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AC embraces new year with eyes on accreditation

By Reginald Killingley

BIG SANDY—One of the many features of Ambassador College is the presence of students from around the world. This year 260 international students (23 percent of the total student body) represent 43 countries.

Siddharth Nagar, from New Delhi, India, is one of 320 freshmen—169 men and 151 women—accepted for the 1993-94 school year.

For Siddharth, getting to Ambassador was an achievement in itself. "At first I had trouble obtaining my visa. The American consul was very strict, wanting specific evidence that

I was coming here only to study. My request was initially denied."

Eventually his request for a visa was granted. "Now I'm ready for an exciting first year at AC," he said.

Education is lifelong

Siddharth's first year, Ambassador's 47th, began with the usual jam-packed orientation week of assemblies, academic advisement, auditions, entrance exams, pictures and registration Aug. 16 to 20. Classes began Aug. 23.

Joseph W. Tkach, chairman of the board of regents and chancellor, traveled to Big Sandy to deliver the keynote address Monday, Aug. 16. He encouraged students to work

hard and to use the opportunities available at AC to prepare for life.

"Remember that education is not a destination; it is a lifelong process," said Mr. Tkach.

President Donald Ward then encouraged students to put their relationship with God in first place and to strive for balance in their college careers.

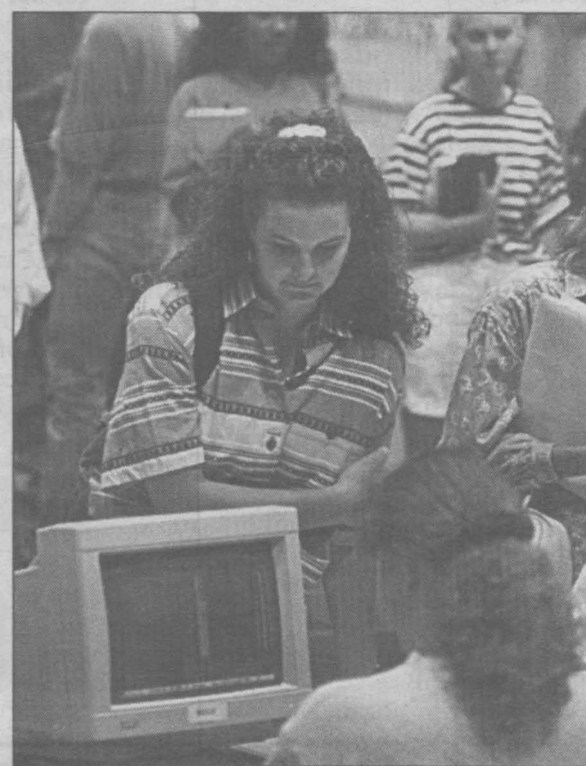
Freshman Sharon Heaton from Sussex, Wisconsin, found the pace hectic. "I'm really looking forward to the start of classes because I'll be able to keep a more regular schedule, but orientation week helped us to find out not only what we can expect but also what is expected of us at AC," Sharon said.

At the freshman reception Monday evening, new students shook hands and chatted with Mr. Tkach, and met Dr. Ward, Dr. Ward's wife, Wanda, administrators and faculty.

Accreditation visit approaching

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) will send a team to visit AC in November to determine if the college can now be accredited. Ambassador received candidate for accreditation status in July 1992.

"We won't know their decision until the SACS meeting in June of next year," said Dr. Ward, "but we are quietly confident. We have worked hard to comply with all the recommendations and suggestions SACS made to us after their last visit in 1991."



COMPUTER CHECK—Sophomore Rachele Fletcher registers for courses at Ambassador College. Classes began Aug. 23. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Ambassador is now participating in federal student aid programs. "Having eligible students receive Pell grants and federal loans will lessen the burden on the college's student financial assistance program," said Roger Widmer, director of financial aid.

"It will also allow the recipients to devote more of their time to the academic demands of college life."

The number of classes and faculty also has increased this year. For instance, the Psychology & Education Department has expanded its course offerings to 16.

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Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

One God

Last time, I wrote about the biblical teaching that the Holy Spirit is God. I also explained some of the limitations of the word "Persons" when referring to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In this letter, I want to focus on why we have chosen the word "hypostases" over the word "Persons," and on why we use the pronoun "it" in reference to the Holy Spirit.

When we express the biblical truth that God is one and at the same time three, we need to use words that do not imply three Gods, or three separate God Beings. God's oneness cannot be compromised.

In considering English words, we find that many imply separateness. All words that imply separateness are strictly inappropriate. "Persons" is one of these. "Entities" is another word that implies separateness. "Modes" tends to do the same, as "Beings" certainly does.

The fact is, all words that refer to created things tend to mislead by their very context in ordinary language. We should find terms that do not confuse God's nature with the created order.

Distinct, not separate

Hebrews 1:3 states: "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word." From the description of the Son as "the radiance of God's glory," we learn a number of things. The Son is not a separate Being. The Son is not less divine than the Father. The Son is eternal, just as the Father is.

In other words, the Son is to the Father as radiance or brightness is to glory. One cannot simply have radiance without the source of radiance, or a source of radiance without the radiance itself. Yet we distinguish between God's glory and the radiance of that glory. They are distinct, without being separate.

Likewise, there is much to learn from the words "the exact representation of his being." The Son is the full and complete expression of the Father.

Now, let's look at the word translated "being" in this passage. Other versions translate it "person." The word from which "being" and "person" in this passage are translated is *hypostasis*. The word means "standing under" in literal terms. It refers to that which "stands under," or that which makes something what it is. Here's a good definition of *hypostasis*: "That without which something cannot be." It could be called "the ground of being."

This is the word we have chosen to use of the Father, the Son, and

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Contributions assist abused women, juveniles, elderly in Germany, Estonia

By Frankie Weinberger

BONN, Germany—At the end of 1992 a German *Plain Truth* (*Klar & Wahr*) subscriber donated a large sum of money to the German Office for charitable purposes. After considering alternatives, several projects in Tartu, Estonia, and Dresden and Bonn, Germany, were chosen.

A rehabilitation center in Tartu for male juveniles released from correctional facilities will be supported to help with repairs and staff needs. The center is run by member Anne Schotter.

Part of the contributions will help

fund an elderly care home and purchase kitchen equipment for impoverished elderly people in Dresden.

In Bonn, donations were given to an elderly care facility and the Organization Against Violence Toward Women (Verein gegen Gewalt an Frauen). Hans Daniels, mayor of Bonn, sent a letter of thanks to acknowledge the contribution to the elderly care facility in Bonn.

John Karlson, regional director for German-speaking areas, and Wolfgang Thomsen, an employee of the German Office in Bonn, were invited to the mayor's office July 8 to sign a registry book in honor of the donation given by the subscriber.

Intolerance, violence greet refugees in Europe

COSTA DEL SOL, Spain—In a bid to find a better life in Europe, 16 Somali refugees crammed themselves into a crate and waited on the dockside at the Estonian port of Tallinn. They were in danger of asphyxiation had they not been found by a customs official 10 hours later.

About 750,000 refugees sought asylum in Western Europe in 1992. They fled from war, political instability or religious persecution.

People moving across national borders is becoming "the human crisis of the age," according to the United Nations Population Fund. Of the world population, one person in 50 no longer resides in his or her native country.

Refugee status twice

Many Asians living in Britain have experienced refugee status twice, such as Ram Gidoomal.

