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## Church sends food, supplies after quake hits Philippines

By Paul Monteith

MANILA, Philippines—The regional office here is intact and the staff uninjured after the July 16 earthquake that measured 7.7 on the Richter scale, according to Paul Kieffer, regional director.

More than 1,600 died in the quake.

"As far as we know, none of the members or their properties in the Metro Manila area were adversely affected," Mr. Kieffer said. "The story is quite different to the north."

The quake was epicentered about 40 miles north of Manila, in the city of Cabanatuan.

Authorities have also confirmed that "Baguio City was hit by two earthquakes on July 16," said Mr. Kieffer.

July 21 Mr. Kieffer called Medardo Maninang, pastor of the Baguio and Mankayan churches, who said that a prospective member, Peter Tanteco, was killed when the Hyatt Hotel collapsed. Mr. Tanteco was employed in the hotel's accounting department.

"We still have no word from about 50 brethren in the Mankayan church, which is about 100 kilometers north of Baguio. Roads are blocked and there is no communication," said Mr. Kieffer.

Relief operations to Baguio are under way. Government helicopters and C-130 transport planes are flying in tons of food, but food is still in short supply.

Mr. Kieffer said: "Mr. Maninang and his family of six, received a kilo of rice and a can of sardines for the entire week. Another member reported that he and his family had received only two cups of rice."

"Those stores which are open have run out of food and the things that they are selling are priced 50 percent higher than normal," he continued.

In Baguio "the water system is not functioning and there is no electricity in some parts of the city."

"Members are sleeping outside at

night in 50 degree Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius) temperatures because they are afraid to return to their homes, some of which are unsafe," said Mr. Kieffer.

"The sewage system is not functioning, garbage is not being collected and bodies are lying in the ruins of the destroyed buildings."

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want to do so should include an extra amount with their regular tithes and offerings, according to evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International.

Mr. Salyer requested that the brethren not specifically earmark their donations to the Philippines.

"Doing so, dramatically increases the cost of accounting for the donations, thus reducing the amount that can be used in the relief effort," Mr. Salyer said. "In addition, earmarking a donation for a specific use may preclude us from using it in the most effective way."

Mr. Salyer expressed his appreciation for brethren coming to the aid of their Philippine family.

Mr. Kieffer has heard from Pacifico Magno, pastor of the Tarlac and Cabanatuan churches, and Mr. Salisipan, pastor of the Laoag City and San Fernando churches.

They "reported that to their knowledge none of our members were hurt. Although three members in Mr. Salisipan's area suffered the loss of their homes," Mr. Kieffer said.

Honesto Rustia Jr., pastor of the Santiago, Roxas and Tuguegarao churches in northeastern Luzon, was in Manila when the quake hit. Mr. Rustia returned to his home in the Cagayan Valley on July 19 and reported that "the quake damage in his area was only slight with none of the brethren injured."

"Ireneo Marquez, pastor of the Dagupan church, has been able to contact the Philippine Office," Mr. Kieffer continued. "The area has been hard hit, with 80 percent of the buildings considered unusable. However, none of the members were injured, and property damage was limited to one woman's home being destroyed and she lives in the U.S."

Because of the extensive damage to Baguio the Feast site there is closed to all international transfers. The Hyatt Terraces and Nevada Hotel, where most of the overseas guests were to be housed, are heavily damaged.

Those who had planned to keep the Feast in Baguio should make al-

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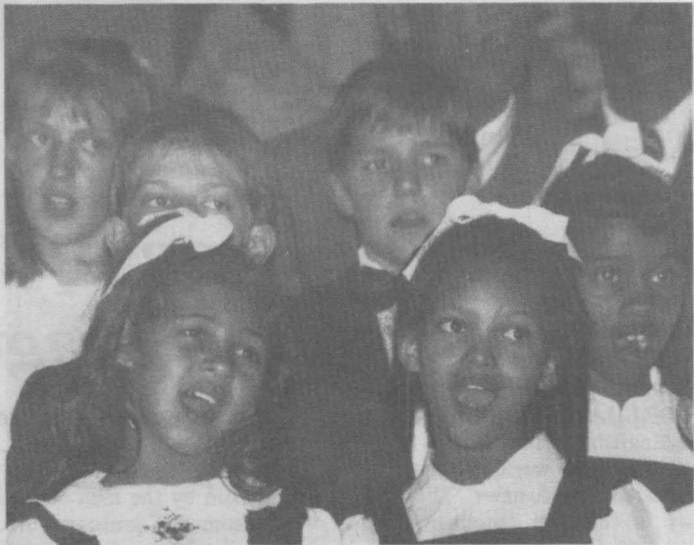
Pampanga and Angeles churches, delivered a van load of food and water, water treatment tablets and 80 liters of gasoline to the Maninangs July 21.

Mr. Kieffer said: "Mr. Maninang has distributed the food, and today [July 23] we are sending up Edmond Macaraeg, pastor of the San Pedro, Imus, Lucena City and Pinalayan, churches, with three vans loaded with blankets, used clothing for the cool weather, more gasoline and more water treatment tablets. There is a danger of a typhoid epidemic."

"We will continue to send up food from the neighboring pastorate of San Fernando, La Union, Rodolfo Salisipan's area, as often as it is needed."

