]



PRIVATE TIME—In an audience with Queen Sirikit May 27 are (from left) Julie Stocker, Gloria Sexton, Joseph Locke, the queen, Ellen Escat and Leon Sexton.

Antidote for curing heresy, dissent

By Neil Earle

The Church of God at the end of the first century was under bitter attack. In the mid-90s A.D. the Roman emperor Domitian (81-96) had launched a wave of persecution aimed at the believers, especially those scattered in the region of the seven churches of Revelation.

Yet the insane Domitian, who styled himself "Lord and God," was not the only problem Christians in the 90s had to worry about. A far more insidious and discouraging threat came from within the young organization.

The personal letters, which we know today as 1, 2 and 3 John, document the spreading germs of heresy infecting some congregations already buffeted by state persecution. False teachers were rising up from within the Church of God and were taking over whole congregations.

This is the background to 3 John and to the writer's forceful attack upon a particular would-be church leader Diotrephes.

"I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will have nothing to do with us. So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, gossiping maliciously about us" (3 John 9).

How sad but how true and how timeless. There have always been those who have desired to be No. 1 who have felt that they were somehow slighted and overlooked. Some of those who "love to be first" were predicted by the apostle Paul. In fact some of them were based in the region in and around Ephesus from where Diotrephes may have sprung.

"Be shepherds of the church of

God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard" (Acts 20:28-31).

The germs of dissent

What Paul predicted came to pass. The author of 3 John had to confront the sad spectacle of whole churches being subverted by men like Diotrephes.

Not only had Diotrephes gained a following in one particular congregation, he was also able to shut off all contact with duly accredited representatives from headquarters. "He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church" (3 John 10).

Sobering but true. We all have within ourselves the germs of heresy. We can all let personal hurts, personal ambitions and personal resentments gradually grow up like spiritual weeds and choke out our Christian commitment to repent, to learn, to grow, to continuously admit error and to stay humble.

The Church has been going through a group process of relearning and reorienting. Doctrinally and administratively we have been going through the painful Christian work of rooting out error and establishing the truth more firmly.

This is as difficult for us as it was for the young Church of God to come to terms with the fact that Jesus was not returning immediately, or to accept the extension of salvation to some of the enemies of Judaism, or to tackle the concept that "the Beloved Disciple" was going to die (John 21:20-25).

Growing pains are traumatic. Yet there is no doubt that God's Spirit will continue to dwell in an organism that is open to new truth, that sticks

to the narrow and rutty road to growth (Matthew 7:14).

Tragically, some in the first-century church, and some in the Church today, would rather cling to the past, would rather turn doctrine into a museum of memories, a monument to former glories. It happened then; it happens now.

The apostles Paul and Jude vividly sketched the foreshortened careers of disgruntled teachers who, because they came from within the Church, were privy to the very things that could hurt the Church the most. These false teachers shipwrecked the faith of some in the first century (1 Timothy 1:19).

"They will not get very far," Paul wrote (2 Timothy 3:9). "They are clouds without rain," Jude put it, "They are wild waves of the sea ... grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.... These are the men who divide you" (Jude 12, 13, 16, 19).

Promises, promises

Jude was picturing the great swelling promises false teachers make, their pretentious claims to apostolic status never conferred upon them legitimately.

It is amazing that Jude's clever word pictures seem so up to date. Our late 20th century is a world characterized by the rise of strange and bizarre cults. The Jim Joneses and the David Koreshes arise like "wild waves of the sea." Invariably all such groups, and many of those who have left from within, commonly make one big mistake.

They invariably diminish the role and function of Jesus Christ at work in his people and as Head of his Church. In one way or another every false system somehow subverts, deemphasizes or overlooks the cen-

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Neil Earle is Plain Truth international editor.

Which nature are you feeding?

In this confused world the Christian faces many negative pulls that threaten him or her at every turn.

Every day we face choices. Whatever we read, watch or listen to feeds either the "old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires," or "the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:22-24). In all our activities we must ask ourselves which nature are we feeding?

We fool ourselves if we think we can keep a foot in the camp of our former way of life, because it will drag us down.

Yet, overcoming our deceitful desires and growing in grace and knowledge sometimes seems a tremendous battle. We can feel inadequate, frustrated. Our weaknesses seem so persistent.

Paul addresses this situation in Romans 7:15-19: "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do."

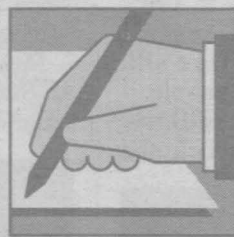
Could there be a clearer picture of the Christian struggle?

We know what is right; we make an attempt to do it. But we fail. We find ourselves doing the very thing we know is wrong and really don't want to do.

In this situation we should follow Paul's example and cry out: "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?" Back comes the answer loud and clear, "Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (verses 24-25).

Simply put, we must stop feeding our carnal nature and let it die. We must "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Christianity must be put into practice!

We also need to show love, which



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But how? Thankfully repentance is something that can—indeed must—happen again and again for us all. We can all look back and see the patient way God and Christ have persevered with us, helping us overcome and change.

In practical terms, none of us is too wise to need regular prayer and Bible study. We need a strong relationship with God if we are to make spiritual progress.

