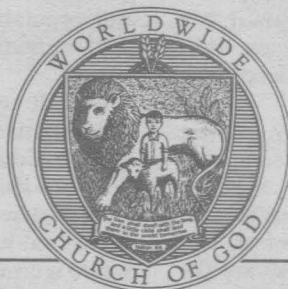


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Plaque sales raise more than \$250,000 for AU

Almost 7,000 volunteers sold some 37,000 plaques, raising \$143,000 for local church activity funds.

By Reginald V. Killingley

BIG. SANDY—"It is hard to put into words how grateful we are for the faithful support we have received from thousands of Church members like you," Donald Ward, president of Ambassador University, told Lottie Thomas of Union Springs, Alabama.

Mrs. Thomas, who sold 290 plaques, won the grand prize, a 1994 Chevy Cavalier, in the Bonus Awards Program of AU's Ten Commandments Plaque Fund-raiser.

Stephen Smith, pastor of the Columbus, Georgia, church, which Mrs. Thomas attends, awarded the prize on behalf of AU Oct. 15. "Mrs. Thomas is a widow living on a limited income. Her old car wasn't running, so she really needed a new one," said Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Thomas said: "The Church has done so much for me, and I've wanted to show my appreciation by helping out with our local church fruit sales fund-raisers. When they said this one was for the school, I was excited about being able to help.



WORK PAYS OFF—Lottie Thomas receives keys to her new car from Stephen Smith, Columbus, Georgia, pastor. [Photo by Michael Thomas]

Then, when the bonus awards were announced, I told Mr. Smith I intended to win the car, and I worked hard, with my daughter Emma's help, to achieve it."

"Her feat is all the more remarkable when you consider that she lives in a small rural community, so she had to make most of her sales over the phone," added Mr. Smith.

Benefits for university, churches

"As a result of the hard work and dedication of many, many members,

we have been able to raise more than \$250,000 for AU's much-needed new men's residences, the Village Residential Project, which will replace Booth City," said Dr. Ward. "In addition to benefiting Ambassador University, their combined efforts have enabled hundreds of local church areas to receive additional funds with which to sponsor their activities," he said.

"We are also very appreciative of the sponsoring corporation that made the plaques available to us at their cost and provided the bonus awards," he added.

The winner of the random drawing prize, a trip to Hawaii with airfare and lodging paid in full, was Lynn Newsom, who attends the Houston, Texas, North P.M. church.

The names of all participants who sold at least one plaque were automatically entered in the drawing. Mr. Newsom's name was drawn Oct. 24 by Dr. Ward and verified by Christine VarKonda, a representative of the independent accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand.

"My wife, Ruby, and I are very excited," said Mr. Newsom. "We're planning to use the prize to go to the Feast next year," he said. Mr. Newsom sold 55 plaques. "I was eager to get involved when they announced

the fund-raiser—both my children are AU alumni—and I was able to sell many plaques where I work," he said.

"We are very grateful for the success of this first nationwide effort," said Dr. Ward. "We had almost 7,000 volunteers, who sold some 37,000 plaques, an average of 5.4 plaques per volunteer. They raised \$143,000 for local church activity funds in addition to the money they raised for AU," said Dr. Ward.



1994 Chevy Cavalier

Here are the names of the winners of the corporate-sponsored awards and prizes:

Winners

Grand prize winner—1994 Chevy Cavalier: Lottie Thomas, Union Springs, Alabama, 290 plaques.

Top selling congregation—\$1,000 to local church activity fund. Cumberland, Maryland. Pastor: Peter Whitting; coordinator: Pat Blubaugh. Sold 307 plaques. 84 attendance. Highest per capita sales of 3.66 plaques per person.

Almost 30 percent of the congregation participated and the average sales per person was almost 13 plaques.

Top-selling AU student—\$1,000 scholarship: Mathania Dube of Zimbabwe, 70 plaques.

Two top-selling AU alumni—choice of one top producer prize: Stephen L. Gilbreath, Pasadena, 219 plaques; Allan M. Ebeling, Garden City, New York, 78 plaques.

Top-selling senior citizen—choice of one prize: Robert L. Weaver, Wagerville, Alabama, 208 plaques.

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Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

What identifies true Christians and where God is working

God has called us into his Church to give us salvation, to teach us and help us grow and to enlist us in the commission of continuing the work of Jesus Christ. We respond to his calling with love—a love that permeates everything we do, everything we think and everything we are. Our entire lives are dedicated to God so that he may use us as he knows best.

Recently, God has been helping us learn more about what he is and what he is doing. We have learned more about Jesus Christ and the gospel message and more about the Church and the mission that the Church has. As we learn more about these topics, we sometimes learn that our former understanding was incomplete or inaccurate.

We often have mixed emotions about the things we learn. It is troubling at first. Even after we see the evidence, it remains troubling. We can see the truth, and we also feel some disorientation that the change has brought. Brethren, I have no desire to cause such problems, and I would not make any changes at all unless I felt the responsibility to do what Christ leads me to understand and teach.

I do not want to add to your burdens. I wish that every member could cast all their cares upon Christ. But that is not easy for any of us.

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Church registered in Uruguay

The government of Uruguay approved the registration of the Church in Uruguay, according to Norbert Link of Legal Services in Pasadena. "Registration allows the Church to open bank and postal accounts, and purchase fleet vehicles for the ministry," said Mr. Link.

Some taxes could be waived, for example, sales tax on certain services, license taxes, property taxes and customs duties, according to Mike Medina, pastor of the Salto and Montevideo, Uruguay, churches.

The registration of the Church in Uruguay coincides with the first open house services planned in November. "We announced this fact at each service," Mr. Medina said. "I believe this will be an additional stimulus for some to seriously consider the Church as their place of worship."

Personal: Holy Spirit defines true Christians

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Like Abraham, we must follow God wherever he leads us. For Abraham, it was a physical journey; for us it is a doctrinal one. Like Abraham, we don't always know where God will lead us. It takes faith and obedience.

To use a different analogy, we are like Israelites in the wilderness, moving when God moves and staying encamped when God directs us to stay. Some people try to move too fast, and some move too slow. But these are the minority.

The great majority of our members are faithful and dedicated, and yet even faithful and dedicated members can sometimes be troubled by new explanations of old topics. Recently, some have been troubled by the idea that there could be people not in our fellowship who have the Holy Spirit. This is not really a new idea, but it conflicts with our former teaching.

Therefore, I am taking time to discuss this subject a little more. I'll break the topic into these four sections, and deal with two of them this issue and the other two next issue:

1) True Christians are identified by the indwelling Holy Spirit. Other New Testament "signs" of true Christianity are faith and love. These signs may be claimed falsely, but the New Testament still gives these signs as the basic identifiers of the true Church.

2) Not all converted people are in the Worldwide Church of God. True Christians can be found in other organiza-

tions. Some may also be scattered and unaffiliated.

3) Therefore, we should be careful not to condemn what God may be doing in and through others. We cannot proclaim that all who are not in our immediate fellowship are unconverted.

4) Although we recognize that there are Christians who are not members of the Worldwide Church of God, this does not give us an excuse to leave the Church where God has placed us. All of us will be judged on the basis of what we do with what God has given us.

Let's begin a more detailed analysis of these topics, starting with the New Testament definition of the Church. The Holy Spirit defines true Christians: "Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Romans 8:14). Those who have the Holy Spirit living in them are true Christians; those who do not, are not.

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children" (verse 16). "If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ" (verse 9).

The Bible teaches us that if a person has the Holy Spirit, that person is a true Christian. Only those who have the Spirit of God will be given immortal life (verse 11). Just as we have always known, the Holy Spirit is the determining factor in whether a person is a true Christian. That is how we know that God lives in us—he has given us of his Spirit (1 John 3:24; 4:13). The Holy Spirit is the way in which God lives within us, sanctifies us for his service,

gives us eternal life and guarantees our salvation.

But we cannot see the Holy Spirit, so we often want to look for visible evidence, such as behavior. And behavior is important. A Christian is led by the Spirit and is being transformed by the Spirit. A Christian is obligated to put to death the deeds of the flesh (Romans 8:12-13) and to live according to the Spirit (verses 1, 4).

If we believe in Christ as our Savior, we also accept him as our Lord. Therefore, Christians are motivated to do the will of God, to obey God in all that he commands. Every command is therefore, in a sense, a "test commandment" showing whether we are fully submitted to our Lord and Master. No one reaches perfection in this life, of course, but if we do in fact love Jesus, we will strive to obey whatever God reveals to us.

Our Lord gave us one command in particular that he specifically said would show people whether we are his disciples: "A new command I give you," Jesus said. "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35).

It is by obeying this command that we show ourselves to be true Christians. Although every command is in a certain sense a test command, Jesus singled this one out as the primary "test commandment" for his followers.

When Jesus was asked which commandment was greatest, he zeroed in on love (Matthew 22:37-40). Love is the

first fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). If we do not love one another, we are not being led by the Holy Spirit (1 John 4:7-12). In our fellowship together, we nurture our love for one another. We do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but we meet regularly to encourage one another in faith and in good works.

John tells us that we can know that we are true Christians by the Spirit in us (1 John 3:24). And the same verse emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commands. Every command is important, but verse 23 singles out two: "to love one another," as we have already discussed, and "to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ." Along with love, then, faith in Jesus Christ is also essential. We cannot be Christians without believing in Christ, which means that faith is one of the New Testament signs of true Christians.

Faith in Christ is required for salvation—that is a biblical requirement that surpasses all other laws. Everyone who believes is given eternal life, and without belief in Christ no one has hope of eternal life (1 John 4:3; 5:12).

Radical change of attitude

Belief, of course, means much more than mouthing a few words—it involves a radical change of attitudes and behavior, just as we have taught for decades. Even demons believe, and even they comply with God's orders, but they do not have the love, personal trust, and sense of need that is involved in faith in Christ, a faith that trans-

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Elderly make contribution

Always, I look forward to and appreciate so much your monthly letter. Your letters to us are always so encouraging and informative. Thank you again.

I appreciate your having one of my letters printed in the June 28 *Worldwide News*. I'm sure that one of your purposes in doing so was to remind all of us that there are isolated, elderly brethren who need more contact with Church members.

They need to feel that they are contributing something meaningful to God's work and to their congregations. That message certainly seems to have been successfully received by my brethren in Shreveport, Louisiana. So many have expressed appreciation to me for the letter, saying, in many cases, that this is much the way they have felt.

One lady sent me a nice card and note of thanks and well wishing. Another told me of a group of ladies in town who get together occasionally for a luncheon. They want to bring covered dishes to my house. Great!

I also want to sincerely thank you and K.J. Stavrinides for the tapes of his excellent Bible studies on the nature of God. So enlightening and humbling. Hearing them makes me realize my great need for increasing faith in God.

Alice Bounds
Plain Dealing, Louisiana

Supporting ADHD children

I can't find the words that would express our gratitude to Joel Rissinger for the article on ADHD in the Sept. 5 *WN*. We have experienced many of the same problems and frustrations with our son, now 11. After his diagnosis at age 6, we were able to get the counseling and support we needed.

Most important, though, was the support of our families and Church members who were willing to try to understand our son's

disorder and how we were trying to work with him.

As a Church, it is important that we not judge families who are in distress, but support them as much as we can.

It's too easy to dismiss a child with behavioral problems and place blame on poor parenting skills. We need to get to know these children and parents and offer support—not always by offering advice, but by being good listeners.

May I also add a few comments about ADHD in addition to the article? ADHD is

"Into All the World..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column subscribers to the Work's publications express their views and opinions.

Light after Satan

I am awaiting trial for a murder I never committed nor had any part in. I'm not writing for sympathy but to try and tell young and old alike there's a devil and there's a God. And the devil wants to take you down with him.

When my father died two years ago of cancer, which he'd been battling for four years, I needed someone to blame, and I chose God. I strayed from my 14-year Christian upbringing and began doing the forbidden, unthinkable act of Satan worship.

It led me down a road of drugs, alcohol, women, violence and a life of crime. I listened to no one and carried on down my road of destroying myself, as well as everything and everyone around me.

By the time I listened, it was too late. My friend was stabbed three times at his son's birthday party and died two hours later, an act committed by someone I thought was a friend. It opened my eyes and ears to what I was doing, maybe all but too late, I thought. But it's never too late to ask God for forgiveness, even though we can't turn back and change the wrong.

If you believe in God, then never give up.

now considered a handicapped condition by the federal government. In our state and most others, school districts will do evaluations for free. If your child's teacher doesn't request a multidisciplinary team evaluation and you suspect your child has a learning disability, you can request one.

Although school is a perennial problem, ADHD kids succeed as adults. In sermons in our local church and at the Feast, we were encouraged to be less judgmental and more accepting of everyone.

Sometimes we need to be educated about differences in people to be able to understand and accept them. Your article is doing a great service to all parents and children with ADHD. Thank you again.

Nancy Kaulbach
Pewaukee, Wisconsin

For where there's light there's hope. Satan wants what's inside you. All God wants is your love and faith in him; and he'll give you it all.

It took my best friend's demise to see. Please take some advice I never took. Listen to your parents. They do love you.

Waikeria Prison, New Zealand

"Values: Our Search for Direction"

I am a practicing Christian and an active member of an Anglican Church in Toronto. Your current article: "Values: Our Search for Direction" (*August Plain Truth*) puts the subject clearly into perspective. Each generation cannot ignore the experience of the past, and the Scriptures, and start a new beginning.

You stimulate my thinking each and every month.

Scarborough, Ontario

Understanding what is what

I have been a subscriber to your magazine for some time now. Lately, I have been compelled to really read it. I believe God is guiding me and helping me to understand "what is what."

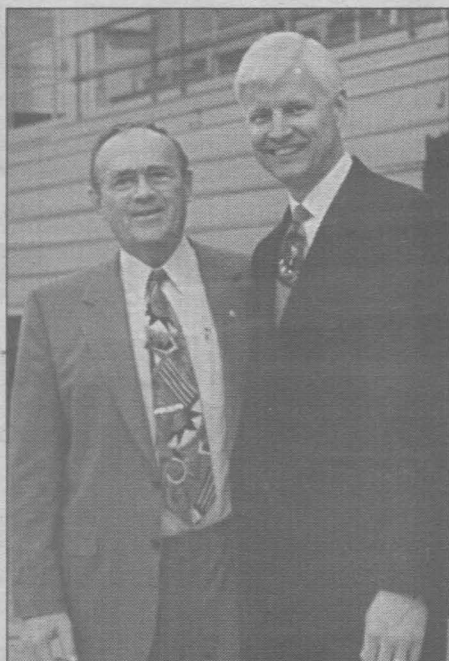
I have learned much through your excellent articles. I thank God—for myself and for all others who take comfort in your work—that your ministry exists.

Woodbridge, Ontario



Pastor General visits...