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach will send a contribution to the Philippine people on behalf of the Church. Also, the Church will continue to provide assistance to the brethren.

Some U.S. brethren have expressed their desire to assist in the relief effort. U.S. brethren who



**FAMILY GATHERING**—Top: After July 14 services in the Pretoria, South Africa, City Hall, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach meets with brethren and poses for a group photo with the Matthee family. Above: Children's choir in Cape Town performs special music July 15. [Photos by Dean Nicolau and Frank Nelte]

## Mr. Tkach Returns to Pasadena After Trip to Africa and England

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach completed a 22-day trip July 8 to 30, after visiting Johannesburg, Cape Town, East London and Durban, South Africa; Mauritius; Malawi; Kenya; and London.

He spoke to about 175 brethren in East London, July 17, then left for Durban, where he was host to a dinner for ministers and their wives July 18, and spoke to 400 brethren the next evening.

He spent the Sabbath, July 21, in Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, addressing about 100 members and families at afternoon services. The next day he spoke in Malawi and continued on to Mombasa, Kenya, and Monte Carlo, Monaco.

July 24 he conducted an annual general meeting in London, and spoke to brethren on the Sabbath, July 28. Mr. Tkach returned to Pasadena after fuel stops in Ireland and Newfoundland and clearing customs in Minnesota.

## Major magazines carry PT ads

PASADENA—The *Plain Truth* magazine is being advertised in several magazines in the United States this summer.

"Some of these ads will be appealing to readers of publications we might not normally reach through other more traditional media," said Ray Wright, manager of

Media Planning & Promotion.

The ads, running from May through October, appear in *Harper's*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Time*, *TV Guide*, *Reader's Digest* and *Business Week*, with a combined audience of 37 million readers.

"Even to maintain a reduced *Plain Truth* circulation level you still have to advertise," said Boyd Leeson, *Plain Truth* circulation manager. "If you don't, the circulation level will drop below what you are planning for."

Mr. Leeson said that cost-per-response for the ads is lower than direct mail.

"We are getting a super response, though space advertising is relatively new to us because we haven't advertised for so long."

The last advertisement for Church literature appeared in *Reader's Digest* in 1985.

The ads were developed to appeal

specifically to readers of each magazine.

An ad titled "The Four Major Trends That Will Reshape Your Future" will appear in the business and news magazines.

The ad shows how *The Plain Truth* deals with important issues such as the global economy, European unity, Mideast tensions and changing values, said Mr. Leeson.

*Better Homes & Gardens* will run the ad titled "Searching for Answers?", which features a contemplative businesswoman.

The text describes how the magazine is a thought-provoking publication offering solutions to life's important and perplexing issues.

Mr. Leeson said that in *U.S. News & World Report* "we will conduct an ad test in which the 'Four Trends' ad will be tested

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## PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

There are few greater joys in life than that of finding a loving mate with whom to build the lifelong relationship of marriage.

Marriage is one of the greatest blessings of human life, but, sad to say, and ironically, it can also become one of the greatest curses.

There are a great number of wonderful and happy marriages in God's Church. But, human nature being what it is, there are also numerous marriages with se-

rious problems.

In the rush of romance, two people often look at life and each other through proverbial rose-colored glasses. They tend to see only the positive aspects of the potential mate's personality and character traits. They feel so sure and so right about their decision to marry. Any potential obstacles to compatibility seem unimportant or irrelevant.

What they haven't yet realized is that married life is quite different from courting. When a couple are courting, they tend to

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# Obstacles to German unity crumble

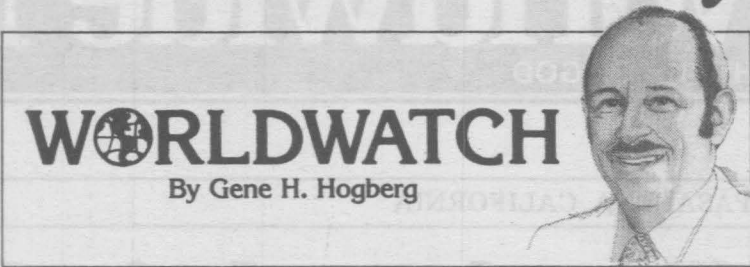
PASADENA—As a result of a series of top-level international conferences German unification is virtually assured by year's end.

The last major obstacles were cleared July 16 and 17. On the latter date, the Polish government declared that it was satisfied with assurances that a united Germany would sign an agreement with it as soon as possible after reunification, relinquishing all German claims to Polish territory that had once been part of the pre-war Reich.

The day before, in an even more significant breakthrough, the governments of the Soviet Union and the Federal Republic of Germany reached an accord that satisfied remaining Soviet reservations about a united Germany being a part of the NATO alliance.

The agreement was announced during a news conference at the Soviet Caucasus resort of Zhelez-novodsk, concluding two days of talks between President Mikhail Gorbachev and visiting West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The breakthrough came after both sides agreed to negotiate a



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

treaty in the near future covering all aspects of their relations. While no details were given, officials said the treaty—which will be in the form of a comprehensive nonaggression and cooperation pact—would provide for substantial German economic and technical assistance to the Soviets.

Equally important, the Germans pledged to limit the size of the combined German military forces to 370,000 personnel and to forswear the production, possession or command of atomic, biological and chemical weapons.