To make our prayers and study effective, we need to meditate on Christ's example and then go and do likewise. With this sort of approach, we will grow closer to God.

is a remedy against being drawn into selfish and negative pursuits and ways of thinking.

Tomorrow morning as you begin a new day ask the question: "Which nature will rule my life today? Which nature will be supreme? Which attitude or thoughts will I listen to—the thoughts and attitudes of God's Spirit or sinful thoughts and attitudes?"

Ask as David did: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24).

Regional director visits Myanmar and Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand—Rodney Matthews, regional director for Australia, visited Myanmar (formerly Burma) in May. He and his wife, Ruth, spent four days in Thailand before he left for Myanmar with Jonathan McNair, Thailand project director for the Ambassador Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews arrived in Bangkok Thursday, May 13. They were greeted by Mr. McNair, his wife, Christy, and Mr. McNair's brother, Rod, who assists him with the project.

The group traveled to Maesot, Thailand, to conduct Sabbath services with the brethren living along the Thai-Myanmar border. This was Mr. Matthews' second visit to the brethren in this area, the first being in December 1991. It was Mrs. Matthews' first visit to the area.

"It is exciting and encouraging to see the progress that's been made in the development of the project. And it's very enjoyable to see the members again," said Mr. Matthews.

New developments include several additional water catchment ponds for fish production, experimentation with techniques of hillside agriculture to lessen the effects of erosion, and use of multicropping systems, according to Mr. McNair, who over-

sees the Hilltribe Development Project.

The brethren there usually listen to tapes, or hear Mr. McNair, who visits once a month from Bangkok.

On Tuesday, May 18, Mr. Matthews and Mr. McNair flew to Yangon (formerly Rangoon), Myanmar, while Mrs. Matthews returned home to Australia. About 70 members of the Church live in Myanmar. This visit to Myanmar by Mr. Matthews was part of his continuing program to visit all areas of the region. Mr. Matthews and Mr. McNair were unable to visit the brethren, but did spend Wednesday with Saw Ley Beh, the local elder who pastors the brethren in Myanmar.

"Saw Ley Beh has given outstanding service to the brethren in Myanmar over a number of years," Mr. Matthews said. "The Church is stable and growing slowly."

During Saw Ley Beh's visit to the Chin Hills for Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, four new members were baptized.

Mr. Matthews, Mr. McNair and Saw Lay Beh ordained two men while in Yangon. Thomas Tial Hoe, a deacon from the Chin Hills in northern Myanmar, was ordained a local church elder, and John Vai Kai, also from the Chin Hills, was ordained a deacon.

Members help Somali refugees

Robert and Jeanie Grace stand beside a truck full of household items, the result of a relief effort they organized to help Somali refugees resettled in Atlanta, Georgia.

The idea for the collection sprang from a newspaper article about the refugees. Many of the Somalis, from refugee camps in Kenya, arrived in Atlanta with little more than the clothes they were wearing. World Relief, a relief resettlement agency, needed to find them homes and furnishings.

Together with his chiropractic health center staff, Dr. Grace and his wife joined the relief effort.

Dr. Grace wrote to churches in the area asking for their help and had a news brief published in the Jan. 1 *Gwinnett Extra*.

Also, with the approval of the County School Board, they sent a flyer listing the needed household items, collection point and dates, to students at Berkeley Lake Elementary School.

Penske Truck Leasing provided a truck free to transport the items to the World Relief headquarters in Clarkston, Georgia.

Jan. 7 and 8, people brought furniture, kitchen

items and linens to the collection point, Dr. Grace's parking lot.

The Somalis, asked by World Relief to help Dr. Grace unload the truck, were visibly excited by the generosity of all who had given.

Mr. and Mrs. Grace attend the Buford, Georgia, church.



Robert & Jeanie Grace

Personal: 'You are standing at the doorway of a new era of life'

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practice the things that you have learned these four years at Ambassador College as fulfillment of what

God desires you to achieve. To you who are standing at the doorway of a new era of life, Jesus provides a formula for facing the future.

In Matthew the fifth chapter, verses 13-16, Christ said, "You are the

salt of the earth." You're the world's seasoning. You're that spice, the flavoring that you add, the essence that should bless other people who come in contact with you and have associations with you. In addition to that, you're a life-preserving agent.

But Jesus goes on to warn us, "But if the salt has lost its taste [the qualities, the essential ingredients of that little white mineral], how can its saltiness [or flavor] be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot."

And in verse 14 Jesus says, "You [graduates, along with everyone here] are the light of the world." You are to be a reflection of Jesus Christ. He goes on to say, "A city built on a hill cannot be hidden."

In other words, our goal, our duty is to bring glory to God, to enhance his reputation to those who don't know him, by our life-style, by our conduct, by our relationship with our fellow human beings, who likewise are created in the image of God.

And in verse 15: "No one after lighting a lamp [you could compare that with being converted and receiving the Spirit of God] puts it under a bushel basket" or hides it from the public.

Lights of God

That's why Christ said, I send you out as sheep among wolves, to live in this society, and to be the lights of God and a reflection of himself. Rather, the lamp is placed "on a lampstand, and it [will give] light to all [who are] in the house."

In verse 16 he says, "In the same

way, let your light [so] shine before others [your life-style], so that they may see your good works [or Christ in you] and give glory to [the] Father in heaven" (New Revised Standard Version).

