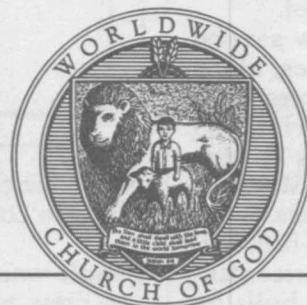


2 Defending the faith in Britain and a need to believe

3 The Feast of Tabernacles observed at 28 sites in the United States

5 Our family in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific and Asia

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Members, families shine as lights at Feast '93

"I am amazed and gratified that people from all over the country could meet in Tucson and contribute \$13,300 to the food bank for our community," Bill Young, Tucson, Arizona, Food Bank board president, told Feastgoers there. "Your generosity to our cause is a wonderful reflection of your Christianity."

Sharing with others was evident at Festival sites around the world as Church members responded to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's satellite transmission message and the "Let There Be Light" video.

Extending love toward all

"Christianity is a way of life that requires active participation," Mr. Tkach told members and their families on the first Holy Day of the Feast of Tabernacles in Pasadena, Sept. 30.

While the world should be able to recognize us as Christians by our love for one another, our love should not stop at the door of the Church. "Our love should be extended toward all people, to love our neighbors as ourselves," he said.

As a chosen generation we are called to show the glory of God and to proclaim his message to a dying world. We are called to bring the good news of what God offers: salvation in Christ.

Feastgoers at 40 sites watched Mr. Tkach's message live by satellite transmission, other sites received his message later on videotape. This is the 14th consecutive year that Holy Day services have been transmitted to sites internationally. The Festival was kept by 137,919 people at 121 sites.

'Whatever you do for the least...'

All around the world, Church members demonstrated what God

can do through the lives of those who respond to his call of service.

In Buea, Cameroon, brethren visited a prison, bringing prisoners food and encouragement. The prisoners were so moved that they sang a hymn and the members responded with "Onward Christian Soldiers." The jail manager expressed his thanks for an unforgettable visit.

In Germany, Feastgoers attending the Bonndorf site donated food to a senior citizens home, while those in Goslar donated funds to a nonprofit organization.

Feastgoers in Bangalore, India, and Paignton, England, made donations to earthquake relief funds for victims of the Sept. 30 earthquake in India.

In Uruguay a delegation of the International Red Cross conducted its convention at the same tourism complex as the Church.

Members helped the Red Cross make a welcome sign and set up their meeting hall. The Red Cross director expressed his gratitude for this assistance.

Brethren in Australia and New Zealand donated food to charitable and welfare organizations in 11 Festival communities.

At a time when such organizations in Australia and New Zealand are facing a declining supply of food parcels, more than \$10,000 worth of food was donated.

In Hobart, Australia, the Red Cross Roadhouse said the contribution was the largest single donation they had received for many years. In Perth, Australia, the City Mission was almost out of food when the Festival donations were delivered.

Contributions from Gold Coast, Australia, Feastgoers produced five
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HEADQUARTERS FEAST—During the Feast in Pasadena Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach meets with brethren at the *succah* (booth). Mr. Tkach visited members before and after services and autographed copies of the new Church hymnal. [Photo by Hal Finch]



Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

Reflecting his light

We had a wonderfully inspiring Feast of Tabernacles here in Pasadena. I found myself greatly strengthened and encouraged by the love and enthusiasm of those who attended here. Thank you all for your prayers about the Feast! As you know, I asked that all of us pray for a Christ-centered, unified, spiritually vital Feast, and I definitely believe God heard our prayers.

During this time of change and transition into which the Holy Spirit has led us, I'm sure we all realize it is imperative that we keep our eyes focused on the Author and Finisher of our faith. As the wonderful time of celebration of God's great work through Jesus that it is, the Feast supplies that vital focus.

I had heard rumors that certain people who disagree with the spiritual growth God has given us would "make their move" during the Feast and try to lead whomever they could out of the Church and back into former errors. The only answer to divisiveness is prayerful faith in God. The closer we are to God, the less vulnerable we are to false information, innuendo and efforts to confuse and deceive.

God is our Rock and Strength, and he does not refuse our request when we pray in humility and earnest desire for his will to be done rather than our own. When we believe God and look to him to lead us, then we must follow where he leads. He will defend and encourage those who trust in him.

Praying for unity is a right and pleasing thing in God's sight for his people to do. But our prayer must reflect what is in our hearts—we must be earnestly working toward unity, truly desiring God's will and

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HEARD AROUND THE WORLD—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach addresses Feastgoers around the world on the first Holy Day from the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena. Forty sites received the satellite transmission live. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

Religion is suspect, but people want to believe

BOREHAMWOOD, England—At a time when religious broadcasting is given low priority in the United Kingdom, Channel 4 (a television channel) has launched a series called *Witness*, about personal belief.

I was invited to preview several documentaries of the series, along with other members of the press.

One of the documentaries was titled "LA Divine." The Los Angeles basin was described as the Mecca or Jerusalem of the United States.

As part of a survey of "off-beat religion" in Los Angeles a reporter visited the Crystal Cathedral built by Robert Schuller, whose television program is available all over the world. The scornful reaction from journalists was immediate.

As various American cults were profiled, the audience laughed. One preacher said Christians put up with pain and suffering because it equates them with Jesus. When pain at a dentist's office was considered a spiritual experience, there was more laughter.

It is little wonder that, in the minds of many British people, religion from America is suspect. Unfortunately, the media here usually report on the negative and bizarre forms of American religion, rarely the balanced and normal.

As an American and a Christian, I felt distinctly uncomfortable. I know



many sincere followers of Jesus Christ in Los Angeles.

People want to believe

A press release handed to journalists attending the screening read: "Witness reflects the spirit of a decade in which, increasingly, people desperately want to believe."

This need for belief (of some sort) is something I have noticed when reading interviews with actors and scientists, as well as columnists such as Bernard Levin, Peregrine Worsthorne and Paul Johnson. There is a spiritual interest within these isles.

But while the Bible gets short shrift here, more British people are said to watch religious television programs than attend football matches. The small amount of religious material available here is influential.

Yet, ironically, the Church of England—guardian of English belief—is forced to close and sell its churches for conversion into offices, discos

and even private houses, because of dwindling interest.

While many British people feel that there must be a God and many pray, only a small proportion of these people accept the Bible.

For example, in the Aug. 1 *Independent on Sunday*, a columnist wrote: "This is no longer a devoutly Christian country. I would be willing to bet that at least half the celebrities haven't read a word [of the Bible] since their school days.

"There must also be plenty of atheists and agnostics, not to mention Hindus and Muslims, who would be rather despondent at the prospect of sitting on a deserted beach with only the Bible for company.... I'd willingly swap the Bible for [British author] Charlotte Bronte."

Witness: outward evangelism

We must face the fact that these prejudices and a lack of interest in organized religion exist in the minds

of many British people.

Yet, if each of us has a personal responsibility in the redemption of humanity, then we must find a way to overcome these prejudices. But how?

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has been talking about personal evangelism, and stressing the need for members to have an outward approach. Individual members can help promote the gospel by their activities. Church members may be the only way some people will come into contact with the Bible.

Our personal examples will succeed not by standing on a soapbox or by twisting arms, but by showing the love of God in practical ways. What we say is validated by what we do.

For example, a member in the Bradford church patiently works with stroke victims, encouraging their rehabilitation; a member in the Dunstable church supports local conservation.

Still other members volunteer to help the Citizens Advice bureau, support charities for the disabled, run activities for schools, sit with widowed neighbors and help set up a talking newspaper for the blind.

Each of these acts is a witness to the community.

In a world in which people doubt everything, but "desperately want to believe," the witness of our individual lives is central to preaching the gospel.

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Film gives real life picture

Hurrah for the latest Festival film! How exciting it was to see a true representation of God's people making meaningful contributions to the gospel message.

I was inspired to see how men and women, youngsters, seniors and members of the various ethnic groups that comprise God's Church are being lights in their communities. It was nice to see a variety of examples from headquarters, the college and church areas across the country.

I felt this film offered a real life picture of God's Church in action. As one of our new hymns ("One Faith, One Love") reads, we are truly "many lives... woven, fitly blended as tapestry created by Thy hand." Thank you for showing us just how beautiful that tapestry is.

Marie Myers Hardin
Atlanta, Georgia

Youth 93 meets needs of all ages

I would like to thank you for the marvelous *Youth 93* magazine you produce every two months. It is encouraging, colorful, with articles that we are all interested in.

I am a 43-year-old single male. Some mornings I get up in great need of encouragement. Even Bible study can seem like hard work. *Youth 93* has been a tremendous lift on many occasions when my spirit needed it so much.

It is great to read about other people in other countries, with color photos. Also, the "Career Track" is helpful.

The city where I live is a clean, spacious place with many parks and green areas, but kids here face all the usual problems and temptations. Life seems to be a struggle whatever age you are these days.

My teenage years were spent in family feuds, dope smoking, getting up at noon and two spells in a mental hospital. My 20s were not much better. In my early 30s I came into the Church.

I am still here, a bit wiser, a bit stronger, and yet without God, as weak as a kitten. Again, thanks for a lovely magazine. I feel life is worth living after reading it.

Name withheld
United Kingdom

Third tithe greatly appreciated

I would like to express my appreciation to God, his Church and Mr. Joseph W. Tkach for the third tithe assistance I have received over the last several years.

What has it meant to me to receive third tithe? Only everything! It has meant that I could sleep in a bed with a roof over my head instead of sleep on a park bench.

It has meant that I could get food in a grocery store instead of out of a trash dumpster. When my children were still at home and going to school, it meant that they could have clothes and school supplies.

Each month when the check arrived it was like a hug from God. It was proof that he

loved me and cared enough to provide for my needs and those of my children. But most of all, it was a humbling reminder of all the people who sacrificed to faithfully pay third tithe so that I could do all those things. I thanked God for them and asked him to bless them for their faithfulness.

Also, while I didn't pray and meditate over each item on every shopping list, I was constantly aware of where the money I had come from and asked for guidance to spend it wisely. I determined that there should be nothing done with that money that would make any tithe payer regret having paid it.

I have recently been granted social security disability so my need for third tithe assistance has been greatly reduced, nearly eliminated. I just wanted to thank all who pay third tithe, to encourage them, to let them know that their sacrifices are appreciated.