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON



Trip Overview

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 468 brethren Nov. 5 from Pasco, Clarkston, Quincy and Spokane, Washington; Boise and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Baker and Ontario, Oregon. Hosts for the visit were Fred and Beverly Davis, Boise, Ontario and Baker; Kent and Alana Fentress, Pasco, Quincy and Spokane; David and Teddi Treybig, Pasco, Quincy and Spokane; Gene and Barbara Watkins, Boise, Ontario and Baker; and Glen and Connie White, Coeur d'Alene. [Photos by Dennis Koselke and Lee R. Saenz]



A man of principle, and friend of Church, killed in bomb blast

By David Baker

BIG SANDY—Gamini Dissanayake, a Sri Lankan presidential candidate, was killed along with 53 others in a suicide bomb blast Oct. 23 at an election rally in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

In 1984 Mr. Dissanayake was host to Herbert W. Armstrong during a visit to Sri Lanka. The following year, when the Ambassador Foundation began an educational project in Sri Lanka, Mr. Dissanayake served as chairman of the board of the school.

I met Mr. Dissanayake in August 1985. Initially our relationship was formal. I sought his input on the school, briefed him on developments and asked for his signature on various documents. As the relationship developed, so did the mutual trust and respect. Whenever he was in the area, he would drop in unannounced.

One Sabbath morning I was lying in bed and I heard a vehicle driving

up our driveway. I got out of bed, hair standing straight up, unshaven. I threw on my bath robe and before I could make it to the door, I heard a knock.

It was Mr. Dissanayake's bodyguard, who said, "My minister is on his way to see you." By the time I got my clothes on and my hair matted down with water, I saw Mr. Dissanayake walking across my yard. We spent the rest of the morning drinking tea and talking.

I could visit him at his home or office without an appointment. His bodyguards and servants knew who I was and would always squeeze me in. At times I was invited in to join him during his appointments.

On one hot day I had to take an open-air taxi to his office. By the time I got there I was soaked in perspiration. At the end of our discussion he asked me how I had traveled to his office. When I told him, he asked me to wait for a few minutes and he would drop me off on his way home.

Within 15 minutes I was sitting in the backseat of a bulletproof Volvo with a police escort racing through the streets of Colombo.

Over the course of five years, we

shared many formal and informal meals together. We spent many hours talking, planning, laughing and singing. In 1990 my wife, Dorrie, and I left Sri Lanka to return to the United States. Shortly before leaving for the airport, we visited Mr. Dissanayake and his wife, Srima, who expressed their appreciation for our help and friendship. I told him I wanted to be at his inauguration ceremony when he became president.

During the years of 1990-94 Mr. Dis-

sanayake weathered many political storms. Rather than support something he didn't believe in, he opposed his own political party at times.

In August 1994 Mr. Dissanayake was reelected to his seat in parliament. Presidential elections were scheduled for Nov. 9, and Mr. Dissanayake was leader of his party. His dream of becoming president was within reach.

Earlier in the election, Mr. Dissanayake took a controversial stand against the Tamil separatists in the north. He said he would not negotiate for peace until the Tamil Tigers laid down their arms.

Three weeks before his death, he was warned that the Tigers would try to kill him because of his stand. A bomb was thrown at one of his houses, but he was not home at the time.

Oct. 23, as Mr. Dissanayake concluded his last political rally for the day, he walked from the stage and proceeded toward his car. As he passed through the crowd, a person with explosives wrapped around his body detonated the bomb and killed Mr. Dissanayake and 53 other people. He was buried a week later in a state ceremony.



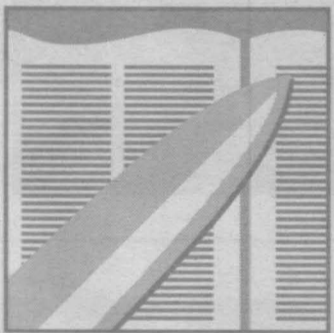
Gamini Dissanayake

David Baker, an associate pastor of the Big Sandy P.M. church, was director of the Ambassador Foundation project in Sri Lanka from 1985 to 1990.

Iron Sharpens Iron

so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17—As iron sharpens iron,



Learning to show evangelism at home

By Tim Grauel

A number of years ago I had a sharp disagreement with a woman evangelist. Gradually, as we went back and forth with words and stares, I realized that someone was very wrong ... and it was me! I was wrong, totally. I just knew I had to back down, but a certain measure of fear slowed me—I wasn't sure what kind of response I was in for.

Now here's what happened. This woman evangelist quietly and quickly accepted my apology. She didn't lash back. To say the least, I was overwhelmed by her graciousness and humility; I certainly deserved some verbal abuse.

"You've apologized and I've accepted—now let's put it behind us and move on," was all she said.

At that very moment, surprised by her genuine forgiveness that was speedy and thorough and kind, I saw a reflection of the forgiveness of God. It was as if I had never really understood the forgiveness of God before. But now it listened and shone forth as utterly good.

Close to home

Previously, I had been familiar with God's forgiveness—how deeply exceptional it is—but now I marveled at the process by which I more fully grasped it. You see, the woman evangelist was my wife.

As Christians, we know that we have an abiding responsibility to reflect God's goodness to all people, but how aware are we of our privilege to preach the good news of Jesus Christ to those closest to us, our family?

This experience led me to a fresh appreciation of Titus 2:9-10 (Revised English Bible): "Slaves are to respect their masters' authority in everything and to give them satisfaction; they are not to answer back, not to pilfer, but

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are to show themselves absolutely trustworthy. In all this they will add lustre to the doctrine of God our Saviour."

In the early New Testament days when Paul wrote this admonition to Titus, household slaves were considered part of the family unit. Unlike employees today who often travel to a workplace, household slaves worked and lived in the home.

Paul is saying that even in their limited capacity—within the confines of a domestic dwelling—household slaves had an opportunity to witness

The good news is a vital and surprising message nestled in the quality of our listening, in our speaking, in our patience, in our kindness and in our forgiveness. It comes amidst a silent, selfless hug. It slips in when you show mercy. It's been preached when you hear a compliment.

to the good news of Jesus Christ.

As low as they were on the socioeconomic totem pole, as restricted as they were as slaves, they were empowered by God to participate in preaching the gospel. Yes, even a slave could be an evangelist.

How does this relate to us today? We don't have household slaves, but can we learn something about the nature of personal evangelism from this early New Testament example?

Do we regard evangelism as primarily a corporate responsibility of the Church? Is it solely the job of men in suits on television? Is it simply the domain of an appealing magazine?

No, it's also the job you and I have here and now as we hurriedly live life—perhaps next to children and a

spouse—in our own home.

The Danish theologian Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) once surmised that the gospel cannot be heard directly—it can only be overheard and received in an indirect manner. Think about that. How did the knowledge of the gospel come to you? How did it grip you?

You see, the good news is typically preached indirectly. It's not a direct, hard-sell of information. Rather, it's a vital and surprising message nestled in the quality of our listening, in our speaking, in our patience, in our kindness, and in our forgiveness.

And it's a message that has considerable impact because it comes dressed up like our sons and daughters, wives and husbands. That's what made the early New Testament household slaves effective, and it's what makes our position close to others potent for evangelism.

Good news in the family

How do you know when you've preached the good news in your home? Often you don't, not until after the fact, when someone near you knows to their very bones the feeling of, "How utterly good this is."

It comes amidst a silent, selfless hug that means you want to understand your wife. It slips in when you show mercy to your well-meaning, but destructive, son, who's just painted his first picture of you—on the carpet!

It's been preached when you find out that a lovely compliment has been given about you by your wife—behind your back.

Paul said that our everyday, around-the-house attitudes, our speech and our casual behavior add "luster" to the message of Jesus Christ. This means more than adding knowledge in an academic sense—this is knowledge that comes closely and clearly to our hearts.

I value my wife and children for being treasured and creative evangelists. Dozens of books and wise theologians just can't compete with the sensitive and timely lessons I've learned from those living under my roof. Yes, our best evangelism is done with the people we spend time close with—our families.

We, too, wear a name: Does 'Christian' describe our daily lives?

In William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Juliet said: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." That's in Act II, scene 3, line 43. Standing there by her balcony, Juliet did not know that Romeo was intently listening to her below. She was pondering over the fact that she belonged to one family and Romeo to a competing family. However, she didn't care about his name. She deeply loved him.

What is in a name? Throughout the world some names are proud names that have been passed down from generation to generation. Other names, as people move from one country to another, are changed to simplify spelling or to remove a negative connotation. Some names are simple, others are complex." But as Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "If your name is to live at all, it is much better to have it live in people's hearts than in their brain."

What's in a name? In biblical times the answer would have been "everything." A man's or woman's name stood for his or her character and

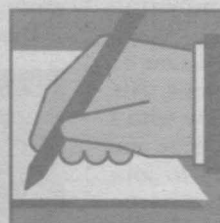
was highly important. Throughout the Bible, we read of names being changed to reflect God's great calling and direction in a person's life. Their new names were symbols of how God had changed their lives.

Jacob had his name changed to Israel after he struggled with God. He was persistent, he overcame. God wants us to also be persistent in our lives, including the spiritual.

God also changed the name of Simon to Peter after he met Jesus. What did Jesus see in Simon the fisherman that made him bestow a new name, Peter—the "rock"? Peter certainly didn't act like a rock some of the time. Christ wasn't looking for flawless individuals; he was looking for real people, those who could be changed by God's love and communicate it to others by example with enthusiasm.

God also changed the name of Abram to Abraham (father of many) to remind him that he would be the

father of many nations. Abraham was chosen by God and had been on a mission for God for 24 years. But he still had not seen God's promises fulfilled. Then one day God told him he was to receive a new name.



Just One More Thing

DEXTER FAULKNER

Through the name of Abraham, we learn faith and the fulfillment of God's promises of a new life with Christ as our head.

We, too, wear a new name—"Christians" (Acts 11:26)—that should describe the life we are striving to live each day. Those precious qualities of Christ described in Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-7; and 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 should be evident to all who come

in contact with us. The Holy Spirit produces the character traits found in the nature of God. One of the greatest compliments we can receive as Christians is for someone to say of us, "Their name really fits them." He or

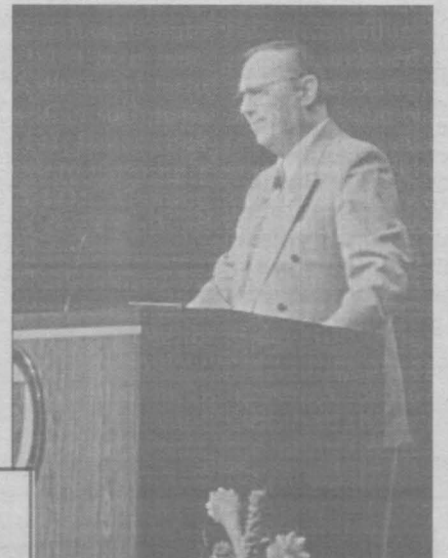
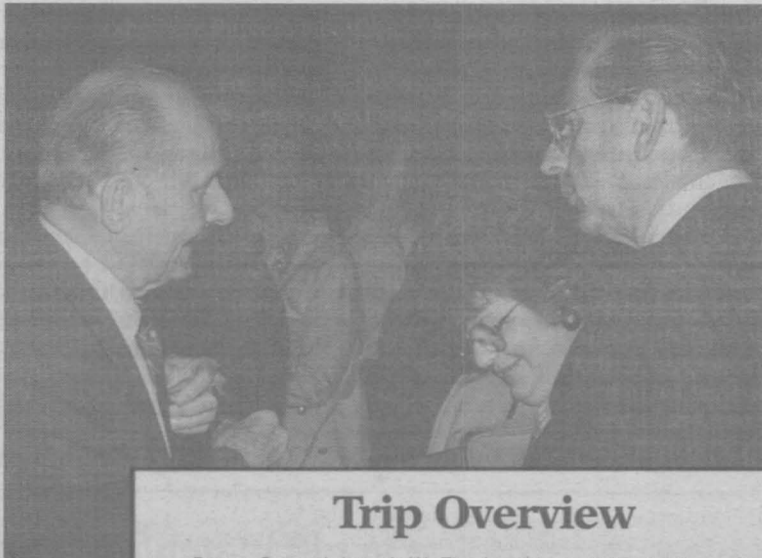
she is a real Christian person.

What is in a name? When we receive Christ as our Savior, repent and are baptized, we also receive his name. We are called Christians, and our names as Christians are written down in the Lamb's book of life. We receive not only a new name, but we receive a new hope, a new joy, a new life and a new future. Let's live up to the name we have been given.



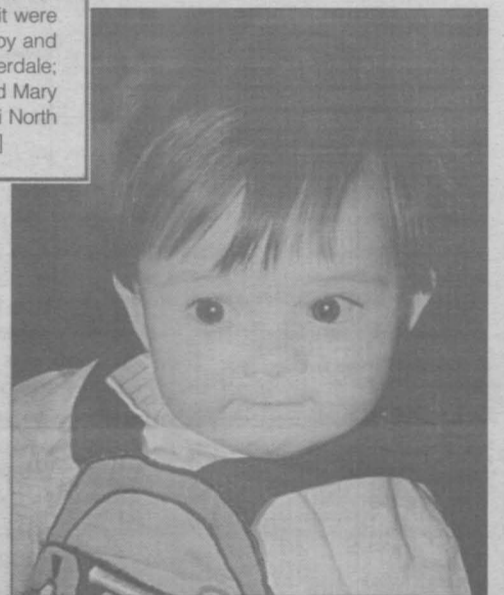
Pastor General visits...

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA



Trip Overview

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 1,374 brethren Oct. 29 from Fort Lauderdale, Miami North and South, Melbourne, Orlando, Port St. Lucie, West Palm Beach and Keys, Florida. Hosts for the visit were Craig and Linda Bacheller, Keys and Miami North and South; Roy and Pauline Demarest, Orlando; Larry and Joanne Hinkle, Fort Lauderdale; Steve and Carol Schantz, Melbourne and Port St. Lucie; Ron and Mary Smith, West Palm Beach; and Charles and Keysha Taylor, Miami North and South. [Photo coverage by Ross W. Eggleston & Lenny Silva]



Ministerial Ordinations

Michael Arritt, a deacon in the Huntington, West Virginia, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 15.

Tom Batho, a deacon in the Roswell, New Mexico, church, was ordained a local church elder June 18.

Jeffrey Broadnax, associate pastor of the Manhattan and Westchester, New York, churches, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 6.

Thomas Burnsides, a deacon in the Aptos, California, church, was ordained a local church elder Aug. 6.

James Capo, pastor of the Fresno, California, church, was ordained a preaching elder July 16.

Kevin Epps of the Big Sandy P.M., church, was ordained a local elder Sept. 6.

Ralph Gehr, a deacon in the Frederick, Maryland, church, was ordained a local church elder June 23.