As you depart from these cherished grounds and hallowed halls, remember one important thing: that you never leave it; you merely become an extension of it, as an ambassador of a way of life.

Leaders are like eagles

So in closing, class of 1993, I commend you for a job well done. Now

continue in like manner, as each of you goes your individual way. Remember that leaders are like eagles; they don't flock. You find them one at a time, living examples and successful

lives. A true leader doesn't worry about being on the right track because he *makes* the track.

I'd like to leave you with a comment made by Theodore Roosevelt, who was the youngest president of the United States. He was 42 when he came into office, and he was 50 when he left. He was also one of the most vigorous of men, if you would only but study the life of Theodore Roosevelt.

He made this one remarkable statement, "I do not like to see young Christians with shoulders that slope like a champagne bottle." So, stand tall, stand erect and know that the power of this universe is behind you. Thank you very much. I wish you all success. I love you very much and would certainly appreciate hearing from all of you from time to time.

Conference attendees told all are called to discipleship for Christ

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proclaimers of the gospel by their life-style, by their conduct, by their involvements, by their everyday life."

Mr. Tkach added: "It's too easy to just sit back and expect mass media to do the job of preaching the gospel

for us, but that should not be the main thrust. The main thrust is in each one of us individually and collectively, God's people wherever they reside. They're the walking, talking, living commercial of the kingdom of God as well as a reflection of Jesus Christ and the seasoning that brings blessings to other people."



ALL PARTS VITAL—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach gives keynote address at Pasadena conference June 7. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

DOEPEL, Joe and Polly (Tuck) of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Steven Joseph, April 28, 8:57 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

DYER, Art and Linda of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, girl, Laurie Kathryn, April 11, 3:09 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

FIKE, Jonathan and Sharon (Dupuis) of Tampa, Florida, girl, Julie Renee, March 22, 4:44 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GILLETTE, Patrick and Marie (Ambersen) of Harlingen, Texas, girl, Olivia Ann, April 5, 8 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

GRASSO, John and Heather (Lindsey) of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Daniel John, Feb. 24, 6:24 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

HEDRICK, James and Julie (Dziak) of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Amy Rose, March 18, 2:10 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HOLMAN, John and Donna (Bart) of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Alexandra Sophia, May 11, 11 p.m., first child.

HUTCHINS, Bill and Nora (Campbell) of Hartford, Connecticut, girl, Cassandra Lynette, Dec. 12, 4:12 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

MCLAIN, Darran and Karleen (Meland) of Portland, Oregon, boy, Bryan Christopher, May 10, 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

NICHOLS, PeTric and Ruth (Parnell) of Houston, Texas, boy, Chad Jordan, April 30, 7 pounds, first child.

PLANKEN, Robert and Lori (Witt) of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Katrina Elizabeth, Feb. 15, 4 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 girls.

REED, Thomas and Bonne (Barfield) of Big Sandy, girl, Savanna Mariah, Dec. 28, 10:01 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

REYNA, Adolfo and Cheryl (Garcia) of Los Angeles, California, girl, Crystal Christine, March 29, 11:39 p.m., 6 pounds 2 1/2 ounces.

ROGERS, Bryan and Julie (Fertig) of Cheyenne, Wyoming, girl, Kelsie Jayne Lavonne, May 2, 1:56 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROSS, Joe and Wanda (Waller) of Abbotsford, British Columbia, girl, Deborah Joanne, Jan. 30, 9:57 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

SANCHEZ, Abraham and Delia of Stockton, California, girl, Amanda Amador, Jan. 29, 7:44 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SOLIS, Gregory and Carmen (Villalobos) of San Diego, California, girl, Sarah Angelica, May 4, 2:20 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

STEWART, Byron and DeAnn (Wendt) of Kent, Washington, girl, Haley Ann, May 12, 9:55 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SUDER, Michael and Lucretia (Oakes) of Cochran, Pennsylvania, girl, Amanda Elizabeth, April 25, 12:09 a.m., 5 pounds, first child.

TAILLEFER, Richard and Debbie (Via) of Ottawa, Ontario, girl, Jessica Desiree, April 28, 5:08 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

TEMMING, Gary and Debbie (Dora) of St. Louis, Missouri, boy, Mitchell Christopher, April 2, 9:55 p.m., 9 1/2 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TRICKEY, Terry and Christine (Hergert) of Waseca, Minnesota, girl, Sarah Lillian, March 9, 1:18 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

TSIKNAS, Louis and Donna (Elmira) of New York, girl, Alyse Marie, April 16, 11:03 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

VICE, Jason and Amber (Orchard) of Tyler, Texas, boy, Zachariah Alexander, April 13, 11:14 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

WEILER, Brian and Carol (German) of Wausau, Wisconsin, girl, Justine Rita, April 28, 12 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WHITE, Tony and Lisa (Matkin) of Dallas, Texas, boy, Joshua Eric, May 5, 12:31 p.m., 12 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

WILSON, Ray and Margaret (Drury) of Dubbo, Australia, boy, James Andrew, April 16, 10:38 a.m., 3.79 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. William Deets of Titusville, Pennsylvania, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Christine Marie to Steven Patrick Meade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie R. Meade of Avoca, Michigan. A July 4 wedding in Titusville is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Branam of Glade-water, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cherrie Laura to Nathan Grant Fiedler, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Fiedler of Waukesha, Wisconsin. An August wedding is planned.