In 1946, when the Indian subcontinent was partitioned into the countries of India and Pakistan, Mr. Gidoomal, a Hindu, and his family, found themselves on the Muslim side of the border in Pakistan.

Rather than become refugees in India, the family moved to Kenya, where they had business interests. There they lived until Kenya gained independence and the Gidoomal family was deported to Britain. Once again they were strangers in a strange land.

He describes his experience: "I was terrified at the way complete



strangers called me 'luv.' I thought they were making a pass at me! And who were those 'nig-nogs' and 'Pakis' whom some Britons seemed to dislike? Didn't people realize we couldn't 'go back where we came from'?"

Racist violence

Sadly, Mr. Gidoomal's experience is not rare. Refugees are not always welcome in their new homelands. They often find themselves the victims of nationalism and racist violence.

In Germany, five Turkish immigrants died when their home was firebombed in May. They were the latest victims of neo-Nazi attacks on immigrants and refugees.

In France, a poll indicates that a third of the population subscribes to the racist leanings of National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen.

In Britain, at least eight people died in racist violence in the past year, and attacks on nonwhite immigrants are up dramatically.

In Spain, newspapers indicate a potential resurgence of nationalism. Such attitudes are not new here. In the 13th century Spain was at the heart of the Inquisition, a time when Christians who were considered heretics were tortured to secure confessions, or put to death. It was one of the most dramatic periods of intolerance known in Europe.

Such attacks on immigrants and refugees worry many Europeans. They see the racial and religious intolerance that has engulfed the former Yugoslavia in civil war for two years and wonder if that won't happen elsewhere in Europe.

At times in European history peo-

ple have had to choose between compassion for those who are different—the stranger and the alien—and a nationalism which, at its worse, led to racism and the Holocaust. This choice is again being faced by the peoples of Europe.

A better way

The Bible says our attitude toward foreigners who live and work in our nation should be one of tolerance and compassion.

"Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens in Egypt" (Exodus 22:21).

This thought is extended to the Christian in the New Testament. When Jesus judges between the sheep and the goats, he says, "I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35).

Christians should know what it is to be an alien in a foreign culture. For we are citizens of another kingdom, just like the heroes of Hebrews 11 who "admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth" and that "they are looking for a country of their own."

The hallmark of a Christian is to show love toward all—toward like-minded believers and toward the stranger.

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.

Returning to the Church

Thank you for welcoming me back to the congregation of the Worldwide Church of God.

I wrote you in late January, explaining how I had dropped out about 14 years ago, and you sent me the name of the local pastor, who called to tell me the meeting time and place. I have been attending Sabbath services since Feb. 13 and am very happy about it.

The Passover was very special and so was the Night to be Much Observed. I've met many of the brethren here and enjoy their fellowship very much.

I think the changes are good and indicate a church that admits error and changes as the Spirit of God gives further understanding and wisdom.

Name withheld
Virginia

Prime example

While watching the local news on television concerning the flooding in the St. Louis, Missouri, area, I saw one of our ministers, Mr. Philip Perkins, helping out by doing duty as a sandbagger.

Mr. Perkins responded to the need of strangers. He is a prime example of what is right in the world today.

Marvin H. Helton
Leslie, Missouri

Having a happy Feast

Over and again we have been instructed that one of the things we can do to keep a good Feast is to share from our second tithe abundance with those less fortunate and alone.

From my observation I would say that we have learned that lesson well. One has to make a reservation for time on the widow's calendar well in advance.

However, there is another aspect of that sharing lesson—the sometimes thoughtlessness of the invitee.

Last year, *The Worldwide News* related the story of Miss Helen Dey, who organized a benefit for orphans, which was well received and well attended. Others are not that successful.

My son told to me the heartrending incident of a young man at the Feast who happily arranged to share fellowship and food in his "temporary dwelling."

Being paralyzed and in a wheelchair, it was difficult for the young man to get about to services and participate in activities. In addition to the usual personal care and attendance of his nurse he required special transportation and housing facilities.

That year his budget allowed for inviting people to his place for a party. As much as was possible during the Feast he asked people to come, and some said that they would.

So he planned and prepared in happy anticipation and with grateful heart that God had blessed him with both the means and the strength to carry out his plan.

Came the night of the party, and you already know what happened. The table was spread with all manner of tasty and pleasingly arranged hors d'oeuvres, a variety of drinks and refreshments. But where were the guests? What happened to those who had accepted his invitation, who had said, yes, they would come?

"I guess they meant that they would come if they had nothing else to do," was the way he expressed it to my son.

Lorine A. Gleue
Belleville, Kansas

"Into All the World..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

Youth offers advice and guidance

About six months ago I was a confused and scared teenager. I didn't know what I wanted out of life. I didn't really know what God wanted from me.

I had just started dating and I was experiencing feelings I had never felt before. I was making decisions I never had to make before.

When my boyfriend and I started spending a lot of time together, the topic of sex came up. I went for advice to a good Christian friend of mine. She suggested that I should start reading *Youth 93*.

I can't tell you how much your magazine has helped me. It has helped me know what God wants me to do, what decisions and choices he wants me to make.

What helps me the most is the advice columns. That same friend of mine went through her old *Youth* magazines and cut out articles on premarital sex for me. They stopped me from making that big mistake.

Without *Youth 93* I could have made so many mistakes. I'm sure it has helped many other teenagers just like it has helped me.

Virginia

Ears to hear

Thank you for the article titled "A Time To Comfort" [September 1992 *Plain Truth*] in your welcome, thought-provoking magazine. It brought back so many memories.

In 1973 I was staying with my parents. One of their neighbors, whom I did not know, had lost her husband a few days previously in a car accident. As I was walking one day with my two very young children, a lady I had never met fell into step and began to talk. It transpired this was the bereaved lady.

When we got home she obviously needed to continue talking, so I invited her in for a cup of tea. I, at only 24 years old, had no experience of death and bereaved people and felt a little afraid at not knowing what to do or say.

I should not have worried. All this lady wanted to do was talk about her husband, their life together, her memories of him and the things they'd tried to do and had accomplished.

I didn't have to say much, just listen, hold her hand, pat her arm, cry and yes, laugh with her through both our tears. When she left an hour or two later she thanked me for allowing her to talk.

Up until then, every time she tried to talk about her husband, then her friends, neighbors and even her children and grandchildren had either changed the subject or told her not to talk about it as it would upset her!

I learnt a valuable lesson that day. I knew that all I have to do is be there and listen and show love and care for a bereaved person, to mention the person who has died, so that the bereaved can know it's all right to talk about a lost spouse, or relative, when the need arises. Thank you again for the article.

E.M.B.
Swindon, England

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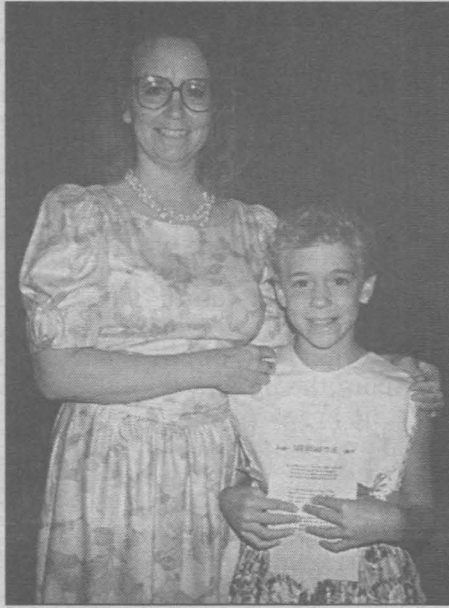
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Pastor General visits...