Sandra Lee Roberts
Lee's Summit, Missouri

"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.

Toward a healthy life-style

I would like to request a complimentary subscription of *Youth 93* for the library media center of our new high school.

I was the library media specialist at another high school for 11 years and we were receiving a copy there.

As a contrast to the contemporary popular teen magazines we provide students to read, we were pleased to have a copy of your publication on the rack. The viewpoints expressed in your publication advocating the healthy life-style most of us teachers and parents desire for our youths were refreshing and well-received by many of our students.

I.C.
Lacey, Washington

Best decision ever

I have recently become a Christian after years of denying God's existence. I can safely say it's proved to be one of the best decisions I've ever made.

I picked up a copy of your introductory issue on a day trip to London. I had never heard of it previously.

I was delighted to discover it was filled with ideas and principles that I firmly believe in.

It's a joy to find out that people who care do exist in this world; and that there are people in this world who ask the same questions that I do.

I have returned the subscription card to you, but would also be interested to read some other brochures.

I feel there is so much I have to learn about God's Word and the Christian way of life. Thank you for providing such an inspired and balanced publication to aid me on my journey.

H.T.
Lincoln, England

In tune with God's will

Certainly and gratefully I have learned and enjoyed a lot from the readings of your articles in *The Plain Truth* and other publications.

I am a 23-year-old Christian who wants to live an exemplary life in tune with the will of God.

The Plain Truth is more than a magazine of understanding; it is also a publication bringing light to promote international tolerance in religion, race, culture and ideology. It aims to educate people around the world on issues, in addition to stressing Christian values and standards.

As a student of law and anthropology, I am given valuable insights in understanding society and human behavior.

N.M.
Quezon City, Philippines

The Feast of Tabernacles 1993

Brethren observe Feast at 28 U.S. sites

By Thomas C. Hanson

"I am impressed with the reports of the quality of the sermons and sermonettes at the Feast sites," said Mark McCulley, Festival Administration manager. "This is a goal Church Administration has worked toward for years."

According to Brian Orchard, Pasadena coordinator, "For many, just being here at headquarters and having the opportunity to meet Mr. Tkach made for a special Feast."

Dale Schurter, coordinator in Dayton, Ohio, said: "The fruits of Mr. Tkach's lead of outgoing concern to all people is not only being talked about, but becoming more evident in the life-style of the brethren."

"More comments were made about the 'meaty' sermons this year than we have heard for some time. Truly, a Feast of learning and brotherly love," he added.

"The messages in Niagara Falls, New York, were the best I have ever heard," said coordinator George Hart. "A good balance between the present and future aspects of the kingdom of God."

Making a difference

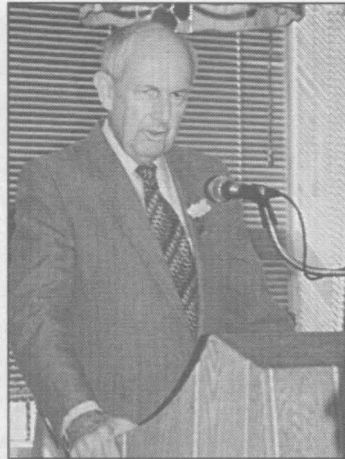
At several sites brethren donated food and money to food banks. In Pensacola, Florida, brethren saved grocery receipts from two food chains and deposited them in boxes daily at the Feast site.

The church gave about \$70,000 worth of receipts to a Pensacola school to redeem for a 1 percent cash rebate from one store and computers from the other.

Members in Vail, Colorado, contributed money to a family whose home burned to the ground just before the Feast. Feastgoers in St. Petersburg, Florida, donated tickets to Busch Gardens for 301 disadvantaged youths and their families.

In Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, the mayors of Lake Ozark and Osage Beach declared the first day of the Feast, Worldwide Church of God Day.

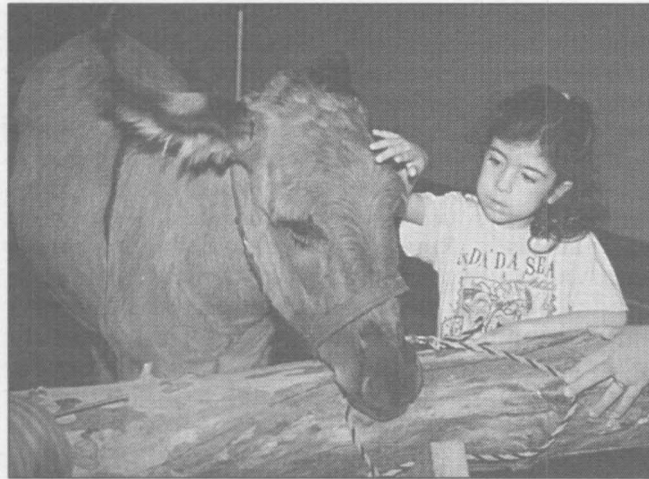
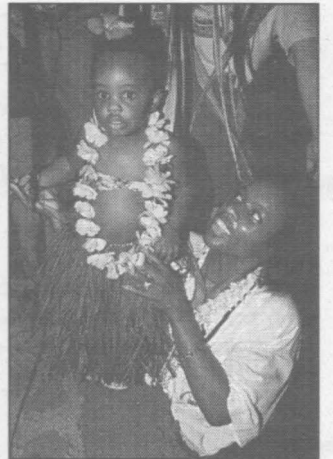
One member who suffered a heart attack in Hawaii received a constant stream of cards, flowers and well wishes. Upon learning of the death of a member on the mainland, members sent sympathy cards to the bereaved. Members donated more than \$1,200 to a center for abused



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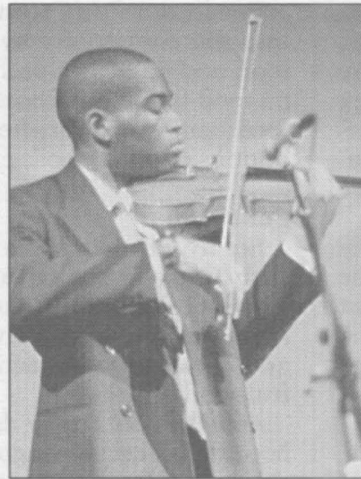


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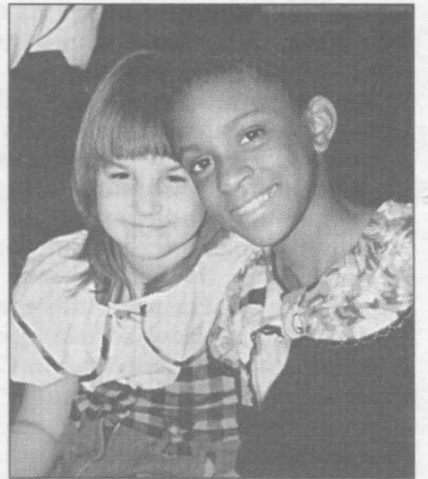


Photo by Kevin Pierce

children on the Big Island.

In Norfolk, Virginia, Robert Brown, a member from Montgomery, Alabama, had triple bypass surgery. His wife, Marie, and children: Roger, 15, Jennifer, 13, and Sherin, 12, remained with him while he recuperated.

Mason C. Andrews, mayor of Norfolk, wrote to coordinator Paul Suckling: "The values which you and your group embrace and radiate in your lives are impressive and important to the future of this community and this nation."

Ambassador College campus

"When members come to Big Sandy for the Feast of Tabernacles, they are privileged to see the beautiful grounds of Ambassador College and to experience the friendliness of Ambassador College students," said coordinator Dave Havir.

Ambassador College Outreach conducted a blood drive in conjunction with Stewart regional blood bank. Members also donated funds

to build a new park in Big Sandy.

In Pensacola, Raymond M. Clausen, a member from the Hammond, Louisiana, church, donated his Medal of Honor, the military's highest award, to the National Museum of Aviation.

Mr. Clausen received the award from President Richard Nixon for risking his life to save fellow Marines during a helicopter rescue mission in Vietnam Jan. 31, 1970.

In Corpus Christi Oct. 3 a storage tank containing crude oil exploded into flames just across the ship channel from the Bayfront Plaza Convention Center where services had just begun. Services continued as fire crews quickly put out the fire. The YOU activity—at a park in the shadow of the smoldering tank—took place as scheduled after services.

Feast activities

In Daytona Beach, Florida, families chose from a variety of activities, including the Kennedy Space Center, Old St. Augustine, Silver Springs, deep-sea fishing, a golf tournament and Disney World.

Vail, Colorado, offered mountain activities in an alpine atmosphere. Gondola rides were open to the top of the mountain with outdoor barbecues and panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains.

Mountain bikes were available to rent—following trails to the bottom of the valley. Whitewater rafting trips on the Colorado River were available in differing degrees of skill.

Family day in Anchorage, Alaska, offered native meats, barbecued beef, Alaskan salmon and halibut for the 470 who attended, along with float-plane rides for the adventurous, horse-drawn wagon rides for the more sedate and lots of games and prizes for the youngsters.

Many sought (but none found) their fortune at the gold panning troughs, while others simply strolled around the grounds of King's Lake Camp.

Singles were treated to a lively evening at the Motherlode Restaurant in Hatcher Pass, where they enjoyed a late night stroll in the brisk

night air with brilliant Northern Lights exploding overhead.

In Hawaii YOU members and families took a cruise to Keakalua Bay, where they snorkeled in the clear blue waters amidst hundreds of varieties of reef fish and creatures.

Dozens of Feastgoers journeyed to the bottom of Kona Bay in the submarine *Atlantis IV*. Others chose to tour the bay topside in the *Nautilus*, a semi-submersible vessel.

Scuba divers enjoyed a night dive with the manta rays off Kona Coast. This is one of the most exotic dives in the world of scuba diving.

God did bless the first-time Feast site of Fort Worth, Texas, with "excellent weather, wonderful spiritual messages and great fellowship," said coordinator Vince Szymkowiak.

"I heard many compliments from the convention people and hotel personnel that we were friendly, warm and very easy to work with."

Royalty flavors Feast in Jordan

By Todd Herridge

AMMAN, Jordan—The day Feastgoers arrived in Amman they had an audience with Queen Noor at her private palace.