### Gorbachev accepts reality

For Mr. Gorbachev, the agreement represents an abrupt about-

face. Only four months ago he said that NATO membership for a united Germany was out of the question. Now, bowing to the inevitable, he is giving his assent to unity, striking the best deal possible.

Mr. Gorbachev admitted that his talks with Chancellor Kohl had been conducted in "the spirit of that well-known German word, *realpolitik*."

For the Soviet leader, *realpolitik*, or politics based on practical expediency, means that a united Germany holds the key to the success of his program of economic restructuring, or *perestroika*.

Russian reliance on Germany is nothing new. "From the time of Pe-

ter the Great," wrote Serge Schmemmann in the July 18 New York Times, "the Russians have looked to the Germans for technology and organization."

Los Angeles Times correspondent Tyler Marshall said the historic announcement by the two leaders "surprised even their closest aides and left political analysts once again underestimating the pace of events driving Europe forward."

Mr. Marshall added that the agreement represented "the latest and most dramatic example of the power of the idea of German unity . . . an idea that has pushed aside all in its way. . . . Gorbachev became the latest to jump aside rather than be run over in the headlong rush."

### British objections flare

While all is wine and roses between Bonn and Moscow, the same

cannot be said with regard to relations between London and Bonn. Deep-seated British reservations about the changing balance of power in Europe erupted into the open with comments by Britain's Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Nicholas Ridley.

Mr. Ridley (who was forced to resign after his interview in *Spectator* magazine was published) said that plans for a European monetary union amounted to nothing other than "a German racket designed to take over the whole of Europe. It has to be thwarted. This rushed take-over by the Germans on the worst possible basis, with the French behaving like poodles to the Germans, is absolutely intolerable."

In a more reasoned assessment, Mr. Ridley said that the British public would never subject themselves to being controlled by a mon-

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## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



# Eastern Europe opts for English language

important language in the world is.

The true answer would be the one spoken by the man or woman with whom you are communicating at the moment. Statistically speaking, that language is more and more likely to be English.

Whole organizations exist to spread the English language. The London-based English Speaking Union is one such organization.

The growth of English as a world language has been accelerating for quite some time. It is widely understood in Scandinavia. Nearly everyone in Denmark speaks some, if only limited, English. In India it serves as a unifier. The subcontinent has 179 languages. In India's case you need a tongue everybody understands.

Even in French-separatist Quebec, English has undergone something of a renaissance. In communist Cuba, English is pushing out Russian.

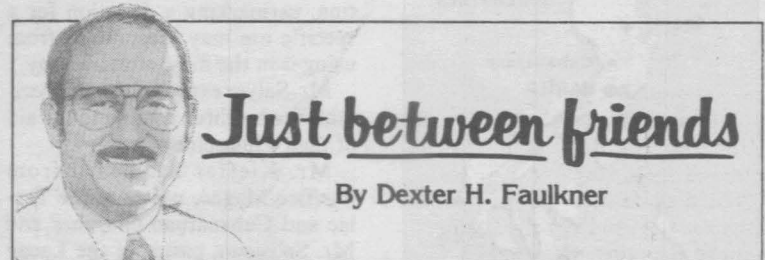
On the negative side, in 1986 Col. Moammar Kadafi suppressed English in Libya. Hundreds of English-language books apparently were burned. He was obviously fighting what he felt to be a powerful force.

English is widely read among Western European executives. In 1985 nearly half of Europe's executive businessmen read at least one English-language periodical. English dominates as the medium of exchange in science, technology, commerce, tourism, diplomacy and pop culture.

Two thousand years ago Greek was the language used to communicate ideas. Its great accuracy was a wonderful tool in discussion and the precise expression of thoughts. It was the main language the apostles used to get the gospel to the first-century world.

Greek was written and spoken by educated people throughout the Roman Empire. The New Testament was written in Greek.

God saw to it that there was one language known to many nations in the first-century world. That language was Greek. Today it is English. This Old World pattern may hold true for our modern world, and for the Work at this time.



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

# Do you reach out?

Several months ago our youngest grandson, David, came over on a Sunday afternoon to play in Opa's backyard. He was playing in the sandbox when all of a sudden he ran into the house with a concerned look on his face.

"Opa, Opa," he said, "my knee hurts." I sat him on my lap and rolled up his pant leg. Sure enough, there was an "owee." After inquiring I found out he and his daddy had been playing basketball and he had fallen down and scraped his knee.

While I consoled him I said that I had done a similar thing earlier in the day and showed him the small cut in my hand. He showed great concern and immediate compassion for my "owee." We both rubbed cocoa butter on each other's wounds.

The next day when we saw each other, he made it a point to reach out and touch my "owee" and asked if it was better. His mommy told me David's concerned about every "owee" we get. He remembers where they are and checks on them every day until they are "much, much better."

My little grandson's concern for other's sufferings made me look at myself. How good am I at reaching out to other people? I asked myself. We live in a society where many people tend to be cold, distant and detached. They're concerned with their own interests in life, their home, their job, their car, their family, their friends.

As the people of God, you and I have to have quite a different approach to life. We have to know how to extend ourselves to others, to reach out and touch someone's life in a positive way.

Do you know how to reach out to others? And do you understand why you need to?

