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Ukraine visit builds on common spiritual ground

By Victor Kubik

Oleh Zajac, a headquarters employee who is fluent in Ukrainian, my wife, Beverly, and I returned Nov. 5 from visiting Sabbatharians in Transcarpathia, Ukraine. We stayed almost a week and a half with Vasyl Ivanovich Mondich, who pastors the church in the city of Khust, and his wife, Svetlana.

He is also assistant administrator for spiritual matters of the International Regional Federation of Christians of the Sabbath Day. He also heads a 32-church federation called Christians of the Sabbath Day in Transcarpathia.

This was Oleh's and my second trip to visit these Sabbatharians. We got better acquainted with them and strengthened our friendship. We also spent time with the Ivan Pavliys, pillar members in the Rokosovo church, and Victor Pavliy, director of their charitable mission called Nazareth.

When we visited Ukraine last year we promised we would translate literature into Ukrainian and Russian. So we delivered the booklets *God's Festivals and Holy Days* in Ukrainian and *Why Were You Born?* in Russian.

Victor Kubik is assistant director of Church Administration.

Just before we came we shipped 250 Ukrainian and 100 large-print Russian Bibles. We donated three sewing machines and carried 30 kilograms of high-yielding buckwheat, several varieties of beans, peas and hybrid corn provided by Dale Schurter, pastor of the Tipp City, Ohio, church.

We also laid plans for a 1994 summer Ambassador College project. Six students will teach English, computer skills and help with agriculture.

While in Khust we called on Mayor Volodymer Kaschuk, who received us as warmly as when we visited last year. We also met with Ukraine President Leonid Kravchuk's representative for the Khust region.

His name is coincidentally Vasyl Mondich, the same as the leader of the Sabbatharians we stayed with. Both men indicated full support for whatever our Church and Foundation would like to do in the area.

Warmth of congregation

On our first Friday night, Oct. 22, we attended an evening service at the House of Prayer in neighboring Rokosovo. We stayed two nights with Ivan and Anna Pavliy, who housed us so hospitably last year.

The main speaker that evening greeted us warmly, and the pastor asked the congregation to sing several extra songs to welcome us. We



FORGING TIES—Victor Kubik (second from right) and Oleh Zajac (second from left) visit with Sabbath-keepers in the Ukraine Oct. 25. Far left, Vasyl Mondich, who pastors a church in Khust; center, Vasyl Halas, who pastors one of the Transcarpathian churches.

could feel the faith, warmth and friendliness of the congregation.

The next day we attended two Sabbath services, consisting of three messages and songs of praise.

Oleh delivered the first message. He thanked the Ukrainians for their hospitality, going on to say that we had come as friends to help them in areas where they could not help themselves. He encouraged everyone to work together in love to help youths obtain an education.

Next, I gave greetings from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach to the Transcarpathian congregations, summarized where we have come in our relationship and how we want to work together. Also, I gave greetings from Michael Palchey, who had immigrated to the United States from Rokosovo and is chiefly responsible for acquainting us with one another. People wept as I spoke about Michael Palchey. They would love him to return and visit them.

I showed them the two translated booklets and mentioned the Ambassador College project next summer. The remainder of my sermon time I spoke about what God's kingdom is.

Converts in Siberia

The final speaker was Igor Mertke, an assistant administrator of the International Federation of Christians of the Sabbath Day. He told how he and 12 others made an evangelizing trip to Siberia this past summer.

He had copies of two booklets translated by Ivan Czornyj, head of Ambassador College's Russian Department in the early 1960s. One was *What Kind of Faith is Required for Salvation?* and the other was *What is the Sabbath of the New Testament?*

Mr. Mertke said a Siberian woman attending the evangelistic meetings had reprinted and distributed 1,300

copies of these two booklets. The fruits of the Siberian campaign and literature distribution prompted 35 people in coming to repentance. Several were engineers and doctors.

Mr. Mertke left behind four people to follow up and work with the new converts. After they leave, people from the closest Sabbatharian congregation, about 1,000 miles away in Kazakhstan, will help establish the new church in Siberia.

Teenagers and young adults participated in the afternoon service. One gave a half-hour sermon. Some sang, others recited poetry. After the main service Bev and I were called up to the front of the congregation and asked questions about our Church, services, how we pray and our music.

We were also asked to sing. Not being singers we politely declined. However, I did have an Ambassador chorale tape along and played one of our Church hymns on a tape recorder for the congregation.

An announcement was made in services about a 43-year-old man suffering from leukemia. Doctors had given up hope, and prayer and fasting were called for. Later in the week Vasyl Mondich and I visited the man, his wife and three children.

After discussing how we anoint and pray for those who are sick, based on instructions in James 5:14-16, we prayed and jointly anointed the sick man. I gave Vasyl Mondich my bottle of anointing oil, and he told me he is going to continue this biblically straightforward practice.

Saturday night we had a vigorous discussion about the Holy Days, baptism of the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, the nature of God, the resurrections, how to keep the Sabbath and miracles in our lives. We had many such discussions during our visit there.

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JOSEPH W. TKACH

Guidelines for unity

A familiar topic of discussion in the Church these days, as we all know, revolves around the question, "What do you think of the changes?" The question refers to the various aspects of administrative and doctrinal growth the Church has made during the past several years.

Some members agree with a new way of doing things or a new explanation of a doctrinal point; others disagree. And people's personal opinions on such things have a way of creating tension between them. Sometimes it can even create tension between friends and family members.

We all know that God has called us to peace. He wants us to learn to cooperate, to work together and to love one another. Naturally, then, we find it frustrating and disturbing when we do not practice these principles.

We want to be in agreement, yet we find that sometimes, on some things, we aren't. Does the Bible have anything to say about how to deal with such things? How should we treat one another when we are not in total harmony on some point? Are there any guidelines we should be aware of and that we should follow? Indeed there are.

Coping with change is *always* a trial, to one degree or another, for all concerned. However, God has given us some basic guidelines to

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Remember, they sacrificed their lives for peace

BEVERLY, England—The first week of November was a week of remembering for many people in Britain. For this year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the Great War (1914-1918), and the last major anniversary that the soldiers who fought in it will live to see.

The media, like the country, have been looking back and looking for meaning. Again and again the war poets have been quoted. Some of them are moving tributes and promises to remember:

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,

"Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

"We will remember them."

Those words by Laurence Binyon were first published in *The Times* in 1914. Called "For the Fallen," they are often quoted at Remembrance Day services.

Newspapers interviewed soldiers now in their late 90s who remember those who never came home.

The Independent included two accounts. One of bombardier Norman Tennant, DCM (Distinguished Conduct Medal), age 97, who recalls,

This article is by Ruth Arnold, an editorial staff member in Britain.



after the war, avoiding the crowds and traveling to Yorkshire with a friend and celebrating by eating a meal of fish and chips. "I was relieved that I would not be blown to bits by a shell," said Mr. Tennant.

The second interview was with gunner Hermann Shiffer, Iron Cross, age 96, a German soldier who remembers the war with horror: "Nothing prepared us for how senseless the whole thing was." His memories include the bizarre agreement that at 9 a.m. every day, German and British soldiers walked freely into no-man's land to collect their wounded and dead.

"There was no formal agreement, and although we came very close, we never talked to each other. Then at 10 a.m. precisely, the war would begin again. Absolute insanity." And yet the insanity of human beings slaughtering each other continued for four years and cost the British Empire alone 908,000 lives.

So what does it all mean 75 years later?

This week I had a remarkable experience. As part of my university studies, I met Anna, a German woman from Cologne. We had been asked to present a paper together for a seminar about an English writer. I invited her to our home for a meal and to talk about the subject in comfort. After working for a while, we walked to a pub to relax.

In the pub old men sat talking and playing dominoes. My friend and I discussed the personal courage of the woman writer we were studying. The conversation moved onto the wider topic of personal conviction.

Then out of the blue, Anna said that courage was something she had thought a lot about. "I'm not really very brave," she said. "I don't know, for example, if I would have been able to hide a Jew if my life or my family were at risk."

The subject of the Nazi era and the

Holocaust is not one I would have brought up with someone I had just met. Germans and British people together are understandably cautious in discussing the war. Yet her honesty and thoughtfulness were touching. I told her that I don't think any of us would know exactly what we'd do until the situation actually happened.

We joked about how unusual it was for two young women to be talking about literature in a pub full of comfortable old men. Suddenly her face darkened. "I wonder what they'd do if they knew I was German?" she said.

But, the occurrence of us sitting in friendship was itself a cause for optimism. My forebears fought Germans in two wars. Hers probably fought the British. Yet, today, their great-granddaughters sat together in peace.