The queen thanked members for their support of Ambassador Foundation, which sends Ambassador College students to teach at several schools in Jordan.

The queen commented on the different spirit she observed in our brethren in comparison with other groups in Jordan. The session ended with members shaking the queen's hand and having their picture taken with her.

That afternoon the group traveled to the Amman Bacalaureate school to meet with Princess Rachma.

While in Jordan, members went sight-seeing in the afternoons, visiting ancient Jerash, Mt. Nebo, the ruins of Pella, the Dead Sea and Petra. They also toured the schools where AC students serve.

After the Feast members could tour Israel or Egypt or both countries. Those going to Israel toured Jerusalem, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee, Masada, Bethlehem, Caesarea, Megiddo, the valley of Jezreel and many other biblical sites.

Those who went to Egypt saw Cairo, the Great Pyramid and the valley of the Kings and Queens, and rode down the Nile to visit Luxor.

Amman, Jordan	205
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Anchorage, Alaska	507
Big Sandy	1,605
Chattanooga, Tennessee	3,564
Corpus Christi, Texas	3,416
Dayton, Ohio	2,907
Daytona Beach, Florida	5,821
Eugene, Oregon	2,246
Fort Worth, Texas	2,717
Kona, Hawaii	894
Hot Springs, Arkansas	3,250
Jekyll Island, Georgia	2,628
Keystone, Colorado	1,475
Lake Ozark, Missouri	3,370
Lexington, Kentucky	4,018
Lowell, Massachusetts	2,340
Niagara Falls, New York	4,070
Norfolk, Virginia	4,691
Palm Springs, California	3,880
Pasadena	2,524
Pensacola, Florida	6,955
Rapid City, South Dakota	4,111
Redding, California	2,013
St. Petersburg, Florida	5,875
Saratoga Springs, New York	1,508
Spokane, Washington	2,078
Tucson, Arizona	4,620
Vail, Colorado	2,026
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin	5,000

The Feast of Tabernacles 1993

Canadian sites harvest acclaim from communities

By Bill Hall

VANCOUVER, British Columbia—More than 8,500 brethren enjoyed beautiful autumn weather at the five Festival sites in Canada. Attendance was up slightly from last year, reflecting the weakening position of the Canadian dollar to its American counterpart. This kept more Canadians home this year and encouraged more U.S. transfers.

Halifax

Halifax, the colorful provincial capital on the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia, plays host to many visitors every year. A city soaked in history, Halifax was founded in 1749 by the British. Deep-sea fishing and sailing were popular. Church activities included a variety show with traditional music and songs. A dance to a live band made for another night out.

Many visiting members came early or stayed after the Feast to tour the Atlantic region. For some this meant a trip to Prince Edward Island or a drive around the Cabot Trail in Cape Breton.

Sherbrooke

Nestled in the striking beauty of autumn's changing foliage in Quebec's eastern township, Sherbrooke warmly received Feastgoers with French Canadian hospitality. A newspaper article observed that "Feastgoers are a testimonial to calm and peace."

Activities included an evening meal for senior citizens, a costume party for children, an evening ball featuring a 12-piece brass orchestra, an afternoon of bowling and an evening meal for YOU members. Brethren also enjoyed airplane rides, horseback riding, winery tours and nature hikes on family day.

Regina

The Canadian Prairies in the midst

of harvest provided the backdrop for the Festival observed in Saskatchewan's capital. Feastgoers received expressions of appreciation and respect from area merchants and auditorium staff.

Activities included pre-service activities for YES youths, ice hockey for fathers and sons, a YOU and family dinner, a dance and karaoke evening. Some tried their hand at an afternoon of curling.

On family day at an amusement park brethren enjoyed miniature golf, go-carts, batting cages and children's rides. That evening about 500 attended a family dance.

Feastgoers put something back into the community by contributing food and \$2,000 in cash to the Regina food bank. The coordinator of the food bank was overwhelmed. Contributions doubled those expected.

Penticton

Sunny weather was a bonus at this 24th Feast in the Okanagan Valley. About 1,200 people attended the family dance, with a five-piece band and decorations reflecting the area's fruit orchards.

Activities on family day included a hot-dog barbecue, wagon rides, pony rides, volleyball and soccer at the Apex Mountain Guest Ranch. A brass ensemble led by member Ron Langlo entertained senior citizens at a luncheon.



VICTORIA

Photo by Cy Schubert



SHERBROOKE

Photo by George Pelon



HALIFAX

Photo by Matt Baker

Many participated in a cribbage tournament throughout the Feast.

Teens turned out for an evening cruise and dinner on board the stern-wheeler *Fintry Queen*. Other activities include a singles activity at Apex Ranch, a golf tournament, ice hockey games and recreational attractions.

The mayor commented on how happy Penticton is to be host to the Festival each fall and assured us the city looks forward to having us for many more years.

Victoria

Located on Vancouver Island, Vic-

toria is known as the garden city of British Columbia.

In addition to visiting Butchart Gardens, members rode in horse-driven carriages and double-decker buses, or engaged in salmon fishing charters off the island coast. The area around Victoria's inner harbor is often said to be a taste of England.

One popular event was the Festival dance in the Crystal Gardens. After a full buffet, many members and families strolled through the exotic indoor gardens while others listened or danced to the music of a 20-piece orchestra.

Brethren's love for the Victoria Feast site was thunderously expressed in spontaneous applause when the coordinator announced there would be one more Feast in Victoria in 1994.

Victoria, B.C.	1,953
Penticton, B.C.	2,749
Regina, Sask.	1,331
Sherbrooke, Que.	1,349
Halifax, N.S.	1,183

Sharing peace and possessions is unifying force at southern Africa sites

By Peter Hawkins and Bryan Mathie

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Brethren met at several sites in southern Africa and one site on the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean.

In the farming community of Ceres, South Africa, brethren enjoyed natural scenic beauty, trout fishing, mountain hikes with crystal pools, children's playgrounds, squash and badminton. At family day they feasted on *potjiekos* (beef and vegetable stew prepared over an open fire in 25-gallon cast-iron pots).

On the Last Great Day a local church elder said he had never seen

so many walk together, arm on shoulder, just enjoying each other's company.

Feastgoers in George, South Africa, participated in a senior citizens luncheon, a young adults dinner dance and a YOU sports and barbecue party on the beach.

Services in Durban, South Africa, a Feast site since 1976, took place in the City Hall, a Victorian-style building featuring teak, oak and a majestic pipe organ. Activities were an afternoon tea for senior citizens, indoor cricket for YOU members, beach volleyball and a dinner dance for singles. Members and families enjoyed an impromptu concert.

The fifth-time site of Uvongo, South Africa, on the picturesque Natal south coast was host to members from South Africa and international visitors. Activities included a senior citizens tea with entertainment and a YOU *braai* (barbecue), volleyball and chocolate tasting.

Brethren kept the Feast at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, from North America, Europe and southern Africa. They took cruises on the Zambezi River, viewed game in Victoria Falls National Park, walked in the rain forest and watched a variety show at Elephant Hills.

Lusaka, Zambia, brethren opened their homes to members from outly-

ing areas who could not afford hotel or institutional accommodations.

On the second day of the Feast, attendees enjoyed a picnic followed by a distribution of free clothing from brethren in the Dallas, Texas, East congregation.

A talent show concluded the day. First-time and old-time Feastgoers expressed appreciation for members' willingness to share the little they have with others.

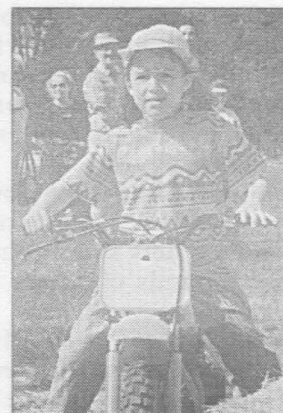
A strong spirit of unity and family togetherness prevailed in Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius, for native Mauritians and visitors from France, Madagascar and South Africa.

Evangelist Dibar Apartian, a guest speaker from Pasadena, said he was impressed by the spirit of cooperation. Brethren took trips to a bird sanctuary and Ile aux Cerfs (Stag Island).



FLIC-EN-FLAC

Photo by Joseph Yuen



CERES

Photo by Jose Couto



VICTORIA FALLS

Photo by Jack Johnson

Ceres, South Africa	498
George, South Africa	329
Durban, South Africa	1,330
Uvongo, South Africa	560
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	590
Lusaka, Zambia	122
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius	133

The Feast of Tabernacles 1993

Australian, New Zealand and other areas rejoice

By Aub Warren

The light of God's people shined at 21 Festival sites in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific.

In Caloundra, Australia, a restaurant manager told a Feastgoer that Church members were "the finest group of people we've ever had here."

In Phuket, Thailand, hotel staff expressed amazement that people from 18 nations and many differing ethnic and racial groups could so obviously enjoy each other's company.

A member of the hotel band (who is also a *Plain Truth* reader) told one member he was so impressed with the unity and affection he saw that he wanted to join the Church.

In Perth, Australia, the Over-60s enjoyed a performance by tenor Dennis Kestel and Western Australia's premiere soprano in an old-time music hall atmosphere. When the seniors learned the performers were donating their fees to a fund for the Cerebral Palsy Association, they also donated to the fund.

Other members also contributed later, with the result being a contribution of nearly \$600. Mr. Kestel indicated this had never been done before and that he and his entourage were overwhelmed by the generous gesture of goodwill and care.

In Gosford, Australia, a daily social hour before services enabled extra fellowship, with food service offering hot and cold drinks, cakes, croissants and scones to complement the conversation.

Australian bush dancing was the order of the evening at a singles activity at a country dance hall in the Old Sydney Town tourist attraction.

In Perth bright sunshine broke through the unusually wet, windy and cold weather for a day trip to Rottnest Island, where bicycle, bus and foot tours of the island revealed its natural and historical beauty.

Those attending the Adelaide, Australia, site enjoyed a bus tour through the McLaren Vale Wine District.

Adelaide's family day activity featured an "Aussie Spud" (potato) luncheon at Bonython Park.

And Adelaide's new auditorium, the Donato Reception Centre, provided an elegant and uplifting environment.