### God reached out

There was a time when we didn't have the knowledge and understanding about God's way of life. Paul reminds us that there was a time when we, too, were "strangers from the covenant of the promise, having no hope, and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12, New King James throughout).

But then something happened. A

wise, merciful and loving God reached out and touched our lives, bringing us out of darkness into his marvelous light. And when he did that, he made it plain, through the example of his son, Jesus Christ, that as the children of light, we, too, must turn around and touch the lives of those around us.

How can we reach out to others? I John 4:19 is a short but very meaningful verse, "We love him because he first loved us." God reached out to us when we were groping in the dark and we had no idea why we were here or where we were going. And we have a responsibility to follow his example.

To reach out to others we have to be willing to give of our time and our material resources. Paul told

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the Ephesians: "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15).

If the days were evil in the time of Paul, what are they now? We're told here to redeem our time and to make the time we have valuable, of use and benefit to ourselves and others.

Before conversion, most of us wasted too much of our lives on material pursuits. On things that were contrary to God's law in many cases. On things that were based on pride and vanity. Now we are to redeem the time, to buy it back, as it were, by using the time that we have left in the fullest possible way.

Notice Proverbs 3:27: "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it,' when you have it with you."

### Do not withhold good

God expects us to reach out to our neighbor, whoever that may be, to

give help and comfort wherever we can, in whatever way we can.

Now, of course, there are many, many ways to do that. For example, do you know of someone who is sick? Maybe you have time to shop for them, wash or iron their clothes, or prepare a meal.

Maybe you could send a get-well card or some flowers. Do what you can to help, brethren, to let that person know that you care.

Do you know someone who is lonely? Well, call them on the phone, encourage them, cheer them up. Do you know someone who's too old to get around very much, housebound, perhaps? Well, visit them once in a while. It may not be much to you, but it would mean a great deal to them. Be willing to share your time and your resources with those in need, brethren.

There's one more vitally important ingredient in reaching out to others. The most important aspect of all is that you must do it with the love of God.

I Corinthians 13 lists love as the greatest gift God can bestow us. No amount of time can acquire it, no amount of money can buy it. It comes to us as a free gift and it must flow through us and on out to others.

John 13:35 makes this very clear: "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Do you love your fellow human beings? Especially those of the household of faith? Are you able to reach out in Christian love, as well as giving others your time and your material resources?

Remember, time alone isn't enough. You can give your time in all kinds of ways. You can serve on moving crews, painting parties, fund raisers, bake sales, socials and picnics. You can serve at all the church functions you want, you can be the last one to leave services every Sabbath, but that's still not enough. Material resources alone aren't enough either.

You can't buy your way into the kingdom of God, no matter how much you give to the Church. No matter how carefully you tithe. No matter how big your offerings are.

You have to give a combination of all three, for your life and its works to have real depth and real meaning in God's eyes. Reach out and touch someone's life. You'll be glad that you did.



## from the Pastor Q&A General's Report

**Should I get a polio vaccine if my child is given one? I have not been vaccinated and I heard I could contract polio if my child is given a vaccine.**

Whether to receive vaccines—or any other medical procedure or drug—must be a personal choice. There are too many medical options and circumstances for the Church to make recommendations for individual cases.

The Church encourages members to gather information to make wise decisions. It is not wise to blindly trust every doctor's recommendation. Nor is it wise to blindly disagree with every doctor.

Many medical procedures, including some vaccines, have been tested for years. Numerous of these have been proven effective in reducing the frequency and severity of various physical, biological or biochemical problems. But almost all medical procedures also include a certain amount of risk for each individual.

There is a certain risk in taking a vaccine, and there is another risk involved in not taking it. Taking a vaccine is not sin, but some, because of conscience or personal choice, may choose to avoid vaccines.

The risks may be different for different vaccines, different in different nations, different for men and women, different for babies, children, adults and senior citizens or because of variation in health history.

With that in mind, we will give more information about polio vaccines, because many have asked about them. There are two types, named after their inventors.

The Salk vaccine uses dead, inactive viruses. It must be injected. The dead viruses help the body know what the "enemy" is. Antibodies will then be formed that fight any future polio virus that might somehow get into the body.

The Sabin vaccine uses live viruses that have been weakened. This vaccine can be swallowed. The

viruses cause a weak infection in the intestines, where—under normal circumstances—they do no harm, but still cause the body to form antibodies that will fight polio viruses.

In the Western world, most polio vaccinations are given to children. Since children generally do not like injections, U.S. medical authorities prefer the Sabin vaccine, and the Salk vaccine is not often used.

In areas where most children have been vaccinated, extremely few get the disease—far fewer than before the vaccines were used. But, ironically, a few—very few—people get polio *because* of the vaccine.

Some medical authorities therefore recommend that anyone in the following categories should avoid the live Sabin vaccine:

- anyone with cancer, leukemia or a disease that lowers the body's resistance to disease

- anyone taking cortisone or any other drug that lowers the body's resistance to disease

- anyone who lives in a household with someone with low resistance to disease

- anyone 18 or older

- pregnant women

- anyone sick with any disease more serious than a cold

**Note for parents who have not been given a polio vaccine:**

Children who have been given a live polio vaccine can give active viruses to others. For four to six

weeks after the child receives the live vaccine, dirty diapers, stools and vomit can contain live viruses. In most cases, this does not cause a problem. But in rare cases it can cause polio disease in an adult or child who has not been vaccinated.