Kenneth Graham II, associate pastor of the Chicago West and Joliet, Illinois, churches, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 6.

Chester Harris, a deacon in the San Jose, California, church, was ordained a local church elder July 30.

Art Holladay, associate pastor of the Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, churches, was ordained a local elder July 30.

William Jacobs, a deacon in the Front Royal, Virginia, church, was ordained a local church elder June 23.

Lincoln Jallal, associate pastor of the Manhattan and Westchester, New York, churches, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 6.

Dan King, pastor of the Joplin, Missouri, and Independence, Kansas, churches, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 6.

Dale Lamb, a deacon in the Cincinnati, Ohio, East church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 6.

Perry Miller, a deacon in the Spokane, Washington, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 6.

David Mioduski, a deacon in the Sumter, South Carolina, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 6.

Harry Monroe of the Suffolk, New York, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 6.

John Peterson, a deacon in the Syracuse, New York, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 15.

Anthony Rice, pastor of the Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana, churches, was ordained a preaching elder Aug. 6.

Daniel Rojas, a deacon in the Victoria, Texas, church, was ordained a local church elder Oct. 22.

Norman Shoaf of the Pasadena P.M. church, was ordained a local elder July 2.

Edward Szalankiewicz, a deacon in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 6.

Eldon Trapp, a deacon in the Binghamton, New York, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 6.

Scott Weiner of the Pasadena P.M. church, was ordained a local elder July 16.

Wayne Wendt, a deacon in the Jackson, Tennessee, church, was ordained a local church elder June 11.

James Wilkins, a deacon in the Boynton Beach, Florida, church, was ordained a local church elder June 25.

Monte Wolverton, a local elder in the Pasadena P.M. church, was ordained a preaching elder July 2.

CANADA

Maurice Charron, a deacon in the Ottawa, Quebec, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 15.

Clifford Davis, a deacon in the Winnipeg, Manitoba, church, was ordained a local church elder June 11.

Mark Flynn, pastor of the Edmunston and Allardville, New Brunswick, and Matapedia, Quebec, churches, was ordained a preaching elder June 4.

Roger Labelle, assistant pastor of the Montreal, Quebec, English-speaking church, was ordained a local elder June 4.

Roger Lambie, a deacon in the Calgary, Alberta, South church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 6.

James Little, associate pastor of the Vancouver, British Columbia, church, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 17.

Eddie MacMillan of the Smiths Falls, Ontario, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 15.

John Martin of the Toronto, Ontario, West church, was ordained a local church elder Aug. 27.

Tony Stryker of the Kitchener, Ontario, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 15.

Gary VanderVies, a deacon in the Sarnia, Ontario, church, was ordained a local church elder May 21.

EUROPE

Olivier Carion, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel, Switzerland, and Lyon, France, churches, was ordained a pastor April 28.

Johannes De Moei, assistant pastor of the Doorn and Zwolle, Netherlands, churches, was ordained a local elder Sept. 6.

Jerome Feltracco, associate pastor of the Paris A.M. and P.M. and Angers, France, churches, was ordained a local elder Sept. 27.

SOUTH AMERICA

Alvaro Palacio of the Bogota, Colombia, church, was ordained a local church elder July 16.

ASIA

Ricardo Deligero, pastor of the Zamboanga, Philippines, church, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 25.

Aaron Wiley of Bangkok, Thailand, was ordained a local elder Sept. 20.

How gift-matching contributions make a difference

Increase the impact of your donations without giving a dime more

By Thomas R. Delamater

BIG SANDY—As Ambassador University continues to provide a quality, Christian education, funding for the institution remains an important factor. Many friends of Ambassador have asked: "How can I help?"

What if you could increase the impact of your contributions without personally giving one dime more? This is possible through the practice of gift matching.

Thomas R. Delamater is the director of Institutional Advancement at Ambassador University.

Since Ambassador University is now accredited, companies with gift-matching programs to colleges and universities will match gifts to the university. Even if you have unsuccessfully attempted gift matching in the past, the change in Ambassador's accreditation status should open new doors for gift-matching programs.

A gift-matching program is one in which a company matches its employees' donations to nonprofit institutions, including universities. In effect, this doubles the contribution of the individual. In some cases, companies will match employee donations 2 to 1, effectively tripling the original contribution.

All donations that are sent to Ambassador are used for educational purposes, and we are glad to verify that fact to the gift-match company, if the question arises.

Many members are already con-

tributing to Ambassador Foundation through gift matching and have played an important role in its success. Just as these members continue to support the Foundation's role, Ambassador University needs to develop a loyal group of contributors who work for companies that gift match to educational institutions.

Though members are free to choose, we are not asking individuals already gift matching to the Foundation to change their donation practices. We want to make those who are not yet involved in such programs aware that they can make a substantial impact by checking with their company to determine if either the Foundation or university is eligible for such funding.

In the United States, contributions to Ambassador University are tax deductible.

Below is a list of companies that

offer gift matching to educational institutions. (This list may not include all participating companies, so if your employer is not listed we suggest you contact your personnel or human resources department to see if your company has a gift-matching program or would consider beginning one.)

Since Ambassador was accredited June 25 (officially retroactive to Jan. 1, 1994), the university may not appear in current accreditation reference literature. If your company requires proof of Ambassador's accreditation status, please have them contact us at the address below.

We would be happy to send you more detailed information. Please write or call Ambassador University, Attention: Gift Matching, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755. Phone: 1-903-636-2040. Fax: 1-903-636-2365.

Companies participating in gift matching to universities

These companies participate in gift matching to universities. If your company is not listed, please check with the personnel or human resources department.

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A-D Electronics, Inc.
ACF Industries, Inc.
AMP Inc.
The ARA Group, Inc.
AT&T
Abbott Laboratories
Access Energy Corp.
Acuson Corp.
Addison-Wesley Publishing Co.
Adria Laboratories Division of Erlbaum, Inc.
Advanced Micro Devices
AEGON USA, Inc.
The AEROSPACE Corp.
Aetna Life & Casualty
Affiliated Publications, Inc.
Aid Association for Lutherans
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
Air & Water Technologies Corp.
Akzo America, Inc.
Alabama Power Co.
Albany International Corp.
Albertson's, Inc.
Alcan Aluminum Corp.
Alco Standard Corp.
Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.
Allegheny Ludlum Corp.
Allendale Mutual Insurance Co.
Alliance Capital Management L.P.
Alliant Techsystems
AlliedSignal Inc.
Allstate Insurance Co.
Alpha Industries, Inc.
Aluminum Co. of America
AMAX, Inc.
Amcast Industrial Corp.
Amerada Hess Corp.
American Brands, Inc.
American Cyanamid Co.
American Electric Power Co., Inc.
American Express Co.
American General Corp.
American Home Products Corp.
American International Group, Inc.
American Mutual Insurance Cos.
American National Bank
American National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago
American National Can Co.
American Optical Corp.
American Savings Bank
American Standard, Inc.
American States Insurance Co.
American Stock Exchange
American United Life Insurance Co.
Ameritech
Ameritech Services, Inc.
Ameritech of Wisconsin
Ameritrust Co. National Association
Amfac, Inc.
Amoco Corp.
AMSCO International, Inc.
AMSTED Industries Inc.
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.
Analog Devices Inc.
Anchor Capital Advisors, Inc.
The Andersons Management Corp.
Anheuser-Busch Cos., Inc.
Appleton Papers Inc.
Aquadion Co.
ARCO
ARCO Chemical Co.
Argonaut Group, Inc.
Argus Research Laboratories, Inc.
Aristech Chemical Corp.
Arkwright Mutual Insurance Co.
Armco Inc.
Armstrong World Industries, Inc.
Armtex Corp.
Arthur Andersen & Co., SC
Ashland Oil, Inc.
Associated Box Corp.
Guy F. Atkinson Co. of California
Atlantic City Electric Co.
Augat Inc.
AutoAlliance International, Inc.
Automatic Data Processing, Inc.
Avon Products, Inc.

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BASF Corp.
BHP Minerals International, Inc.
BHP Petroleum Americas
BMC Industries, Inc.
The BOC Group Inc.
BP AMERICA
Baltimore Bancorp
Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.
Banc One Wisconsin Corp.
Bancorp Hawaii, Inc.
Bancroft-Whitney
Bank of Boston
The Bank of California, N.A.
Bank of Montreal
The Bank of New York
Bank One Arizona
Bank One, Texas - Houston
Bank South Corp.

BankAmerica Corp.
Bankers Life and Casualty
Bankers Trust Co.
Barber-Colman Co.
Barclays Bank PLC
BarclaysAmericanCorp.
C.R. Bard, Inc.
Barnes & Roche, Inc.
Barnes Group Inc.
Barnett Associates, Inc.
Barnett Banks, Inc.
Barrett Design, Inc.
Barrett Technology/Barrett Design
The Barton-Gillet Co.
Baxter International Inc.
BayBanks, Inc.
Bechtel Power Corp.
Becor Western Inc.
Becton Dickinson and Co.
Beech Aircraft Corp.
Bell Atlantic Corp.
Bell of Pennsylvania
Bellcore
BellSouth
Beloit Corp.
Bemis Co., Inc.
The Bergen Record Corp.
L.M. Berry and Co.
Betz Laboratories, Inc.
Bill Communications, Inc.
Bituminous Casualty Corp.
H & R Block, Inc.
The Blount Foundation, Inc.
Blue Bell, Inc.
The Boeing Co.
Bonnevill International Corp.
Borden, Inc.
The Boston Co.
Boston Edison Co.
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Bowater Inc.
Brakeley, John Price Jones Inc.
Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.
Bristol Savings Bank
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
Brockway Glass Co., Inc.
Brooklyn Union Gas Co.
Brown Group, Inc.
John Brown Inc.
Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.
Brown-Forman Corp.
Brunswick Corp.
Buell Industries, Inc.
Buffalo Color Corp.
Bunge Corp.
Burlington Industries, Inc.
Burlington Northern Inc.
Leo Burnett Co., Inc.
Burroughs Wellcome Co.
Business & Legal Reports, Inc.
Butler Manufacturing Co.

C

CBI Industries, Inc.
CBS Foundation Inc.
CNA Insurance Cos.
CP Rail System
CPC International Inc.
CSX Corp.
Cobot Corp.
Cobot Stains
Calex Manufacturing Co., Inc.
Callanan Industries Inc.
Campbell Soup Co.
Capital Cities/ABC, Inc.
The Capital Group, Inc.
Capital Holding Corp.
Carolina Power & Light Co.
Carolina Telephone
Carpenter Technology Corp.
Carson Products Co.
Carter-Wallace, Inc.
Castle and Cooke, Inc.
Caterpillar Inc.
Centerior Energy Corp.
Central Illinois Light Co.
Central Life Assurance Co.
Central Vermont Public Service Corp.
Century Cos. of America
CertainTeed Corp.
Chamberlain Manufacturing Corp.
Champion International Corp.
Charles River Laboratories, Inc.
The Chase Manhattan Corp.
Chemical Bank
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Cos.
Chesapeake Corp.
Chesebrough-Pond's USA
Chevron Corp.
Chicago Title and Trust Co.
Chicago Tribune Co.
Chrysler Corp.
Chubb Life Insurance Co. of America
Chubb and Son Inc.
Church and Dwight Co., Inc.
Church Mutual Insurance Co.
CIBA-GEIGY Corp.
CIGNA Corp.
Cincinnati Bell, Inc.

Circuit City Stores, Inc.
Citicorp/Citibank, N.A.
Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc.
Clorox Corp.
The Clorox Co.
Co-Op Banking Group Cos.
Coats & Clark, Inc.
The Coca-Cola Co.
The Coleman Co., Inc.
Colgate-Palmolive Co.
Collins & Aikman Corp.
Colonial Bancorp, Inc.
Colonial Parking, Inc.
Colonial Penn Group, Inc.
The Columbia Gas System, Inc.
Columbus Life Insurance Co.
Comerica, Inc.
Commercial Intertech Corp.
Commonwealth Energy Systems
Commonwealth Insurance Co.
Communications Satellite Corp.
Community Mutual Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Congoleum Corp.
Connecticut Bank & Trust Co.
Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Connecticut Natural Gas Corp.
Conoco Inc.
CONSOL, Inc.
Consolidated Edison Co. of New York
Consolidated Natural Gas Co.
Consolidated Papers, Inc.
Consolidated Rail Corp.
Consumer Programs, Inc.
Consumers Power Co.
Continental Bank
The Continental Corp.
Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc.
Cooper Industries
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.
Coopers & Lybrand
The Copley Press, Inc.
Copolymer Rubber & Chemical Corp.
CoreStates Financial Corp.
CoreStates Hamilton Bank
Corning Inc.
Courtaulds Coatings Inc.
Cowles Media Co.
Crane Co.
Cray Research, Inc.
Credit Agricole
Credit Suisse
Crestar Bank
Crompton & Knowles Corp.
Cross & Trecker Corp.
Crown Central Petroleum Corp.
Crum and Forster, Inc.
Cummins Engine Co., Inc.
CUNA Mutual Insurance Group

D

DFS Group Limited
Dain Bosworth Inc.
Dana Corp.
The Danforth Foundation
Datatel, Inc.
Dauphin Deposit Corp.
DEKALB Genetics Corp.
Deloitte & Touche
Delta Air Lines, Inc.
Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts
Deluxe Corp.
Avery Dennison Corp.
Deposit Guaranty National Bank
The Detroit Edison Co.
A.W.G. Dewar Inc.
The Dexter Corp.
Diamond Crystal Salt Co.
Difco Laboratories
Digital Sciences Corp.
Donaldson Co. Inc.
Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette
R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co.
The Dow Chemical Co.
Dow Corning Corp.
Dow Jones & Co., Inc.
DowElanco
Dresser Industries, Inc.
Dresser-Rand Co.
Dry Dock Savings Bank
Duke Power Co.
The Dun & Bradstreet Corp.
Duquesne Light Co.

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Eastern Enterprises
Eaton Corp.
Ecolab Inc.
Educators Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Egan Machinery Co.
Elf Aquitaine, Inc.
ELF Atochem North American, Inc.
Elizabethtown Water Co.
Emerson Electric Co.
Engelhard Corp.
Engineered Systems & Development Corp.
Enron Corp.
ENSERCH Corp.