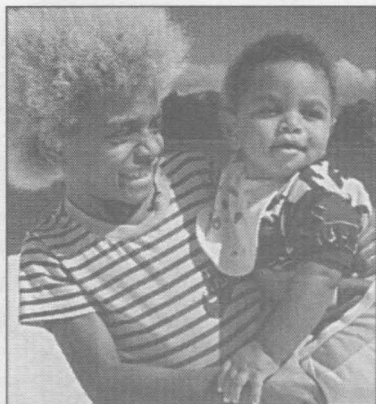
The small community atmosphere of Merimbula, Australia, created a restful family atmosphere for the 612 Feastgoers there. The site also offered a semiformal dinner dance for those of YOU age and above, and a river cruise through the Ben Boyd National Park for the Over-60s.

Australia's newest site, Hervey Bay, offered a relaxed tropical setting. Highlights included tours of Fraser Island, which World Heritage lists as the world's largest sand island, and boat trips for close-up observation of the annual southerly migration of humpback whales.

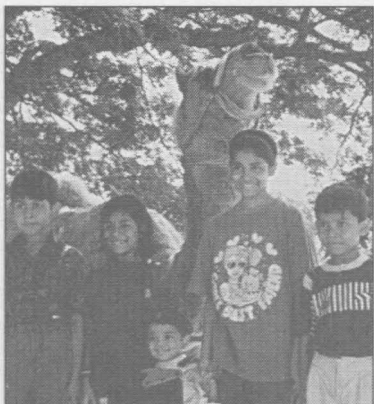
Family day featured rides, face painting, games and plenty of food.

The Hobart, Australia, site afforded members and families the opportunity to visit the historic Port Arthur penal colony, with its stark reminders of the harsh lives and deaths of so many of the early European inhabitants of the nation.

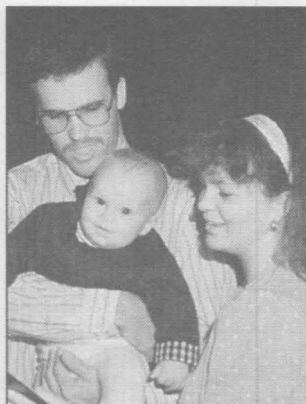
Port Arthur's themes of captivity, despair and death contrasted with the vision of freedom, hope and



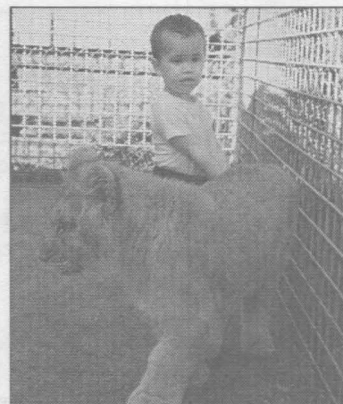
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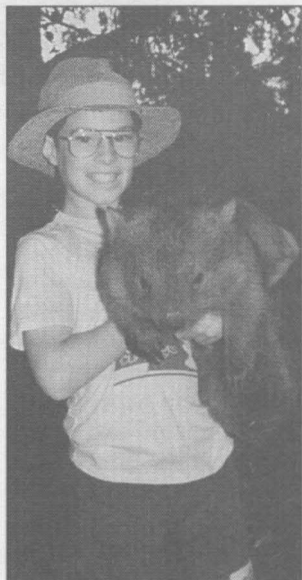
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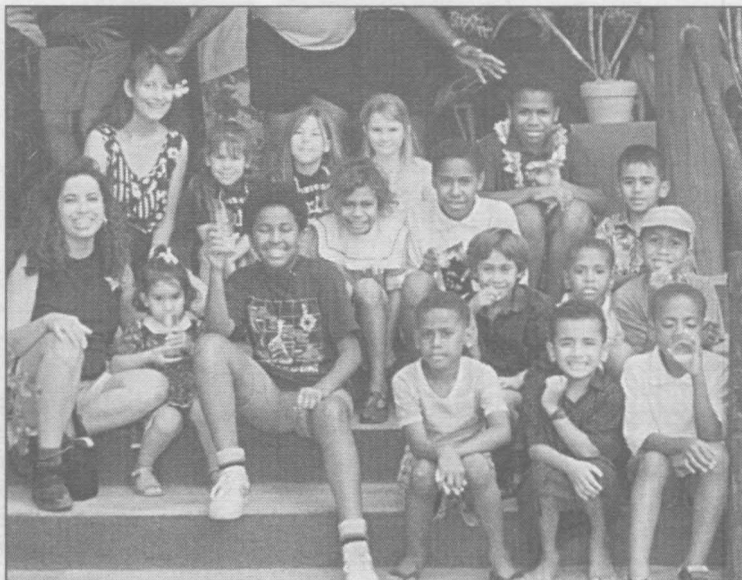
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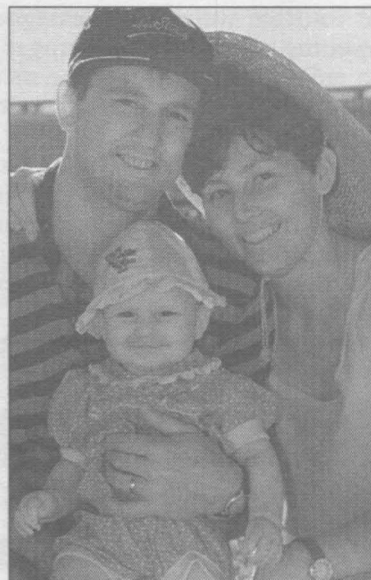
ROTORUA Photo by Richard Seelye



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NADI Photo by Jason Krause



CALOUNDRA Photo by June Underwood

life celebrated by God's people.

New Zealand, India

In addition to its geysers, bubbling hot-mud pools, and lakes and rivers, the Rotorua, New Zealand, site offered a paddle-steamer lake cruise, off-road driving and white-water rafting. A dinner dance honored high school graduates at the Aorangi Peak mountain restaurant overlooking the city.

New Zealand's other site, Christchurch, is a city of natural beauty offering botanic gardens, horse-drawn coach rides and canoeing on the Avon River.

New Zealand's Southern Alps were clearly visible from the city, and the Pacific Ocean is just 20 minutes to the east. Visitors also enjoyed making side trips to picturesque Queenstown and Milford Sound.

In Bangalore, India, personnel of the auditorium used for Feast services this year commented that they had never before seen such a peaceful, loving and organized group of people.

Fiji and Vanuatu

Nadi, Fiji, coordinator Epeli Kanaimawi told how a band booked to play for the dance failed to show on Sept. 30. But the Fiji Military Forces Jazz Band, one of the best dance bands in the country, was in Nadi preparing for an engagement the next day.

Responding to the Church's request to fill in at the last minute, the bandmaster said, "It is obvious that we are here in answer to your prayers, for although this was the only free night for the boys, none of them ventured out, as if they were expecting your call."

In addition, they charged only half their usual rate for playing. And the resort waived all food costs because of the mix-up and promised to do better next time.

In Port Vila, Vanuatu, most of the 127 Feastgoers came from the outer islands. With most of the visitors lodged in the Radisson Royal Palms

Resort and other members close by, the Vanuatu site is naturally intimate and fellowship-oriented, according to coordinator Dennis Richards.

One evening the Vanuatu brethren were hosts at a Melanesian feast of welcome at the chief's *Nakamal* (ceremonial meeting house) in Vila. They performed a song of welcome before serving a generous meal prepared in traditional Melanesian style (cooked in earth ovens).

Background music of traditional tunes performed by a string band complemented the meal. Brethren also toured the coral gardens in a glass-bottomed boat, while a fun show included both visitors and hosts in skits, musical presentations and traditional dances.

Church welcomed

At some smaller sites we have used for many years the area communities eagerly anticipate the Church's arrival. Such is the case in Ulladulla.

"The Church is warmly welcomed by the community and a good relationship has been developed over the years," said coordinator Robert Regazzoli.

In Colombo, Sri Lanka, where most members stayed in the Taj Samudra hotel, one of the benefits of the negotiated group booking was that the hotel agreed to show the *World Tomorrow* telecast at no charge three times each day on the in-house movie channel.

Family day activities in Colombo took place on the hotel grounds. Elephant rides, a tug of war with an elephant and games were followed by a colorful half-hour performance by a professional Sri Lankan dance group.

In Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, many members who traveled from outlying areas observed the local custom of staying with their *wontoks*—their relatives or members of their villages. This saved accommodation costs, and several members' relatives attended services.

Seniors attending the Phuket, Thailand, site were treated to lunch at a Thai village and a display of Thai handicrafts. They also visited the Butterfly Farm and ate a barbecue.

Tonga and the Solomons

Tongan Feastgoers at Nuku'alofa celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Church in the island kingdom. The first service in Tonga took place at the Feast of Tabernacles in 1968.

Sunday afternoon brethren heard congratulations from many associated with the region in the past and a video message from headquarters. Other activities included a coral reef cruise and a cultural evening.

The 66 Feastgoers in Honiara, Solomon Islands, started the Festival with a Holy Day meal provided by area brethren. Special music was provided by the Ranongga brethren. A highlight was the ordination of Moses Pitikaka, the first deacon in the Solomons.

Adelaide, Australia	624
Caloundra, Australia	876
Gold Coast, Australia	1,119
Gosford, Australia	651
Hervey Bay, Australia	880
Hobart, Australia	268
Merimbula, Australia	612
Perth, Australia	608
Ulladulla, Australia	461
Christchurch, New Zealand	269
Rotorua, New Zealand	773
Nadi, Fiji	221
Nuku'alofa, Tonga	82
Port Vila, Vanuatu	127
Bangalore, India	240
Colombo, Sri Lanka	191
Phuket, Thailand	396
Honiara, Solomon Islands	66
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	69
Sa Khan Gyi, Myanmar	30*
Kya In, Myanmar	30*

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Caribbean sites inspire feelings of paradise

By Charles Fleming

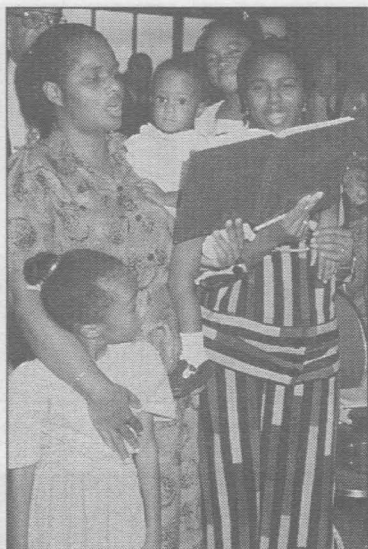
"Spirits soared, God was praised," best describes the 1993 Feast enjoyed by 4,526 brethren at 11 sites in the English-speaking Caribbean. Festival coordinators commented on the inspiring messages and uplifting attitudes of God's people.