Norm and Margaret Beckman and Murray and Pat McClung of Winnipeg, Manitoba, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Linda and Michael. An Aug. 15 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Matamala of Santiago, Chile, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Myriam Magaly to Thomas Christian Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Keller of Winterthur, Switzerland. An Aug. 8 wedding in the Swiss Alps is planned.

Terri Conti of Lakewood, New Jersey, and Larry Woodriddle of Allentown, Pennsylvania, are pleased to announce their engagement. An Oct. 24 wedding is planned.

Brenda Finnigan and Joseph Haan, along with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Finnigan, James Haan and LuAnn Haan, are happy to announce their engagement. A Sept. 5 wedding in Idaho Falls, Idaho, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Antion of Big Sandy are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Kay to Todd Edward Herridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Herridge of Peoria, Illinois. An Aug. 8 wedding in Tyler, Texas, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Francis Stech of Blackfoot, Idaho, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Candace Lynn to Lindsay Munson, son of LaVonne Jenn Munson of Greeley, Colorado. A July 25 wedding in Loveland, Colorado, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Friesen of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, are happy to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Shannon Leah, to Dennis Johnson of Saskatoon. An evening wedding is planned for Sept. 4.

Weddings



MARTY & CHRISTIE WILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Schiavone and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Day are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Christie Michele Day to Marty Wills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wills of Columbus, Georgia. The ceremony was performed April 18 by Stephen Smith, Columbus pastor. Tina Day, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Savannah, Georgia.



TOM & ALICE RICHARDSON

Alice Kanis and Tom Richardson were united in marriage March 7. The ceremony was performed by Bob Regazzoli, Sydney, Australia, South pastor. Helen Mottee was matron of honor, and Jim Mottee was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



JOHN & TRACY VAN DER HAVE

Roger and Robin Louat are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Tracy to John van der Have, son of Harry and Helen van der Have. The ceremony was performed March 28 by Bob Regazzoli, Sydney, Australia, South pastor. Beverly Louat was matron of honor, and Bert van der Have was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



WILLEM & PENELOPE PEETERS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cauley of Moura, Australia, are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Penelope to Willem Jan Peeters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frans Peeters of Stramproy, Netherlands. The ceremony was performed March 21 by Mark Ellis, Brisbane, Australia, South pastor. Miriam

Cauley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Brad Sernig was best man. The couple live in Brisbane.



LARRY & LYNN CRAMER

Lynn M. Maskell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maskell of Edmonton, Alberta, and Larry A. Cramer, son of Derma Cramer of Arlington, South Dakota, were united in marriage March 7. The ceremony was performed by William Rabey, Edmonton North and South pastor. The couple live in Arlington.



BILL & ELAINE NAGY

Elaine Givens and Bill David Nagy were united in marriage March 19. The ceremony was performed by L. David Stone, Biloxi, Mississippi, pastor. The couple live in Biloxi.



CURTIS & LAURA DAHLGREN

Laura Lynn Mathews and Curtis Dahlgren were united in marriage March 21. The ceremony was performed by Gary Petty, Janesville, Wisconsin, pastor. The couple live in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.



CHARLES & TERESA ORTH

Teresa A. Stout and Charles D. Orth were united in marriage Aug. 30. The ceremony was performed by Brian Orchard, Pasadena West A.M. pastor. Laurie King, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Danny Armstrong was best man. The couple live in Livermore, California.



DWAYNE & BEATRICE O'NEIL

Beatrice Anne Ladham of Montreal, Quebec, and L. Dwayne O'Neil of Cornwall, Ontario, were united in marriage Feb. 28. The ceremony was performed by Kevin Armstrong, Montreal pastor. Irene Taush was matron of honor, and Dan Watson was best man. The couple live in Edwardsburg, Ontario.



CLARK & HOLLY POPE

Holly Lynn Byars, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Byars of Porterville, California, and Clark McKelvie Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pope Sr. of Niederkirchen, Germany, were united in marriage Oct. 4. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, a minister in the Visalia, California, church. Jennifer and Jodie Jones, twin cousins of the bride, were maids of honor, and Charles Pope, twin brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in California.



MARLYN & VELDA MAE MENZ

Velda Mae Reimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Reimer of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Marlyn W. Menz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Menz of Wimbledon, North Dakota, were united in marriage Jan. 17. The ceremony was performed by Mau-

Birth Announcements

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 Christopher Feazell, adopted son of Mike and Vicki Feazell of Pasadena.

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rice Yurkiw, Winnipeg pastor. Lavina Reimer and Maria Petrick attended the bride, and Michael Schnabel and Timothy Wolbeck were groomsmen. The couple live near Wimbledon.



MARTIN & ANNE MATIP

Anne Saperky Nyandjock and Martin Marie Matip were united in marriage Feb. 18. The ceremony was performed by Winfried Fritz, Bonn-Duesseldorf, Darmstadt, Nuremberg and Zwickau, Germany, pastor. Margit Barth was matron of honor, and Rainer Barth was best man. The couple live in Munich, Germany.



GRAEME & KATRINA BEER

Katrina Sue Banham, daughter of Rod Banham of Melbourne, Australia, and Graeme Thomas Beer, son of Kath Beer of Burnie, Australia, were united in marriage May 31, 1992. The ceremony was performed by Barry Williams, a minister in the Devonport, Australia, church. Cathy Clark and Janice Eastwood attended the bride, and Davey Evans and Douglas Beer were groomsmen. The couple live in Devonport.