*Parents should take care to ensure that their immunized children do not come in contact with people who have not been immunized. Those not immunized should avoid those immunized with a live virus for up to one month.*

The chances of infection are low enough that the U.S. Public Health Service recommends that children be given the live vaccine anyway. For those who want to reduce this risk, the dead Salk vaccine is still available, although not common.

The Salk vaccine injection is recommended for children who have low resistance to disease or are liv-

ing with someone with low resistance. It is recommended for previously unvaccinated adults who plan to travel to a nation where polio is common, or for previously unvaccinated adults whose children will be given the live vaccine.

The Church does not approve nor disapprove these medical recommendations. We are merely reporting information that some members want to be aware of. The Church is not in the business of making medical decisions.

In Western nations, the risk of catching polio is small, whether the adult receives a vaccine or not. Medical authorities think the risk is smaller if the adult is given a vaccine. Each adult should make his or her own decision.

More information can be obtained from government health departments.

## Quake

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ternate plans to attend another Feast site in the Philippines, or some other Feast site.

In Manila the main area "that was damaged is . . . where the major hotels and the convention center are located," Mr. Kieffer said. "That area is built on reclaimed land. Unfortunately, the Manila Film Cen-

ter, where we were planning to conduct services . . . sustained major damage and may have to be condemned."

But there will be a Feast site in Manila, actually two sites, and "international guests who registered for Baguio can transfer to the Manila site if they so desire," said Mr. Kieffer. "But they should understand that Feast plans for Manila are still undecided yet as a result of the earthquake."



## PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

*"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)*

## Canton, Ohio

By Kerri Dowd, David Fitzgerald and Clarence Miller

Canton, in northeastern Ohio, is about 50 miles south of Lake Erie near the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. The Stark County city was founded in 1805 and has a population of about 110,000.

*David Fitzgerald is a member who attends the Canton, Ohio, church, and Clarence Miller is a local church elder.*

The area is one of the cloudiest regions of the country, and average snowfall each year is 60 inches.

Since Canton was home to William McKinley, 25th president of the United States, the city features a memorial, a museum of history, science and industry and a monument in his honor. It is also home to the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

South of Canton is Schoenbrunn Village, the state's first settlement, founded in 1722 by Moravian missionaries. The site has 17 log cabins, restored and operated by the Ohio Historical Society, which also demonstrates gardening techniques, candlemaking and other aspects of 18th century living.

To the southwest is Sugarcreek, which features a Swiss-style village

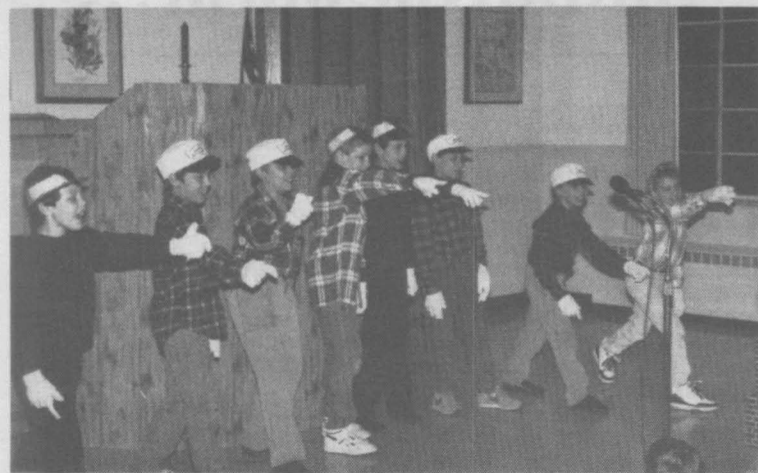
noted for cheesemaking and Amish culture.

About 50 of those who attend Church services in Canton are from Amish and Mennonite backgrounds. A common Amish name is Miller, and there are 20 Millers attending services. This can be a challenge for visitors.

The first Amish and Mennonite people came from Switzerland and

The Amish people value hard work, honesty and strong family ties. "As a result, when they become converted, the family comes in and they are a good, solid contribution to the congregation," said Vincent Panella, Canton pastor.

The church in Canton first met in July 1979 with about 275 in attendance. Canton was one of the first areas to become involved in the in-



**CHILD'S PLAY**—The children of Canton, Ohio, entertain the members with a skit about the Tower of Babel. [Photo by David Fitzgerald]

Germany about 400 years ago. They are an agrarian people, many of whom have not adopted a modern life-style.

In the Canton area one can go from the fast-paced, computerized 20th century to the middle 1800s—homes with no modern conveniences, no electricity, a horse and buggy society and one-room schoolhouses—all within a half-hour drive.

home WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) program. About 30 members answered 21,090 calls between April 19, 1986, and Jan. 21 this year.

An annual family ox roast is one of the area's biggest events. It takes place at Tappan Lake Park, about an hour's drive south of Canton. Several activities for teens and children under 12 are scheduled throughout each year.



**BUSY HANDS**—Nellie Mann works on a crocheting project while her husband, Adam, inspects a crib that needs repairing. [Photo by David Fitzgerald]



Funds for these activities are generated by doing inventories and helping with sales at department stores.