No doubt Anna was especially aware of the depth of feeling that still exists in Britain at such a time of remembrance. She can't have missed people selling poppies or talking about the past. My own emotions are roused every time I hear the sound of the "Last Post" played in lonely respect for those who gave their lives.

But it is too easy to forget that the goal of those who sacrificed was not endless fighting, but peace. For those who are called the children of God (Matthew 5:9), there is also the calling to be peacemakers. In a corner of a British pub, there was reason for optimism.

Letters to the Editor

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'Why do I love God?'

The more I read God's Word, the more I can see that God is leading and working with you and his Church. Thank you very much for helping us to understand what the gospel is about.

The other day I was reading Habakkuk 3:17-18: "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Savior."

When I reread these words, tears came to my eyes. I asked myself, Why do I love God? I was surprised at my first answer. Because he has blessed me with things and because he had called me. The more I meditated, I realized the main reason for loving God is that God loved me first.

I know we should always be very thankful for our calling and for all things that God has done for us, but our love for God should not be based on things he does for us. I pray that you do not get too discouraged. I know the majority of us in God's Church are behind you 100 percent.

Battle Creek, Michigan

Staying true to Christ

I want to thank you for your approach to the teachings of the Bible and how they affect our lives as Christians as we try to live Christlike lives.

I applaud you and your commitment to staying true to the gospel of Christ. That is what drew me to the Worldwide Church of God—your determination to stay true to Christ and what he wants his Church to be.

In all those years of reading *The Plain Truth*, *Good News* and the Correspondence Course, the knowledge I hungered for was found in articles on how I should conduct my life, what Christ did for me and what he expected from me.

As I sit in my kitchen looking out my window, trying to compose my thoughts, I am overcome with emotion thinking of the pain and anguish Christ suffered. I

cannot read in Matthew 27:35 or Luke 23:33 "and they crucified him" without pausing over the meaning of those words. I ask myself how can I not do as he asks? I thank you for helping me realize what that is.

Oxford, Ohio

Appreciate new look, creativity

I would like to congratulate all those who so aptly put together the new-look *Worldwide News*, which I am happy to say I can now read quite well. Previously, it was quite a problem to read any of the pages because of my eyesight.

I would also like to say how much I enjoy the new *Plain Truth* with its much improved layout and articles. Not that the old ones

were not good, please understand me, but that if anything, you have surpassed yourselves in both the paper and the magazine now.

I pray that all the *Worldwide News* staff members are constantly inspired by God to do even better with each issue.

Thank you for all the articles in both publications.

Daphne Affleck
Caboorture, Australia

Just a note to let you and all there know that we really enjoy and appreciate all the changes in the *Plain Truth*, *Worldwide News* and *Youth* magazines. We deeply appreciate all the hard work and the beautiful creativity of everyone involved.

Though our children are grown and out of the house, we are still interested in the lives and activities of the wonderful youths in God's Church. We still receive and appreciate the *Youth* magazine.

Roseland, Nebraska

"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.

Discovering message of Christ

I am a retired clergyman, having served churches in several countries. My own denomination has not always been sympathetic to others with a different doctrinal emphasis. To make my own evaluation of your theology, I have requested your offer of a subscription to *The Plain Truth* in order to make a personal evaluation of your doctrinal emphasis.

In contrast to what I have heard and read about your theological outreach, I have been encouraged and pleased to discover a warm-hearted message with a strong spiritual presentation of the gospel of Christ. I would be pleased to enjoy the continued reception of *The Plain Truth* with thanks for your gracious offer of a continued subscription.

P.C.
Bothell, Washington

Faces of friends

I thoroughly enjoy receiving the *News of the Work* co-worker newsletter every month. It's like hearing from good friends you haven't seen in a while. I like the people-oriented articles.

It's great hearing about the different things

the members are doing, and it's very inspiring to see the faces of some of the people that work so hard through Jesus' guidance to put out the publications and the telecast.

L.L.
Ringwood, New Jersey

Catholic tastes insights

Thank you again for *The Plain Truth*, which I appreciate greatly. I find your articles thought-provoking, enlightening, very valuable and beautifully presented. I admire profoundly how you can do so much for God—and for free! May God continue to support and sustain you in your excellent work.

I have recently taken over as pastor of a Catholic parish and I would like to thank you again for all your kindness and valuable insights into Scripture. They are excellent.

E.D.
Chertsey, England

Words to pour out

I would like to thank you once again for sending *Klar & Wahr* [German *Plain Truth*] and *News of the Work*. They are a tremendous help and enable me to give to others and find the right words to comfort and encourage. I often read an article from *Klar & Wahr* or one of your booklets to young people, who pour out their hearts to me.

I.B.
Germany

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Pastor General visits...

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



Trip Overview

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 635 brethren Nov. 13 from the San Diego and Escondido, California, and Yuma, Arizona, churches. Hosts for the visit were Dean and Marolyn Wilson, San Diego, Escondido and Yuma; Paul and Madilyn Troike, Escondido; and Ed and Billie Marrs, San Diego and Yuma. [Photos by John McMullin Jr. and William Miller]



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help us see our way through such storms. I want to go through a few of them in this letter.

I'm sure you could think of others, but I believe these will be of help if you make it a point to follow them. Let me list them first, then go through each one.

- 1) We need to remember that God is in charge.
- 2) We need to remember that everyone learns in different ways and at different speeds.
- 3) God tells us to be patient with one another, to forbear one another, not to condemn one another, and to treat one another with kindness.
- 4) God says that none of us has a right to feel superior because of what he has given us to understand.
- 5) The gospel never changes.
- 6) Most of our problems stem from disobeying God in the things we do understand, not in things we aren't really clear about.
- 7) God is faithful.
- 8) God judges on attitude—what we do with what we know, not on *how much* we know.
- 9) In the end analysis, it's not *what* you know that counts, it's *Whom* you know.

Remember that God is in charge. This sounds so simple, yet failing to remember this simple fact lies at the root of much of our frustration and fear. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church.

We know Jesus promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." But when something happens that we didn't expect, or that we don't fully understand, we tend to forget his words. We begin to rely on sight, that is, on what we can see, or think we see, for ourselves, rather than on faith in our Master and Savior.

Paul tells us, "We live by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). But often, we try to resolve things by gossip and accusation rather than through earnest, caring, faithful prayer.

Everyone learns in different ways and at different speeds. Sometimes we need to place ourselves in the other person's shoes. A person's background, life experience, type of education, upbringing, cultural heritage, personal situation, friends, relatives, etc., all have a bearing on how any new idea, whether Church-related or not, will be received.

Some things naturally take longer to understand than others. Each person is going through different trials, facing different challenges, dealing with different personal issues. It is not right to think we can or should try to measure people's conversion by whether, or how soon, they understand and accept a change of doctrine or procedure in the Church.

God tells us to be patient with one another, to forbear one another, not to condemn one another, and to treat one another with kindness. It is all too easy to let issues become more important than people. But Jesus is concerned with how we think of one another and how we treat one another *even when we may disagree.* I have always said to disagree is one thing, to become disagreeable is another. He tells us, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35). He does *not* say, "My disciples will be impatient and judgmental with those who do not rapidly understand and agree on all things."

God's Spirit leads us

As mentioned above, it takes time to come to understand things that are new to us. How long it takes varies from person to person. God's Spirit leads us to offer support, encouragement, patience and comfort to one another, in all circumstances.

Those who do not yet agree with the Church's teaching on some point

should avoid causing division while they study and pray for understanding. Likewise, those who do agree should pray for those who don't while avoiding an attitude of condemning them or feeling superior to them. Again, God calls his people to love and peace even when they don't agree!

God says that none of us has a right to feel superior because of what he has given us to understand. In 1 Corinthians 4:7 Paul wrote: "For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?"

All our knowledge of the things of God is God's gift to us. None of us has anything that was not God's gift. Therefore, even if we think we understand something better than others, we certainly have no right to boast about it or to look down on others. To take a superior attitude toward others is to be *self-righteous* and to miss the real point of God's revelation.

The gospel never changes. Regardless of how well we understand or explain related issues or points (and God does expect us to do our best to understand and explain things correctly), the gospel itself remains the same always. It is by the gospel we are saved, not by other things. Paul wrote: "By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:2).

Paul went on to explicitly describe the gospel: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (verses 3 and 4).

We are called to believe and obey Jesus Christ as our Savior, Redeemer, Lord and Master, Chief Shepherd and King. There is only one way to be saved, one way to salvation, and that is through faith in him.

Paul wrote, "The Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of

sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe" (Galatians 3:22).