WAUSAU, WISCONSIN



Trip Overview

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 1,000 brethren July 31 from the Wausau, Appleton, Eagle River, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Janesville, La Crosse and Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; and Rockford, Illinois; churches.

Hosts for the visit were George and Rika Pendry, Wausau and Eagle River; Robert and Dorothy Flores, Appleton and Green Bay; Mitch and Linda Knapp, Eau Claire and La Crosse; Doug and Rosa Peitz, Wisconsin Dells; and Gary and Kim Petty, Janesville and Rockford. [Photos by Dennis Griffith and Lynne Pahl]



Personal: One God

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the Holy Spirit. It is a biblical term, and it does not confuse God's nature with the created order. Our teaching is that God is one Being, existing eternally in three hypostases: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As I explained last time, the word "Person" gives the impression of a human person—a being with a body. God thinks, moves, works, speaks, etc., so God is commonly considered to be a Person in these senses. But the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are also considered Persons in individual references.

If the Father is a Person, the Son is a Person, the Holy Spirit is a Person, and, of course, God is a Person, how many Persons are there? So the word "Person" leads to a confusion. Does anyone want to say there are four Persons, not just three? This problem arises because the word "Persons" can be misleading when applied to God.

God is personal

On the other hand, God does interact with us in a personal way. It is wrong, therefore, to say that God is *impersonal*. One does not worship a rock or plant, but a "living Person." God is personal, but he is not a person in the way humans are persons. "I am God, and not man—the Holy One among you" (Hosea 11:9).

God is creator—not part of his creation. Humans have a beginning, grow up, have a body, are separate from one another, grow old, increase or decrease in size, strength, etc., and die. God has none of those characteristics, but is, nonetheless, per-

sonal in his relationship to humankind.

Now, let's turn our attention to pronouns. The Father is personal. The Son is personal. The Holy Spirit is personal. But if this is the case, why do we not use the pronoun "he" when speaking of the Holy Spirit?

The answer is a matter of grammar, not a matter of whether the Spirit is personal. A baby, for example, may be referred to as an "it," but that does not stop us from thinking of that baby as a person.

The language of the New Testament is Greek. In Greek, as in Spanish, French, Italian, German and other languages, nouns and adjectives have gender. That is, they are masculine, feminine or neuter.

The choice of pronouns is based on grammatical gender, not on the basis of whether the object itself is male or female. For example, in Spanish, *mesa*, or table, is feminine—a *she*. Yet a table is not a person. In German, *Mädchen*, or girl, is neuter—an *it*—even though a girl is female.

Let's look at John 14:16-17. The word "another," because it is referring back to Jesus, is masculine, and takes the pronoun "he." The word "Comforter" is masculine and takes the pronoun "he." The word "Spirit" is neuter and takes the pronoun "it." These are questions of the grammar of the language, not questions of theology.

In John 15:26, John uses "he" of the Comforter and "it" of the Spirit—because of correct grammar, *not* because of personality. The Holy Spirit is personal, but the word "Spirit" takes the pronoun "it." The word "Comforter" takes the pronoun "he."

Since it is correct to use "he" of the Comforter, and since the Holy Spirit is the Comforter, some have reasoned that it is acceptable to use "he" of the Holy Spirit. However, it is not grammatically correct to refer to the Holy Spirit as "he," because "Spirit" is a neuter word, both in Greek and English.

It is important to understand that God is neither male nor female. Maleness and femaleness are characteristics of the created order, not of God. The use of "he" in reference to God is a matter of grammar, not a matter of attributing sex to God.

Therefore, nothing significant to God's nature rests on the choice of pronoun. God is God, the Creator of all that is, including maleness and femaleness. (Jesus, however, as a human, was male. He entered the created realm, and took on the identity of a male human being.)

Our revised statement of beliefs will reflect the use of the word "hypostases" in reference to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This will also be reflected in the revision of the *God Is...* booklet.

Again, I emphasize that, in our practice and experience, *nothing changes*. We pray as we always have, and we worship as we always have. But our explanation of how the Bible teaches that God is one has changed. If you find this new material difficult to understand, give yourself time. Ask God to help you understand. The truth, once we come to understand it, is exciting and comforting!

Co-worker letter

On another subject, I hope all of

you will read carefully the August member and co-worker letter. The letter focuses on the need for all of us to take Christ's calling seriously, to make it the focal point and foundation of everything we do.

Our societies are moving further and further from God, and, if we are not careful, many of us can drift right along with the crowd.

We are Christians first and members of our respective cultures and societies second. Our hopes and goals must reflect the Spirit of God, not the values of the societies in which we live.

Be sure to read the letter, and let's all press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us in Christ Jesus.

I pray that you will have an especially meaningful and spiritually rich Feast of Tabernacles. I am looking forward to speaking to everyone on the first Holy Day.

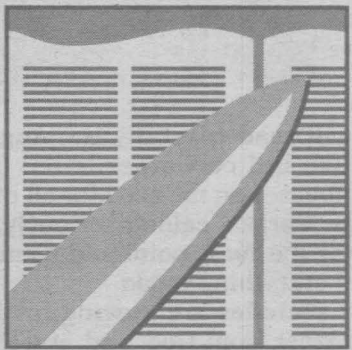
Services before and after Feast

If you will be leaving home before the Day of Atonement, or will not be back to your home congregation by the Sabbath after the Feast, you may find out the location of a church congregation by calling 1-800-423-4444. Please call well before you leave for the Feast. You should also contact the pastor of the church to make sure services will be at the normal location and time that Sabbath.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17—As iron sharpens iron,



Our call to mirror the light of Christ

By Ted Johnston

Jesus Christ's example guides our keeping of the Feast of Tabernacles. His message tells of the time when the entire world will walk in glorious light.

From the last Feast of Tabernacles of Jesus' life in the flesh, we learn from John's Gospel that Jesus went in secret to Jerusalem (John 7:1-10). About the middle of the Feast, he appeared publicly in the temple and began to teach (verse 14).

Jesus' teaching was causing a stir, so the temple authorities sought to arrest him. But Christ eluded them. Near the end of the Feast, he reappeared in the temple and began to teach again.

What Christ taught during that last Feast of Tabernacles, in his Father's house, is of great significance to us. His words convey a message we should focus on at the Feast this year.

In particular, Christ speaks a vital truth about his life and saving work, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). To understand this message more fully, we need to see Jerusalem and the temple through Christ's eyes.

Grandeur of the temple

The temple Christ taught in was built by Herod the Great. It was a magnificent structure, rivaling the temple of Solomon in size and grandeur. In particular, it was known for its immense plazas, scenes of great pageantry and celebration on the Feast days.

One such plaza was the 200-foot-

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square court of women, below the altar in front of the holy place. There most of the Jews worshiped and Christ taught (verse 20).

In this court of women a dramatic pageant was enacted every night during the Feast of Tabernacles. After the evening sacrifice, as the sky grew dark, the worshipers would crowd into the court, where four immense golden lampstands stood.

Each had four golden lamps. Against each lampstand rested a ladder on which priests with pitchers of oil fed the lamps.

Around the lampstands other men danced with large lighted torches, singing songs of praise. Levites on the steps leading from the court to the temple accompanied the singers

Though an inspiring physical light was illuminating Jerusalem during Jesus' last Feast on earth, Jesus knew the people were in utter spiritual darkness. "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

on harps, cymbals, trumpets and other instruments. The dancing and music often continued until daybreak, while a glow of golden light illuminated Jerusalem.