Several talented musicians provide regular special music for Sabbath services, and a combo provides music for dances in Canton and other area churches.

### Life in the rust belt

Canton is an industrial area, and employment among the brethren is diversified. Occupations include work in steel mills, bearing plants, small appliance factories, trucking, sales, drafting, logging, food processing and other trades.

Like some of the other church areas in the region, Canton has been affected by the closing of several steel mills. "We are in what is known as the rust belt," Mr. Panella said. "Many of the manufacturing companies are rusting away. We don't have a high rate of unemployment to speak of, but we do have underemployment."

"Overall we are losing the industries and becoming service-oriented, and service doesn't pay what industry does."

### Faces in the congregation

Grace Walls, a retired seamstress, is the longest-time member attending the Canton church. She was born in 1919 and baptized in 1955. She has three children, all of whom are Church members, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, making four generations attending Sabbath services.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Mann are the area's longest-married couple. The Manns, who have been married 63 years, learned of the Church through the radio broadcast in the 1950s. They were baptized in 1982.

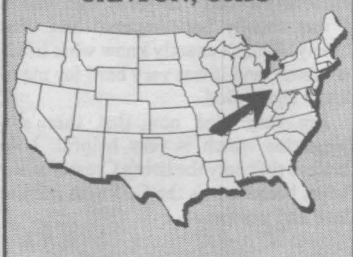
Mr. Mann's hobbies are wood-working and repairing old furniture. He made each of his granddaughters a wooden cradle. Mrs. Mann's hobbies are quilt making and crocheting, and she has made more than 100 quilts and hundreds of afghans, which she gives to Church members and others as gifts.

Brethren from other areas often visit Canton. Mr. Panella feels this is because there are so many churches in Ohio—more than any other state except California and Texas. Since the churches are close together, brethren visit nearby congregations.

The Canton church combines for Holy Days with Akron, Ohio, and sometimes with Mansfield, Ohio.

About the congregation Mr. Panella said: "The people are very warm. We have been here four years, and the honeymoon isn't over. We felt warmly embraced when we got here, and we still feel the same way."

### CANTON, OHIO



## WE ARE ONE FAMILY

### Canton, Ohio

Attendance	330
Local church elders	1
Deacons	7
Deaconesses	3
Teens	30
Children under 12	63
Singles	31
Over 60s	75
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	0

## PERSONAL

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try to make the best possible impression on one another. They strive to please their potential mate in every way. They try to agree with their potential mate as often as possible. They try to understand the other person's shortcomings and weaknesses.

If others try to point out potential problems, the couple tend to feel, "Darling, it's you and me against the world." Parental objections, friendly advice, ministerial counsel—all seem unreasonable and uncaring. "Nobody understands," they conclude. "We'll overcome all obstacles with love," they may say.

### Marriage takes work

But once they are married, they soon find that getting along with another person day in and day out is not as easy as they thought it would be. It takes work. It takes denying oneself what one wants far more often than they had anticipated. Disagreements, which were probably rare during courtship, may

and opinions of relatives on both sides must be contended with.

Virtually every aspect of life becomes a new and different world from what each has been used to. The reality of learning the need to give way to the desires and habits of the mate is usually not quite like either expected. Personal living habits, from diet to hygiene, often become sources of friction or even contention. And then there are children to consider. Not to mention in-laws.

However, with devotion, love, humility, patience and a lot of self-sacrifice, the couple's relationship will grow steadily stronger as they face whatever trials and difficulties come. Through hard work, mainly each one working on himself or herself, they will be able to produce a happy, successful marriage.

It should be clear that the fewer obstacles to compatibility a couple must cope with, the better the chance for a positive and permanently enduring relationship. The more they are alike, the more their backgrounds, habits, likes, dislikes, tastes,

educational and social backgrounds as possible. Of course, no two people are exactly alike, but giving thoughtful attention to these matters encourages a greater likelihood of mutual compatibility, and therefore marital success, both for the couple and for the children they may have.

### Compatibility

A wise marriage is one in which two people are well suited for each other. And again, the more compatible the couple are, the fewer obstacles they will have to overcome in their relationship.

A couple should therefore consider compatibility in as many areas as possible, including personality, age and experience, intellect, cultural background, upbringing, character, financial habits, even views on such matters as child rearing. In short, a wise marriage is one in which each partner complements, rather than competes, with the other.

Sociological studies show that four major areas—religion, race, culture and age—are the most difficult barriers for married couples to overcome as they strive for happiness with their mates. These are concepts the Church has long taught.

The Church also counsels couples considering marriage to be certain to take the wishes of their families into careful consideration. The feelings of family and extended family normally have a significant and long-range effect on a person's marriage, even on the relationship of the extended family toward the future children of the marriage. This is not a matter that should be taken lightly.

One of the hallmarks of the Christian mind is its love for fellowman. This love should take

into consideration the imperative of not causing offense to others. Romans 14:14-23 speaks of denying oneself what might otherwise be lawful if it would offend one's brother.

However, this does not mean that a couple should not marry if there is someone opposed to the marriage. If this were true, many couples would never be married. But it does mean that strong consideration should be given before going ahead with a marriage that does not have the blessing of both families.

position should the Church take?