Bermuda, Bahamas, Jamaica

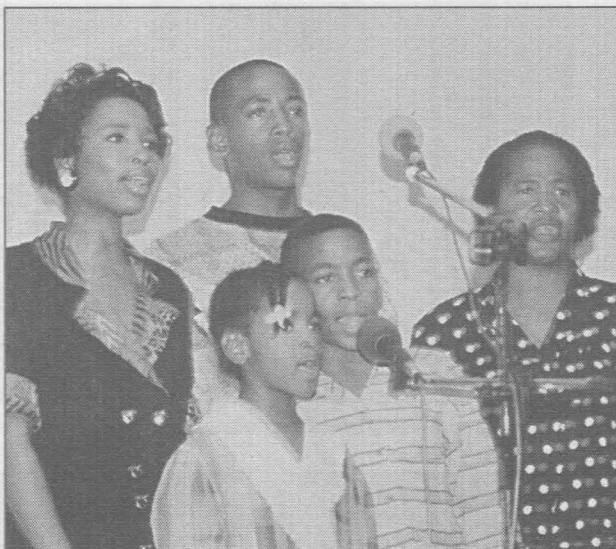
Much to the delight of the 125 resident members and 250 visiting brethren, the Festival resumed in Bermuda after a five-year break. The minister of tourism welcomed Feastgoers on opening night and encouraged them to enjoy Bermuda. And the members did, with expressions of unity and family togetherness.

Feastgoers in the Bahamas were spiritually uplifted while enjoying the beauty of Paradise Island. Members and families were seen poring over the new hymnals as they assembled for the first meeting.

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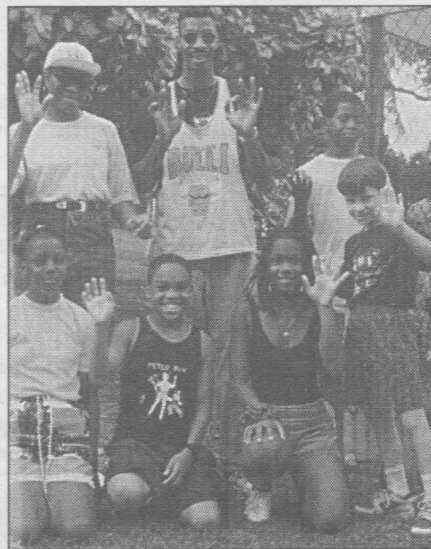


HAMILTON Photo by Eugene Harvey Jr.



PORT OF SPAIN

Photo by Max Lai-Leung



CASTRIES

Photo by Leward Labadee

brethren described the Festival. "Paradise" was how Richard Ames, guest speaker, assessed it. Attendance was up 44 percent.

Dominica, St. Lucia, Grenada

The 118 Feastgoers here enjoyed a

true family atmosphere, with many opportunities to spend time together. Teens in particular had a positive effect on the Festival with their friendliness and enthusiasm. Dominica Night gave the Dominican brethren a chance to introduce Festival transferees to local cuisine and culture.

Feastgoers in St. Lucia experienced a first—they "tabernacled" in tents. This was the only way we could celebrate the Festival because St. Lucia's newest and finest hotel did not have a large enough hall for the 300 attendees. So services took place in five open-sided tents. Members were seated under four tents in a U formation.

Two hundred Feastgoers in Grenada showed Christian virtues of cooperation and patience when a strike by hotel staff affected hotel service. Brethren remained cheerful and looked for ways to assist the remaining staff.

Some 30 brethren on the neighboring island of St. Vincent could not leave the island because of government restrictions. Videotapes of the Festival sermons were sent to them, and they met for services the entire Festival. Paul Krautmann, Grenada coordinator, flew to St. Vincent to

conduct services and attend a picnic.

Trinidad, Guyana

Brethren's musical talent immeasurably enriched many activities in Trinidad. A steel pan ensemble was made up largely of Church youths.

Together with a record number of ministers at in Guyana, area members welcomed international visitors.

As in past years, some ministers took a plane to visit the small congregation in Awarewaunau, in Guyana's interior. Members there consist of Amerindians, one of South America's indigenous peoples. This year two trips were made, services were conducted and two people baptized.

Hamilton, Bermuda	375
Paradise Island, Bahamas	788
Ocho Rios, Jamaica	1,000
Roseau, Dominica	118
Castries, St. Lucia	300
Barbados	535
St. George's, Grenada	200
Port of Spain, Trinidad	880
Georgetown, Guyana	200
Awarewaunau, Guyana	100
St. Vincent	30

French-speaking sites charm visitors

By Carn Catherwood and David Panarelli

At the seaside resort of St. Jean de Monts, France, 100 overseas visitors, plus Belgian and Swiss brethren, gathered in this Vendee region of castles and villages. Activities included a family dance, a dinner, a talent show and excursions.

Unity and harmony at the St. Jean

Festival reminded people of previous Feasts when the Church was smaller. Feastgoers left inspired and looked forward to being lights in this darkened world.

Guadeloupe, Haiti, Martinique

Guadeloupe brethren were hosts to 120 international guests. Several ministers provided English translations for transfers. Guadeloupe has a dramatic coastline and coral reefs, rain forests, waterfalls and lush tropical vegetation. There were opportunities to scuba dive, snorkel, sail and swim, and many rented motor scooters to explore the island.

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St. Jean de Monts, France	1,083
St. Francois, Guadeloupe	320
Ste. Luce, Martinique	384
Mont Rouis, Haiti	70
Cotonou, Benin	130
Buea, Cameroon	250



ST. JEAN DE MONTS



MONT ROUIS

Photo by Jean-Jacques Augustin

Experiencing culture of Italy, Malta

By Eric Mohr and Sheila Graham

Centrally located along the Adriatic coast of Italy, the resort of Riccione boasted a temperate climate with balmy breezes. Within a few hours of the site, San Marino, Florence, Bologna, Ravenna and Venice gave

Riccione, Italy	495
Attard, Malta	370

many Feastgoers a thorough exposure to medieval and Renaissance art and architecture, as well as the opportunity to sample regional cuisine. Farms, vineyards, and orchards dominated the countryside.

The group was divided nearly in half between English- and Italian-speaking brethren. Most English-speaking Feastgoers agreed they could not remember having access to so much good food, all from menus that never repeated themselves throughout the Festival.

English-speaking members spent a few days touring Rome, the Vatican, the hill country of Umbria, Riccione and Assisi.

Attard, Malta

On the sunny island of Malta services took place in the Corinthia Palace Hotel, a newly refurbished five-star hotel. Feastgoers were treated to several tours around the historic island, which has sheltered naval fleets for hundreds of years.

A hospitality hour at the Corinthia Palace was organized for seniors, YOU members attended a splash and fun park, and singles enjoyed a *festa*

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ATTARD

Photo by Sheila Graham

The Feast of Tabernacles 1993

Family, fellowship fill sites in United Kingdom

By Irene Wilson

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The warmth at the Feast this year seemed to dry up damp weather and bring out needed sunshine.

Dunoon, Scotland

Amidst lochs and mountains, 656 Feastgoers gathered on the west coast of Scotland. A number of visitors had their first taste of Scottish country dancing.

Llandudno, Wales

After an 18-year gap, Llandudno was again an ideal site for those who like being within walking distance of the meeting hall and activities.

Brethren met at the hall most afternoons and evenings. Many said this enhanced family togetherness. Another bonus was a family room where parents with young children could stay during services.

Paignton, Eastbourne

Paignton, designated as an international deaf site, was host to deaf brethren from South Africa, the United States, Germany and the United Kingdom. A signing and message transcript service was provided.

A session of hymn singing from the new hymnal marked the fellowship hour Sabbath morning.

At the mayor's banquet in Eastbourne, the deputy mayor commented on the warm, friendly spirit and how he was happy to be a part of it.

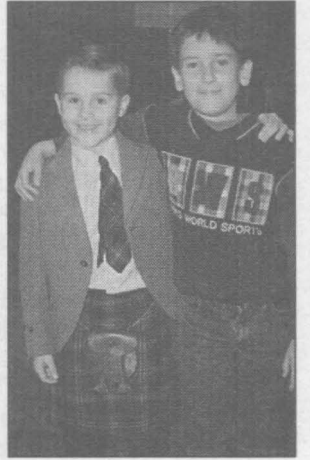
Feastgoers enjoyed an ox roast



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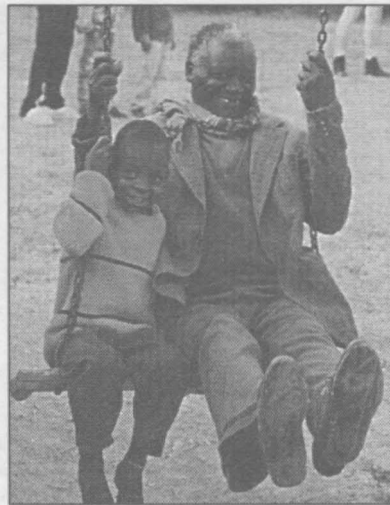


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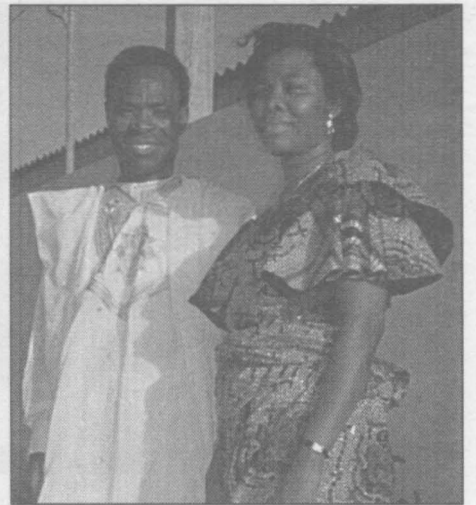
IDRE FJALL

Photo by Tore Wenseth



NARO MORU

Photo by Jeremy Daum



ACCRA

Photo by Theo Okai

with entertainment by a band that played Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, complete with fireworks.