Most of our problems stem from failing to heed the things we do understand, not things we aren't really clear about. How easy it is to spend our time finding fault with the Church on explanations of doctrine, administration or difficult scriptural passages.

How hard it is to repent and overcome our own plain and obvious sins. It is so human to get upset about "what is happening in the Church" with this or that particular teaching, but fail to take our personal sins quite so seriously.

Salvation does not hinge on how much technical doctrine we can accurately explain. It hinges on whether we truly have faith in Jesus Christ, faith that is increasingly evidenced by the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When we are led by the Spirit, we will not be creating division in the Body with our disagreements, nor will we be condemning our brothers and sisters for their lack of understanding. Instead, we will be working, through prayer and study, to understand and accept what God has given the Church, and we will be praying for and encouraging those who don't yet understand.

Correct doctrine is an essential responsibility of the Church, and we must always strive diligently to make progress toward that goal. But part of correct doctrine is understanding how we should treat one another along that path.

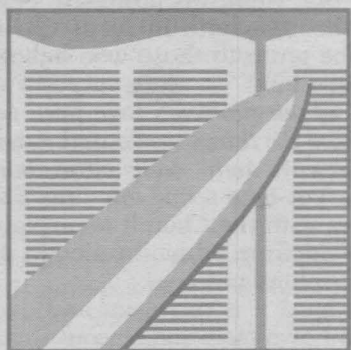
God is faithful. Whatever mistakes the Church has made or will yet make, God is faithful. We can trust him. We can put our faith completely in him. We can thoroughly and without reservation put all our confidence in him and his ability to bring us to completion in Jesus Christ.

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IRON SHARPENS IRON

so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17—As iron sharpens iron,



Are you tripping over molehills?

By C.W. Davis

A few weeks ago my wife, Stacey, and I bought mountain bikes. Rather than pay the store extra money for assembling the bikes, I chose to assemble them myself. After fixing the front wheel, the steering column and the gear shift assemblies, I started on the brake assemblies.

The instructions said that each brake assembly had a bolt, lock washer and a nut, but when I looked into the little plastic bag of nuts and bolts, a lock washer was missing. After I searched the living room carpet like a bloodhound for several minutes, my blood pressure escalated. Finally, I exploded. I hollered for my wife and proceeded to tell her what I thought of the bike manufacturer and the store I had bought the bike from.

Patiently and silently, she listened to my angry outburst, then said, "Is a missing lock washer really a big deal?"

Furious over nothing

Although this incident is pretty embarrassing, I learned a lesson that I hope sticks with me. Life wasn't going to come to an end over a missing lock washer. But for a few minutes I thought the world revolved around my problem.

But there is more to the story. At work the following morning, I read my electronic mail and saw a message with familiar names requesting prayers for a newborn baby suffering from a brain hemorrhage.

Just a couple of weeks earlier, I had shared an evening with the parents of this newborn baby. The parents were anxiously awaiting the birth of the first child. Now they were facing an extremely difficult trial.

After uttering a silent prayer for the baby and the parents, I realized

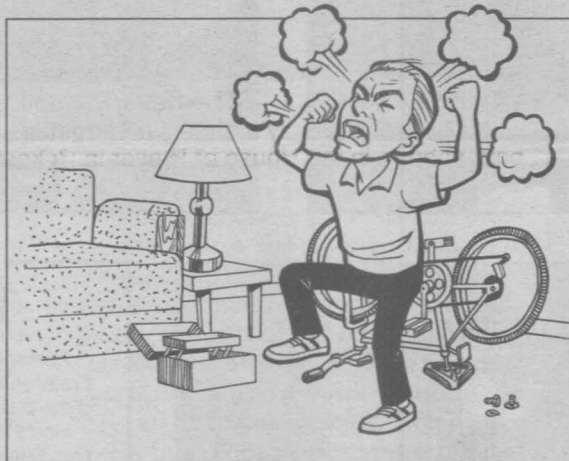
C.W. Davis is a local church elder in Richmond, Virginia.

how repulsive my attitude had been the previous evening over a lock washer for a bicycle.

Here were friends faced with a mind-boggling tragedy. Their lives were being turned upside down. And yet the previous evening I had exploded over nothing. Not having a lock washer was no catastrophe; I could buy another one for pennies. Yet I had lost control of my emotions over a mere triviality.

Hearing about others with major trials helps us see the really important things. Faith in God becomes central. The big picture comes into much sharper focus.

My actions over a missing lock washer embarrass me. I would imag-



Artwork by Bruce Hedges

ine that we all have probably made mountains out of molehills at one time or the other.

What are your mountains made of?

Jesus had something to say about making mountains out of molehills. Concerning the actions of the religious leadership of his day, he said: "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel" (Matthew 23:23-24).

The religious leadership of Jesus' day focused more on trivialities than on what's meaningful and sig-

nificant. Not unlike the Pharisees and scribes, we too can become caught up in insignificant matters. Speaking from personal experience I know that I haven't just exploded over a missing lock washer, but that I have gotten pretty upset over changes in the Church.

A few months ago I heard about a Church member who died unexpectedly after what was supposed to be a simple gall bladder operation. The pastor was with the man's wife when the doctor told her that her husband had died.

The pastor said the death of this member put things into perspective for him. "Before he died he wasn't concerned whether or not we should use the word *cross*," he said, "nor did he ask me if it was all right for a Christian to vote. His concern was the resurrection, salvation and his future in the kingdom of God."

That man was focused on what's truly important in life. This isn't to say that trivial matters aren't important or that they have no value. They do have their place. But it is good to keep them in perspective.

In his epistle to the Colossians, Paul eloquently stated the Christian perspective. "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:1-2).

Seeking the things that are above means trying to put heavenly priorities into our daily lives. Setting our minds on things from above means concentrating on the eternal rather than the temporal.

When we set our minds on things that are above we look at life from God's perspective and we seek what he desires.

Let's pray for one another. Let's pray that we will all keep our minds focused on the things above. Let's pray that God will help us keep concentrating on the pivotal issues of life—such as faith in God, salvation, the resurrection and eternity in the kingdom of God.

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Always remember Philippians 1:4-6, where Paul wrote, "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

God is not out to trick us. He is not giving us subtle little confusing tests to find out if we will be deceived by this or that tricky or difficult point of doctrine. He gives us everything we need to know, and he holds us accountable for what he gives us.

He gives us even greater understanding of his will as we grow in his love, as Paul shows in Philippians 1:9-11: "This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

God leads his Church, and he leads it to Jesus Christ. The more we grow toward Jesus Christ, the stronger we are in the love of God. God will continue to lead his Church. God knows what he is doing. But his Church is not yet perfect, and it won't be until the resurrection.

We can trust God

Remember, the gospel never changes. Christ died for our sins, and as Paul wrote: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

How thankful we should be that we are not depending on ourselves. We are depending on God! We can trust God not to deceive us, not to trick us, not to leave us, not to forsake us. If we don't understand something in just the right way, God will, in his time and in his way, show it to us—even if his time is in the resurrection.

No human has ever known all there is to know. God has not revealed every single point about everything to anyone. Nor does he need to. But he does tell his people how to deal with their differences. Read Romans 14 again.

God judges on attitude—what we do with what we know, not on how much

we know. Jesus said, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much" (Luke 16:10). Little things do count—that is why we have to make changes when we find out we've been wrong, as individuals and as a church.

Likewise, that is why we need not be alarmed to find that there are things we have not fully known or understood. God does not expect us to know everything before we can be his people, yet he does not want us to remain ignorant of complex things. How much or how little he gives us to know and understand is entirely his prerogative. The essential thing is that we know and believe the gospel and live accordingly.

In the end analysis, it's not what you know that counts, it's Whom you know. Jesus defined eternal life in a most interesting and profound way. He said, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3).

For the past nearly 2,000 years, faithful men and women of God have lived and died, secure in salvation, knowing God and Jesus Christ, and are awaiting the resurrection. Exactly

how much each one knew about the finer points of doctrine varied greatly.

But each one was committed to what he or she did understand, and each one knew and understood that the foundation of their faith was Jesus Christ. "No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ," Paul wrote (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Growth in doctrine should always underscore that true foundation. That is why God has led us to doctrinal growth that builds more and more clearly and firmly on Jesus Christ.

I hope all of us will keep these points in mind as we learn to support and encourage one another during times of change. There is no value at all in getting involved in little opposing camps of condemnation and criticism. Such divisive behavior is the product of a superior, self-righteous spirit.