We are well aware that the subject of racial intermarriage is an emotionally charged subject for some. But we must recognize, brethren, when the truth of a matter is made plain, it would indeed be a sin to cover that truth and pretend it does not exist.

The Bible does not directly comment on this subject in the form of a law or a commandment. In other words, the Bible does not describe racial intermarriage as sin. As we should all

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Sometimes a family member's opposition to the marriage is not based on a reasonable premise. Sometimes, though, it is. In any case, the son or daughter must realize the potential risk of alienation from his or her family and the effect that such alienation is likely to have on the marriage and on the children.

On rare occasions, a minister, for the sake of conscience, may refuse to perform a wedding ceremony. However, the minister should do so only when he believes the marriage would be fraudulent or that the couple are so unprepared for marriage as to be courting marital disaster. In the latter case, the Church would still permit the couple to marry in a civil ceremony and continue attending services.

### Marriage and race

With all these factors in mind, what does the Bible say about marriage between two people of different races? Further, what

understand, the Church of God relies on the Bible, and not on tradition, for its doctrine.

Therefore, we all should understand that if biblical principles do not identify racial intermarriage as sin, neither should the Church.

Herbert W. Armstrong did not require interracially married converts to separate. This fact alone shows us that although the Church saw the potential difficulties that an interracial marriage might produce for a couple, it did not see the marriage as one in which the couple are living in sin.

Otherwise, to be consistent, the couple would have had to separate in order to stop living in the sin, and this was never required.

This, of course, does not mean that the Church in any way encourages the practice. Though it is not sin of itself, racial intermarriage, under most circumstances (See PERSONAL, page 6)

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now be more frequent.

Learning to solve these crises in love, instead of in frustration and anger, takes a special devotion that courtship usually doesn't require.

Financial pressures take on a new reality. Finding agreement on spending and saving habits may not be as easy as it was during courtship. Whose friends to spend the most time with becomes a concern it may not have been during courtship. Feelings

views, cultural and social customs and practices are similar, the fewer surprises and irritations will be present within the married relationship.

But, sad to say, many couples assume that a potential mate's married behavior will be identical to his or her courting behavior.

For these reasons, the Church of God strongly urges its members to date other members with as similar racial, ethnic, cultural,

# Children's Corner

## How much farther?

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Daddy!" 7-year-old Michael Harris called from the backseat of the family car, "How much farther to Palmdale? Are we close?"

"No," Dad answered, chuckling. "We've been gone from home only 20 minutes. It will take at least another hour, so relax."

"But," Gina chimed in, "we're in a hurry to see Uncle Andy and Aunt Beth and Chris and Debbie. Can't we go faster?"

"Children," Mother suggested, "why don't you see how many license plates from outside California you can spot?"

"Oh, OK," Mike mumbled, looking out the window at the traffic. In less than a minute he shouted: "There's Oregon! And there's a Texas license on the camper truck behind us."

"Good, Mike," Mother said, pointing, "and what is that license?"

"Wow," Mike exclaimed. "That motor home is from New York."

"Oh no," said Dad, sounding embarrassed. "I just noticed that we stayed on Interstate 5 instead of turning off on Highway 14."

Mother laughed. "That's OK dear. Even if we're going the wrong way, at least we're making good time."

"Daddy," Gina piped up, "why don't we just stay on this road? There are lots of different license plates to see."

"Oh no, honey," Dad answered. "If we stay on this road, we won't see the Ellisons today. I'll take the next off ramp and go back to the 14. We'll just be a little later getting to Uncle Andy's house."

"Mommy, I'm hungry," Gina complained.

"Daddy, I need a rest stop," Mike announced, squirming.

"Do you know what you children remind me of?" Dad asked, smiling. "The children of Israel, who grumbled to Moses about everything."

Soon Dad pulled into a service station, and Mother took the children to

the rest rooms.

A few minutes later they turned onto the highway, and Gina asked: "What can I do? I can't read the names on license plates."

"Well, honey," Mother answered, "you're good at counting, so why don't you count how many houses have red tile roofs?"

Gina counted pretty well until they got close to Palmdale, where whole subdivisions contained new houses with red tile roofs. She gave up long before they drove into the Ellisons' driveway.

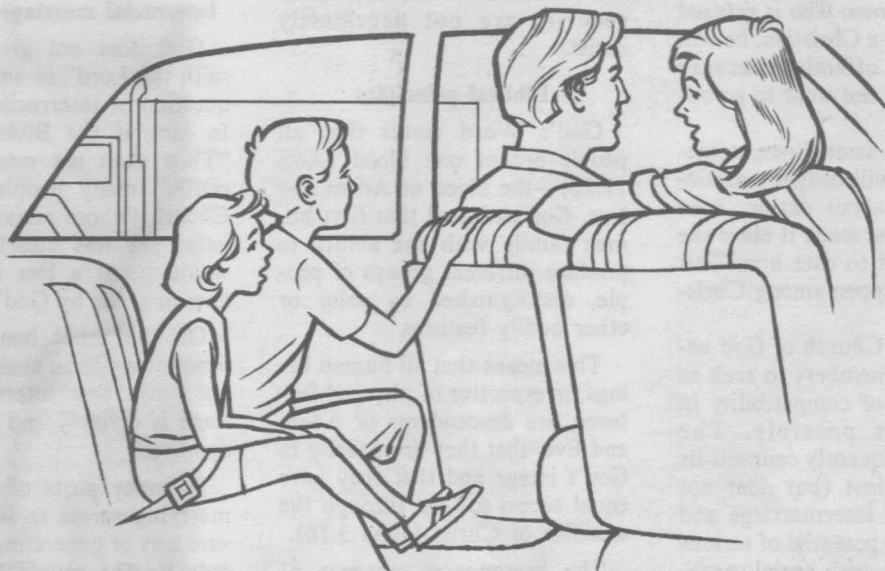
The Ellisons came out to greet them, and soon the family members were hugging each other and talking a mile a minute. Andy Ellison asked his brother-in-law: "Did you have a good trip? Any trouble finding our place?"