DOMIE & LISA REBELLON

Lisa Lanuzo Boncayao, daughter of Patricio and Dionesia Boncayao, and Domie Darag Rebellon, son of Santiago and Donata Rebellon, were united in marriage June 16, 1992. The ceremony was performed by Jose Luzuriaga, Daet, Iriga and Naga, Philippines, pastor. Jennifer Boncayao was maid of honor, and Mark Ronald Rebellon was best man. The couple live in San Miguel Bato, Philippines.



JOHN & MARY LOUISE HALL

John and Mary Louise Hall celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary April 24. They have four children, Sandra Shipley, Dianna Rago, John and James; two sons-in-law, Doug

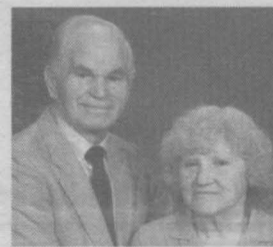
Shipley and David Rago; and nine grandchildren.

Robert and Dradell Newby of Van Buren, Arkansas, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 15. They have three sons, Robert Jr., Richard and Ricky; one daughter, Victoria; one daughter-in-law, Karen; and two granddaughters, Rachel and LeAnn.



DAVID & DORIS COOKE

David and Doris Cooke of Medford, Oregon, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 6. They have one daughter, Penny Engelbart; one son, Marc Schmaus; four grandchildren, Karl, Kevin, Rachael and Jason; and one great-grandchild, Erika. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke serve as deacon and deaconess in the Medford church.



PAUL & LELA SHABI

Paul and Lela Shabi of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary May 9. They have one son, Rick; one daughter, Kathy; one daughter-in-law, Deborah; and four grandchildren, Eric, Kristin, Katie and Patrick.



PASQUALE & MARIA FERRARA

Pasquale and Maria Ferrara of Calgary, Alberta, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary May 7. They have two sons, Mattio and Andrew; one daughter-in-law, Ruth; and two grandchildren, Alys and Stefano.



RON & DOREEN ROBINSON

Ron and Doreen Robinson of Parsippany, New Jersey, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 26. They have one son, Jeffrey. Mr. Robinson is a local church elder in the Union, New Jersey, North church.



JOHN & ANNELISE OVERTON

John and Annelise Overton of Hammond, Louisiana, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary March 3. They have two daughters, Miriam de Vlucht and Chloe Riddle; two sons, John and Henry; two sons-in-law, George de Vlucht Jr. and Travis Riddle; one daughter-in-law, Wendy; and two grandchildren, Rachel and Hannah.



DAVID & IRIS LOCKE

David and Iris Locke of Anaheim, California, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 12. They have two daughters, Davina and Lewanna.



GARY & BARBARA ANTION

Gary and Barbara Antion of Big Sandy celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 30. They have two daughters, Jan and Susan; and one son-in-law, Michael Cook. Mr. Antion is director of Counseling Services at Ambassador College.



EARL & SHIRLEY BAILEY

Earl and Shirley Bailey of Elkhart,

Indiana, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary April 27. They have four daughters, Elaine, Joyce, Mary and Katrina; three sons, Earl III, Roy and Paul; four sons-in-law, Herb, Steve, Doug and Clarence; one daughter-in-law, Robyn; and 10 grandchildren.



MERV & VERA OZANNE

Merv and Vera Ozanne of Brisbane, Australia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 17. Friends and family honored them with a surprise party May 15. The Ozannes have two daughters, Jane and Susan; and one son, Terry.



WYATT & SHIRLEY HOLLADAY

Wyatt and Shirley Holladay of Huntsville, Alabama, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary April 25. They have four daughters, Marcia Hendrix, Phyllis Allen, Jan Levy and Julie McGough; four sons-in-law, Larry Hendrix, Greg Allen, Duke Levy and Robin McGough; and six granddaughters. The Holladays serve as local church elder and deaconess in the Huntsville church.

Weddings Made of Gold



RALPH & KAY RESVICK

Ralph and Kay Resvick of Red Deer, Alberta, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 6. They have two sons, Kenneth and Barry; two daughters-in-law, Barbara and Doreen; two granddaughters, Rhond Hoppe and Kelly McKenzie; four great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.



LLOYD & GLADYS BROKAW

Lloyd and Gladys Brokaw of Gridley, California, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary May 14. They have four sons (one is deceased), one daughter, four granddaughters, three grandsons and nine great-grandchildren.



HEINZ & KAETHE PISTORIUS

Heinz and Katha Pistorius of Zwickau, Germany, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 31. They have two sons, Gunther and Dietmar; one daughter, Hella Frost; one son-in-law, Willi; one daughter-in-law; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



NEAL & BERTHA CORATHERS

Neal and Bertha Corathers of Toledo, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 6. They have two sons, Kenneth and Paul; two daughters-in-law, Sharon and Judy; and one grandson, Doug.

Obituaries

LUDEMANN, Esther, 95, of Mesa, Arizona, died May 13. She is survived by one daughter, Roberta Clements; one sister, Ruth Waite; two granddaughters, Adrien Rose and Sharyne Heissner; one grandson, Walter Rose; four adopted granddaughters, Dena, Valerie, Kathleen and Barbara; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-

grandchildren. Her daughter, Marjorie Le Duc, died in 1984.