Ensign-Bickford Foundation
Envirotech Corp.
Equifax Inc.
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States
Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa
Equitable Resources, Inc.
Ernst & Young
ESSTAR Inc.
Esterline Corp.
Ethyl Corp.
European American Bank
Exxon Education Foundation

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4-Guys Stainless Steel Fabricators, Inc.
FMC Corp.
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Factory Mutual Engineering and Research/Service Bureau
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Far West Federal Bank
Farm Credit Banks of Springfield
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association
Federal-Mogul Corp.
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Ferro Corp.
Fidelity Investments
Fiduciary Trust Co.
Fifth Third Bancorp
FINA, Inc.
Fingerhut Corp.
Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.
First Bank System, Inc.
The First Boston Corp.
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First Interstate Bank of California
First Interstate Bank of Oregon, N.A.
First Interstate Bank of Washington, N.A.
First Maryland Bancorp
First Mississippi Corp.
First National Bank of Chicago
Foundation
First Union Corp.
First Virginia Banks, Inc.
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Fluor Corp.
Follett Corp.
Ford Motor Co.
Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd.
Fortis Benefits Insurance Co./Fortis Financial Group
Foster Wheeler Corp.
The Foxboro Co.
Freedom Forum
Freeport-McMoran, Inc.
The Fuji Bank, Limited
H.B. Fuller Co.
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GATX Corp.
GTE Corp.
Galileo Electro-Optics Corp.
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The Gary-Williams Co./The Piton Foundation
Gast Manufacturing Corp.
The Gates Corp.
GenCorp Inc.
General Accident Insurance Co. of America
General American Investors Co., Inc.
General Cable Co.
General Defense Corp.
General Electric Canada Inc.
General Electric Co.
General Housewares Corp.
General Mills, Inc.
General Motors Corp.
General Public Utilities Corp.
General Re Corp.
General Signal Corp.
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The Gillette Co.
Gilman Paper Co.
P.H. Glatfelter Co.
Glaxo Inc.
Glendale Federal Bank
The Glenmede Corp.
Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Goldome
Good Value Homes, Inc.
The BFGoodrich Co.
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
Gulf Electronics Inc.
Goulds Pumps, Inc.
Government Employees Insurance Co.
W.R. Grace & Co.
Graco Inc.
W.W. Grainger, Inc.
Grant Thornton
The Graphic Printing Co., Inc.

Great West Casualty Co.
The Green Point Savings Bank
Greenwood Mills, Inc.
Gregory Poole Equipment Co.
John Grenzebach & Associates, Inc.
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co.
Grumman Corp.
The Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America

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Hallmark Cards, Inc.
Hampton & Harper, Inc.
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The Hanover Insurance Co.
Harcourt General, Inc.
Harleysville Mutual Insurance Co.
HarperCollins Publishers Inc.
Harris Corp.
Harris Trust & Savings Bank: Harris Bankcorp
Hartford Insurance Group
The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.
Hartmarx Corp.
Haworth, Inc.
H.J. Heinz Co.
Heller Financial, Inc.
Hercules Inc.
Hershey Foods Corp.
Hewlett Associates
Hewlett-Packard Co.
Hexcel Corp.
Hibernia National Bank
Higher Education Publications, Inc.
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Hoechst Celanese Corp.
Hoffmann-La Roche Inc.
Holmes & Narver, Inc.
Home Life Insurance Co.
Homestake Mining Co.
Honeywell, Inc.
Hormel Foods Corp.
Hospital Corp. of America
Houghton Mifflin Co.
Household International, Inc.
Hubbard Milling Co.
Hubbell Inc.
J.M. Huber Corp.
Huck International, Inc.
Huffy Corp.
Hughes Aircraft Co.
Hunt Manufacturing Co.
The George Hyman Construction Co.

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ICI Americas Inc.
IDS Financial Services Inc.
IE Industries Inc.
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ITT Corp.
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Illinois Bell
Illinois Tool Works Inc.
IMCERA Group Inc.
Imco Industries Inc.
Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Inc.
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Industrial Risk Insurers
Ingersoll-Rand Co.
Innovation Packaging, Inc.
Integon Corp.
Integra Financial Corp.
Intel Corp.
Intelligent Controls, Inc.
The Interlake Corp.
International Business Machines Corp.
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JSJ Corp.
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Jefferson-Pilot Corp.
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Axel Johnson Inc.
Johnson Controls, Inc.
E.F. Johnson Co.
Johnson & Higgins
Johnson & Johnson
S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.
Jones, J.A. Inc.
Jostens, Inc.

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K N Energy, Inc.
KPMG Peat Marwick
Kansas City Southern Industries, Inc.
Karmazin Products Corp.
Kearney-National Inc.
Keebler Co.
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc.
Kellogg Co.

The M.W. Kellogg Co.
W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Kemper National Insurance Cos.
Kennametal Inc.
The Kerite Co.
Kerr-McGee Corp.
Kingsbury Corp.
Kiplinger Washington Editors
Kmart Corp.
Knight-Ridder, Inc.
H. Kohnstamm & Co., Inc.
Korte Construction Co.

L

LaSalle National Bank
The Lamson & Sessions Co.
Land O'Lakes, Inc.
Lanier Worldwide, Inc.
Law Cos. Group, Inc.
The Law Co., Inc.
Lehigh Portland Cement Co.
Levi Strauss & Co.
Libbey-Owens Ford Co.
The Liberty Corp.
Liberty National Bank and Trust Co. of Louisville
Eli Lilly and Co.
Lincoln National Corp.
Link Engineering Co., Inc.
Lipton, Thomas J. Co.
Litton Itek Optical Systems
Loctite Corp.
Loews Corp.
Lone Star Industries, Inc.
Lotus Development Corp.
The Louisiana Land and Exploration Co.
Louisiana Power & Light Co.
The Lubrizol Corp.
Lucky Stores, Inc.
Ludlow Corp.
Lukens Inc.

M

M & T Chemicals Inc.
The M/A/R/C Group
MCA Inc.
MSI Insurance
MST Systems Corp.
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
MacLean-Fogg Co.
Mack Trucks, Inc.
R.H. Macy & Co., Inc.
Madison Mutual Insurance Co.
Maguire Oil Co.
Mallinckrodt Medical, Inc.
Management Compensation Group/Dulworth, Inc.
Manufacturers National Corp.
Marville Corp.
Marathon Oil Co.
Maremont Corp.
Marion Merrell Dow Inc.
Maritz Inc.
The Marley Co.
Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc.
Martin Marietta Corp.
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Mast Drug Co.
Mattel, Inc.
Maxus Energy Corp.
The May Department Stores Co.
Maytag Corp.
Mazda (North America), Inc.
McCormick & Co., Inc.
McDonald's Corp.
McDonnell Douglas Corp.
Thomas McFadden & Associates, Inc.
McGraw-Hill, Inc.
McKesson Corp.
McQuay Inc.
The Mead Corp.
Mebane Packaging Corp.
Mechanics Bank
Medtronic, Inc.
Mellon Bank
Menasha Corp.
Merck & Co., Inc.
Meredith Corp.
Meridian Bancorp, Inc.
Meridian Insurance Co.
Merit Oil Corp.
Meritor Savings Bank
Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
Mettler-Toledo, Inc.
Michigan Bell
Michigan Mutual Insurance Co. (The Amerisure Cos.)
Microsoft Corp.
Middlesex Mutual Assurance Co.
Midland Montagu
The Midland Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Midland-Ross Corp.
Midlantic Corp.
Midwest Resources Inc.
Miehle-Goss-Dexter Inc.
Milliken & Co.

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Amman, Athens: Festival Office announces two international group sites for 1995

If you enjoy international travel and the camaraderie of an intimate group site, then these sites may be just the thing

Once again, Church members can form tour groups keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in Amman, Jordan, and Athens, Greece.

To assist in planning, we are offering an early application process. If you are interested in attending one of these sites, please obtain an international Festival transfer application from your minister or Festival adviser. Complete the form and mail it to Pasadena by Jan. 10. No special preference will be given to applications received before the deadline, but early returns help the administrative staff.

If you wish to apply as a group with other members, your applications should be assembled by one

member of the group and sent in together. For those requesting group acceptance, all members of the group will be accepted or disapproved together. Please understand the major reason for disapproval is lack of space.

Applications will be reviewed in Pasadena and acceptance letters mailed by Feb. 17. If space is filled and your application is not accepted, you will have time to apply to one of the many other sites planned for the 1995 Festival.

Group sites

Both Amman and Athens are tour group sites. You should not apply to either site unless you wish to participate with the group, staying at the same hotel and enjoying meals and tours together. Travel and tour arrangements are now under way, so prices for each package are estimates.

Amman, Jordan

Members will stay 11 nights at the

Forte Grand Hotel. In addition to Festival services, there will be a variety of educational excursions. Topping the list will be a day trip to Petra, the rose-red city carved in cliffs.

Other tours include the ancient Roman city of Jerash, Pella, a swim in the Dead Sea and a view into the Promised Land from the top of Mt. Nebo.

Members will also visit schools where Ambassador University volunteers represent the Ambassador Foundation assisting disabled children in Jordan. For the past three years, Queen Noor has welcomed and personally addressed our group.

Jordan is a well-rounded adventure in sites, sounds and tastes of the Middle East. The price for 11 days, including hotel costs based on double occupancy, meals, round-trip airfare from New York, tours and entry fees, is US\$1,900 for adults.

Cost for children younger than 12, occupying the same room as

their parents, will be about \$1,350.

Athens, Greece

Because it will be necessary to spend 11 nights in Greece, we are making arrangements to stay five days at a beach resort near Corinth before transferring to a hotel in Athens for the remaining six days of the Feast.

A variety of educational and entertaining activities are scheduled. These include day trips to archaeological sites at Corinth, Epidaurus and Delphi, while based near Corinth.

In Athens, members will tour the ancient Parthenon and the National Archaeological Museum, and enjoy a one-day cruise on the Saronic Gulf with stops at Greek islands for swimming and shopping.

We anticipate the cost will be US\$2,600 per person based on double occupancy at the hotels. This package price includes round-trip airfare from New York, 11 nights lodging, meals, transportation, tours, entry fees and tips. Children will have reduced fees. A US\$250 per person deposit should be submitted with your application.

Optional tours

Members will be able to choose from a variety of tours after the Feast. Optional tours for those who attend in Jordan are being considered for Israel, Egypt, Turkey or Greece.

For those who attend in Athens, they may join one of the above mentioned tours with those who keep the Feast in Jordan. Other options include a trip to Samos with day visits to Ephesus and the isle of Patmos, three- to seven-day cruises on the Mediterranean or a few days on a Greek island of choice.

Costs for additional post-Feast tours offered from Amman and Athens will be announced later.

If you are interested in the excitement of international travel and enjoy the camaraderie of an intimate group site, then Amman or Athens may be just the right thing for your 1995 Festival. Remember, you should return your international transfer request form by Jan. 10.

For Jordan, send your form to Worldwide Church of God, Festival Office, Jordan, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, California, 91129, United States. For Greece, write to WCG Travel, Greek Feast, 169 South St. John Ave., Pasadena, California, 91129, United States.

Thai educators visit Ambassador University

By Reginald V. Killingley

BIG SANDY—Ambassador University was host to seven educators from Thailand who visited East Texas Oct. 16 to 31. The six men and one woman are faculty and administrators from the Institute of Rajabhat Nakhon Ratchasima, the largest teacher education university in Thailand.

They chose to visit Ambassador University because of AU's reputation in Thailand. They told Ambassador administrators they wanted "to pursue new ideas and knowledge from the leading character-oriented institution in the United States."

The Thai professors received extensive newspaper and television coverage during their stay. In a story that appeared in the Longview News-Journal Oct. 22, the lead paragraph read: "The spirituality of stu-

dents from Ambassador University is what a group of visiting college professors from Thailand said impressed them most about the United States."

"We don't want to become technologically advanced and lack values," said Dr. Sompong Singhapol, the institute's associate dean of academic affairs. "We would like to have a balance between ethics and technology."

According to William Johnson, AU's associate dean of Academic Affairs, the Thai professors became aware of Ambassador University through Ambassador students who teach English on the Ambassador Foundation program in Thailand.

"They were impressed with the caliber of the students and wanted to visit the institution," said Dr. Johnson, adding that the educators extolled the friendliness, politeness and demeanor of the Ambassador

students as well as the beauty of the campus and quality of the facilities.

Since 1980, 103 Ambassador University students have served in Thailand. Every year the university sends six or more students to teach English at several schools in the Bangkok area, including the Chitralada School on the grounds of the Royal Palace.

In addition to meeting with Ambassador administrators and faculty, the Thai educators visited several classes and enjoyed an authentic Texas barbecue dinner. Their schedule included meetings with the mayors of Big Sandy and Gladewater and visits to Big Sandy and Gladewater schools, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, the University of Texas at Tyler and Tyler Junior College.

In a meeting on the Ambassador campus, Mayor Buzz Long of Big Sandy welcomed the educators to Texas and presented a certificate to each member of the group in honor of their visit. Mayor Long told the visitors: "We are pleased and honored to have you in our country, and we are very proud of what Ambassador University is doing here and around the world."

Homecoming 1994

BIG SANDY—All Ambassador University alumni are invited to attend this year's homecoming—A Mexican Fiesta!—Dec. 22 through 25. This year's reunion will specifically honor the classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984 and 1989.

The weekend will kick off with a Class Reunion Hospitality Hour in faculty homes on campus from 6 to 7:30 Thursday evening, after which faculty and alumni can attend the homecoming game. The Royals take on perennial NAIA Division I powerhouse East Central University from Ada, Oklahoma, in the field house.

Friday, Donald Ward, AU president, and Thomas Delamater, executive director of the alumni association, will conduct an alumni seminar in Ambassador Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., speaking on the latest developments and plans of the university. Alumni can take advantage of an open house that afternoon and Bible study that evening.

A Mexican Fiesta dinner and entertainment will highlight Saturday evening. Alumni can enjoy delicious food and visit with classmates as AU's mariachi band plays for this South of the Border evening. A family country brunch will bring homecoming weekend to a close Sunday morning.

Cost for the entire weekend's activities is \$30 a person for members of the alumni association and \$40 a person for nonassociation members. The last date to complete reservations is Dec. 15. For reservations or more information, please call 1-903-636-2023.

From the Registrar

All matriculated continuing students at AU will register for spring semester 1995 on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Fund-raiser: nationwide effort

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choice of one prize: Vincent Garcia, Garland, Texas, 42 plaques; Shaun Grover, Florence, Mississippi, 41 plaques; Roger Morris, Austell, Georgia, 32 plaques; Lindsay Whetson, Culpeper, Virginia, 23 plaques; Kelli Hogg, Cedar Hill, Texas, 20 plaques.

Candice Bourland, Lawton, Oklahoma, 19 plaques; Michael Frye, Bamberg, South Carolina, 19 plaques; Johnny Moore, Chireno, Texas, 19 plaques; Paul Belcher, Washington, D.C., 17 plaques; and

Christy Pittman, Placerville, California, 17 plaques.

Six top-selling YES members—choice of one prize: Jared Stepp, Prior Lake, Minnesota, 36 plaques; Dezerei Ramos, Brooklyn, New York, 30 plaques; Zandra Willoughby, Bella Vista, Arkansas, 21 plaques; Lana Espinosa, Aurora, Colorado, 20 plaques; Joshua Spanagel, Alamosa, Colorado, 20 plaques; Samson Sprouse, Alamosa, Colorado, 20 plaques.