And in that court Christ proclaimed to the assembled crowd, "I am the light of the world."

This statement takes on even greater meaning when we understand that the light cast by this ceremony had special significance to the Jews.

It reminded them of the light God provided Israel as they wandered through the wilderness on their jour-

ney to the Promised Land.

It reminded them of the pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21). To them, the Feast of Tabernacles was a celebration of God's deliverance as they lived 40 years in temporary dwellings (tabernacles) in the wilderness.

Then, in a permanent temple in Jerusalem, they celebrated the joy of worshiping a God who provided them with that light of deliverance.

And to the utter amazement of the crowd, Jesus proclaimed, "I am that light." But to the Jewish authorities this outrageous statement was blasphemy—it meant Jesus was claiming to be the God of Isaiah's prophecy: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:2).

'Follow me!'

Christ not only openly proclaimed that he is that light, but as Israel of old followed the pillar of fire by night, Christ says, "Follow me!"

Though an inspiring physical light illuminated Jerusalem at night during the Feast, Jesus knew the people were in utter spiritual darkness. His message tells of the time when the entire world will walk in glorious light, following their Savior.

As Christ kept the last Feast of his life on earth, he concentrated on that wonderful future. His example should guide our keeping of the Feast this year: "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

As God's people we are called to mirror the light of our Savior. Nowhere is that more important than at the Feast, where God will bring us to picture the time when people who walk in darkness will see a great light.

If we live as children of light, we will live out what Christ said in John 8:12, referring to the dramatic ceremony of light in the court of women: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Look for ways to share at the Festival of Tabernacles

Do you want to have a memorable Festival? Take advantage of opportunities to help, serve and share. Spend some of your second tithe on others.

By Clayton Steep

It sounded like an enjoyable idea, so I decided to try it. In a restaurant filled with brethren on one of the Holy Days, I ordered a bottle of champagne and had it sent anonymously to people I didn't know at another table.

What fun it was to see their surprised expressions and to hear their laughter as they toasted the occasion! I enjoyed thinking how this would help make the Festival mem-

orable for that group of people.

Minutes later, however, when cigarettes appeared, it dawned on me that the people at this table weren't in the Church. Oh well, it was a good lesson about sharing with everyone, in or out of the Church.

In Leviticus 23 you will notice that each of God's Festivals is centered on an assembly—a coming together for a common, shared experience.

The Festival is about sharing. I am deeply aware of that. I was able to keep my first Feast of Tabernacles because some brethren, who didn't have a lot, shared.

My second tithe amounted to only a few dollars. Not even a start in the direction of the 1,000-mile trip to Gladewater, Texas—the only Feast site at the time.

A young couple I hardly knew offered me transportation there and back. I remember the little

Ford packed full. They didn't need an extra passenger. But they shared.

Once we arrived at the Feast site,

My second tithe amounted to only a few dollars. Not even a start in the direction of the 1,000-mile trip to Texas—the only Feast site at the time.

one of the brethren offered me a place to stay. He had a small tent, about four-by-six feet and four feet tall. He hung a sheet down the center, making two tiny compartments.

The tent was hardly big enough for one person. He didn't need anyone else in it. But he shared.

More recently, on the morning after the Last Great Day, I was strug-

gling with the normal sadness that comes as I hauled luggage from the motel room to the car.

Standing in the parking lot was a man who appeared deep in thought. I wished him good morning, whereupon he laughingly commented that he was suffering post-Feast blues. As we exchanged first names, he said if I were passing his way on my journey, I would be welcome in his home.

The spirit of sharing lingers on after the Feast too, as it should. We can keep it alive and well by seeking to do good to others.

Take advantage of opportunities to help and serve and share. Spend some of your second tithe on others. Treat someone to a meal. Tuck a small gift into the hands of someone at services. It doesn't have to be expensive—just a trinket or souvenir.

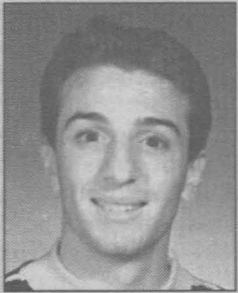
Do things for others and your Festival will be memorable.

Clayton Steep is managing editor of the Church's booklets.



High school honorees

The Worldwide News congratulates the following youths who were valedictorians or salutatorians (or ranked first or second) in their graduating classes.



Paul Alfieri
Salutatorian
Madison Central High School
Union, New Jersey, South church



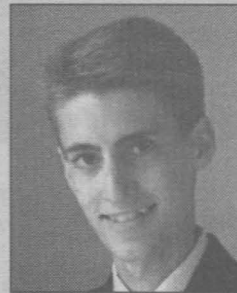
Thorvin Anderson
Valedictorian
Enumclaw Senior High School
Seattle, Washington, church



Barbara Bailey
Co-valedictorian
Waurika High School
Lawton, Oklahoma, church



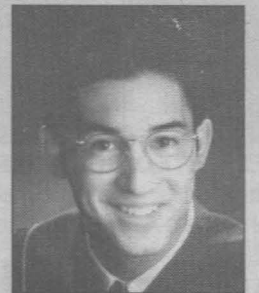
Janice Bailey
Salutatorian
Waurika High School
Lawton, Oklahoma, church



Andrew A. Borgen
Valedictorian
Nelson High School
Grand Island, Nebraska, church



Heidi Jo Beck
Salutatorian
Granite High School
Butte, Montana, church



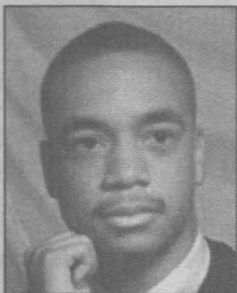
Floro Emmanuel Restauo Belliveau
Valedictorian
J.M.A. Armstrong High School
Moncton, New Brunswick, church



Becky Marie Bloedow
Valedictorian
Colbert High School
Sherman, Texas, church



Catherine Mechelle Booth
Salutatorian
Clinton Senior High School
Kansas City, Missouri, East church



Kwan Borden
Salutatorian
Prince Andrew High School
Halifax, Nova Scotia, church



Eva Marie Bradford
Salutatorian
Grace King High School
New Orleans, Louisiana, church



Thomas Allen Burnett
Salutatorian
East Clinton High School
Dayton, Ohio, church



Daniel Lawrence Chilton
Valedictorian
Mandeville High School
Picayune, Mississippi, church



Jason Crane
Salutatorian
Austin High School
Columbus, Indiana, church



Michael Jack Elliott
Valedictorian
Greenwood High School
Bowling Green, Kentucky, church



Russell Finger
Valedictorian
Milwaukee Trade and Technical High School
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, West church



Rinna L. Freires
Salutatorian
Sta. Ana High School
Davao, Philippines, church



Nicole Anne Grassmann
Salutatorian
Blair High School
Pasadena East A.M. church



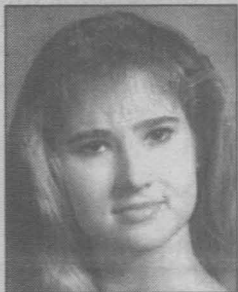
Samira Herbosa
Salutatorian
Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Long Beach, California, church



Cassandra Hummel
Valedictorian
Illinois Valley Central High School
Peoria, Illinois, church



Sandra L. Knipe
Valedictorian
Ashmont Secondary High School
Bonnyville, Alberta, church