Kenmare, Ireland

Activities in Kenmare included coach trips along the Ring of Kerry and the Beara Peninsula, a visit to Killarney, a banquet at Killarney Manor and a Spokesman Club dinner.

Idre Fjall, Sweden

Feastgoers met at the northernmost site of Idre Fjall—a ski resort in winter. Activities included a

tour of a turn-of-the-century lumbering camp.

Africa

Nigeria was host to four sites despite political problems, fuel shortages and strikes. Feastgoers benefited from several free meals made possible by brethren in the United Kingdom and three U.S. churches.

The Feast in Lagos, Nigeria, was a success despite a strike that extended into the first part of the Feast. Activities included a cultural show, family day games, a children's outing and a boat cruise with a view of Lagos.

The Okada, Nigeria, Wonderland tourist complex in Edo State was the Feast site for brethren from the Benin

City church and brethren from southern Nigeria. Social activities included indoor games, sports and a trip to the Igbnedion Medical Complex.

Festival messages heard by the 324 Feastgoers in Owerri, Nigeria, centered on being positive and reflecting the light of Jesus Christ. Activities included a youth and family day social, a talent and cultural show, and a YOU speech social.

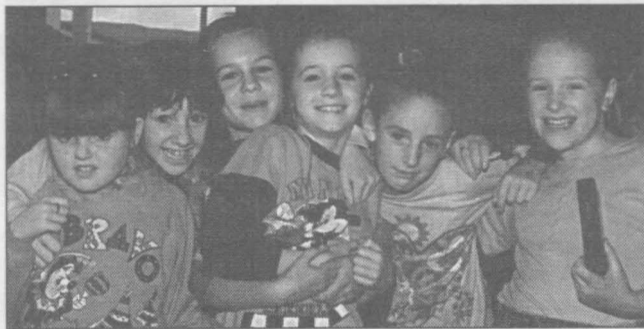
Many members attending the Feast in Jos, Nigeria, stayed with area brethren who have extra rooms in their homes. Commuting was difficult because of a fuel crisis.

In Accra, Ghana, English-speaking and Ewe-speaking brethren met at two locations. The Ewe-speaking brethren heard sermons one service later in their own tongue. The Ablordeppey brothers alternately took notes and translated at the following service at our SEP site on the farm.

Kenyan brethren put on a talent show for visitors in Mombasa on the Indian Ocean. In Naro Moru, Kenya, set in a valley on the ascent to Mt. Kenya, brethren viewed African fauna in their authentic settings. Events included a barbecue and dancing to African beats.

Feastgoers in Uganda enjoyed a meal sponsored by Scottish members.

In Blantyre, Malawi, the seniors cruised the Shire River. The singles had an outing to Lake Malawi and youths to Zomba Plateau.



KENMARE

Photo by Ken Myer

Same warm spirit unites the two German sites

By Henry Sturcke and Winfried Fritz

BONN, Germany—Brethren attending the Goslar and Bonndorf Festival sites acted upon their Christian calling by helping those in need.

Bonndorf

Brethren from 21 nations met in the Black Forest village of Bonndorf in southern Germany for the 17th consecutive year. The mayor of Bonndorf and Ken Giese, pastor of the Big Sandy P.M. church, welcomed Feastgoers on opening night.

The weather, typical for fall in central Europe, was a mixture of rain and fog, and days of sunshine. Twice during the Festival the Alps in central Switzerland could be seen.

A certificate from the Red Cross in Zadar, Croatia, was presented to regional director John Karlson for

humanitarian assistance organized by Church members.

Goslar

The 1,000-year-old imperial city of Goslar—also called "One Square Kilometer From the Middle Ages"—offered Feastgoers from 18 countries history and the beautiful countryside of the Harz Mountains.

The Ishizaka Trio, three artists between 14 and 17 years of age, gave a benefit concert for the Goslar Residents Fund. The fund helps in a nonbureaucratic manner



GOSLAR

Photo by Wolfgang Thomsen

where no other organizations can.

A net profit of 6,000 DM (about \$3,744) was presented to the mayor of Goslar. A photograph and story appeared in the Goslar newspaper.

Family Day at the Vienenburg Lake and a tour through the Harz Mountains by bus and narrow-gauge steam engine opened up the beauty of the area to many.



BONNDORF

Photo by Rolf Buecheli

Bonndorf, Germany	754
Goslar, Germany	566

Dunoon, Scotland	656
Llandudno, Wales	899
Paignton, England	1,230
Eastbourne, England	1,017
Kenmare, Ireland	506
Idre Fjall, Sweden	303
Lagos, Nigeria	295
Okada, Nigeria	167
Owerri, Nigeria	324
Jos, Nigeria	163
Accra, Ghana	584
Mombasa, Kenya	315
Naro Moru, Kenya	190
Tororo, Uganda	157
Blantyre, Malawi	200

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Spanish-language sites small in size, big in service

By Leon Walker

BIG SANDY—Festival coordinators from 15 sites in the Spanish-language region reported an inspiring and joyous 1993 Feast of Tabernacles.

Total attendance at the sites was 4,500, ranging from 84 at the smallest site, Bolivia, to the largest at 962 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Evangelist Leon Walker is regional director for Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking areas.

Hurricane Gerth hit Veracruz, Mexico, just before the Feast and left much of that part of Mexico with flooded rivers and much damage. However, by the time the Feast began the weather was sunny and pleasant.

Ambassadors for Christ

Sermons centered on practical guidelines for Christian living as ambassadors for Jesus Christ today, with the hope for the fulfillment of God's kingdom when Christ returns.

Speakers placed emphasis on how members and families can be lights and examples to those around them

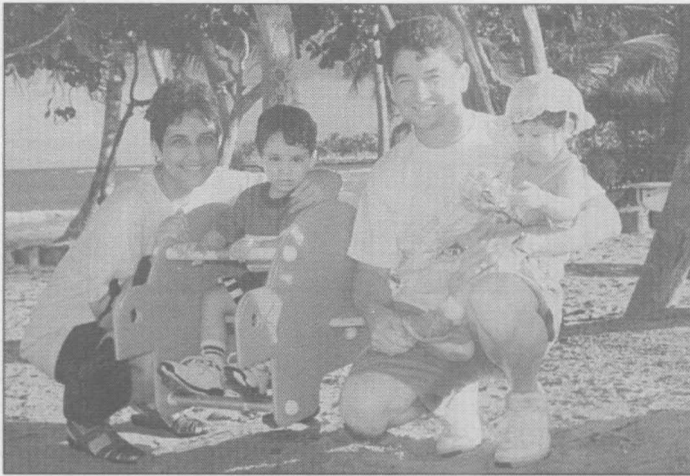
as well as looking forward with anticipation to the world tomorrow.

Since the Feast sites in the Spanish-speaking region tend to be small, this lends itself well to activities for the entire group. Almost all areas had a talent show, made up of songs and dances from the members.

Youths' enthusiasm inspiring

Other activities were children's parties, picnics, family dances and activities in which all members participated. Church youths helped the elderly and performed special music in services. Their enthusiasm for the Feast was inspiring to all.

Villa Carlos Paz, Argentina	252
Achira, Bolivia	84
Maitencillo, Chile	450
Melgar, Colombia	363
Liberia, Costa Rica	141
San Salvador, El Salvador	298
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala	455
Ensenada, Mexico	227
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	962
Veracruz, Mexico	224
Arequipa and Trujillo, Peru	289
Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico	301
Talavera de la Reina, Spain	220
Termas de Guaviyu, Uruguay	110
Barquisimeto, Venezuela	124



PALMAS DEL MAR

Photo by Carlos Garcia



QUETZALTENANGO

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ENSENADA

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SAN SALVADOR

Photo by Roberto A. Arguillo



BARQUISIMETO

Photo by Charles Fleming



MAITENCILLO



PUERTO VALLARTA

Photo by Antonio Noguera

Dutch-site seniors generate unity

By Gerri Belo

HOOGEVEEN, Netherlands—The drawing-room orchestra Abraham Gezien, made up of senior citizens, entertained members at the Feast here. The Dutch use the saying, "Abraham Gezien" (he has seen Abraham) to refer to people 50 years old and older.

Harry Kleine, a member from the Zwolle, Netherlands, church, selected the group.

"I thought it would be a good idea to highlight our seniors for a change," Mr. Kleine said, "but not in the common way, not by doing special things for them, but by letting seniors show us they still mean a lot. They show us that seniors can mean a lot in society, even if they don't have regular jobs anymore."

Young and old members enjoyed the performance. "I thought it would be really boring and only interesting for older people," commented one of the youngsters, "but it was fun!"

Other activities included a fellowship evening with a cold buffet

and a dance, an organ recital, a trip to a children's amusement park, soccer, a YOU activity and a seniors lunch.

Hoogeveen, Netherlands	576
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HOOGEVEEN

Photo by Klaas Zwerver

Transfers cite Thai hospitality

By Fred Stevens

THAILAND—Many members who kept the Feast in Thailand commented on the fine example of service and hospitality set by our Thai hosts. This was only one lesson our 11-day tour brought to mind. The time was filled with inspiring instruction, educational tours and wonderful fellowship.

While in Bangkok, Feastgoers received an update on the Ambassador Foundation project in Thailand. Jonathan McNair, project director, coordinated a dinner presentation that included speakers from the schools where Ambassador College students teach English.

We also visited the Grand Palace, Wat Po (the largest Thai temple in the city), and Queen Sirikit's SUPPORT (Foundation for the Promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques) workshops.

We kept the last six days of the Feast in the northern city of Chiang Mai. Tours there included a visit to one of His Majesty's agricultural projects, elephant rides and the Chiang Mai night market.