Top-selling individual (other)—choice of one prize: James L. Gray, Woodleaf, North Carolina, 152 plaques.

U.S. ministerial assignment changes

By Joseph Tkach Jr.

Following is a list of U.S. ministerial assignment changes taking place this autumn. Many of these are retirements, so I want to briefly comment that we are very grateful for the many years of service these men and women have given to the members of the Church. As they continue to serve in a less formal way, we will continue to benefit from their maturity and the fine examples they set. We pray that God will continue to bless them and others through them.

Minister and wife	From	To
Guy and Helen Ames ‡	Pasadena East A.M. (associate)	Pasadena A.M. (associate)*
Jerold and Mary Ann Aust	Garden Grove, California (associate)	Ambassador University
Jeff and Geneva Barnes	Suffolk, New York	Des Moines, Chariton, Iowa
Robert and Shelly Bragg	Concord, New Hampshire	Retirement
Al and Jo-Ann Dennis	Chicago, Illinois, North	Retirement
Stan and Jean Marie DeVeaux ‡	Nassau, New York	Queens, New York**
Steve and Linda Elliott	Queens, New York City Spanish	Suffolk, New York**
Dan and Marilee Fricke	Des Moines, Chariton, Iowa	Vancouver, Washington
James and Marjorie Friddle	Reseda, California	Retirement
David and Hinke Gilbert	Waterloo, Mason City, Iowa	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, East & West
Gil and Leta Ray Goethals	Tacoma, Bremerton, Washington (associate)	Retirement
Charles and Linda Holladay ‡	Minneapolis, Minnesota, South	Minneapolis South, Mankato, Minnesota
James and June Jenkins	Meridian, Mississippi	Retirement
John and Anne-Marie Kennedy ‡	Portland, Bangor, Maine	Portland, Bangor, Maine, Concord, New Hampshire
John and Hannah Knaack ‡	Davenport, Iowa City, Iowa	Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Tom and Linda Lapacka ‡	Manager Church Relations	Manager of Church Relations and pastor of Reseda, California
Cecil and Karen Maranville	Disability—Leave	Disability—Retirement
Frank Jr. and Charlene McCrady	Big Sandy A.M. (associate)	Retirement
Jeff and Suzy Molnar	Denver North, Lafayette, Colorado (associate)	Kalamazoo, Coldwater, Michigan (pastor)
Dennis and Lorraine Pelley ‡	Pasadena East P.M. (associate)	Pasadena P.M. (associate)*
Gary and Marsi Pendergraft	Memphis, Jackson, Tennessee (associate)	Disability—Retirement
Carlos and Ruth Perkins	Vineland, New Jersey	Retirement
Robert and Glenna Richards	Norfolk, Virginia (associate)	Akron, Ohio (associate)
David and Artis Roenspies	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, East & West	Chicago, Illinois, North
Frank and Esther Schnee	Pasadena P.M. (associate)	Retirement
Paul and Gloria Shumway ‡	Rochester, Mankato, Minnesota	Rochester, Minnesota, Mason City, Iowa
Harold and Susan Smith	Pasco, Quincy, Washington	Career change—local church elder
Robert and Shirley Smith	Big Sandy A.M. (associate)	Retirement
Paul and Freia Smith	Big Sandy A.M. (associate)	Retirement
Tim and Mary Ann Snyder	Kalamazoo, Coldwater, Michigan	Denver, Colorado, South
Dave and Teddi Treybig	Spokane, Washington	Pasco, Spokane, Quincy, Washington
Tom and Jody Turk	Denver, Colorado, South	Leave of absence
Jim and Diane Turner ‡	Denver North, Lafayette, Colorado	Denver, Colorado, North
Ron and Rosemary Wallen ‡	Jackson, Greenwood, Mississippi	Jackson, Greenwood, Meridian, Mississippi
Abner and Sharon Washington	Pasadena East A.M.	Retirement
Robin and Susan Webber	Pasadena East P.M.	Garden Grove, California (associate) and Imperial Schools faculty
Dean and Marolyn Wilson	Vancouver, Washington	Retirement
Larry and Terri Wooldridge ‡	Trenton, New Jersey	Trenton, Vineland, New Jersey

* Pasadena East and West A.M. combined to become Pasadena A.M.; Pasadena East and West P.M. combined to become Pasadena P.M.

** Queens and NYC Spanish will combine as Queens; Nassau and Suffolk will combine as Suffolk.

‡ Not a transfer; change in circuit.

Personal: common spirit

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forms the heart and leads us to express love for God and fellow humans.

Many people claim to have faith, but do not have the pure manner of life, the righteous habits and conduct, to substantiate their claim. "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?" (James 2:14). James cites deeds of love and service to illustrate a living faith (verses 15-17). "Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did" (1 John 2:6).

Our lives must be characterized by obedience, love, compassion, mercy and faith. We must not only come to Christ, but take up our cross and follow him in his life and in his commission.

Faith in Christ is shown in the context of Acts 5:32, in which Peter said that the Holy Spirit has been given to those who obey God (or, in a literal translation, to those who are obeying God). The verse does not say that obedience causes God to give the Spirit, or even that the Spirit comes only after obedience. The verse simply notes that the Holy Spirit and obedience go together.

But what kind of obedience was Peter emphasizing? Which specific command was he referring to? The Jewish Sanhedrin was ordering him to stop preaching about Jesus (verse 28), so Peter replied that he had a responsibility to obey God by continuing to preach about Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, rather than abiding by the Sanhedrin's prohibition (verse 29).

Peter was not talking about obeying laws that the Sanhedrin itself kept. Peter's focus was on the command to accept Jesus as the Messiah and on Peter's own responsibility to be a witness of Jesus' resurrection. Today, those who are living these requirements, those who have true faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are the ones to whom God has given his Spirit.

Faith in Christ causes us to submit to him. He is in charge. We belong to him, and that becomes our primary identity. It is those who belong to Christ who will be saved. He knows all who belong to him, and he is in charge of them. He will lead them and reveal truth to them as he knows is best. He will place them in his Body as it pleases him.

To summarize this first section: The New Testament gives these identifying signs of true Christians: The Holy Spirit lives in them and leads them, they have faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and they love one another.

Other Christians?

Now let us examine this question: Are there any Christians who are not members of the Worldwide Church of God? We have usually recognized that there are—for example, in the Church of God (Seventh Day). We disagree with some of their doctrines, but we have never proclaimed that all their members are unconverted. We have usually accepted the validity of their members' baptisms, as demonstrated by the fact that rebaptism was not required when joining our fellowship.

More recently, our experiences with Sabbath-keepers in Ukraine also encouraged us to clarify our understanding of the Church. They keep the Sabbath. Some keep the Holy Days. They love one another, and they have persevered in their faith despite severe persecutions.

We sense a common spirit, and we believe that they are being led by the Holy Spirit in them. There are doctrinal differences, but we have no biblical reason to declare them unconverted simply because they don't belong to our

organization. Nor can we insist that they must join us, just as they do not insist that we ought to join them.

We can work together with these Sabbath-keepers, but we need not formally join together. We are simply different ministries in different geographic areas within the one Body of Christ, the Church of God.

These examples help us see that we cannot issue blanket pronouncements about the conversion status of all people in all other organizations—even our own! We can see this in the first-century churches, too. In Corinth, Antioch and Jerusalem, customs differed, and some tensions existed between various groups, as we see in Acts chapters 15 and 21.

Communication was not good enough for the Jerusalem church to oversee the evangelistic work being done in Galatia, Ephesus and Rome. For most operations, the various regions functioned as independent ministries within the one Body of Christ.

There is one Church, but different administrations or ministries within that one Church. We need to distinguish between the Church we can see and the Church that God sees. He sees it all; he knows every member in every region and in every organization.

But we see only in part, and we see mostly the part closest to us—in our case, the Worldwide Church of God. So we need to admit that our perspective is not complete.

God is not restricted to working with only one group any more than he is restricted to working with only one person. The Church of God is always one spiritual organism, the Body of Christ, regardless of how many groups or ministries it may include.

Jesus said he had other sheep that were not of his group of disciples (John 10:16). But all his sheep listen to him, the one true Shepherd, and therefore form one flock, united in faith by the Holy Spirit.

God has only one true Church, and if we have true faith in Christ, we are in it. But we cannot assume that no one else is in it. We don't know how many people God has. He doesn't need our counsel about whom he may or may not call. That's not our job.

Our job is to do and to preach what we do know. We preach Christ crucified. He is of first importance. We preach his commands, and we preach repentance and faith and love. And we preach the Sabbath as a special blessing with which to worship Christ, not as an end in itself. We preach the Holy Days as celebrations of God's work of salvation in Christ, not as ends in themselves. In all we do and preach, Jesus Christ must be our focus.

To summarize this second point: We cannot claim to be the only people who have the Holy Spirit. We cannot claim to know that God has not called others to Christ outside our immediate fellowship. Such people may be in other organizations, or they may be scattered wherever God chooses to work with them.

Next, we'll address the important but sensitive topic of *attitude* toward those who are not members of our Church. But that is a subject I'll save for next time.

How joyful and thankful we can be for the limitless love and mercy of God in Jesus Christ! While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, and now that he has granted us mercy, he has called us into his army to proclaim righteousness through him. Let's pray daily for one another and for the courage and zeal to pour our hearts into the most important task on earth!

Thank you for your love and prayers and the many encouraging letters.

Inspiring disadvantaged children no mere game

By Joseph P. Waitz

CHICAGO, Illinois—When Tom Larson took a vanload of inner city high school students to the National High School Chess Championship Tournament in Dearborn, Michigan, it was the ninth time he had done so.

Mr. Larson, a math teacher at Orr High School on Chicago's West Side and a member who attends the Chicago West church, began a chess program there in 1986. Orr is a school where 30 percent of the students drop out each year, and only 30 percent graduate on time.

Problems with gangs, drugs, poverty, apathy and low motivation are

common. According to Mr. Larson, most students see only the military as a future option, and many quit school because their dreams are shot down.

When Mr. Larson started the chess program at Orr, he thought of it as an aid to teaching pre-algebra. He realized that too many kids came out of high school lacking math skills and problem-solving abilities.

To combat this, he began teaching his students chess during free time in his math class. He encouraged them to play games during lunch and after school. Chess, according to Mr. Larson and others, is not just a game but a mind-expanding exercise that develops critical thinking and concentration skills applicable to the classroom.

Currently, Mr. Larson has 60 youths in his program. Some arrive at 6:30 a.m. to practice chess before school. Others practice during lunch

or after school. Mr. Larson takes them as far as he can, then uses outside experts, books and electronic chess games to sharpen their skills.

better chance to succeed in life.

Evidence at Orr seems to support this belief. Some of Orr's top students credit chess with helping their concentration. And Mr. Larson says his chess players get 58 percent more Bs and 61 percent fewer Fs than the average Orr student.

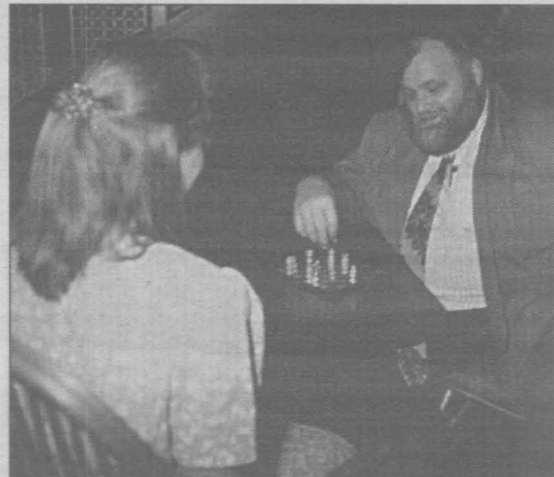
To help build dreams in Orr's chess-playing students, Mr. Larson and Mr. Berg took time out with them on their way to the tournament this year to visit Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. After a day of touring Purdue and getting a taste of what college would be like, the team continued to the tournament in Michigan.

Mr. Larson's team came in a distant 13th at the tournament. Although he enjoys winning as much as his

players do, he says that's more a by-product than a goal. Mainly, Mr. Larson wants to open his kids to the dream of what they can accomplish using their minds.

Mr. Larson, who was baptized in Regina, Saskatchewan, in 1971, ran a halfway house in Alberta before coming to the United States. He was educated to be a teacher in 1969, but worked in a Chicago hotel for seven years until a teaching position arose.

His chess-playing kids at Orr know about the Sabbath, because someone else always takes over for him before sunset on Friday afternoons.



RIGHT MOVE—Tom Larson teaches chess to motivate inner-city children. [Photo by Joe Jacoby]

"They get hooked," he says.

Funding for Mr. Larson's program is about \$200 a year, and he often reaches into his own pocket for supplemental money. He has spent his own money on coaching, trophies and other necessities to prepare his team for a city league schedule in Chicago. When Mr. Larson took his 12-student team to the tournament in Michigan, he had the help of Gene Berg, a Chicago business executive, a sponsor of the Orr chess program.

Mr. Berg provides moral and financial support, believing that kids who succeed in chess have a

19-year-old named Miss Bahamas

By Kayla Edwards

NASSAU, Bahamas—Shammie Lindsay, 19, who attends the Freeport, Bahamas, church, won the Miss Bahamas crown Aug. 14. Miss Lindsay will represent the Bahamas in the Miss Universe Pageant in Namibia in May.

Shammie received a four-year scholarship to the college or university of her choice.

"I have always wanted a college education, and I know that beauty is what comes from the inside, so I was not intimidated by the fierce competition," Shammie explained. "I had to sponsor myself. My family was unable to be with me at the pageant, but I knew that if this is what God wanted for me, nothing could stop me."

When asked how she will handle duties that fall on the Sabbath, Shammie replies, "I have simply explained to my chaperons what my religious beliefs are, and they have been very cooperative in arranging

my many engagements accordingly."

Shammie has a vigorous speaking schedule at schools throughout the Bahamas, as well as working with the Public Relations Department of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism for one year as a goodwill ambassador.

She asked that brethren pray that God will continue to give her wisdom and outgoing concern for others.



Shammie Lindsay

Kayla Edwards attends the Nassau, Bahamas, church.

Performing Arts: In Recital returns for second year at Ambassador

Many members have written or called to ask about In Recital at Ambassador. Capitalizing on the incomparable acoustics and recording capabilities of Ambassador Auditorium, we have collaborated for the second year with Public Radio International (formerly American Public Radio) to produce In Recital at Ambassador.

Hosted by opera star Beverly Sills, thirteen 90- to 199-minute programs feature selected Ambassador performances from the 1992-93 season. The performances, which are aired on 130 public radio stations throughout the country, were chosen to reflect the variety and standard of excellence that are hallmarks of Ambassador's performing arts series.