The Bible says that the Church cannot tolerate the deliberate causing of division by those who do not agree with its doctrines. But we must remember that even admonition and correction is to be given in love, with a patient attitude and the goal of restoration. Let's pray for peace, unity and patience as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Ukrainian warmth felt by Church officials

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They were curious about what we would say; we were curious about their understanding. I told them we had discussed our position on speaking in tongues.

I told them we believed this phenomenon may be falsified or fabricated, it may originate with evil spirits, it may come from a self-induced emotionally altered consciousness or it may come from God. They appreciated being able to discuss the Bible without either of us pushing our beliefs on the other.

Wedding: evangelism opportunity

On Sunday we were invited to Rokosovo for a wedding. The ceremony, attended by 400 guests, started with an almost three-hour service with beautiful a cappella choir music.

Four men gave messages. The first speaker spoke about how two people with different natures need to adapt and become one unit. Another message was about the marriage of Christ to the Church and how our physical marriages reflect that relationship. I was invited to speak and covered the importance of communication in marriage.

As several people from the community came to the wedding, the pastor and some of the speakers made evangelistic statements. Afterward, we all shared dinner in a large tent outside.

We learned many new things about these people. Evangelism is important to them and part of the local church's work. They do this by rent-



CLOSENESS OF SPIRIT—Beverly Kubik (left) with Michael Palchey's sister, a Ukrainian Sabbath-keeper, in the House of Prayer in Rokosovo.

ing a hall, placing newspaper notices and conducting public campaigns.

The general public has become somewhat jaded to evangelism. When religious freedom first came about five years ago, people would pay attention to the novelty of local and especially Western evangelists. But general interest has faded, and several of the evangelists coming through have promised humanitarian aid that they never delivered. So the public is skeptical about others' promises.

We spent many hours with Vasyl Mondich, who wanted us to help them get their church better organized, learn administrative proce-

dures and pastoral techniques. The ministry for the most part has had no formal training. For example, they would like instruction on how to prepare sermons and how to minister to youths.

I explained how important it is for our ministry to be competent and how we communicate to ministers through the Pastor General's Report and annual conferences. The Sabbatharians want to start a regular newspaper to inform the membership and ministry about church teachings and news.

While in Transcarpathia I spoke on four occasions. I gave an entire sermon about Psalm 15, bringing in other scriptures to support the five verses in this psalm.

Vasyl Mondich said that using a single subject and supporting it with scriptures and examples is virtually unknown, and they would like our help. Victor Pavliy from the Nazareth Mission told me they would like sermon outlines to help their pastors have a guide as to what to say. Most of the speakers I heard did not use notes.

The second Friday night, Oct. 29, we conducted a Bible study on 2 Corinthians 3:1-5. The entire chapter was read, and the pastor commented on each verse. Then people were invited to make comments or give their own examples to help clarify the verse.

One man commented that being a light to the world requires Christians to set a good example. Because so many people stand in line for bread and others have time to observe, he said, this is a time when people evaluate others. Christians should never try to cut in line or act impatiently because if those in line knew that the person was a believer, this would bring reproach on Christ.

Faith despite shortages, inflation

Our working in Ukraine will be a challenge. The economy is in terrible shape. Store shelves were empty; goods are available under the table to friends. Fuel is in short supply. The railroad has brought back the coal-burning steam locomotive because of a lack of petroleum. When riding in automobiles we noticed that gasoline tanks were constantly empty. Drivers told us there were usually no more than three or four liters of fuel in the tanks. Two gallons of gas could cost as much as a month's wages.

The official bank rate for the state

currency, which is the coupon, was 6,000 to the dollar. On the streets it was 20,000 to the dollar. Hyperinflation runs at 45 percent a month. The rate soared from 20,000 to the dollar at the beginning of our trip, to 25,000 to the dollar when we left. Last year when I visited, the exchange rate stood at 100 coupons to the dollar, and I thought things were bad when people earned the equivalent of \$20 to \$30 a month. This year they earn only \$3 to \$8 a month.

Transcarpathia, a beautiful mountainous area abundant in grapes, apples and pears, loses much of its produce to poor transportation and preserving processes. We discussed how the Church might be able to assist them, such as providing hard-to-obtain tools and equipment.

Telephone communications are nearly impossible. One of the Sabbatharians, who owns a small printing shop, has the only facsimile machine in Khust, which has a population of about 45,000. They told us there was only one copy machine in town.

Nevertheless, we were more inspired than ever being with the Sabbatharians. We were moved by their love, devotion and need for God. One cannot help but admire them for faithfulness in the face of years of persecution and oppression.

They told fascinating stories about meeting in secret for years, quietly printing and assembling songbooks in homes. These people's infectious faith—deep, profound and based on the Bible—is demonstrated in active love and obedience to God. Now, as they are able to go public with their faith, they have a new love for God as they share it with others.

We are working with them because they have reached out to us. They consider us their brothers and sisters. We know we don't agree in all areas, but we can work together.

I felt a closeness of spirit when praying with them. Just before leaving we knelt and prayed for our working together and for our safe return home. We felt a deep respect for them and the understanding they have. In Slavic-style we kissed, hugged and said good-bye.

The Michael Palchey family attends our church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and has kept two Passovers with us and the Feast of Tabernacles in Daytona Beach, Florida, this past fall. Two of their children are in their second year of Ambassador College. In the words of Michael Palchey: "We want to learn from you, but I hope also that you can learn from us."

October 31, 1993

Respected Pastor General Joseph Tkach and the Worldwide Church of God in America!

Blessings to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ! We thank God for you, followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we believe also. It is apparent that knowledge of him knows no borders and his knowledge covers the entire earth. In the faces of your representatives we found close family and turn to you as brothers and sisters.

Glory to Jesus Christ, dear brothers and sisters beloved of God! The Federation of Christians of the Sabbath Day of Transcarpathia, the Charitable Mission Nazareth and church of the city of Khust greet you.

We rejoice in our common faith because it is our guide in our journeys on this earth. Our faith is our comfort, joy and hope. Through faith we have found the Holy God and his will. We have a wonderful opportunity to interest you in our common work for the glory of the Eternal God because we are sure that he who has begun a good work in you will accomplish it until the day of Jesus Christ.

[We] express [our] sincere thanks to the Worldwide Church of God, especially you, Joseph Tkach, for the desire to work together with us and for the investment you have already made in this venture.

We are also happy and thankful for your representatives Victor Kubik, Beverly Kubik and Oleh Zajac, who came to Ukraine, to Transcarpathia, to the Christian Churches of the Sabbath Day with good and charitable intentions, to make good contacts and relations in our working together in the name of Jesus Christ, to help the Christians in Ukraine, but also our society and to do this at a time when it's most needed.

We are very pleased with what we have heard about your plans and projects. From our side, from the Federation and the Nazareth we will give moral, physical and whatever financial support possible for these important projects. We highly value your proposal to teach the English language, computer skills and your helping us with high quality and high yielding agricultural techniques.

We are very thankful for the humanitarian aid that we have received from your representatives. We, especially our ladies, are thankful to Beverly Kubik for her practical help and advice with the sewing machines you sent and for her pleasant and interesting conversation. She made a pleasant impression on our congregation as a mother, friend and sister, with whom we can trust and share our problems, for which she was able to give us useful advice.

We trust that some of the differences in our doctrine will not harm our brotherly friendship and that we can continue to work together for the one God the Father and his son Jesus Christ. Through him we accept you, those you send and your projects with our open hearts and our sincere souls.

We are very happy that our relationships are mutually beneficial. We no longer wonder when our brethren in Western Europe and America say that we have preserved values that some have lost in economically more developed countries. Yes, we have economic problems; you have problems of a different nature, but we are thankful that God's grace is on us and that his mercy is without measure. With these tools, in the unity of the spirit we have been called into this peace. Our hope is that we will continue our mission in our earthly journeying.

May God bless you, may he protect us on earth, may kindness be with all of us. May God help us work together realistically in these proposed projects. In the name of Jesus Christ and his glory. Amen.

With respect,
Vasyl Mondich
Pastor, Administrator of the International Regional Federation
of Christians of the Sabbath Day
Victor Pavliy
Director of the Charitable Mission Nazareth



HOUSE OF PRAYER—During one of his four addresses to the Rokosovo congregation, Victor Kubik gave a sermon about Psalm 15.

Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

Births

BENEDETTI, Vince and Jenny (Hall) of Columbus, Ohio, boy, Carl Eugene, Sept. 8, 3:07 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

BOYLL, David and Debbie (Martinez) of Santa Fe, New Mexico, boy, Jared Patrick Ryan, Aug. 6, 1:55 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

BROGAN, Joe and Denise (Bergeron) of Southampton, Pennsylvania, girl, Briana Falcarragh, Oct. 20, 4:40 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

COOPER, Shane and Jodi (Thomas) of Dallas, Texas, boy, Dylan Keith, Oct. 29, 8:03 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

CUNNINGHAM, Daniel and Tammy (Champagne) of New Orleans, Louisiana, girl, Michelle Christine, Oct. 3, 4:54 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DANIELS, Raymond and Kristy (Chavez) of Visalia, California, boy, Scott Matthew, Oct. 13, 11:43 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

DANIELS, Roger and Linda (Morris) of Big Sandy, boy, Cody Stephen, Oct. 2, 1 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy (1 boy deceased).

DENNY, Mark and Laura (Riner) of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, girl, Mary LeAnn, July 8, 2 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

EHLEN, Tom and Leanna (Hallows) of St. Louis, Missouri, girl, Breanna Nicole, Oct. 5, 7:02 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

EMEHSER, Jeff and Berenice (Czech) of Spirit Lake, Idaho, boy, Raymond Gregory, Sept. 10, 8:22 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

GRAVES, George and Sandra (Westbrook) of North Bay, Ontario, boy, Ethan Kevin, Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HAECKER, Timothy and Vianna (Clamp) of Wheatland, Wyoming, girl, Wendi Elizabeth, July 14, 8:45 p.m., 7 pounds 10.3 ounces, now 2 girls.

HOUSTON, Mark and Marcella (Browne) of Pasadena, boy, Drew Anthony, Aug. 14, 11:53 p.m., 3 pounds 6.2 ounces, now 1 boy (1 boy deceased).

KENNEDY, Stuart and Angela

(Feakes) of Whitehorse, Yukon, girl, Trisha Danielle, Sept. 18, 1:11 a.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

KRUSE, Mark and Susan (Van Matre) of Gardnerville, Nevada, girl, Laura Marie, Nov. 3, 10:44 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

KUSCH, Ruben and Karen (Hemmerling) of Calgary, Alberta, boy, Alex Gregory, Sept. 12, 2:42 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

McCLARY, Sam and Tracy (Higgins) of Midvale, Idaho, boy, Chance Andrew, Sept. 19, 9:17 p.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

MUNDELL, Deon and Cara (Browning) of Durban, South Africa, girl, Stephanie Kaela, Aug. 25, 5:17 a.m., 2.4 kilograms, first child.

OBENZA, Rey and Kim (Frey) of Lancaster, California, boy, Myles Logan, Oct. 8, 2:28 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

OVERTON, Brian and Julie (Davidson) of Stockton, California, boy, Andrew Blake, Oct. 22, 6:50 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

PANGILINAN, Marcelino and Eve Grace (Grijaldo) of Malolos, Philippines, girl, Grace Ann Marie Grijaldo, June 19, 4:40 a.m., 3.38 kilograms, first child.

PETERS, Ed and Sondra (Fielder) of Clarksville, Tennessee, boy, Patrick William Steven, May 18, 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

QUIRAY, Joe and Britt (Librojo) of Ventura, California, boy, David, Oct. 22, 8:18 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

ROGERS, Willie and Dora (Hunter) of Memphis, Tennessee, girl, Tenia Imari, Oct. 26, 8:41 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

RUSSELL, Michael and Colena (Kinder) of Erlanger, Kentucky, girl, Sidney Brianne, Nov. 6, 10:44 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

SLYKER, Pete and Mariea (Beally) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, twin boys, Paul George David and Troy Andrew John, June 4, 2:30 and 2:36 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces and 5 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 4 boys.

SMITHBURGER, Jim and Kimberly (Sims) of Escondido, California, girl, Brittany Danae, May 23, 9:01 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

SWEAT, Tom and Becky (Miller) of Pasadena, boy, Robert Daniel, Nov. 2, 12:05 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

THURSFIELD, Ron and Catherine (Davies) of Stoke-on-Trent, England, girl, Emily Jayne, Oct. 12, 1:32 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

WERVEN, Bruce and Kally (McRae) of Cavalier, North Dakota, boy, Matt Drew, Sept. 19, 5:05 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

WHITE, Rick and December (Fertig) of Laramie, Wyoming, boy, Aaron Fertig, Oct. 28, 11:10 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

WIENS, Scott and Hedio (Barton) of Big Sandy, girl, Brandy Rachelle, June 17, 6:13 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jones of Austell, Georgia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sheri Angeline to Jeffrey Todd Cool of McEwen, Tennessee. A March 13 wedding in Powder Springs, Georgia, is planned.

Weddings



KEVIN & HILDA GRAY

Hilda Berry and Kevin Gray were united in marriage June 25. The ceremony was performed by Mark Ellis, pastor of the Brisbane, Australia, South church. Heather Gray, daughter of the groom, and Yvonne Shume were the witnesses. The couple live in Brisbane.



CURTIS & JUENELLA HATCHETT

Juenella Jackson, daughter of

Lester V. Jackson (deceased) and Jessie M. Jackson, and Curtis Hatchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hatchett (both deceased), were united in marriage June 27. The ceremony was performed by David Myers, pastor of the Houston, Texas, South church. Barbara Ferguson was matron of honor. The couple live in Houston.



BRIAN & JEANA ANDERSON

Brian Andrew Anderson, son of Gary and Elizabeth Anderson of Russellville, Arkansas, and Jeana Corleen Thompson, daughter of John and Debbie Thompson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, were united in marriage July 3. The ceremony was performed by Sam Butler, associate pastor of the Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Farmington, New Mexico churches. Stephan Anderson, brother of groom, was best man. Deborah Ruth Thompson, sister of bride, was maid of honor. The couple live in Little Rock, Arkansas.



NOAH & BECKY FIEDLER

Becky Lynn Zemlicka, daughter of Frank and Diane Zemlicka of Brookings, South Dakota, and Noah David Fiedler, son of David and Linda Fiedler of Waukesha, Wisconsin, were united in marriage Aug. 21. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Milwaukee West and Kenosha, Wisconsin, pastor, Denise Hogberg and Marie Little were matrons of honor, and Todd Herdige was best man. The couple live in Madison, Wisconsin.



GODWISH & MARY AMON

Mary Dela Sogbo and Godwish Nikoi Amon were united in marriage Aug. 29. The ceremony was performed by David R. Bedford, Accra, Ghana, pastor. Beatrice Padikoor Akrobetoe was maid of honor, and David Meselebe was best man. The couple live in Accra.



MARK & SARA DUTTERA

Sara Hess, daughter of Lee Hess of Manheim, Pennsylvania, and Mark Duttera, son of Joel and Liz Duttera of Hellam, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage Aug. 1. The ceremony was performed by John Foster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, pastor. Julie Hess, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania.



BRYAN & PAMELA GUIGNARD

Pamela Balkissoon, daughter of Ramsaran and Deekaliya Balkissoon of Penal Rock Road, Trinidad, and Bryan Denis Guignard, son of Fred and Annette Guignard of Beresford, New Brunswick, were united in marriage July 4. The ceremony was performed by Bruno Leclerc, pastor of the Campbellton and Allardville, New Brunswick, and Matapedia, Quebec, churches. Sylvie Foulm was matron of honor, and Francois Foulm was best man. The couple live in Beresford.



GARY & JOAN OLIVER

Joan K. Wolbeck, daughter of Donald and Linda Wolbeck of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and Gary Oliver were united in marriage July 24. The ceremony was performed by Eugene Kubik, Fargo, North Dakota, pastor. Julie Wolbeck, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Martin Oliver, father of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Festus, Missouri.



PETER & CAROL GIANCANA

Carol Kamm, daughter of Roger and Ruth Kamm of Hauppauge, New York, and Peter Giancana, son of Vincent and Teresa Giancana of West Babylon, New York, were united in marriage July 11. The ceremony was performed by Jeffrey Barnes, Suffolk, New York, pastor. Dina Juhasz, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Anthony Giancana, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in West Babylon.



PATRICK & REIH MCGRATH

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jacob of London, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Reih to Patrick Martin McGrath of Dunstable, England. The ceremony was performed Aug. 8 by Harry Sullivan, Belfast, Northern Ireland, pastor. Robina Sehm, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Ciarnan Prunty was best man. The couple live in Bedfordshire, England.



PETER & SONJA DURSKI

Sonja Wolters and Peter Durski were united in marriage July 18. The ceremony was performed by Martin Fekete, Bonn-Duesseldorf and Darmstadt, Germany, associate pastor. The couple live in Neuss, Germany.