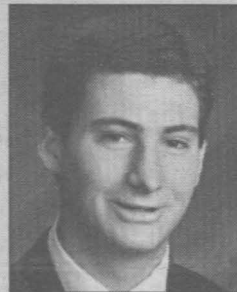
Gina Lott
Salutatorian
Lake High School
Meridian, Mississippi, church



Elana Anne Maydanski
Valedictorian
MacDonald High Complex
Sydney, Nova Scotia, church



Corinne McClure
Honors diploma
Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities
Michigan City, Indiana, church



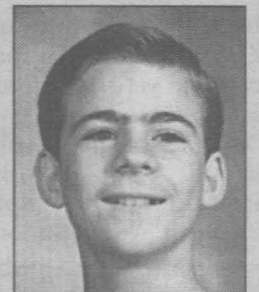
Scott A. McElwee
Valedictorian
Peebles High School
Portsmouth, Ohio, church



Queenie Maghuyop Meninguito
Valedictorian
Jimenez Bethel Institute
Baroy, Philippines, Bible study



Daniel Walker Mingle
Valedictorian
Antioch High School
Nashville, Tennessee, church



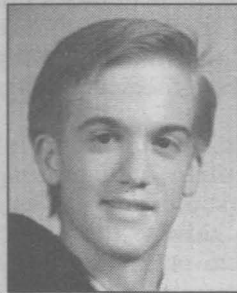
Kevin Moxley
Salutatorian
Hinton Junior High School
Weatherford, Oklahoma, church



Stephanie Neely
Valedictorian
Pearl-Cohn High School
Nashville, Tennessee, church



Genica C. Olarte
Salutatorian
Hinundayan Institute
Sogod, Philippines, church



Kyle Patmor
Valedictorian
Union County High School
Madisonville, Kentucky, church



Lyndell Jay Rottmann
Valedictorian
Milby Science Institute
Houston, Texas, East church



Rebecca Schmidt
Salutatorian
Hillsboro High School
LaCrosse, Wisconsin, church



Aaron Scurto
Salutatorian
East Hampton High School
Hartford, Connecticut, church



Wendy Jo Smith
Salutatorian
Cochranon High School
Franklin, Pennsylvania, church



Monica Lynne Strickland
Co-valedictorian
El Camino High School
San Francisco, California, church



Vincent Travis Szymkowiak
Co-valedictorian
Stevenson High School
Detroit, Michigan, East church



Sharon Treybig
Valedictorian
St. George's School
Spokane, Washington, church



Kimberly Votaw
Valedictorian
Big Sandy High School
Big Sandy church



Lisa Marie Webb
Valedictorian
North Iredell High School
Winston-Salem, North Carolina, church



DEDICATED SERVANT—Joseph W. Tkach presents Lynn Torrance, director of Admissions at Ambassador, with a pen and clock desk set in recognition of Dr. Torrance's 40 years of service to the Church and college. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

AC expands faculty and programs

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The department has added five upper-division psychology courses and a returning faculty member, Professor David J. Albert. Beginning this fall, the new classes will make it possible for students to minor in psychology.

"Our psychology minor will support many fields, including nursing, gerontology and health administration," said William L. Johnson, dean of faculty and department chair. "With our psychology program, an Ambassador student will be prepared to pursue a master's degree in psychology at almost any graduate school."

Other faculty members added for the 1993-94 school year are Susan R. Blumel, assistant professor of home economics; Paula M. Johnson, adjunct instructor in English; Reginald V. Killingley, adjunct instructor in history; and James T. Worthen, lecturer in business administration. AC now has 93 full- and part-time faculty.

Athletics program more visible

The college anticipates another successful year in intercollegiate athletics.

"With associate membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics now approaching its third year, Ambassador has become more visible to the surrounding area," said Gilbert Norman, athletics director. "This gives us the opportu-

nity to shine our light to the other schools and universities that we play against."

The opportunity to participate in intercollegiate sports is a powerful attraction to many new students. Sharon Treybig, a freshman from Spokane, Washington, said, "I'm really hopeful about playing for the college's intercollegiate women's volleyball and basketball teams."

Ambassador now fields intercollegiate teams for men and women in basketball, volleyball, track and field, and golf, as well as for men's soccer.

"AC continues to produce young men and women of outstanding character, caliber and achievement," said Michael Germano, dean of academic affairs. "The success of recent graduates owes much to their AC training. Many have been hired by prestigious companies and others have been accepted into very competitive graduate programs."

Some examples are Dean Adams, a 1993 graduate, now enrolled in a graduate program in international affairs at Columbia University in New York City; and Sylvia Owen, a 1982 graduate, who is studying at Duke Medical School, alongside graduates of Harvard, Yale, Princeton and similar universities.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is the best time ever to be a student at AC," said Jeremy Bushlack, a senior from Marion, Iowa. "I feel more committed than ever to living up to the college's standard of excellence and to the true values which will guide us for the rest of our lives," he said.

Festival Updates

British-administered sites

To all visitors coming to a British-administered Festival site: Please note that the international transfer fee is 15 pounds per application, not per person as stated in information sent. We apologize for any confusion.

Shows at Wisconsin Dells

The Church has negotiated with Molly's Show Place and Country Legends Theatre (new this year) to remain open for members during the Feast at Wisconsin Dells.

Molly's Show Place will present "The History of the Jukebox" eight times during the Festival. This all new show features America's favorite jukebox songs from 1918 to the present and has selections from Ragtime, Big Band, Rock and Country. This 75-minute song and dance revue is presented in a fast-paced theme-park style for the whole family to enjoy.

Dinner at Molly's features roast beef and baked chicken. The cost is \$17.50 for adults and \$9.75 for children ages 4 to 10. Molly's is wheelchair accessible.

For information on how to order tickets for Molly's, call them at 1-608-254-6222.

Country Legends Theatre will present its country music variety show six times during the Feast of Tabernacles. This two-hour program features the songs, stories and comic impersonations of professional enter-

tainer Ronnie Prophet.

This is entertainment only, and does not include a dinner. The cost is \$10.55 for adults and \$5.25 for children younger than 12.

For information on how to order tickets for Country Legends you may call them at 1-800-737-5437.

Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and should be ordered as soon as possible. The seating capacity for Molly's is about 200, and Country Legends is about 450.

While we are helping to publicize these programs because we feel many brethren will enjoy them, they are not Church-sponsored, and no one should feel an obligation to attend.

For singles attending Eugene site

EUGENE, Oregon—Singles of all ages attending the Eugene Festival site are invited to attend the Harvest Moonlight dinner dance Oct. 3 at the Red Lion Inn in Springfield, Oregon.

Cost is \$22 a person. Maximum attendance for the dinner is 150 people. Space is guaranteed for those who pre-pay.

Make checks payable to L.C.A.F. Vancouver and send them to Larry Bontrager at 801 N. Garrison Rd., No. 57, Vancouver, Washington, 98664.

If space is available, tickets may also be purchased on the morning of Oct. 1 at the singles booth before and after services.

First aid at the Feast of Tabernacles

Tips on how to use first-aid stations and what to do if sickness or accidents occur at Feast of Tabernacles sites

The purpose of first-aid stations at Festival sites is to provide immediate care for minor injuries (such as cuts and scrapes). This service is not intended to include medical treatment.

Anyone with serious injuries or illnesses beyond first aid will be referred to a medical facility for evaluation and treatment. The first-aid staff will assist in summoning paramedics when a medical emergency is apparent.

No drugs (including painkillers such as aspirin) will be dispensed from the first-aid station. Because of legal constraints, the staff is not authorized to prescribe medicine or give chiropractic treatments even if they may be licensed to do so.