Ms. Sills introduces each program and provides commentary about the performers and their music.

Originally released for broadcast in April, the programs will be re-aired on KUSC in Southern California this winter. The featured performances include the Juilliard String Quartet; Simone Pedroni, piano; James Galway, flute, and Kazuhito Yamashita, guitar; Camerata Musica of Berlin; Dave Brubeck Quartet; Manuel Barreco, guitar, and Nancy Allen, harp; Florence Quivar, mezzo-soprano, and Armen Guzelimian, piano; Elmar Oliveira, violin, and Horacio Gutierrez, piano; Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers; Musica Antiqua Köln; Elisso Bolkvadze, piano; Paco Peña, guitar; and the King's Singers.

Contact your local public radio station for information and airing times of In Recital at Ambassador. The third In Recital at Ambassador, with performances from the 1993-94 season, will be released in April 1995.

Quadriplegic has circle of influence

By Neil Earle

SUTERSVILLE, Pennsylvania—Bob Neff, 57, a member and a quadriplegic here, is an inspiring person to be around. He does personal evangelism from a wheelchair.

In 1953, when Bob was an athletic 16-year-old, a swimming accident left him paralyzed from the neck down. Bob spent three days in an iron lung. For two weeks his breathing was so difficult that doctors told his family every day that he probably wouldn't live through the night. When he was discharged, his parents were told he would live no longer than two years at most. That was 41 years ago.

Bob has shown the resilience that sometimes characterizes people who come from a stressful early life. His mother had died in an auto accident when he was a child and his father, drafted to fight World War II, left Bob in the care of his grandparents.

However, after Bob's accident, his father became the major person who kept his life going. For more than 30 years, his dad spent most nights with Bob. In addition, he cared for Bob in virtually every way—fed him, dressed him and bathed him.

Only recently has a home care program become available as an alternative to being institutionalized.

A quadriplegic at 16, Bob was forced to draw upon the quiet inner strength that characterized so many of his sports heroes. A picture of the St. Louis Cardinal baseball star Stan "the Man" Musial is

prominent on his wall.

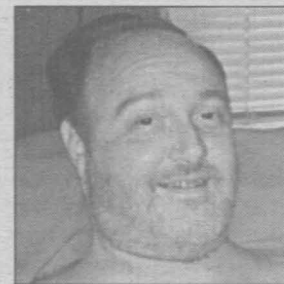
In 1962 his uncle put a copy of *The Plain Truth* on his reading board. The article that really attracted him was "Is There a Real Hell Fire?" Bob said he spent three years trying to prove Mr. Armstrong wrong on just one major point, "and I couldn't do it. I looked up the Scriptures and they were there."

After being baptized, Bob decided to start a pool hall in the back of his house, which soon became a popular and respectable drop-in center in Sutersville. Bob capitalized on his friendly spirit and openness.

"I'd study *The Plain Truth* at the pool hall. They'd all turn pages for me. I was doing the Correspondence Course and I'd look around the crowd to find someone who'd look over the scriptures and write them down for me. Next thing I knew, this person got the Correspondence Course for himself. That was Ken Crotti. He and his wife, Shirley, are now members of the Pittsburgh church."

A discussion of the Sabbath with Ed Scarpari led to Ed and his family becoming Church members.

Bob's pastor, Larry Neff (no relation), said: "Bob has been a tremendous help to the local congregation in at least two ways. His tenacity and perseverance have inspired others to realize that if Bob can deal with his circumstances, they can deal with their own trials. Also, Bob is a spiritual leader. Brethren highly value his opinion, wisdom and advice."



Bob Neff

Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KLASSEN, Abram and Elizabeth (Wiebe) of Belize City, Belize, boy, Richard, Sept. 12, 2:35 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LAY, David and Vivian (Rodriguez) of Ridgewood, New Jersey, boy, Joshua Carl, Sept. 27, 7:47 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 4 boys.

LEWIS, Ronald and Teri (Wilson) of St. Charles, Missouri, boy, Gregory Philip, Aug. 30, 9:52 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LOSEY, John and Christine (Holman) of Westchester, New York, girl, Olivia Marian, June 20, 1:35 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LUNSFORD, Mark and Kim (Short) of Pound, Virginia, boy, Forrest James, Aug. 14, 5:17 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

MAMUDU, Sheriff and Esther (Ogundipe) of Treviso, Italy, boy, David Ebode, Aug. 26, 4.2 kilograms, first child.

MANGELS, Scott and Diana (Benson) of Phoenix, Arizona, boy, Jared Preston, Aug. 6, 2:31 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

MEADOWS, Russell and Kathi (Bourgin) of Richmond, Virginia, boy, Thomas Benjamin, July 9, 8:23 p.m., 5 pounds 15 1/4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PRINCE, Allen and Roberta (Fridde) of Charlotte, North Carolina, boy, Dallas James, Sept. 18, 2:44 p.m. 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

QUINN, Alan and Val (Lavender) of Peterborough, England, girl, Lorna Katy Joy, June 19, 10:10 p.m., 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls, 1 boy.

RICE, Sean and Paula (Miller) of Las Vegas, Nevada, boy, Sean Steven II, July 15, 6:45 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SHALLENBERGER, Rick and Cheryl (Campbell) of Pasadena, boy, Lucas Kayne, Oct. 10, 6:54 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SWANSON, Paul and Lynn (Burrrows) of Ajax, Ontario, girl, Lauren Mariah, July 16, 3:15 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

THIESSEN, John and Doreen (Katchmarik) of Columbia, Missouri, boy, Jordan David, Aug. 31, 8:50 a.m., 6 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

THOMPSON, John M. and Deborah (Kinard) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, girl, Naomi Mercedes, July 16, 9:54 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 girls.

WIEBE, Bill and Bev (Wiebe) of Grande Prairie, Alberta, girl, Jenna Shae-Lyn, Sept. 20, 3:01 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

Engagements

Debbie Aitchison and Lonnie Pierce are pleased to announce their engagement. A Dec. 28 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cardie of Woodbury, New Jersey, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Lee to Greg Vigil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vigil of Arvada, Colorado. A May 14 wedding in Tyler, Texas, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Solberg of Derby, New York, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Beth Joann to Martin J. Koenig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Koenig of Buffalo, New York. An April wedding is planned.

James K. Beasley of Orlando, Florida, and Linda C. Popp of New Albany, Indiana, are delighted to announce their engagement. An April 30 wedding in New Albany is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Feakes of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sernig of Brisbane, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Jennifer Irene and Bradley Kenneth. An Oct. 1 wedding in Winnipeg is planned.

Weddings

COLIN & LYDIA SPELLMAN
Lydia Czuprys, daughter of Alex and Wiesia Czuprys of Smith Falls, Ontario, and Colin Spellman, son of Brian and Carol Spellman of Napawan, Ontario, were united in marriage July 31. The ceremony was performed by Dan Hope, pastor of the Toronto, Ontario, East church. Fiona Shennan was maid of honor, and Rod Spellman was best man. The couple live in Amherstview, Ontario.

MARK & ARLENE GRIFFITH
Arlene Fraser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Fraser of Hazlett, New Jer-

JOHN & LOIS CAMPBELL
Lois Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carlson of Little Falls, Minnesota, and John Campbell, son of Fred Campbell of St. Cloud, Minnesota, were united in marriage Aug. 28. The ceremony was performed by John Orchard, pastor of the Duluth, Minnesota, church. The couple live in Rice, Minnesota.

JOHN & HATANNA SLOVAK
Hatanna L. Rivers and John A. Slovak were united in marriage Aug. 27. The ceremony was performed by Jim Haeffele, pastor of the Greensboro, North Carolina, church. Chastity Rivers, daughter of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Slovak, father of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Greensboro.

VALMAR & MARIT SCHOTTER
Marit Kaev and Valmar Schotter were united in marriage Aug. 5 in Tallinn, Estonia. A church ceremony was performed at the Feast in Sweden by John Andrews, pastor of the Scandinavian churches. The couple live in Tallinn.

RAYMOND & CHERIE MUNSON
Cherie Yip and Raymond R. Munson Jr. were united in marriage May 8. The ceremony was performed by Earl Reese, a minister in the Pasadena A.M. church. Lien Yip, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Bill Grinnell was best man. The couple live in Alhambra, California.

CECIL & NAOMI HOLLANDS
Cecil and Naomi Hollands of Eugene, Oregon, celebrated their 45th anniversary Oct. 9. They have two children, Bryan and Norma; a son-in-law, Rod Summey; and five grandchildren, Jackie, Katie and Kyle Summey, and Charles and Dorothy Hollands.

GENE & LINDA MAXWELL
Gene and Linda Maxwell of Fort Collins, Colorado, celebrated their 35th anniversary Oct. 3. They have five children and five grandchildren.



ROBERT & PAMELA BAWOL

Pamela A. Brannon, daughter of Charles and Alma Brannon of Muncie, Indiana, and Robert C. Bawol, son of Chester and Alicia Bawol of Las Cruces, New Mexico, were united in marriage Sept. 26 in Richardson, Texas. The ceremony was performed by Felix Heimberg, pastor of the Dallas, Texas, East church. Priscilla Bawol, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and Bruno Gebarski of Frankfurt, Germany, was best man. The couple live in Alamogordo, New Mexico.



PERRY & LAVERNE KUNDERT

Laverne Dawn Harty, daughter of Paul and Marg Harty of Calgary, Alberta, and Perry James Kundert, son of Gordon and Velora Kundert of Lethbridge, Alberta, were united in marriage Sept. 5. The ceremony was performed by Gary Poffenroth, a minister in the Evansburg, Alberta, church. Kirsten, Rachael and Regina Harty, sisters of the bride, and Michelle Engblom were bridesmaids, and Richard Poyhia, Warren Poffenroth, Clayton Groom and Len Furlotte were groomsmen. The couple live in Calgary.



JOHN & ELENA PIKE

Quintino and Enzina Marsella of Fondi, Italy, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Elena to John Pike, son of Russell Pike and Patricia Stoney of Sydney, Australia. The ceremony was performed Aug. 7 by Rod Dean, pastor of the Sydney North church. Antonella Marsella, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Nigel Worthing was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



JOHN & LOIS CAMPBELL

Lois Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carlson of Little Falls, Minnesota, and John Campbell, son of Fred Campbell of St. Cloud, Minnesota, were united in marriage Aug. 28. The ceremony was performed by John Orchard, pastor of the Duluth, Minnesota, church. The couple live in Rice, Minnesota.



JOHN & HATANNA SLOVAK

Hatanna L. Rivers and John A. Slovak were united in marriage Aug. 27. The ceremony was performed by Jim Haeffele, pastor of the Greensboro, North Carolina, church. Chastity Rivers, daughter of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Slovak, father of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Greensboro.



VALMAR & MARIT SCHOTTER

Marit Kaev and Valmar Schotter were united in marriage Aug. 5 in Tallinn, Estonia. A church ceremony was performed at the Feast in Sweden by John Andrews, pastor of the Scandinavian churches. The couple live in Tallinn.



RAYMOND & CHERIE MUNSON

Cherie Yip and Raymond R. Munson Jr. were united in marriage May 8. The ceremony was performed by Earl Reese, a minister in the Pasadena A.M. church. Lien Yip, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Bill Grinnell was best man. The couple live in Alhambra, California.

sey, and Mark Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Griffith of Dayton, Ohio, were united in marriage Dec. 18. The ceremony was performed by John Adams, pastor of the Union South and Brick, New Jersey, churches. Leslie Ann Fraser, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and David Griffith was best man. The couple live in High Point, North Carolina.



ALEJANDRO & CATHERINE FALCE

Catherine Elizabeth Welch and Alejandro Julio Falce of Melbourne, Australia, were united in marriage Sept. 4. The ceremony was performed by Neil Barnett, a minister in the Melbourne West, church. Jennifer and Susan Welch were bridesmaids, and Leon Pedersen and Marcel Falce were groomsmen. The couple live in Melbourne.



HANS & TINEKE KOUTSTAAL

Tineke Belo and Hans Koutstaal were united in marriage June 13. The ceremony was performed by Bram de Bree, Dutch regional director. The couple live in Rotterdam, Netherlands.



THOMAS & MELANIE GARRETT

Melanie Passmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Passmore of South Point, Ohio, and Thomas Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garrett of Ronkonkoma, New York, were united in marriage May 29. The ceremony was performed by Richard Thompson, pastor of the Buford and Athens, Georgia, churches. Vicki Passmore, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and David Capov was best man. The couple live in Dallas, Texas.



BRENT & KIM MARTENS

Kimberley Anne Wallace of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and Brent Stanley Martens of Regina, Saskatchewan, were united in marriage Sept. 4. The ceremony was performed by Robert Millman, pastor of the Regina church. Cheryl Nagy was maid of honor, and Zaiyuna Yonah of Tanzania was best man. The couple live in Regina.



MICHAEL & LAURINDA ADJODHA

Laurinda Emmeline Sohun and Michael Edward Adjodha of Brooklyn, New York, were united in marriage Sept. 18. The ceremony was performed by Thomas Oakley, pastor of the Brooklyn church. Letitia Sohun, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Philip Adjodha, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Rockville, Maryland.



CHARLIE & JOYCE HEWITT

Charlie and Joyce Hewitt of Longview, Texas, celebrated their 45th anniversary Oct. 15. They have one son, Gary; two daughters, Debbi and Becky; a daughter-in-law, Patti; two sons-in-law, David and Joey; seven grandchildren; and one grandson.



TODD & SHERI-ANNE CLENDENING

Sheri-Anne Maija-Liisa Andres, daughter of Richard and Madeline Andres of Kelowna, British Columbia, and Todd Grant Clendening, son of Claude and Jewel Clendening of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, were united in marriage April 2. The ceremony was performed by Don Mears, pastor of the Kelowna church. Selena Andres, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Gary Hiebert was best man. The couple live in Kelowna.



STEPHEN & CHRISTINE McCANN

Christine Ann Smithburger, daughter of James and Ann Smithburger of Gibbon Glade, Pennsylvania, and Stephen Robert McCann, son of Robert and Lois McCann of Jefferson, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage June 26. The ceremony was performed by Tom Smith, pastor of the Washington, Pennsylvania, church. Kimberly McCann, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Jim Smithburger, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple live in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.



PHILIP & VERONICA KENNEDY

Veronica Maree Miller, daughter of Geoff and Elizabeth Miller of Devonport, Australia, and Philip Robert Kennedy, son of John and Margaret Kennedy of Melbourne, Australia, were united in marriage Sept. 11. The ceremony was performed by Rodney McQueen, pastor of the Tasmanian churches. The couple live in London, England.



JIM & STELLA ORZECH

Stella Joanna Goldby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay A. Goldby of Poway, California, and Jim Brian Orzech, son of Lucy and Julius Orzech of Chicago, Illinois, were united in marriage June 5. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, a minister in the Escondido, California, church. Katie Goldby was maid of honor, and Dan Orzech was best man. The couple live in Vista, California.