JOHN & EMMA MYNOTT

Emma Stevens, daughter of Philip and Gillian Stevens of Saffron, England, and John Mynott, son of Julia Mynott of Ely, England, were united in marriage Aug. 22. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, a minister in the Cambridge, England, church. Charis Woodley was matron of honor, and Terry Sancho was best man. The couple live in Little Eversden, England.



JONATHAN & ROXANNE SEARS

Roxanne Cafourek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cafourek of Olympia, Washington, and Jonathan Scott Sears, son of Debra Sears of Medford, Oregon, and David Sears of Victorville, California, were united in marriage July 3. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Olympia pastor, Monica McGowan was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Portland, Oregon.



EDDIE & JANET DUNGAN

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hubbell of Winnie, Texas, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Janet to Eddie Dungan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dungan of Meridian, Mississippi. The ceremony was performed July 11 by Don Engle, pastor of the Beaumont, Texas, and Lake Charles, Louisiana, churches. Carla Easterling, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Brewton, Alabama.



ROBERT & WYLENE BROOKS

Wylene Walker and Robert Brooks, of Columbus, Georgia, were united in marriage Aug. 28. The ceremony was performed by Otto Lochner, pastor of the Columbia, South Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia, churches. Matron of honor was Dana Allison, daughter of the bride, and best man was Tom Brooks, brother of the groom. The couple will reside in Columbus.



TODD & LOIS ROWELL

Lois A. Hirschler, daughter of Dan and Kay Hirschler of Aurora, Missouri, and A. Todd Rowell, son of Joe and Mazelle Rowell of Newton, Mississippi, were united in marriage Aug. 22. The ceremony was performed by Paul Smith, associate pastor of the Big Sandy A.M. church. The couple live in Big Sandy.



JEFFREY & LINDA LENGWIN

Linda Marie Stash, daughter of Robert and Elaine Stash of Finleyville, Pennsylvania, and Jeffrey Theodore Lengwin, son of Rose Lengwin of Baldwin, Pennsylvania, and Mark Lengwin of Clearwater, Florida, were united in marriage Aug. 28. The ceremony was performed by Lawrence Nelf, Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania, pastor. Elana Sargent was maid of honor, and Mark Lengwin, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Boston, Pennsylvania.



DALE & DEANNA SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Blackwell of Athens, Georgia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Deanna Lee to Dale Arlen Smith, son of Anita Smith and the late Carl Smith. The ceremony was performed July 4 by Richard Thompson, Athens pastor. Deborah Blackwell, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Steve Fontenot was best man. The couple live in De Quincy, Louisiana.



DALE & MALVA RENSHAW

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller of Pasadena are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Malva May to Dale Alvah Renshaw of Naugatuck, Connecticut. A double wedding ceremony was performed Aug. 1 in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, by Dennis Johnson, pastor of the Hartford, Connecticut, church. Debby Manfredi was maid of honor, and Dan Renshaw was best man. The couple live in Plainville, Connecticut.



MARK & WANDA HODSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. West of

Wethersfield, Connecticut, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Wanda Melody to Mark Jones Hodsen of Glastonbury, Connecticut. A double wedding ceremony was performed Aug. 1 in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, by Dennis Johnson, pastor of the Hartford, Connecticut, church. Cecile Martin was maid of honor and Edmund Hodzen was best man. The couple live in Glastonbury.



ERIC & EILEEN SCHMIDT

Eileen Kaltenbruner and Eric Schmidt were united in marriage July 1. The ceremony was performed by David Sheridan, Calgary, Alberta, South pastor. Jo-Anne Clark was matron of honor, and Wayne Schmidt, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Calgary.



PATRICK & KATRINA SLOMA

Katrina Rae, daughter of Eli and Carolyn Kurtz, and Patrick William Sloma, son of Leonard and Karen Sloma, were united in marriage July 25. The ceremony was performed by Paul Butler, Colorado Springs pastor. Laurie Kurtz, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and John Thompson was best man. The couple reside in Colorado Springs.



RANEN & LI YUN BHATTACHARYYA

Li Yun, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chock Yung Siong, of Kudat, Malaysia, and Ranen Bhattacharyya, eldest son of Mrs. Rukmini Devi Bhattacharyya of Kuching, Malaysia, were united in marriage July 25. The ceremony was performed by Yong Chin Gee, Malaysia pastor. Elizabeth Lee was maid of honor and her brother, Andrew Lee, the best man. The couple live in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.



TONY & ALISA KNUDSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nunnery of Auryville, North Carolina, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Alisa Dawn to Tony Knudsen, son of Norm Knudsen of Edina, Minnesota, and Bonnie Seashore of Tucson, Arizona. The ceremony was performed June 20 by Greg Williams, Fayetteville, North Carolina, pastor. Julie Perrine was matron of honor and Mike Knudsen was best man. The couple live in Auryville.



CARLOS & JACQUELIN GOMEZ

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butram are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Jacquelin Cheryl to Carlos R. Gomez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Gomez. The ceremony was performed Feb. 20 by Lyle Welty, Cleveland, Ohio, East pastor. The couple live in Cleveland.



PAUL & RACHEL SUCHANEK

Rachel Evans, daughter of Tom and Mary Ellen Evans of Eureka, California, and Paul Suchanek, son of Jason and Dottie Suchanek of Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, were united in marriage June 13. The ceremony was performed by Jerold Aust, associate pastor of the Garden Grove, California, church. Ruth McGaughy, sister of the bride, was matron of

honor, and Jason Suchanek, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Villa Hills, Kentucky.



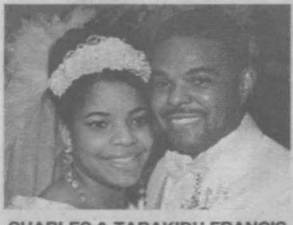
ROY & NAOMI WASHINGTON

Naomi Frison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Frison of Theodore, Alabama, and Roy Washington of Decatur, Georgia, son of Mrs. Bernice Wester, were united in marriage Aug. 28. The ceremony was performed by Thomas J. Pickett, Mobile and Monroeville, Alabama, pastor. Rosylen Edmonds, sister of the bride, and Miriam McCune were matrons of honor. Yvain Washington, cousin of the groom, and Geoffrey Dobbin were best men. The couple live in Decatur.



MARCUS PAUL & SHANA CURD

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzia Dwayne Canup of Winstboro, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus P. Curd III of Tyler, Texas, are happy to announce the marriage of their children Shana Rachelle and Marcus Paul. The ceremony was performed May 16 by Marty Yale, a minister and Ambassador College faculty member in Big Sandy. Mandy Heathcote was maid of honor and Aaron Evans was best man. The couple live in Nacogdoches, Texas.



CHARLES & TARAKIBU FRANCIS

Tarakibu Provo of Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of General and Bernice Thomas of New York, New York, and Charles Allen Francis of Houston, Texas, were united in marriage Aug. 14. The ceremony was performed by Ron McGowen, a local church elder in the Houston, Texas, South church. Tazamisha Provo, twin sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Clifford Francis, brother of the groom, was the best man. The couple live in Houston.

Anniversaries



RICHARD & JAN SHRIVER

Richard and Jan Shriver of La Junta, Colorado, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 4. They have two daughters, Tracy and Aimee. Mrs. Shriver attends the Pueblo, Colorado, church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mroczek of Rensselaer, Indiana, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Aug. 15. They have one daughter, Barbara; one son, Michael; one daughter-in-law, Kim; and three grandsons, Nathan, Dylan and Dalton.



WAYNE & SHARON WILCOX

Wayne and Sharon Wilcox of Windsor, Ontario, celebrated their 25th anniversary Aug. 3. The Windsor brethren honored them with a Sabbath tea. They have three children and six grandchildren.



MERLE & LILLIAN FISCHER

Merle and Lillian Fischer of West Point, California, celebrated their

30th anniversary Aug. 24. They have five children, one son-in-law and three grandchildren. Mr. Fischer is a deacon in the Stockton, California, church.



ROBERT & MARY ANN VAN GORDER

Robert and Mary Ann Van Gorder of Hilton, New York, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 1. They have one son, Lee Scott.



PETER & TESS GREEN

Peter and Tess Green of Llandudno, Wales, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 12. They have one daughter, Nancy.



CHUCK & JOANN HAYES

Chuck and JoAnn Hayes of Grand Junction, Colorado, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 20. They have three children, Cynthia, Tom and Kathryn; two sons-in-law, Mike Hill and Randall Rapp; one daughter-in-law, Janie; and six grandchildren, Rashele, Ryan, Mike, Lauren, Shannon and Lindsay.