Responsibility of members

Some have apparently expected the Church to pay for their treatment if they have a medical emergency. However, medical expenses are the responsibility of each individual.

The Church advises that anyone with an existing serious medical condition weigh carefully the extra strain of travel, unfamiliar surroundings and other factors in deciding whether to attend the Feast of Tabernacles.

Anyone with a communicable disease such as influenza should not

come to services to be anointed. Instead, members may call for a minister to come to their lodging for the anointing.

Parental consent is necessary for the treatment of minors. Please take your child personally to the first-aid station if treatment is needed.

Christian love

Children with cold symptoms such as fever, sneezing or coughing should be kept in their living quarters to rest and recover.

This is an exercise in Christian love toward the one who is sick and will prevent spreading the illness to others.

It is our goal to provide essential first-aid treatment for those who attend the Feast of Tabernacles.

We hope this article explains the unavoidable constraints the Church is under in regard to the degree of medical assistance that can be provided.

Mailing dates for Youth Bible Lessons in United States and Canada

YES Lessons	Mailing Date	Latest Arrival Date
1 and Fall Feast	Aug. 6, 1993	Aug. 28, 1993
2	Sept. 1, 1993	Sept. 25, 1993
3	Oct. 20, 1993	Oct. 30, 1993
4	Nov. 3, 1993	Nov. 27, 1993
5	Dec. 3, 1993	Dec. 25, 1993
6 and Spring Feast	Jan. 6, 1994	Jan. 29, 1994
7	Feb. 3, 1994	Feb. 26, 1994
8	March 4, 1994	March 26, 1994
9	April 8, 1994	April 30, 1994
10	May 6, 1994	May 28, 1994

If no one in your congregation has received the current lesson, it is probably because of a production delay. If others have received the lesson by the latest arrival date and your child has not, call the Mail Processing Center (MPC) at 1-800-423-4444 and ask for Youth File.

Not all churches are doing evaluations. For those that do, you may skip evaluating the Spring and Fall Feast lessons in order to complete the YES year in time for YOU activities.

You may wish to cut out this chart and save it for future reference. As a reminder, this is the last year for YES lessons.

United Kingdom Ministerial Transfers

David Bedford to Accra, Ghana.

Paul Brown to London South.

John Meakin to Llanelli, Wales, and Bristol, England.

Peter Shenton to Birmingham and Ross-on-Wye.

Harry Sullivan to Belfast, Ballymena and Craigavon, Northern Ireland.

Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

HANSON, Thomas and Tina (Blanco) of Pasadena, boy, Thomas Carleton Jr., Aug. 2, 12:42 p.m., 7 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOWARD, David and Hayley (Attwood) of Ballarat, Australia, girl, Nelisa Renee, July 20, 5:40 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HUBBARD, Blaine and Debi (Klepper) of Lincoln, Nebraska, boy, Matthew Thomas George, July 8, 12:11 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HUGHES, Scott and Renee (Sarfert) of Edmonton, Alberta, girl, Ashley Kristin, Aug. 3, 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

KAYS, Mark and Kelly (Bushdorf) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, boy, Wesley Allyn, July 28, 3:16 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces.

KRAMSKY, Vincenz and Martha (Elizondo) of Leon, Mexico, boy, David Gershom, July 15, 6:58 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

KUNKLE, Donald and Sandra (Richardson) of Vancouver, Washington, boy, Garrett Jacob, June 26, 11:55 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

MATHIS, McCarthy and Evelyn (Scott) of Gloucester, Virginia, girl, Jasmine Kindra, July 25, 4:25 a.m., 7 pounds 1 1/4 ounces, first child.

McDOWELL, Blake and Delonna (Minron) of Grand Island, Nebraska, boy, Cody Mitchell, April 14, 12:14 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MILLER, Kenneth and Teresa (John) of Billings, Montana, girl, Marcie Lorraine, May 17, 11:57 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

MISNER, Ivan and Elisabeth (Prevo) of Glendora, California, boy, Ivan Richard III, July 9, 12:24 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MORGAN, Gary and Sherry (Bland) of Memphis, Tennessee, boy, Gregory Nathan, July 26, 7:25 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PEARSON, Gil and Diane (Kiepk) of Portland, Oregon, boy, Ivan Micah, May 27, 11:26 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

PEERS, David and Leonie (Gibson) of Sydney, Australia, boy, Jonathan Andrew, July 11, 5:08 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

PORTER, Mark Tracy and Cherie (Dexter) of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, boy, Jordan Kyle, June 7, 9:31 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

REHM, Jack and Sharon (Fertig) of Casper, Wyoming, boy, Blake Raymond, July 21, 12:37 p.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ROUSSELL, Buddy and Suzanne (Grice) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, boy, Brent Michael, July 20, 6:30 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

SAWYER, Edward and Ina (Erickson) of Front Royal, Virginia, girl, Rianna Eloisa, Aug. 2, 5:17 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 girls.

SCHECKENBACH, Alan and Teresa (Condiopodero) of Canberra, Australia, girl, Mikeila Sophia, April 14, 5:20 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHUTZ, Christopher and Dianne (Webb) of Adelaide, Australia, boy, Dale Christopher, June 16, 5:49 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

TERRY, James and Yvonne (Morris) of Tustin, California, boy, David Halsey, June 13, 2:48 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

THOMPSON, John and Dawn (Epperson) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, girl, Erin Alexandra, July 22, 6:03 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

WILLIAMS, Juan and Patricia of Boston, Massachusetts, boy, Asante Jovan, April 26, 2:49 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

WORTHLEY, Calvin and Kathleen (Haley) of Pasadena, girl, Ruth Anne, May 7, 11:05 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore of Mermaid Waters, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Marie to Ed Scarpari Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scarpari of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A Sept. 26 wedding in Gold Coast, Australia, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Werner of Junction City, Oregon, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Audra to Jerry Beans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yarrell C. Beans of Bennington, Kansas. A Nov. 21 wedding is planned.

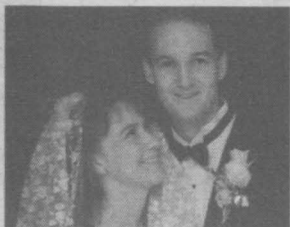
Linda Spurlock is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Loreita Genette to Craig William Holladay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holladay. A Sept. 19 wedding in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is planned.

Weddings



GREGORY & AUDREY REED

Audrey Lynn Schmedes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Schmedes of Pasadena, and Gregory Kevin Reed, son of Valerie Reed and Roger McEntyre of Birmingham, Alabama, were united in marriage Sept. 6. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Pasadena West P.M. pastor. Rose Huff was matron of honor, and Edward Gray was best man. The couple live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



MICHAEL & JENNIFER JOHNSON

Jennifer Ruth Jorgensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Jorgensen, and Michael James Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Johnson, were united in marriage June 3. The ceremony was performed by Fred Whitlark, a minister in the Boise, Idaho, church. Kerstin Drees was maid of honor, and Derrick Price was best man. The couple live in Fort Collins, Colorado.