Anniversaries



BERT & TOBI BURBACH

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LEROY & ROSE MARIE HANSEN

Leroy and Rose Marie Hansen of Union, New Jersey, South celebrated their 45th anniversary Oct. 15. They have two sons, Leonard and Roy; two daughters, Bonnie and Ann Marie; one daughter-in-law, Jennifer; two sons-in-law, Eric and Bob; and four grandchildren, Laura, Andy, Steve and Joshua.



CARL & JO ANDERSON

Carl and Jo Anderson of Seattle, Washington, celebrated their 40th anniversary Oct. 17. They have one son, Bruce; and one daughter, Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson serve as local church elder and deaconess.



LOYD & JO HOWELL

Loyd and Jo Howell of Waynesboro, Tennessee, celebrated their 40th anniversary Sept. 24. They have two daughters, Vicky and Pam; a son, Jeff; a daughter-in-law, Phyllis; and a granddaughter, Kelbie. Mr. Howell is a deacon in the Florence, Alabama, church.



MAURO & VITA SIMONE

Mauro and Vita Simone of Winter Park, Florida, celebrated their 40th anniversary Sept. 5. They have two children, Joseph and Dale; two daughters-in-law, Katie and Patty; and two grandchildren, Randy and Delonna.



ED & JAN MURPHY

Ed and Jan Murphy of Post Falls, Idaho, celebrated their 35th anniversary Sept. 19. They have a son, Patrick; a daughter-in-law, Janna; a daughter, Dawn Wheeler; a son-in-law, Mark; a grandson, Neil Wheeler; and five granddaughters, Brandi, Riane, Robyn and Kerry Ann Murphy, and Brenn Wheeler. The Murphys serve as deacon and deaconess.



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HAROLD & VIRGINIA BAKER

Harold and Virginia Baker of Murphy, North Carolina, celebrated their 35th anniversary Sept. 5. They have a son, Greg; a daughter-in-law, Kathy; and two granddaughters, Olivia Katherine and Autumn Grace.

Robert and Mary K. Adams of Las Vegas, Nevada, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 19. They have a daughter, Kathy; and a son-in-law, Andre.



JIMMIE & BETTY COOKMAN

Jimmie and Betty Cookman of Phoenix, Arizona, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 13. They have six children, Tobin, Jennifer, Tonya, John, Trina and Teresa; and three grandchildren, Natalie, Narelle and Jimmy D.



JIM & ANNE SULLIVAN

Jim and Anne Sullivan of Kenosha, Wisconsin, celebrated their 30th anniversary Nov. 7. They have three children, Brian James, William James and Trina Sue Kohler; a son-in-law, Roger Kohler; and two grandchildren, Aaron and Amanda.

Jack and Margaret "Marge" Childers of Clintwood, Virginia, celebrated their 30th anniversary Aug. 28. They have a daughter, Lisa; and

a son-in-law, Jay Rosenthal.



JIM & SANDY MAYFIELD

Jim and Sandy Mayfield of Charleston, West Virginia, celebrated their 30th anniversary Aug. 3. They have two daughters, Emma Lee and Elizabeth; two sons-in-law, Paul David Kurts and Steven Gill; and two granddaughters, Sarah and LeeAnna Gill.



RAY & KAY WILKERSON

Ray and Kay Wilkerson of Madisonville, Kentucky, celebrated their 30th anniversary Sept. 5. They have three children, Serena Gehlhausen, Chris and Janet Wilkerson; a son-in-law, Kurt Gehlhausen; a daughter-in-law, Tammy; and two step-granddaughters.



GARY & WILMA MINTER

Gary and Wilma Minter of Acworth, Georgia, celebrated their 25th anniversary Sept. 19. They have one daughter, Tracey.



TED & ANLACY RALPH

Ted and Anlacy Ralph of Miami,

Florida, celebrated their 25th anniversary Sept. 20. They have three children, David, Jonathan and Lisa.



DAVID & LYNN SANDLAND

David and Lynn Sandland of Sydney, Australia, celebrated their 25th anniversary Oct. 7. They have five children, Carl, Michelle, Laura, Benjamin (deceased) and Travis.



TOM & SUE BLACK

Tom and Sue Black of San Dimas, California, celebrated their 25th anniversary Sept. 21. They have two daughters, Stephanie and Meredith; and a son, Ryan.



BILL & NOREEN LEE

Bill and Noreen Lee of Cambridge, England, celebrated their 25th anniversary July 5. They have two sons, Martin, and Matthew (deceased).

Anniversaries Made of Gold



ROY & DOROTHY HUDSON

Roy and Dorothy Hudson of Detroit, Michigan, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary Oct. 10. They have two daughters, three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.



OLIVER & HOPE BRECTO

Oliver and Hope Brecto of Eugene, Oregon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 8. They have three children, Gary, Mark and Vicki; two daughters-in-law, Ruth and Cami; a son-in-law, Dave Lanham; and three granddaughters, Celeste, Nicole and April.

Obituaries

HELTON, Grace, 91, of Amarillo, Texas, died Oct. 15. She is survived by a son, Horace H.; a brother, A.T. Burks; two sisters, Tolene Marie Fuller and Anna Faye Thompson; and one grandson.

RUCH, Harmon "Pete," 84, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, died Sept. 21 of Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his brother, Vincent; a sister, Lillian Schott; a daughter, Roberta McCreary; and three grandchildren.

RUCH, Sarah "Sally," 83, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, died Sept. 22, one day after her husband, Harmon, died. She is survived by a sister, Jessie Clark; a daughter, Roberta McCreary; and three grandchildren.

SEARCY, Annie, 80, of Eden, North Carolina, died Aug. 4 of congestive

heart failure. She is survived by a son, Ken.

WYLIE, Phyllis "Julia," 79, of St. John's, Newfoundland, died Oct. 5. She is survived by two daughters, JoAnn Tilley and Sandra Warr; two sons-in-law, Merv Tilley and Charles Warr; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

AYALA, Angel, 79, of Big Sandy died Oct. 18. He is survived by some nieces in Mexico.

JAMES, Eleanor Elizabeth "Peggy," 77, of Cardiff, Wales, died of heart failure Oct. 20. She is survived by a brother, Gwyn Evans.

CAMPBELL, James, 71, of Antrim, Northern Ireland, died of pneumonia Oct. 31. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; and two daughters, Lila and Moya.

JOYNER, Parker, 67, of Stokesdale, North Carolina, died Aug. 11 of a brain tumor. He is survived by his wife, Lucie; six sons; one daughter; and 18 grandchildren.

SELPH, George Booker, 66, of Middletown, Virginia, died Sept. 4. He is survived by a brother, Andrew; a sister, Shirley Fomess; two half-sisters, Elizabeth Berry and Ethel Michael; and a half-brother, Melvin King.

CALL, Mary Josephine, 65, of Abingdon, Virginia, died Oct. 16 of complications from diabetes. She is survived by a son, Roger; two daughters, Mary C. Foran and Virginia Cumbow; her mother; four brothers; five sisters; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ezra.

JONES, Edna, 63, of Greensboro, North Carolina, died Aug. 29 of cancer. She is survived by one son, one daughter and many grandchildren.

ADKINS, Ray, 61, of Phoenix, Arizona, died Aug. 24 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). He is survived by his wife, Marian, and one sister.

CLEVELAND, Martha, 53, of Gladeview, Texas, died Oct. 8 of cancer. She is survived by two sons, Kevin Leonard and Richard Wayne; three daughters, Tamara C. Brown, Rachel and Helena Cleveland; her mother, Martha Leonard; four brothers, Ben Jr., David, William and Allen; two sisters, Lucretia Kellers and Elaine Mitchell; and two grandchildren.

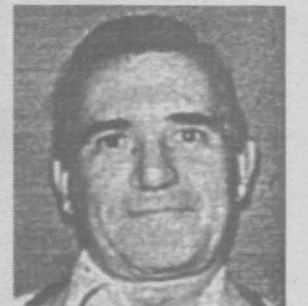
WILSON, Ernestine, 48, of Danville, Virginia, died Aug. 6 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Reuban; two daughters, Ahsaki Bethel and

Atiya Wilson; two stepdaughters, Dawn Chasion and Dorchelle Booket; and her stepfather, Lester Dillard.

LAWRENCE, Linda Lee, 42, of Pulaski, Tennessee, died Oct. 3 of cancer. She is survived by her daughter, Heather St. Charles; her mother, Marion Brymer; two brothers, Tony and Mike; and by her grandmother.

MULLINS, Hoyt, of Pound, Virginia, died Oct. 12 of a brain tumor. He is survived by his wife, Rachel; two sons, Jay and Mark; two daughters, Kathy Dingus and Anna Stillwell; his mother, Orpha Mullins; a sister, Shirley Lowery; two brothers, Kenny and Rodney; and six grandchildren.

McKESSOR, Winifred E., of Arlington, Virginia, died Aug. 12 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Robert.



WALTER BARON

BARON, Walter, of Hollywood, Florida, died July 4. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; one sister; and one brother.

OLSON, Harold A., of Hillpoint, Wisconsin, died Aug. 31 of pneumonia after a stroke. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; four daughters, Sylvia Remick, Brenda Honer, Susan Mork and Diane Olson; six grandchildren, Bonnie and Darren Honer, Rebecca and Renee Hines, and Edward and Bradley; four brothers; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

WALTER, Lytwynka, of Edmonton, Alberta, died Aug. 10 of a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Hertha; a daughter, Christine; a sister and a brother-in-law, Mary and Jim Griffiths; and a nephew, Jimmy.

BLAXLAND, Harry William of Clam Harbour, Nova Scotia, died Aug. 25. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; four brothers; three daughters; one son; and eight grandchildren.

Gift Matching

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- Millipore Corp.
- Milton Bradley Co.
- Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Co.
- Mississippi Power & Light Co.
- Mississippi Power Co.
- The MITRE Corp.
- Mitsubishi International Corp.
- Mobil Oil Corp.
- Moen Inc.
- Monroe Auto Equipment Co.
- Monsanto Co.
- The Montana Power Co.
- Montgomery Ward & Co. Inc.
- MOOG Inc.
- Moore McCormack Resources, Inc.
- Morgan Construction Co.
- J.P. Morgan & Co. Inc.
- Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.
- Morrison Knudsen Corp.
- Morse Shoe, Inc.
- Morton International, Inc.
- Motorola, Inc.
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- Murphy Oil Corp.
- Mutual of America
- Mutual of New York
- Mutual of Omaha

- NBD Bancorp, Inc.
- NBD Indiana, Inc.
- NCR Corp.
- NRC, Inc.
- The NWNL Cos., Inc.
- NACCO Industries, Inc.
- Nalco Chemical Co.
- National City Corp.
- National Gypsum Co.
- National Intergroup, Inc.
- National Medical Enterprises, Inc.
- National Starch and Chemical Co.
- National Steel Corp.
- National Westminster Bancorp
- NationsBank Corp.
- NationsCredit Corp.
- Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co.
- Neles-Jamesbury
- Nepera, Inc.
- New England Business Service, Inc.
- The New England Education Loan Marketing Corp.
- New England Electric System Cos.
- New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.
- New Jersey National Bank
- New Jersey Natural Gas Co.
- New York Life Insurance Co.
- New York State Electric & Gas Corp.
- New York Stock Exchange, Inc.
- The New York Times Co.
- The New Yorker Magazine, Inc.
- Newmont Mining Corp.
- Nike, Inc.
- The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation
- Nordson Corp.
- Norfolk Southern Corp.
- Northeast Utilities
- Northern Illinois Gas
- Northern States Power Co.
- Northern Telecom, Inc.
- The Northern Trust Co.

- Northwest Industries, Inc.
- Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.
- Norton Co.
- W.W. Norton & Co., Inc.
- Norwest Bank Colorado
- Norwest Corp.
- Noxell Corp.
- The NutraSweet Co.
- John Nuveen & Co. Inc.
- NYNEX Corp.

- O
- Occidental Petroleum Corp.
- Ohio Bell Telephone Co.
- The Ohio National Life Insurance Co.
- Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co.
- Olin Corp.
- OMNI Construction, Inc.
- Ontario Corp.
- Openaka Corp., Inc.
- Oregon Portland Cement Co.
- Osram Sylvania Inc.
- Otter Tail Power Co.
- Outboard Marine Corp.
- Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp.
- Owens-Illinois, Inc.
- Oxford Industries, Inc.
- OXY USA Inc.

- P
- PCL Constructors Inc.
- PHH Corp.
- PNC Bank, Kentucky, Inc.
- PPG Industries, Inc.
- PO Corp.
- Paacor Inc.
- Pacific Enterprises
- Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co.
- Pacific Telesis Group
- Pan-American Life Insurance Co.
- Panhandle Eastern Corp.
- Paramount Communications Inc.
- Parker-Hannifin Corp.
- The Paul Revere Cos.
- Pearle Health Services, Inc.
- Pechiney Corp.
- Pella Corp.
- Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.
- J.C. Penney Co., Inc.
- Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.
- Pennzoil Co.
- People's Bank
- Peoples Energy Corp.
- PepsiCo, Inc.
- The Perkin-Elmer Corp.
- PET Inc.
- Peterson Consulting Limited Partnership
- Pfizer Inc.
- Phelps Dodge Corp.
- Philip Morris Cos. Inc.
- Phillips Electronics North America Corp.
- Phillips Petroleum Co.
- Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Co.
- Piedmont Aviation, Inc.
- The Pinkerton Tobacco Co.
- The Pioneer Group, Inc.
- Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
- Pitney Bowes Inc.
- Pittsburgh National Bank
- Pittston Co.
- Pittway Corp.
- Plante & Moran, CPA's
- Pogo Producing Co.
- Polaroid Corp.

- Pope & Talbot, Inc.
- Pottlatch Corp.
- Preferred Risk Group
- Prefomed Line Products Co.
- Premark International, Inc.
- Price & Pierce International Inc.
- Price Brothers Co.
- T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.
- Price Waterhouse
- The Principal Financial Group
- The Procter & Gamble Co.
- The Promus Cos.
- Protection Mutual Insurance Co.
- Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co.
- Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia
- Provident National Bank
- The Prudential Insurance Co. of America
- Public Service Co. of Colorado
- Public Service Electric and Gas Co.
- Puget Sound Power & Light Co.
- Purolator Products Co.

- Q
- Quaker Chemical Corp.
- The Quaker Oats Co.
- Quaker State Corp.