WILES, Richard "Dick," 66, of Stockton, California, died April 26 of complications associated with 25 years of rheumatoid arthritis. He is survived by two sons and nine grandchildren.

EUSTICE, Francis "Bud," 85, of Clinton, Wisconsin, died May 16 after a long illness. He is survived by three daughters, nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two sisters. His wife, Alvena, died in January.

DOTSON, Lyman, 89, of Aguilar, Colorado, died April 11 of cancer. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Irene; and one daughter, Betty Rickel.



ALICE DUNAWAY

DUNAWAY, Alice B., 69, of Neosho, Missouri, died May 10 of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, William; two daughters, Cheryl Ambrose and Linda DeBerry; one son, Bill; two sons-in-law, Jerry Ambrose and Richard DeBerry; one daughter-in-law, Belinda; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



ELSIE MATTHEWS

MATTHEWS, Elsie, 83, of Ledbury, England, died April 21.

EMERICK, Oscar Robert, 82, of Michigan City, Indiana, died Jan. 26. He is survived by his wife, Mabel; eight sons; three daughters; 40 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

FERENCE, Jean, 66, of Edmonton, Alberta, died April 3 after a long illness. She is survived by her hus-

band, John; four sons, Ted, Tom, Tony and Felix; two daughters, Theresa Rollins and Bernadette Marsden; four brothers; five sisters; and 15 grandchildren.

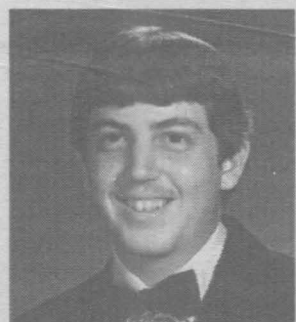
TOTH, Catherine Fay, 61, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died April 18. She is survived by two sons, David and Richard; one daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; one granddaughter, Lavender; and one brother.



JUNE McMULLIN

McMULLIN, June, 70, of Austin, Texas, died April 28 of a brain tumor. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Raymond; one brother; and one sister.

RAMOS, Paulino, 78, of Morong, Philippines, died April 17. He is survived by five sons, four daughters-in-law and 13 grandchildren.



TROY LOOSIER

LOOSIER, Troy Oneal, 27, of Leighton, Alabama, died May 1 from injuries received in an automobile accident. He is survived by his parents, Carl and Peggy.



JESUS LIGUTAN

LIGUTAN, Jesus B., 77, of Tacloban,

Philippines, died March 28 of complications from kidney failure. He is survived by his wife, Leticia.

LEE, John H. Jr., 68, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, died unexpectedly of apparent heart failure May 16. He is survived by his wife, Marie; two daughters, Sandy Orban and Pam Horchak; two sons-in-law, David Orban and Mike Horchak; and five grandchildren. Mr. Lee was a local church elder in the Baton Rouge church.



KEITH CAPELL

CAPELL, Keith, 49, of Christchurch, New Zealand, died Feb. 16. He is survived by his wife, Jill; his parents; one brother; and one sister.



CLARA BUCKLEW

BUCKLEW, Clara, 94, of Phoenix, Arizona, died April 2. She is survived by one daughter, one sister, one brother, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



FIDEL CAMBARE

CAMBARE, Fidel A., 80, of Kiara, Philippines, died Dec. 10. He is survived by his wife, Esperanza; and several adopted sons.

Festival Updates

The Amman, Jordan, site is open to anyone who is still interested in traveling to an international Feast site. Amman offers a pleasant location for Feastgoers, and Jordan is rich in biblical history. The Ambassador Foundation has 16 Ambassador College students working in five centers there.

The Jordan package includes visits to Jerash, Petra, Mt. Nebo and the Dead Sea. Brethren will stay in the four-star Plaza Hotel. Post-Feast trips to Israel, Egypt and Aqaba are planned. If you are interested in applying, please request an international Festival application from your Festival adviser. We need 100 more people to fill the site.

Tonga

The Australian Office announced that the site in Tonga has reached capacity and can take no further applications.

Caribbean

The Caribbean Office still has openings for transfers to Grenada, St. Lucia, Jamaica and Dominica. If you are interested in attending one of these sites, please complete an international application (see your pastor or Festival adviser for details). You should receive confirmation quickly to these sites. Trinidad and Guyana are also available for a few more transfers.

Note: If you are already approved to attend an international site, please don't switch at this time. And, if you do apply to a Caribbean site, please attach a \$25 personal check made out to the Worldwide Church of God.

Attention Church Youths

The Worldwide News would like to feature Church youths who are 1993 valedictorians and salutatorians. If you graduated first or second in your class, send us your name and a photo, the name of your high school, your church area and indicate your class ranking. Please have your pastor sign it. (We will return photos if you provide a self-addressed envelope.) Please mail to The Worldwide News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, by July 20.

Antidote for curing heresy

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trality of the life, death, resurrection and present activity of Jesus Christ, elements the apostle Paul considered "of first importance" (1 Corinthians 15:3).