NORRIS & EDITH WILSON

Norris and Edith Wilson of Battle Creek, Michigan, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Sept. 24. They have four children, Norris Jr., Leona, Evie and David; and 11 grandchildren.



ROY & SHEILA PAGE

Roy and Sheila Page of Vancouver, British Columbia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 13. They have three daughters, Jackie, Shelley and Kathy; one son-in-law, Eric; and two grandsons, Britton and Connor.



JOHN & LINDA ORCHARD

John and Linda Orchard of St. Cloud, Minnesota, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 8. They have two children, John and Tara; and one son-in-law, David. Mr. Orchard is the pastor of the St. Cloud and Brainerd, Minnesota, churches.



DALE & ROSE FREYMAN

Dale John and Rose Freyman of Port St. Lucie, Florida, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 5. They have three sons, David, Dennis and Jim; three daughters, Roseann, Cindy and Ruth; two sons-in-law; two daughters-in-law; five grandchildren; and two deceased daughters.



LOWEL & PANSY STANTON

Lowell Lewis and Pansy Lounell Stanton of Corvallis, Oregon, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 26. They have six children and six grandchildren.



GLEN & SYLVIA FINNEY

Glen and Sylvia Finney of Long Beach, California, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Oct. 17. They have two daughters, Tammy Roberts and Karen Walters; two sons-in-law, Doug Roberts and Bruce Walters; and eight grandchildren, Shannon and Ryan Roberts; and Justin, Jared, Jamisen, Jonathan, Jasmine and Jessica Walters.



MICHAEL & BRENDA GERMANO

Michael and Brenda Germano of Big Sandy celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 22. The Germanos have three children, Miquelyn, Vernon and Lara; two sons-in-law, Peter and Jerome; one daughter-in-law, Danielle; and three grandchildren, Jessica, Kristen and Meghan. Dr. Germano is dean of academic affairs at Ambassador College, and Mrs. Germano is manager of the college bookstore.



MR. & MRS. KENNETH WALKER

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker of Columbia, Missouri, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 14. Mr. Walker is a local church elder, and Mrs. Walker is a deaconess. They have one son, Tim, one daughter, Julie Kemplin, a son-in-law, Tim, and a grandson, Tyler.



SIDNEY & LAURA HITCHIN

Sidney and Laura Hitchin of St. Petersburg, Florida, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Oct. 23. They have three daughters, Linda, Deborah and Rebecca; one son, Robert; one daughter-in-law, Robin; two sons-in-law, Lester and Craig; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



ELLIS AND PAT STEWART

Ellis and Pat Stewart of Big Sandy celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 17. The Stewarts have one son, Jim, one daughter, Liz Russell, one son-in-law, Doug Russell, and one grandson, Wesley. Mr. Stewart is a local church elder in the Big Sandy A.M. church.



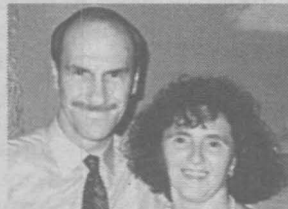
ART & DEE LEWIS

Art and Dee Lewis of Edison, New Jersey, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 12. They have four children, Arthur Jr., Gregory, Janet and James (deceased); one daughter-in-law, Carol; and two grandsons, Gregory and Arthur III. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis serve as deacon and deaconess in the Union, New Jersey, South church.



THOMAS & JOAN NEWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Newell Sr. celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 20. They have two children, Thomas Jr. and Debra Kolnicki; and three grandchildren, Natasha Kolnicki and Joshua and Hannah Joan Newell; one daughter-in-law, Debbie; and one son-in-law, Jeff.



CARLO & CORRIE PARIGI

Carlo and Corrie Parigi of Geelong, Australia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Oct. 19. They have three daughters, Susan Schumacher, Willi Mager and Maree; two sons, Mark and Michael; two sons-in-law, David Schumacher and Mark Mager; one daughter-in-law, Cathy; and one grandson, Matthew Schumacher. Friends and family honored them with a surprise party.



RICHARD & RUTH GAGNON

Richard and Ruth (Friedrich) Gagnon, of Federal Way, Washington, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 29. They have one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Ruth.



CAL & BETTY VINSON

Cal and Betty Vinson of Carrollton, Georgia, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Oct. 11. They have five children, Steve, Lisa, Paul, Tommy and Lora; three daughters-in-law, Angela, Lori and Tina; one son-in-law, Michael Zickaloose; and four grandchildren, Rebecca, Michael, Amber and Jacob.



AURTHUR & MATTIE FULTON

Aurthur and Mattie Fulton of Golden, Colorado, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 14. They have two children, Tyffanie and Jeremy.



BILL & BARBARA HARRISON

Bill and Barbara Harrison of Scott City, Missouri, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 27. They have three children, Bob, Brenda and Ben; one daughter-in-law, Mari; and one granddaughter, Rachel. Mr. Harrison is a deacon in the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, church.



JOHN & CAROLE PITTS

John and Carole Pitts of New Haven, Connecticut, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 7. They have one daughter, Donna; and one son, Michael.



LARRY & SHELBA WELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wells of Findlay, Ohio, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Nov. 26. They have five children, Pamela Thomas, Douglas Wells, Cheryl Benjamin, Jeffrey Wells and Christopher Wells; five grandchildren, Shawn and Jessica Thomas, Amie Benjamin, Andrea and Amanda Wells; and one great-grandchild, Shianna Thomas.



Weddings Made of Gold



MR. & MRS. GEORGE FLOYD

Mr. and Mrs. George Floyd of Athens, Georgia, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Nov. 25. They have six children, 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. THEODORE GALL

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore "Ted" Gall of Marion, Virginia, celebrated their 65th anniversary Aug. 21. The Galls were given a fruit basket and 65 red roses by the Kingsport, Tennessee, brethren.



MAURICE & JULIETTE BRISSON

Maurice and Juliette Brisson of Windsor, Ontario, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 17. The Windsor brethren honored them with a Sabbath tea. They have 15 children, 36 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



PEDRO & ELEANOR SIQUEIROS

Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Siqueiros celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Pasadena, Nov. 27. They have one son, Pedro; two daughters, Dee Lorenzana and Elaine Lee; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

ASHTON, Lillian W., 83, of Jacksonville, Florida, died Oct. 13. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth W.; two daughters, Joy Graham and Jean Scheifete; four sons, Harry, Robert, Donald and David Whitaker; 27 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; a sister, Eva Pollack; a stepson, Kenneth W. Ashton Jr.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a son, Boyce Whitaker.



BOB MURPHY

MURPHY, Bob D., 68, of Wichita, Kansas, died Oct. 23 of cancer. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Vera, two sons, three daughters, 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren and two sisters.



ALBERT MACLEAN

MACLEAN, Albert Leslie, 85, of Toronto, Ontario, died July 27. He is survived by many friends in his adopted church family in Toronto and throughout the world.



LEE TROWBRIDGE

TROWBRIDGE, Lee, 91, of Missoula, Montana, died Oct. 28. He is survived by two sons, Robert and Jerry; two daughters, Doris Jaynes and Coleen Chandler; one daughter-in-law, Donna; two sons-in-law, Cliff Jaynes and Charles Chandler; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice, and 11 brothers and sisters.

WATKINS, Addie C., 77, of Cross Plains, Texas, died Oct. 21. She is survived by her son, Jessie Watkins; three daughters, Lou Ellen Morris, Linda Watkins and Fannie Wilson; seven sisters; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

LEARNED, Elda, 79, of Wittenberg, Wisconsin, died Oct. 20 after an extended illness. She is survived by two sisters and one brother.

BEASON, Barbara, 75, of Mokelumne Hill, California, died Oct. 11 of cancer. She is survived by three children and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death five years ago by her husband, James.

GRANADOZ, Cecil, 82, of Stockton, California, died of pneumonia Oct. 2 during the Feast of Tabernacles. He is survived by his wife, Emma, five children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

WRIGHT, Dale E., 68, of Cumming, Georgia, died July 16. He is survived by his wife, Audrey; two sons, Donald and Dana; one daughter-in-law, Nancy; two grandchildren, Eric and Katrina; four brothers; and one sister.

LOOMIS, Darryl L., 49, of Orange, California, died Oct. 27 of AIDS. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loomis, a sister, Janet Ellis, and a brother, Russell.

BARBER, Eric, 83, of Toronto, Ontario, died Sept. 20 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jane, a daughter, Audrey, a son-in-law Tom, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

TUGGLE, Ilabel Lucille, 69, of Odessa, Texas, died Nov. 3. She is survived by two daughters, two stepsons, three brothers and two sisters.