- R
- R.J.R. Nabisco, Inc.
- RKO General, Inc.
- RLI Insurance Co.
- Rand McNally
- Raytheon Co.
- Reader's Digest Association, Inc.
- Redlands Federal Bank
- Reichhold Chemicals, Inc.
- The Reliable Life Insurance Co.
- Reliance Electric Co.
- Reliance Insurance Cos.
- Republic National Bank of New York
- The Research Institute of America
- Revlon, Inc.
- Rexham Corp.
- Rexnord Corp.
- Reynolds Metals Co.
- Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Inc.
- Riviana Foods Inc.
- Rochester Midland Corp.
- The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Inc.
- Rockefeller Family & Associates
- The Rockefeller Group
- Rockwell International Corp.
- Rohm and Haas Co.
- Rohr, Inc.
- Rolling Thunder, Inc.
- ROLM, A Siemens Co.
- Rospatch Corp.
- Ross, Johnston & Kersting, Inc.
- Royal Insurance
- Rubbermaid Inc.
- Ryco Division, Reilly-Whiteman, Inc.
- Ryder System, Inc.

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- SDS Biotech Corp.
- SKF USA Inc.
- SPS Technologies, Inc.
- SPX Corp.
- Safeco Corp.
- The St. Paul Cos.
- Salomon Inc.
- Sandoz Corp.
- Santa Fe Pacific Corp.

- Sanwa Bank California
- Sara Lee Corp.
- Schering-Plough Corp.
- Schlegel Corp.
- Schulman Management Corp.
- Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
- Scientific Brake & Equipment Co.
- Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.
- Scott, Foresman and Co.
- Scripps Howard, Inc.
- Seafirst Bank
- Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc.
- Sealed Air Corp.
- Sealright Co., Inc.
- G.D. Searle & Co.
- Security Van Lines, Inc.
- Security-Connecticut Life Insurance Co.
- Sedgwick James, Inc.
- Seton Co.
- Shaklee Corp.
- Shawmut National Corp.
- Shearson Lehman Brothers, Inc.
- Sheldahl, Inc.
- Shell Oil Co.
- Shenandoah Life Insurance Co.
- The Sherwin-Williams Co.
- Shin-Etsu Silicones of America, Inc.
- Siemens Corp.
- Siemens Energy & Automation, Inc.
- Sierra Pacific Resources
- Sifco Industries, Inc.
- Signet Banking Corp.
- Sigri Great Lakes Carbon Corp.
- Simpson Investment Co.
- Skinner Corp.
- Smith International, Inc.
- SmithKline Beecham
- SNET
- Society Corp.
- Somers Corp. (Mersman/Waldron)
- Sonat Inc.
- Sonoco Products Co.
- Sony Corp. of America
- South-Western Publishing Co.
- Southeast Bank, N.A.
- Southern California Edison Co.
- Southwestern Bell Corp.
- Spiegel, Inc.
- Spring Arbor Distribution Co.
- Springs Industries, Inc.
- Sprint Corp.
- Square D Co.
- A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co.
- Standard Insurance Co.
- The Standard Products Co.
- Stanhome, Inc.
- The Stanley Works
- Star Enterprise
- State Farm Insurance Cos.
- State Mutual Life Assurance Co. of America
- State Street Bank & Trust Co.
- Stauffer Communications, Inc.
- Steel Heddle Manufacturing Co.
- Steelcase Inc.
- Sterling Winthrop Inc.
- Stone & Webster, Inc.
- The Stop & Shop Cos., Inc.
- The Stride Rite Corp.
- Student Loan Marketing Association
- Subaru of America
- Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada
- Sun Microsystems, Inc.
- Super Valu Stores, Inc.
- Susquehanna Investment Group

- Swank, Inc.
- Swiss American Securities Inc.
- Syntax Corp.

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- 20th Century Insurance Co.
- 3M
- TCF Financial Corp.
- TRW Inc.
- TTX Co.
- Tambrands Inc.
- Tandy Corp.
- The Teagle Foundation, Inc.
- Technometrics, Inc.
- Tektronix, Inc.
- Teledyne, Inc.
- Temple-Inland Inc.
- TENNANT
- Tenneco Inc.
- Tesoro Petroleum Corp.
- Tetley Inc.
- Texaco Inc.
- Texas Commerce Bank Houston
- Texas Gas Transmission Corp.
- Texas Instruments Inc.
- Textron Inc.
- Thomas & Betts Corp.
- Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc.
- J. Walter Thompson Co
- Tietex Corp.
- Time Warner Inc.
- Times Mirror
- Times Publishing Co.
- The Toro Co.
- The Torrington Co.
- Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby
- Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
- Transamerica Corp.
- Transco Energy Co.
- Transtar, Inc.
- Travelers Express Co., Inc.
- Treadway Cos., Inc.
- Trenco Inc.
- TRINOVA Corp.
- Triskelion Ltd.
- Trust Co. Bank, Atlanta
- The Turner Corp.

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- UGI Corp.
- UJB Financial Corp.
- U.S. Bancorp
- USA WEST, Inc.
- USA GROUP, Inc.
- USG Corp.
- USL Capital
- USLIFE Corp.
- UST, Inc.
- USX Corp.
- Unilever United States, Inc.
- Union Camp Corp.
- The Union Central Life Insurance Co.
- Union Electric Co.
- Union Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
- Union Pacific Corp.
- United Engineers & Constructors, Inc.
- United Fire & Casualty Co.
- United Parcel Service
- United Services Automobile Association
- United States Borax Inc.
- United States Fidelity and Guaranty Corp.
- United States Trust Co. of New York
- United Technologies Corp.
- Untrin, Inc.

- Universal Foods Corp.
- Unocal Corp.
- UNUM Corp.
- The Upjohn Co.
- Utah International Inc.
- Utica National Insurance Group

- V
- Valero Energy Corp.
- Valley Bancorp.
- Vanguard Group, Inc.
- Varian Associates, Inc.
- Victualic Co. of America
- Virginia Power/North Carolina Power
- Vulcan Materials Co.

- W
- WMX Technologies, Inc.
- Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, N.A. (Wachovia Corp.)
- Wachovia Bank of Georgia, N.A.
- Wallace & Wallace Ltd.
- The Wallingford Steel Co.
- Warnaco
- Warner-Lambert Co.
- Washington National Insurance Co.
- The Washington Post Co.
- Watkins-Johnson Co.
- Wausau Insurance Cos.
- C.J. Webb, Inc.
- Welch Foods Inc.
- Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
- Wenzell International Corp.
- West One Bancorp
- WestStar Bank, n.a.
- Western Life Insurance Co.
- Western Publishing Co., Inc.
- Westinghouse Electric Corp.
- Weyerhaeuser Co.
- Wheat, First Securities, Inc.
- Wheelabrator Technologies Inc.
- Whirlpool Corp.
- White Consolidated Industries, Inc.
- Whitman Corp.
- Whittaker Corp.
- John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Publishers
- Williams Industries, Inc.
- Williams & Co., Inc.
- The Williams Cos., Inc.
- Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.
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Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Good news from Angola

Ministers **Jacques Brunet** and **Bill Bentley** baptized 25 people in Angola in October. Mr. Brunet, pastor of the French-speaking Brussels, Belgium, church, contacted the handful of French-speaking people in Angola who had requested visits over the years.

However, Angola, a country in southwestern Africa torn apart by civil war for more than 21 years, is primarily Portuguese-speaking, and the Church had received visit requests from Portuguese-speaking Angolans. Mr. Bentley, associate pastor of the Ottawa, Cornwall and Smiths Falls, Ontario, churches, who speaks Portuguese, met Mr. Brunet in Angola.

Since Mr. Bentley's visa did not arrive in time, Mr. Brunet was there by himself on the first Sabbath, Oct. 8. He didn't know how many of the roughly 50 invitation letters announcing a public lecture Oct. 8 had reached their addressees.

The morning of the lecture was full of crises. The hotel had forgotten the booking, but a hall seating 150 was hastily prepared. Just before the meeting, Mr. Brunet was stuck between floors in an elevator. When he finally got unstuck and made his way to the meeting room, he was shocked to see every seat filled and a line forming down the hallway. He conducted three public lectures that day for 484 people.

On the second Sabbath, Oct. 15, Mr. Brunet and Mr. Bentley conducted services in two locations: one for a group of 100 people and another for 350 people. These people are well-read,

many having accepted Church doctrines before the ministers met them. They are hoping to keep the Holy Days in Angola for the first time next year.

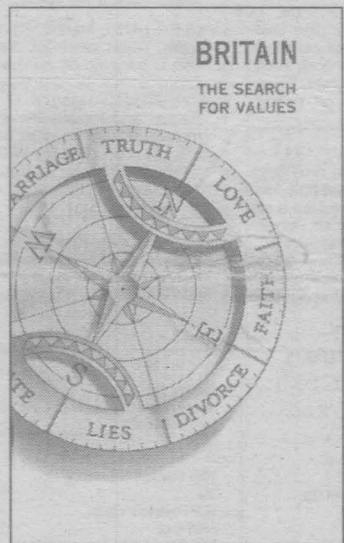
Last fall **Robert Klynsmith**, a minister from the Church's Cape Town, South Africa, Office, met in Windhoek, Namibia, with an individual from Angola. He represented a group of about 300 Angolans who consider themselves part of the Worldwide Church of God. However, they live deep in rebel-held territory and cannot be visited at this time.

Please continue to pray for the Church's work in Angola. *Randal Dick.*

New booklet in Britain eyes biblical values

BOREHAMWOOD, England—*Britain: the Search for Values* is the title of a new booklet designed for the reading audience in Britain.

It is one of the few pieces of literature the Church has ever made available that has been designed for a specific region, as well as having been written, produced and



printed in that region.

The booklet came off the press Nov. 4 just in time for the first open house services in Britain. Visitors picked up copies at services in Bristol and Nottingham.

"The *Values* booklet was very well received," said pastor **John Meakin**. "The fact that we have produced a booklet for the UK specifically went over very well. The booklet publicly positions the Church strongly in support of biblical values—exactly where we should be."

The booklet will be sent to all members in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Since it is directed to them, it will not be generally available through most of our world-



MEDAL OF MERIT—Moislle Ann Clement, a member in the Trinidad and Tobago church, receives the country's Public Service Medal of Merit from President Noor Hassanali Aug. 31. Mrs. Clement was honored for her service to the hearing impaired. [Photo by Max Lai Leung]

wide mailing addresses. *John Ross Schroeder.*

New toll-free phone number for members

We have installed a new phone number to improve service for members and co-workers. The number is **1-800-924-4644** and is available during our office hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time. (After hours, our answering service takes messages.)

Please use this new number when you call Pasadena for address changes, location of churches, ministers' phone numbers, literature requests, donation information or any questions or problems. To help expedite your call, please have your PIN (personal identification number) available.

By using 1-800-924-4644, you benefit both yourself and us. You are guaranteed to get an operator (if you are calling during business hours) instead of a recording asking you to leave a message.

You help us by freeing up the regular literature request lines (especially 1-800-423-4444) to receive more calls from the Church's media programs. If you are coincidentally calling during a spot ad, and you use the literature request line instead of the line we have dedicated for your use, some of the spot ad calls may receive a busy signal.

Toll-free numbers used in Telephone Response

You may have noticed that the Church uses different toll-free numbers in our various advertisements. The Telephone Response section of the Mail Processing Center answers 28 toll-free numbers. These help us keep track of media effectiveness.

The number of toll-free numbers varies according to need, but the uses in September were as follows: U.S. spot ads—18 numbers; U.S. television—one; *Plain Truth*, *Youth 94* and booklets—one; Canadian television—two; Canadian spot ads—four; *Reader's Digest*—one; member line—one.

Employees, ministers honored for 25 years

Russell Duke, chair of the

Ambassador University Theology Department, and his wife, **Phyllis**, were honored for 25 years of service Aug. 27.

William Stenger, associate dean of Academic Affairs, and **Larry Haworth**, assistant professor of physical education, and his wife, **Mary**, were honored Nov. 8.

Honored in England were **Mrs. Ronwen Mudford**, who worked in the Mail Processing Department; and **Anthony Lodge**, a local elder and production and mailing manager for *The Plain Truth*.

Traveling Barnraisers

GIG HARBOR, Washington—Traveling Barnraisers, a group of six Church youths, traveled to 18 states for six weeks last summer doing work projects for Church members.

Church families fed and housed the youths while they worked for them. Among their projects: in Wyoming they helped clean up a ranch for a YOU camp; in Texas they hoed weeds from a cotton field; in Illinois, Michigan and South Dakota, they helped families build new homes; and in Montana they did repair work on a building to be used for church services.

The 1993 Feast film on community service inspired **Joel Hilliker**, 22, with the idea of traveling volunteerism. He and his sister, **Amy**, wrote letters to about 20 friends and 50 church areas asking for their participation.

The rest of the group—**David Patten**, **Vickie Baker**, **Danielle Palser** and **Zrinka Pratezina**—was assembled and response came trickling in.

The Barnraisers plan to make a similar trip next summer. For more information on participating or to send a group to your area, write to Traveling Barnraisers, 1117 Waugh Rd., Mount Vernon, Washington, 98273.

HAWKINS, Texas—**Leif Bjoraker**, a 1994 Hawkins High School graduate, won more than \$20,000 worth of computer-aided-design software by placing third in the nation in the Technology

Student Association computer-aided-design contest last summer in Orlando, Florida.

At the national competition Leif had four hours to draw the assigned problem. To advance to the national level, Leif had to place first at the state level.

Leif is the son of **Don** and **Gladys Bjoraker** of the Big Sandy P.M. church

International PT editor interviews theologian

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania—**Neil Earle**, *Plain Truth* international editor, visited here Oct. 19 to 23 to interview **Jurgen Moltmann**, an internationally published theologian and philosopher.

"Here is a man who has become famous for articulating a solid and defensible biblically-based world view and a writer we can quote in *The Plain Truth*, who is respected in his field on both sides of the Atlantic."

Mr. Earle presented a slide show on *Plain Truth* policies and procedures. He visited the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania, congregations on the Sabbath, Oct. 22.

"Seeing the brethren always makes you aware of who our real supporters and audience are. Our people do look to headquarters for inspiration and direction," said Mr. Earle.

"I was particularly pleased to see such fine attitudes and to sense that the members there have seemed to come through the economic adjustments that affected this region in the 1970s and 1980s."

Mother's survival guide

SEWARD, Alaska—*A Mother's Survival in an Alien Wilderness*, a biography of member **Violet Kielczewski** (see July 12 *WN*) is available by sending \$13.95 and \$1.50 postage and handling to Elnora Moe, P.O. Box 1164, Seward, Alaska, 99664, telephone 1-907-224-3781.

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Annual receipts

The Mail Processing Center plans to mail 1994 annual receipts to members in the United States in mid-January. They will be mailed first class and should arrive at most homes by the end of January.

All U.S. donations must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be eligible for a 1994 receipt. Contributions mailed after that time will be posted on 1995 records.

Anyone in the United States who has not received his or her receipt by the first week in February should telephone Mail Processing. The toll-free number is 1-800-924-4644. Please ask for Donation File.