In Colossians 2:6-8 Paul gave the ultimate prescription against heresy: "Therefore, since Jesus was delivered to you as Christ and Lord ... be rooted in him; be built in him; be consolidated in the faith you were taught.... Be on your guard; do not let your minds be captured by hollow and delusive speculations, based on traditions of man-made teaching and centred ... not on Christ" (New English Bible).

Glamorous heresies and glitzy distortions of doctrine ultimately result in the tacit denial of the centrality of the work, life, mission and ministry of the historical, biblical Jesus Christ, "the Head, from whom the whole body ... grows as God causes it to grow" (Colossians 2:19).

We can allow pet doctrines and concepts or the personality of a beloved minister or man of God, or disgruntlement at some real or imagined slight or injury to feed the germs of dissent inside us.

Yet no human can stop the progress of the gospel Christ taught. That word lives on inside of all those who faithfully follow the footsteps of those first-century Christians.

Ambassador College Job Opening

Ambassador College invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following job opening: Kitchen Steward-Stewardess/Cook.

Summary: under the supervision of the Food Services manager; includes, but not limited to organizing and supervising students in all maintenance responsibilities; or supervising food preparation and service, ensuring quality production and portion control.

Working conditions: Some work required on weekends or other than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Subject to rush period pressure, some lifting and most working time spent on feet. Applicants must include the following: a letter of application, a current resume, salary history and the names of three references with phone numbers. Applications must be submitted before July 9. Applications and inquiries should be sent to Personnel Services, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755.

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Canadian ministers attend conference

BANFF, Alberta—Meeting for a conference here May 24 to 26, 136 ministers and wives from the Canadian

region heard from **Frank Brown**, Canadian regional director; **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, director of Church Administration; and **Michael Fezell**, executive assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

Other speakers were **Bernard Schnippert**, director of Media Operations; **Randal Dick**, assistant director of Church Administration; and **Bill Jacobs**, YOU national coordinator.

In addition, the group watched videos from the pastor general and **Greg Albrecht**, *Plain Truth* editor.

Awards honor 25 years of service

Five ministers and their wives received plaques and watches at the Canadian ministerial conference May 25 in recognition of a quarter century of service to the Church.

They are **Lyle Greaves**, Courtenay, British Colum-

bia, pastor, and his wife, **Linda**; **John Katai**, supervisor of Ministerial Services for the Canadian Office, and his wife, **Lisa**; **George Lee**, Toronto, Ontario, West pastor, and his wife, **Marlene**; **Robert Morton**, Brampton, Ontario, pastor, and his wife, **Sandra**; and **Owen Murphy**, Vancouver, British Columbia, A.M. associate pastor, and his wife, **Meredith**.

Jerry McCauley, a local church elder in the Springfield, Missouri, church, received his plaque May 29. **Andrew Prettyman**, a local church elder in the Mount Sterling, Kentucky, church, received his plaque May 30.

In Pasadena, **John Prohs**, an employee of Ambassador Technologies, received his watch June 2.

Singles invited to church events in California, Washington

SANTA ROSA, California—The Santa Rosa and

Fairfield, California, singles invite singles to a weekend of fun, friendship and camping, Sept. 3 to 6 at the Olema Campground, 60 miles north of San Francisco.

The deadline for registration is Aug. 27 for tent campers and July 30 for those with recreational vehicles. For further information write **Ronda Guss** at 1308 Lindberg Lane, Petaluma, California, 94954, or call her at 1-707-763-9593.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Singles here invite others to their Capital Attraction '93 weekend, Sept. 3 to 6.

Activities include sight-seeing in the nation's capital, a picnic along the Potomac River and a dinner dance with a professional disc jockey.

Most activities will take place at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. Lodging rates at the hotel are \$55 a night for single or double occupancy, and \$68 per night for triple

or quadruple occupancy. Please call the Sheraton at 1-800-468-9090 for reservations before Aug. 20.

Costs are \$5 a person for the picnic, \$12 for a deli lunch and \$25 for the dinner dance.

For registration forms and further information write **Brett Mourer** at 6354 Lakewood Dr., Falls Church, Virginia, 22041, or call him at 1-703-750-3654.

Tonga brethren keep spring Holy Days

TONGA—**Epeli Kanaimawi** has been appointed pastor of the congregation in Tonga, in addition to his responsibilities as pastor of the Fijian brethren.

Tolu Ha'angana will continue to live in Tonga and assist Mr. Kanaimawi.

In Tonga, Mr. Kanaimawi kept the Passover with 15 people and observed the first day of Unleavened Bread with 27 in attendance.



FROM OUR

Brethren Worldwide

Shayna came a long way to come home

By Amy McRary
News-Sentinel staff writer

The blue-eyed toddler was nameless and barefoot when someone abandoned her on the steps of a police station in what was once the Soviet Union.

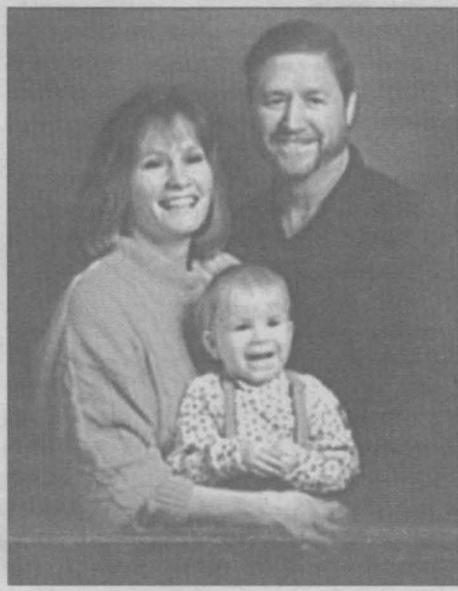
The baby, believed to be about 18 months old, was placed in a state-run orphanage. Authorities had no clue where she came from, who her parents were or why they'd left her.