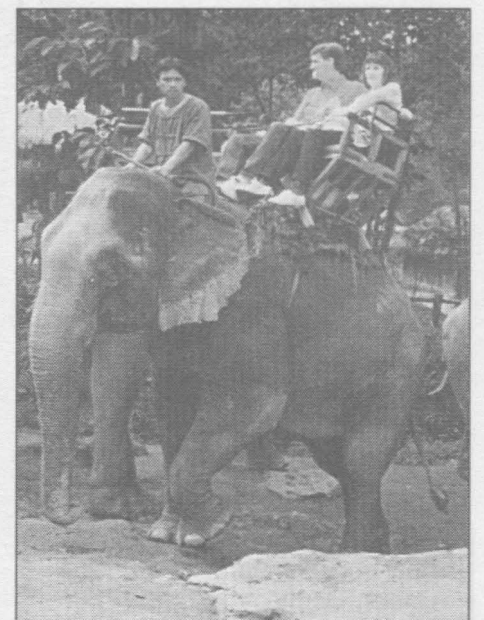
One evening, members found themselves in the presence of royalty. Our hotel, the Chiang Mai Empress, made a cash gift to further His Majesty's projects in northern Thailand. The funds were a portion of the hotel's revenues derived from the Feast.

A formal presentation of the grant

was made at the conclusion of the Last Great Day. Prince Bhisatej Rajani, president of the Royal Project Foundation, was present to receive the donation and speak to the members.

In addition to these activities, 13 members visited our members in northwestern Thailand. Among those making the trip was our guest speaker, evangelist Stan Bass, and his wife, Millie.

Chiang Mai, Thailand	198
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CHIANG MAI

Photo by Julia Volpe

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Flexibility reigns at sites in the Philippines

By Ruel Guerrero

MANILA, Philippines—Typhoon Kadiang (international code name Hurricane Flo) dumped four days of nearly continuous rains on Baguio City. "However, the attitude of the brethren attending the Feast was great," commented Paul Kieffer, Philippine regional director.

The typhoon brought rains to two other sites on Luzon island—Bulacan and Laguna—but only served to make temperatures cooler. The eight

sites here were hosts to 5,687 brethren.

In Cagayan de Oro, Festival coordinator Petronilo Leyson was surprised to learn just three days before the Feast that their venue at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State College had been canceled because of a student and faculty protest.

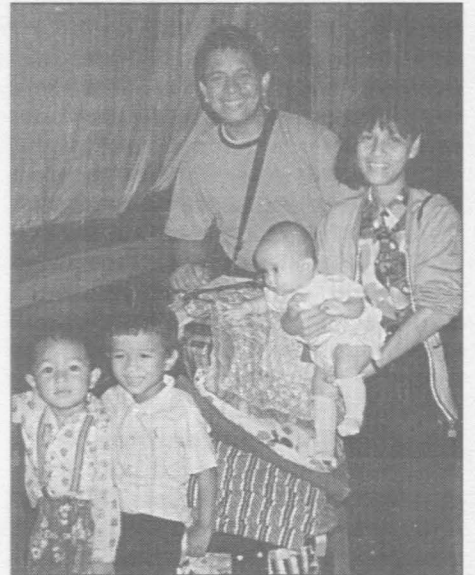
The college administration decided to close the gymnasium, but fortunately a new air-conditioned theater at the new Limketkai shopping center was available—a welcome change for brethren.

In Davao several members organized activities for poorer members. A couple from Shreveport, Louisiana, brought boxes of used clothing for distribution to needy brethren.

Brethren at the Laguna site appreciated the new hymnals. Before the Feast, choir directors from area churches taught brethren a number of the new hymns.

For the second year, Cafe Valenzuela in Guiguinto, Bulacan, was a Feast site. Many members in the Metro Manila churches chose to keep the Feast there since it is just about half an hour from the metropolis. During the second half of the Feast when it was rainy the brethren enjoyed activities and fellowship at the conveniently located resort facilities of Cafe Valenzuela and nearby recreation areas.

Two other sites were host to the Feast in the Philippines—Puerto Princesa and Cebu. The Cebu site was used again after three years of not being a site. Cebu is the largest metropolis south of Manila.



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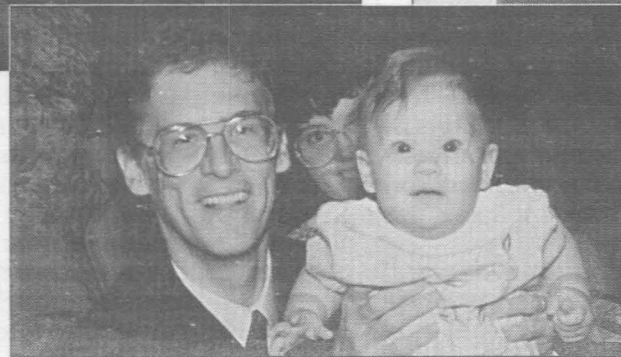
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Baguio	1,648
Bulacan	764
Cagayan de Oro	848
Cebu	818
Davao	579
Puerto Princesa	401
Laguna	629



Pastor General visits...

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA



Trip Overview

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 1,435 brethren Sept. 11 from the Oklahoma City, Ada, Enid, Lawton, Tulsa East and West, and Weatherford, Oklahoma; and Sherman, Texas; churches.

Hosts for the visit were Arnold and Trish Clauson, Sherman; Richard and Anna Dunlap, Ada and Lawton; Roy and Joyce Dove, Oklahoma City, Enid and Weatherford; Don and Sue Lawson, Oklahoma City, Enid and Weatherford; Ron and Patty Lohr, Tulsa East; and Terry and Jeanette Mattson, Tulsa West.



Personal

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purpose, truly desiring to follow where he leads. When we pray for God's will to be done, but continue to try to make everything go our own way, we are practicing hypocrisy.

Let's resolve to continue praying for unity, and especially for continued growth in the knowledge of God. Now, I do not just mean knowledge *about* God, which is indeed vital. I also mean praying that we grow in coming to *know God* more and more.

Knowing God transforms us

Have you ever noticed how Jesus described eternal life in John 17:3? He said, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." What greater gift can God grant us than to know him? That is precisely what the Holy Spirit leads us to do.

To truly know God cannot help but completely reorient and transform everything about our lives. Yet, most of us are content just knowing God a little bit, just enough to think we are getting by spiritually.

We all need to pray that God will help us come to know him more and more, to grow steadily closer to him, to believe him, to let him lead our lives, to worship him, to grow to know him increasingly more deeply in a personal way.

Knowing God has to do with how we *think* of him, how we *relate* to him, how we *respond* to him. It has to do with knowing him as the Bible reveals him, not as we would like him to be. It means knowing he is the Creator and Owner of all life, including ours, and that we are eter-

nally obligated to and dependent on him for existence itself.

It means we do not have the right to defy him, to disobey him, to try to live independently from him. It means that only in him do we possess true life, true existence.

Only in him can we be what our modern society calls "fulfilled." And it means knowing that he loves us so much that, even when we were still sinners, he sent his Son to ransom us from rebellion against him so that through faith in him we might indeed have true life.

How we reflect Christ

I appreciated the many comments about the Feast video presentation. I hope the video helped make a little more concrete what I have been writing about. God is at work in the world, and he is at work in his people. Like Jesus, the Body of Christ constitutes a force for good in the evil world. Reflecting him, we are light in the darkness of the world.

As Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:10, we are "God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do," and we work out that purpose in love within the Body as well as among those not yet called. Yet the primary and fundamental task of the people of God, as I brought out in my Feast sermon, is the work of evangelizing—proclaiming the gospel.

Service to others in the love of God is the necessary reflection of the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. But that is not the whole job. It is only part of the responsibility of God's people. It must be complemented by and go hand in hand with the great commission: to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

Peter wrote that we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God,

that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). God has called us *and* sent us out with his good news!

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." Let's stand on this admonition and promise as we do the work of God, and encourage one another with them.

Many have written Pasadena with enthusiasm and excitement about new opportunities for all the membership to be involved in spreading the gospel.

Various congregations are involved in various projects designed to "proclaim liberty to the captives" through Jesus Christ, to declare who God is and what he has done, to call people to repentance and faith in Christ, to herald the truth about sin, about redemption, and about life-renewing hope in the salvation and promises of God.

It is for this work that we live, the work for which God has called us and made us his own possession, and more than that, has made us his own children!

Let's work together in prayer for the furtherance of the gospel. Let's pray for unity in the faith, for the love of God to rule our innermost beings, and for God's strength through the Spirit to overcome and turn from the sins that alienate us from God and sap the wind from the sails of our spiritual enthusiasm and courage in spreading the gospel.

The more deeply we come to know God and understand his holiness and glory, the more deeply we will understand humanity's need for redemption, and the more fully we will follow Paul's admonition given above: "Stand

firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

As I mentioned in my Feast sermon, every one of us has the responsibility to reflect Christ in all our daily activities, and to be prepared to "give an answer for the hope that lies within us" whenever anyone asks. And we also ought to pray that some will ask, and that God will bless our response.

Used for God's service

In addition to our personal responsibility, I urge all members of the Church to pray for help to know how they can serve God in the efforts of the congregation as a whole, in harmony with their pastors' leadership (to avoid confusion), according to the gifts of abilities and talents that God has given them.

All this takes prayer, and lots of it—for one another, for the people we hope will come to Christ, as well as for the programs and projects we undertake. Peter taught that all the things we have, including abilities and time, are given to us by God and should be put to use in his service.

He wrote in 1 Peter 4:10, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

As I have said many times, Christianity is not a spectator sport. God calls us to *get involved*. We are to live holy lives before God, to become perfect as he is perfect, to obey him, to overcome sin, to reflect his love to him and to one another, and to do the work of proclaiming his gospel.

So let's do the work, and let's never stop praying for God's help to do it his way and for his purpose. Thanks to everyone for a joyous Feast of Tabernacles!

'Ambassador of goodwill' and longtime friend of the Church dies at 83

Harvey C. Christen, 83, a longtime friend of the Church, Foundation and college, died Oct. 2. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Vera, and the many friends he had from a lifetime of service to the community.

A memorial service was conducted Oct. 13 at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel in Pasadena with Ross Jutsum, chair of the Ambassador College Music Department, officiating. Nearly 300 friends from Southern California and around the country attended the poolside service.

Eulogies were given by Roy Anderson, retired chairman of Lockheed; Jack French, executive director of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association; and Joseph W. Tkach.