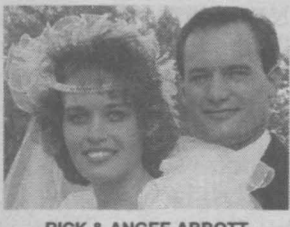
CHIP & VICKI DE VILBISS

Vicki Fuessel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Fuessel of San Angelo, Texas, and Chip DeVilbiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth DeVilbiss of Dayton, Ohio, were united in marriage Dec. 27. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, Shorty Fuessel, Amarillo, Texas, pastor. Angie Fuessel, niece of the bride, was maid of honor, and David DeVilbiss, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



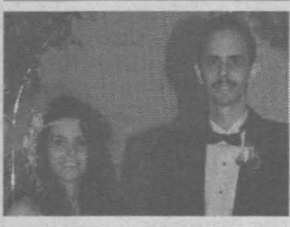
ARNOLD & ESTER ANDERSON

Ester Iverson of Port Orchard, Washington, and Arnold Anderson of Seattle, Washington, were united in marriage June 20. The ceremony was performed by Guy Engelbart, Tacoma, Washington, pastor. Melanie Fegarido, niece of the bride, was maid of honor, and Luverne Anderson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Port Orchard.



RICK & ANGEE ABBOTT

Angelina Yvonne Lillengreen, daughter of Joel and Pat Lillengreen of Portland, Oregon, and Richard Cromell Abbott, son of Bill and Katharine Zowaski of Lockport, Illinois, were united in marriage Sept. 6. The ceremony was performed by Richard Frankel, Chicago, Illinois, Northwest pastor. Nikki Stuart, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Robert Abbott, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Chicago.



ALBERT & LORRIE BORING

Lorrie Ann Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Downs of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Albert Jon Boring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bor-

ing of Eugene, Oregon, were united in marriage March 14. The ceremony was performed by Don Lawson, Oklahoma City pastor. Patti Ashworth was matron of honor, and Andy Boring, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Oklahoma City.



GUIDO & ELVIRA MARTINEZ

Elvira Torres and Guido M. Martinez were united in marriage April 25 in Santiago, Chile. The ceremony was performed by Manuel Briones, Santiago associate pastor. The couple live in Houston, Texas.



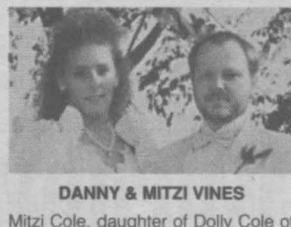
LARRY & JANA DANIELS

Jana Jo Rush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Rush of Sarasota, Florida, and Larry Wayne Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Daniels, were united in marriage May 16. The ceremony was performed by Sio Oui Shia, Sarasota associate pastor. Sami Carlson was matron of honor, Angela Carter was maid of honor, and Geoff Gooch was best man. The couple live in Sarasota.



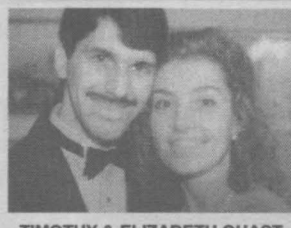
KENNETH & SUSAN EHLEN

Susan Irene Braman, daughter of Bernard and Helen Braman of Ortonville, Michigan, and Kenneth Gerard Ehlen, son of Robert and Janice Ehlen of Imperial, Missouri, were united in marriage June 13. The ceremony was performed by Monte Wolverton, a minister and design director for *The Plain Truth*. Karla Braman was maid of honor, Kelly Demers was matron of honor, and Thomas Ehlen was best man. The couple live in Imperial.



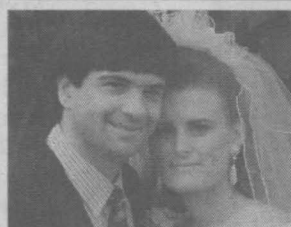
DANNY & MITZI VINES

Mitzi Cole, daughter of Dolly Cole of Gray, Tennessee, and Ron Cole of Oakland, California, and Danny Vines, son of Helen Vines of Jonesboro, Tennessee, and the late James Vines, were united in marriage July 3. The ceremony was performed by Randall Kobernat, Kingsport, Tennessee, and Norton, Virginia, pastor. Kathryn Terdik was matron of honor, and Mark Vines, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Jonesboro.



TIMOTHY & ELIZABETH QUAST

Elizabeth Dunlap and Timothy Quast were united in marriage Dec. 20. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Wayne Dunlap, Eureka, California, associate pastor. Susan Dougher and Jeannie and Vivian Dunlap were bridesmaids, and Sean Finnigan, Eric Frantz and Glen Leslie were groomsmen. The couple live in Sacramento, California.



GEORGE & EUNICE PAPATHEODOROU

Rudolf and Christine Nel of Natal, South Africa, are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Eunice to George Papatheodorou, son of Stelios and Samaroula Papatheodorou of Johannesburg, South Africa. The ceremony was performed May 23 by Terry Browning, Johannesburg East pas-

tor. Jackie Feid was maid of honor, and Euan Simpson was best man.



DAN & MARY KAY WEGH

Mary Kay Orosz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Orosz (both deceased), and Dan Wegh, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wegh, were united in marriage Sept. 13. The ceremony was performed by Robin Webber, Pasadena East P.M. pastor. Bob Orosz, brother of the bride, gave her away. Sandy Orosz and Lora Tusing were bridesmaids, and David Kranich and Owen Jakobsen were groomsmen. The couple live in Pasadena.

Anniversaries

Herb and Anne Teitgen of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 30. They have two children, Carla Erickson and Bob. Mr. Teitgen is pastor of the Sioux Falls and Watertown, South Dakota, churches.



ALLEN & SARAH SLOAN

Allen and Sarah Sloan of Buford, Georgia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 4. They have one son, David; one daughter, Michelle; and one daughter-in-law, Jody.



BILL & FRANCES ASHWOOD

Bill and Frances Ashwood of Guyton, Oklahoma, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary April 19. They have two daughters, Janice and Deidre.



GEORGE & ALICE WEGH

George and Alice Wegh of Anchorage, Alaska, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary July 28. They have three children, Dan, Wendy and Michele; one son-in-law, Mario Hernandez; one daughter-in-law, Mary Kay; and one grandchild, Ariel.

Anniversaries Made of Gold



KENNETH & PAULINE GRAHAM

Kenneth and Pauline Graham of Noblesville, Indiana, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3. Indianapolis, Indiana, North brethren honored them with a reception and commemorative plaque. The Grahams have one son, Kenneth II; one daughter, Kristine; one daughter-in-law, Susan; one son-in-law, Mark Vincen; and three grandchildren, Nicole, Lauren and David. Mr. Graham is a local church elder in the Indianapolis North church.



BILL & MABLE COPENHAVER

Bill and Mable Copenhaver of Leander, Texas, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Aug. 17. They have two children, Joyce and Woody; four grandchildren, Karla

Funke, Michelle Kuenzi, Terri Bordin and Chuck Meador; and four great-grandchildren, Michael and Stephen Meador, Ian Kuenzi and Heather Bordin.



VERNON & ROSE SKARIN

Vernon and Rose Skarin of Woodbine, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 25.



STEWART & EVELYN PIERCY

Stewart and Evelyn Piercy of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 7. They have three daughters, Norma, Patricia and Carol; and seven grandchildren.

Obituaries

HOLLEY, Eloise W., 84, of Birmingham, Alabama, died July 17 of multiple illnesses. She is survived by her husband, Grady; three daughters, Patricia, Linda and Yolanda; one son, Christopher; and one sister, Josie Brown.



LOIS RADER

RADER, Lois, 70, of Puyallup, Washington, died July 13 of complications caused by a thoracic aneurysm. She is survived by one daughter, Joan Worley; and one granddaughter, Jackie Worley.