Officials fabricated a Jan. 20, 1991, birth date for the youngster. They gave her a name—Kiselyova Marina Sergeevna. They picked names for imaginary parents on the necessary birth certificate. No hint existed of her past; little promise was given for her future.

Months later and thousands of miles away, the 2-year-old has a new name, a new family and a new country.

Today, the once-deserted toddler is bubbly, friendly

Ed and Dorinda Sharp, members who attend the Knoxville, Tennessee, A.M. congregation, call Shayna a blessing from God. "We were supposed to have gotten a boy, but this little girl needed us and Somebody else had a bigger plan," said Mr. Sharp. "Shayna is a wonderful gift and we couldn't be happier." This article is excerpted by permission of the Knoxville News-Sentinel.



The Sharp Family

Shayna Danielle Sharp, the much-loved daughter of Ed and Dorinda Sharp of the Carter community.

This strawberry blonde is a typical preschooler with a mischievous glint in her eyes and a love of play. She babbles a mix of baby lingo, English and her native Soviet dialect.

She slaps hands to give an athletic "high five" and hugs and wrestles 2-year-old Precious, the Sharps' black-and-white Shih Tzu. Having her Papa read stories past bedtime is a favorite activity.

"I can't imagine life without her," says Dorinda Sharp.

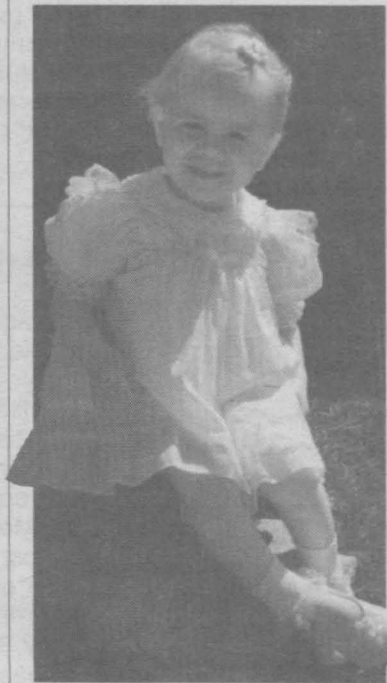
The Sharps brought their daughter home on Feb. 14, ending years of wanting a child and months of trying to adopt one from a former Soviet Union Republic. They have agreed not to identify the country, where they adopted Shayna, so not to

jeopardize ongoing adoptions from there.

Ed, 46, and Dorinda, 40, [were] married five years in July. He has two children, Stacy, 25, and Shanell, 17, from a previous marriage.

They'd checked into adoptions of South American infants. Then last spring a friend told them about the possibility of adopting a child from a former Soviet republic through Small World Ministries, a Nashville-based adoption agency. The paperwork

was detailed; the wait an emotional seesaw. They went through a home study, were fingerprinted, gathered copies of their birth certifi-



Shayna Sharp

cates and other records.

Last summer, the Sharps got word. They could adopt a little boy, who'd be 2 in October. They were sent his photo, bought boy clothes and toys and decorated a bedroom.

Somehow, paperwork at the orphanage in the ex-Soviet republic got mixed up. The baby was adopted by someone else. The Sharps were heartbroken.

News went from sad to glad in January. A 20-pound girl of 2 was available for adoption. Dorinda hugs Shayna and says: "We wouldn't change it at all now. When we got her—it's all fine now."

They exchanged boy clothes for girls'; traded trucks for dolls. On Jan. 27, they began an 18-hour flight and 2½-week trip to Moscow [an adoption clearing center] to adopt a daughter whose picture they'd never seen.

After landing at the airport, the group boarded a train for a 13-hour rail trip to the orphanage. In Moscow, the group was met by a [couple] who served as translators, guides and handlers of paperwork and red tape.

"Without them, we'd probably still be in Russia," says Ed.

Their first glimpse of their child was a small passport photo on the night before they met her. Ed and Dorinda went to the large brick orphanage holding about 100 children under age 3 on a Sunday afternoon.

Shayna was in the infirmary with a fever and ear infection, so they saw her for just five or 10 minutes. At first sight, she was beautiful.

Speaking in Russian, the orphanage doctor introduced the baby, "This is your Papa and your Mama."

"I held out my hand, and she put her hand in mine," says Ed Sharp. "And the first

thing I remember thinking is, 'She has beautiful hands.' She just put her hand in mine and from there on ..."

It was Friday afternoon before the rounds of paperwork, examinations and interviews were complete. They returned to Moscow and spent another week there finishing more paperwork and interviews before returning to East Tennessee.

Her medical history is a few lines of untranslated dialect on a half-slip of paper. Her childhood immunizations had to start over when she came to America.

They plan to tell Shayna about her native country and take a trip back when she's older. "Everybody tells us, 'She is so fortunate.' But we feel so fortunate. We needed her; she needed us."

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