EVANS, Lillie Marie, 79, of Hobbs, New Mexico, died Oct. 25. She is survived by two grandsons.



LEONARD JOHNSON

JOHNSON, Leonard, 65, of Youngstown, Ohio, died of a heart attack May 26. He is survived by his wife, eight children, 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

LOVELADY, Larry E., 48, of Rogersville, Missouri, died of cancer Sept. 14. He is survived by his wife, Mary, four children, Jason and his wife, Wendy; Karen Burnham and her husband, Markus; Melody and David; and his mother, Lusherleen Winslow.

SCHMIDT, Alice E., 80, of Kendall, Wisconsin, died Nov. 10. She is survived by seven children, Elaine Woodard, Gordon, Richard, Ramona Garcia, Donald, Sharon Gosse and Gary, 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Donald, and two sons, Leo and Kenneth.

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Lithuanian member baptized in Germany

BONN, Germany—**Henrikas Klovas** of Kaunas, Lithuania, was baptized during the Feast of Tabernacles in Goslar, Germany, after having difficulties obtaining a visa to visit Germany. Mr. Klovas should be able to attend services several times a year in neighboring Estonia.

Mr. Klovas, married with two daughters, speaks Lithuanian, Russian and German. He was an economist, which meant he worked mainly with planned economies (as opposed to capitalism) under the communist government.

He lost his job when the Soviet Union was dissolved, but now works with a company setting up its international marketing and finance system.

In addition, Mr. Klovas is

a semiprofessional chess player. While participating in chess tournaments in Vienna and Salzburg, Austria, in 1991, he picked up German *Plain Truth* (*Klar & Wahr*) magazines at train stations in both cities.

He then requested a subscription and other literature. In July he wrote to the German Office asking for a visit from a minister, baptism and information about church services in Lithuania.

The letter arrived shortly before regional director **John Karlson** and his wife, **Kristina**, were scheduled to visit neighboring Estonia. A telegram was sent to him, suggesting that he travel to Estonia and meet with the Karlsons, which he did.

At the end of August the Karlsons flew to Estonia to visit members again, then flew on to Lithuania to meet with Mr. Klovas. A visa was granted just in time for him to attend the Feast in Goslar, where he received additional counseling and was baptized. *Frankie Weinberger.*

Honors for quarter century of service

Employees, ministers and wives who received 25-year plaques are **Roy and Tine McCarthy** from the Cape Town, South Africa, church (Dr. McCarthy, now retired, is a former South African regional director); **Sydney and Dot Hull**, who pastor the Johannesburg West and Klerksdorp, South Africa, churches; and **Terence and Beverley Browning**, who pastor the Johannesburg

East and Manzini, Swaziland, congregations.

Bill Hutchison, office manager of the Auckland, New Zealand, Office, and his wife, **Barbara**, were honored for 25 years of service July 29. Regional director **Rod Matthews** presented the Hutchisons with a piece of handcrafted Swedish crystal.

Allen Ruth, a local church elder in the Souderton, Pennsylvania, church, received a 25-year plaque Sept. 25, and **Gerald Knochel**, a local church elder in the Peoria, Illinois, church, received a 25-year plaque Oct. 16.

Guy Stilborn, 85, a local elder in the Moosomin, Saskatchewan, church, retired after 22 years in the ministry of the Worldwide Church of God.

Mr. Stilborn's retirement was marked by a celebration July 3, which was also the 25th anniversary of the Moosomin church. Mr. Stilborn and his wife, **Dorothy**, were given a cake and decorated photo album containing pictures of the members.

Claudine Woodie completed 40 years of working for the Church Sept. 1. Starting as a typist in the old Cir-



Claudine Woodie

ulation Department, Claudine also worked for the business offices in both Pasadena and Bricket Wood, as well as in the Personnel Department, Mail Processing Center and Publishing.

She is presently serving as a media analyst assistant in Media Promotion.

Windsor, Ontario, brethren celebrate 20th anniversary

WINDSOR, Ontario—About 200 brethren attended the 20th anniversary of the church here Sept. 4.

Plaques were presented to guest ministers and their wives who served in the Windsor church: original minister **Doug Smith**, Kitchener, Ontario, pastor, and his wife, **Mique**; **Thomas Ecker**, associate pastor of the Kitchener church; **Fran Ricchi**, Barrie, Ontario, pastor, and his wife, **Elfie**; and **George Lee**, Toronto, Ontario, West pastor, and his wife, **Marlene**.

Anniversary certificates were presented to the original members in the Windsor church. Activities included a buffet meal, a variety talent show and family photo displays. *Patricia Klem.*

Kingsport, Tennessee, church to mark 25th year in January

Brethren who have attended the Kingsport, Tennessee, church are invited to attend a 25th anniversary celebration Jan. 15.

Services will be at the AFG Cabin near the Tri-City airport. Scheduled activities include a slide presentation,

entertainment and dance, and a catered meal, which will cost \$10 for adults, \$6 for children, and a maximum of \$30 for each family. Reservations are necessary.

Items of interest that would enhance festivities may be sent to **Gordon S. Widener**, Route 6, Box 667, Marion, Virginia, 24354. His telephone number is 1-703-783-7634.

To receive a map of the location please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the same address.

Singles and couples can attend the Great Canadian Get-Away

VANCOUVER, British Columbia—The Vancouver Active Adults invite all singles and married couples to Vancouver Feb. 19 and 20 for the second Great Canadian Get-Away.

Activities will include Sabbath services with guest speaker **John Halford**, a *Plain Truth* senior editor, a dinner and dance Saturday night and a two-division volleyball tournament or sight-seeing around Vancouver on Sunday.

The cost of the weekend is \$41.50 (Canadian) for payments postmarked by Jan. 1, and \$51.50 (Canadian) for payments thereafter. An optional commemorative T-shirt is being offered for an additional \$8.

Please make checks payable to Vancouver Active Adults and mail to 3049 Charles St., Vancouver, B.C., V5K 3B4. For more information call **Richard or Virginia Will** at 1-604-255-4013.



FROM OUR

Brethren Worldwide

91-year-old helps needy

ALMUNECAR, Spain—**Betsy Lewis**, 91, can see the Mediterranean coast on the southern shores of Spain from her outdoor patio. In



Betsy Lewis

1991 she attended her first Feast of Tabernacles and was baptized in a bathtub by **Pedro Rufian**, Madrid, Spain, pastor.

Reuben Rios and his wife, **Amalia**, traveled from Madrid

to keep the 1993 Passover with her in her home.

Because she has some difficulty understanding the American accent, typewritten sermon summaries are sent to her instead of taped sermons (although she does understand "that Bernie Schnippert. He speaks very good English, that man").

Although Betsy was called in her advanced years, she hopes God will grant her many more years to learn and grow as much as she can.

Born in 1902 on the Isle of Java (now Indonesia), Betsy grew up in the former Dutch colony. She lived through two world wars and remembers living under Japanese occupation of the islands.

At age 22 she took a job at Shell Oil Co. as a stenotypist in the Dutch and English languages. She retired in 1965 as head executive secretary for the company in the Far East. She retired to

the southern coast of Spain 27 years ago.

Betsy suffers from arthritis and experiences pain in her legs. Nevertheless, she manages a dozen apartments and summer villas in her area. Because she can speak Dutch, Spanish, English, German and some other languages, many rely on her to look after their private vacation homes.

During Betsy's early retirement years in Spain, her sister visited her once a year in Almunecar. After her sister's final visit in 1980, Betsy came across some magazines left behind. Among them was a copy of *The Plain Truth*. Betsy became interested and wrote in for a subscription.

She wishes she could do much more to help those near her in need, although she does what she can by entertaining visitors, preparing exotic cuisine from the

Orient and serving the needs of others, despite her physical impediments. *Reuben Rios and Pedro Rufian.*

A little piece of Kenya

NARO MORU, Kenya—It was heartwarming to meet with different nationalities here for the 1993 Feast of Tabernacles.

The Kenyans expressed joy at having about 60 visitors from the United States, Canada, Britain and Australia, who brought items such as used clothing, toys, snorkels, badminton rackets and other equipment for use at the Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Since our last visit to Kenya in 1991, life has become difficult for many of our brethren.

In 1991 we got 33 Kenyan shillings to our British pound, this year we were shocked to find the exchange rate had risen to 105 shillings. Inflation has increased rapidly, on average at about 19 percent. Some weeks food prices rose by 30 percent.

Yet, despite hardships brethren remain joyful and positive. An attitude of love for one another is endemic

to many African cultures. People still live in extended families in Kenya to provide a support system for those in need. *Julie Wilson.*

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