ROBERT CALLAHAN

CALLAHAN, Robert Eugene, 66, of High Springs, Florida, died July 12 of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; three sons, Thomas, Robert and James; two daughters, Kathy Moore and Karen Mosier; one sister, Pat Hoffman; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



PEGGY ANDERSON

ANDERSON, Peggy, 86, of Fairfield, California, died July 22 after a brief illness. She is survived by one daughter, Iris McCann; one son-in-law, Robert McCann; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.



JEAN THOMAS

THOMAS, Jean, 61, of Melbourne, Australia, died July 18 of cancer. She is survived by one son, Paul; two daughters, Fiona and Ann; one daughter-in-law, Tricia; two sons-in-law, Carl and Nick; and 10 grandchildren.

GIBBON, Francis William "Frank," 56, of Luton, England, died July 11 of coronary thrombosis. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; and two sons, Mark and Paul.

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

World Tomorrow writer attends biblical archaeology seminar

Keith Stump, senior writer for *The World Tomorrow*, returned here Aug. 19 from a 10-day seminar on biblical archaeology at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford University.

The faculty included Israeli archaeologist **Amnon Ben-Tor** of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and **Alan Millard**, professor of Hebrew and ancient Semitic languages at the University of Liverpool, England.

Professor Ben-Tor directs the excavation at Hazor in Israel, in which Ambassador College students participate. Professor Millard authored

Treasures From Bible Times (1985) and *Discoveries From the Time of Jesus* (1990).

Mr. Stump also studied the Near Eastern antiquities collection in Oxford's Ashmolean Museum, and the ancient and medieval manuscripts and Bibles in the Bodleian Library.

During a visit to Oriel College, Mr. Stump met British Prime Minister **John Major**, who was dedicating a new student hall.

Don't drop your PIN

As the Feast approaches the Mail Processing Center again wants to mention the benefits of U.S. members using their personal identification number (PIN) on correspondence to headquarters. (Your PIN is the 11-digit number above your name and address on *The Plain Truth* and donation envelopes.)

"When your PIN is entered into the computer, it allows us to access your individual record so we know exactly who you are," said **Ron Urwiller**, supervisor of Master File Services (MFS). "This helps us give you personalized, first-class attention."

Using your PIN also saves the Work time and money. "Donation mail with a PIN is about six times faster to handle once it reaches MPC," said **Robert West**, who oversees donation entry. "This means your tithes and offerings are being stretched further."

"By sending tithes in personalized envelopes with the

PIN, brethren have helped save the Work about \$67,000 so far in 1993," said Mr. West. "And that doesn't include savings for personalized Holy Day offering envelopes or other kinds of correspondence that include a PIN." *Darrell A. Hartsock.*

Bluefield church's 25th anniversary comes up next January

BLUEFIELD, West Virginia—Brethren who have previously attended the congregation here are invited to attend the 25th anniversary celebration Jan. 1.

Scheduled activities are a photo display, Sabbath services, slide presentation from the past 25 years, a buffet dinner and dance.

For further information and dinner reservations, write to **Dan Good** at Route 1, Box 559, Max Meadows, Virginia, 24360, or call him at 1-703-637-4230.

If you have photos or other memorabilia of Bluefield church activities you would like to loan, please send them to Mr. Good.

Philippine church celebrates double anniversaries

SAN FERNANDO, Philippines—More than 220 brethren attended the 15th and 16th anniversary of the church here July 11.

"Due to the flooding and aftereffects of the Mt. Pina-



FLOOD RELIEF—David Hulme, Ambassador Foundation vice president (right), presents a check for \$10,000 to Glen Pierce of the American Red Cross to be used for Midwest flood relief. Mr. Hulme made the presentation at Ambassador Foundation's third annual Jazz Festival Aug. 7 and 8. Several of the jazz concerts were recorded for the National Public Radio program JazzSet, carried by 200 public radio stations. The Jazz Festival was covered by area radio and television stations as well as by national programs, CNN and E-Entertainment. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

tubo eruption, the attention of members was focused more on survival, and the 15th anniversary just passed unnoticed. Thus this double celebration," said pastor **Maxix Fabricante**.

A videotape showed 15 years of church history, and photos were displayed.

July temp appreciated by clients

NORTHAMPTON, England—The Interaction Recruitment Agency awarded

Kathleen McCann, a member here, the loyalty award in their "Temp of the Month" competition for July.

Mrs. McCann has worked as a temporary secretary for the Interaction Recruitment Agency for more than a year. She was nominated for the award by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

The most enjoyable aspect of the work is the variety of experience and the opportunity to meet people, Mrs. McCann said. *Peter Williams.*



FROM OUR

Brethren Worldwide

Member named journalist of the year

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka—Dinesh Watawana, 23, was named the best journalist in English for 1992 and received the award from President D.B. Wijetunga July 17.

According to fellow worker Niresh Eliatamby of *The Sunday Times*: "Dinesh earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues by his hard work, and dedication, and gained a reputation for being, in the opinion of many of his peers and superiors alike, the finest defense reporter in the country."

When Dinesh got the job he told his editors about the Sabbath. Saturday is a very busy day for the Sunday edition, however, the chief editor said he would make an ex-

ception for Dinesh, and gave him a break into journalism.

Dinesh, a graduate of Worldwide Educational Institute, which is staffed by Ambassador College volunteers, is a baptized member who attends the Colombo church with his wife,

Michelle, and mother Swarna Williams.

Dinesh is now working in the advertising field.

Gunmen burglarize Philippine member

JOSE PANGANIBAN, Camarines Norte, Philippines—Armando Aycardo, 37, of the Daet church, his wife, three children and mother-in-law were burglarized by four armed men July 2.

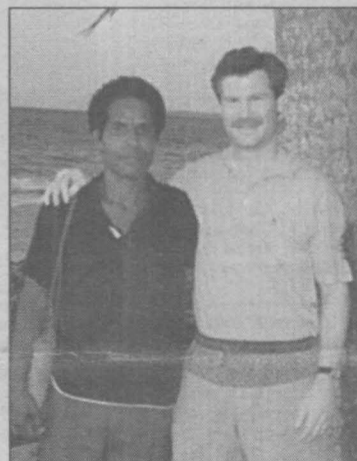
One of them fired his gun at Mrs. Aycardo, but missed, as she fled the house. The three children also escaped, but Mr. Aycardo's 13-year-old daughter was recaptured when she returned to help her father.

She was released when Mr. Aycardo begged the gunmen to take him as the hostage instead.

The gunmen freed



TOP JOURNALIST—President D.B. Wijetunga (right) and Jayasumana Dissanayake, secretary to the panel of judges (center), honor member Dinesh Watawana July 17 as the top English journalist in Sri Lanka.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA—Arnold Yipam (left) with pastor Tim Grauel after Mr. Yipam's baptism July 1. Eight new members were baptized on this trip, bringing to 31 the number of members in Papua New Guinea. [Photo by Hans Pedersen]

Mr. Aycardo and escaped to the mountainous area just before the police arrived. The Aycardo family asks members to pray for their safety and that they might be able to move to another area. *Honesto D. Aycardo.*

Youths in Nigeria give farewell party for pastor and wife

LAGOS, Nigeria—Brethren met at the church's office June 26 for a going-away party for pastor Josef Forson, and his wife, Gloria, and to welcome ministerial

trainee Emmanuel Sogbo and his wife, Monica, back to Nigeria after graduation from Ambassador College. The Forsons were transferred to Jos, Nigeria.

The event was planned and organized by Youth Opportunities United (YOU) members. *Iheanyi E.C. Chukwudi.*

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