Mr. Tkach remembered Mr. Christen as "a personal friend, as well as a friend of the Church and a friend of the Ambassador Foundation.... Harv has set an example for us to follow in our community.... I consider Harv not only a statesman, but an ambassador of goodwill, a peacemaker."

Mr. Jutsum commented on Mr. Christen's impact on Ambassador College students. "When our students would have family come to town, almost invariably Harv and Vera would make a point of meeting their families, taking them out to dinner and getting to know them."

Mr. Tkach dubbed him Mr. Pasadena, "not only because of his achievements, but because of his personal involvement, the warmth and the love he carried in his heart."

Mr. Christen began working for

Lockheed Corp. in 1928 at the age of 18 and contributed to the upward climb of the company as production manager, superintendent and division manager on a number of Lockheed aircraft programs. He also worked as director of quality control and as an executive for Lockheed-California.

Although Mr. Christen retired from Lockheed in 1974, he never really left. In addition to maintaining close association with the company until his death, he was active in numerous civic programs.

He was associated with the Boy Scouts of America for 71 years, on the board of directors for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, chairman of United Way for Verdugo

Hills and San Fernando Valley, district governor for Rotary International and received the Salvation Army

"Others Award" for his selfless efforts in helping others, in addition to many other recognitions.



HARVEY CHRISTEN

Volunteers spruce up Reseda school

By Jill Leovy

Preparing for the school year, a Reseda [California] Church group took the lead this month [August] in an effort to repaint the inside of Tulsa Street Elementary School.

Saying that the group wanted to "give children a cheerful environment to work in," James Friddle, pastor of the Worldwide Church of God, was among those who took up paintbrushes Sunday to give the school its first new coat of paint in a quarter of a century.

The 17 beige and blue classrooms at the school "were an eyesore," said Tulsa Street Principal Major Deberry. "They were not attractive. It didn't create the ambience people enjoy working in."

About 30 church members, parents and teachers spent two days a week for the last three weeks painting the school. Paint was donated by Dunn

Edwards Paint Co. in Los Angeles and the Home Depot store in Van Nuys. Steven Harner, a church member and general contractor who helped oversee the work, said volunteers encountered the "dust of ages" in the upper reaches of classroom walls and spent much time preparing for the painting.

Harner said the project is the first effort of the church's newly formed community service arm. Friddle said more youth outreach efforts and community cleanups are planned by the group.

The painting job came about because several members of the church group have children who attend the school, Harner said. Members called Deberry to ask what volunteer labor was needed at the school, and she ticked off a quick list of tasks that the Los Angeles Unified School District has been unable to fund, including repainting.

When the last touches were finally applied Sunday afternoon, Deberry pronounced the effort a success: "It looks wonderful. These rooms are beautiful."

This article is reprinted courtesy of the Los Angeles Times.

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Telecast launches magazine-style format

With the start of the *World Tomorrow* season Oct. 16, the new magazine-style format replaces the single-topic telecast.

Since the telecast first appeared on television in 1955, the format has been to discuss one topic on each weekly program.

The new season introduced programs covering several biblical topics (see July 20 WN).

"Presenters **Richard Ames**, **David Hulme** and **Ronald Kelly** will continue to carry the main spiritual message of the program in the feature segment and commentary of the new format," said **Larry Omasta**, senior producer. "But the two shorter segments, which look at the application of biblical principles in our daily lives, will use

a variety of reporters."

The *World Tomorrow* telecast, which airs on more than 120 network and independent stations in the United States, also appears weekly in the Caribbean, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa.

Oct. 9 marked the 60th anniversary of **Herbert W. Armstrong's** first radio broadcast on KORE in Eugene, Oregon.

Australian writers meet with senior PT editor, contributors

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Fifteen contributors to the Church's publications gathered from around Australia for a two-day workshop Oct. 18 and 19.

Plain Truth senior editor **John Halford**, who was a guest speaker in Australia during the Feast of Tabernacles, conducted most of the sessions. He covered topics such as magazine writing style, improving writing skills, interviewing and research.

Workshop sessions covered practical exercises, approaches to writing and issues of importance to regional readers of the Church's publications.

Those participating included field ministers, office staff and members who have written for *The Plain Truth*, *Youth* magazine or *The Worldwide News*.

The Australian Office begins production of a regional *Plain Truth* edition with the February issue and also produces a regional *Worldwide News* supplement. *Aub Warren*.

Brethren tour printing plants during Feast

Feastgoers in Saratoga Springs, New York, and Fort Worth, Texas, toured two printing companies that produce the Church's publications.

At Quebecor in Dallas, Texas, which prints the *Youth* magazine, members saw *Time* and *Sports Illustrated* magazines running on the presses. Oct. 4 and 6, about 90 brethren visited Quad/Graphics in Saratoga Springs, which prints several international editions of *The Plain Truth*.

Training program builds manpower in Africa

LAGOS, Nigeria—To train personnel in East and West Africa, the British Office arranged a four-day lecture here July 19 to 22. Thirty-four men attended, representing Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Cameroon and Nigeria.

The fast pace of growth in this area, coupled with a lack of college-trained personnel, made these lectures necessary. Regional Spokesman and Graduate clubs laid valuable foundations upon which to build.

Lectures were given by **David Stirk**, business manager for East and West Africa in the British Office; **Alan Tattersall**, who formerly pastored churches in Ghana; and **Emmanuel Okai**, pastor of the churches in Lagos and Benin City, Nigeria.

Sixteen lectures covered personality development, use of study aids, teaching tech-

Job opening at Ambassador

BIG SANDY—Ambassador College invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following staff job opening.

Food Services: A full-time position is available immediately for an experienced cook. Duties include, but are not limited to, preparation of breakfast and alternate daytime food bars.

Candidate must have a minimum of three years experience as a cook or salad maker, and have the ability to supervise the work of students.

Work may be required on weekends or other than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The position is subject to rush period pressure, some lifting and most working time spent on feet.

Applicants must include a letter of application, a current resume, salary history and the names of three references with telephone numbers.

Applications should be sent to Personnel Services, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755. Applications must be submitted before Dec. 3.

niques, professionalism and ethics, planning, delegation, motivation, culture vs. Christianity, and dealing with youths. Each day's session was followed by three speaking clubs emphasizing sermon delivery techniques.

We hope to conduct these lectures annually to prepare a solid core of church leaders. *Emmanuel M. Sogbo*.

Lethbridge church to celebrate 20th year

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta—Brethren will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the church here Dec. 4.

The first pastor was **Cecil Maranville**, who preceded **Ken Webster** and then **Paul Linehan**. The current pastor is **Robert Berendt**.

Ministers **George Lee**, **Richard Wilding** and **Ber-**

nard Schnippert conducted Bible studies in 1970 and 1971.

Singles to sponsor Fun in the Sun weekend

PHOENIX, Arizona—Singles here invite other singles to their first Fun in the Sun weekend Dec. 25 to 26.

Activities will be a Bible study and social on Friday; Sabbath services, an Arizona-Sonoran buffet and moonlight dance with live band on Saturday; and hiking in the mountains or strolling through Desert Botanical Gardens, followed by a round-up picnic on Sunday.

Events are casual and open to all singles, 18 and older, senior citizens included. For more information call **Donna Elder** at 1-602-439-0884.

French sites

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In Haiti, amidst paradise-like surroundings, brethren enjoyed sunny weather and an emerald green sea. The courageous Haitian brethren live in difficult circumstances and endure patiently with dignity and faith. On youth day children were given toys and other items.

A strike on the last day of the Festival prevented some from leaving as scheduled. Brethren surmounted obstacles on the way to Port-au-Prince, the capital, and almost ran over a dead cow. Being in Haiti for the Festival helped us appreciate why we must pray for the fulfillment of God's kingdom.

In Martinique the Festival took place in the resort village of Ste. Luce. After the first evening service, guests were treated to a traditional welcome organized by Martinique brethren, with a cake in honor of the 31st Festival here.

Activities included an evening of regional dances, a formal dance, a beach party

and an ocean cruise.

West Africa

Brethren from French-speaking West Africa, Benin, Togo and Burkina Faso, kept the first four days of the Festival together this year. Feastgoers attended services at a school in Cotonou, Benin, near the ocean, where they also stayed and ate.

Benin youths prepared a cultural afternoon with songs and skits about the Bible, and Togo brethren performed cultural dances. During the dance brethren spontaneously sang some Church hymns they had learned by heart.

Buea, Cameroon

On the majestic green slopes of Mt. Cameroon, 1,000 meters above sea level, French-speaking African brethren kept the Festival for the second time in their nation. Mountain scenery along with the ocean splendor was a constant reminder of God's great power.

Translations were provided for 40 English-speaking brethren from west Cameroon. Activities included soccer, a dance, cultural evening and visit to a tea factory.

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vanloads of much-needed food. In Caloundra, Australia, brethren donated 40 boxes of food to the Salvation Army.

"People were genuinely delighted to be able to participate in a practical expression of the directions Mr. Tkach has been emphasizing in the Church," said John McLean, Gold Coast coordinator.

"Evangelism is not just the job of headquarters," Mr. Tkach said during the satellite transmission.

"We all have a personal part in the redemption of

mankind. We are here to perform the duties of the Master, to help and to work with mankind. Jesus needs laborers to help bring people to God. This is not an impossible mission. The love of God will motivate us and the Holy Spirit will help us accomplish our task."

Evangelist Joseph Tkach Jr., director of Church Administration, said that Feast reports "indicate that the coordination at the sites was accomplished in a smooth and orderly manner.

"Many said they gained more from sermons because of having only one service each day," he said. "The sermons were inspiring and there was a spirit of forgive-

Italy, Malta

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night. A family dance on the grounds of an ancient castle attracted many members.

Maltese brethren were also hosts to visiting brethren at family day. Some splashed in the Mediterranean waters, and others played beach vol-

leyball while Maltese brethren barbecued fish and steak for the evening meal.

"God certainly blessed the Maltese site this year," said coordinator Luciano Cozzi. "You could see that especially in the attitude of the brethren." A hotel staff member was so impressed by the harmony and peace, he attended Last Great Day services.

ness and reconciliation present, which is appropriate to the meaning of the Feast. From the reports, I believe that we worshiped our sovereign God, whose greatness we are still discovering."

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