Beth called out: "Y'all come on in. Lunch is almost ready, and we're eager to hear all the news. We've sure missed all of you."

"Uncle Andy," Mike said, pulling on Andy's arm, "I think this is the most important part of our trip. How much farther is it?"

"How much farther to what, Mike?" Uncle Andy asked, puzzled.

"How much farther is it," Mike asked, laughing, "to the food?"



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

## PERSONAL

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stances, is fraught with serious problems, not the least of which is the kind of treatment the couple and perhaps the couple's children will face in society.

Some may say, "Who cares what the neighbors think?" We must keep in mind, however, that one of the instructions Jesus gives us is to be lights (examples) to others as a witness of God's way (Matthew 5:14-16).

Paul explains the need for Christians to conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring reproach on the name of Christ for any reason (Titus 2:6-8). What may be lawful may not always be expedient (I Corinthians 6:12, 10:23).

If we, as Christians, have done something that the community regards as immoral, whether or not it actually *is* immoral, we diminish our ability to serve God effectively as witnesses to others by our example (I Timothy 3:7).

Right now, in some (but by no means all) parts of the world, societies are reasonably tolerant of interracial marriage. In those situations, where the marriage would not bring reproach from unbelievers on the name of Christ, an interracial marriage between two members may be viewed from that backdrop, even though the Church does not necessarily view such a marriage as the wisest choice for two members to make.

Even if a couple marries interracially in a reasonably tolerant society today, there is no guarantee that the society will remain tolerant. Racial prejudice is never completely absent from any society, even though prevailing laws may keep it reasonably under control.

In times of social upheaval, couples who are married interracially and their children often become the brunt of prejudicial attitudes. The fact that something is not sin does not necessarily mean that it is wise or expedient.

As explained above, our ministers should in virtually all cases counsel against interracial marriage, just as they should counsel against any potential marriage in which the couple would be facing serious compatibility problems.

However, in areas where society in general is tolerant of interracial marriage and both families accept the marriage, the Church would not refuse to perform the wedding ceremony on the basis of racial difference alone.

### Scriptural evidence

Let's be sure we understand. By recognizing that the Bible does not call racial intermarriage sin, the Church is not promoting or encouraging interracial marriage. The Church is merely clarifying a doctrinal point about what the Bible does and does not call sin.

Although marrying outside one's race is not of itself sin, it is often a particularly difficult path to take. Though some of these marriages have proven happy, interracial marriage does bring a couple a whole set of special and often quite difficult obstacles that will have to be overcome in their quest for overall success in their family relationships.

It often affects in a negative way not only the couple involved, but their children and both their families.

Regarding families, some parents tend to want the Church to threaten their children with dis-

fellowship if they want to marry anyone the parents don't approve of.

Brethren, the Church cannot be used as a tool by parents to prevent their children from doing what they don't wish their children to do. This is not the responsibility of the Church.

The Church does have responsibility to teach the truth, to protect the flock from division and to discipline a member if that member's conduct is shaming the name of Christ or is leading others to sin.

In the case of marriage, however, parents cannot expect the Church to forbid their children to marry unless the intended marriage would indeed violate Scripture.

### Dating and dancing

A few words must also be said about dating. Most people in any society prefer to marry within their own race. Therefore, most people prefer to date within their own race. That means that most people tend to refuse dates from people who are not of their own race.

As Christians, we must respect one another's preferences in such matters as dating and never allow the refusal of a date to become a source of hurt, resentment or anger.

Also, many people prefer not to dance with someone who is not of their race, though some people are willing to dance with people they would not wish to date. In any case, no one should allow himself or herself to become offended or hurt if he or she is refused a date or a dance.

Similarly, brethren should not judge or condemn another person over the matter of whom he or she chooses to dance with or date. Of course, there is a polite way to refuse and an impolite way. Christians should strive to be polite and kind.

In God's Church there is no room for prejudice or respect of persons. But possessing the love of God certainly does not mean a person has an obligation to accept every date or dance from

ward one's fellow human beings.

One can be a racist even if married to a person of a different color if the spouse is thought of as culturally inferior.

### The Church and interracial marriage

Questions about possible racism usually arise when the mixing of the races through marriage comes under discussion. The Church, therefore, is clarifying its position so that ministers and members may not be in doubt regarding this matter.

The overwhelming majority of people of all races prefer to marry within their own race and produce children who are genetically similar to themselves. The overwhelming majority of parents of all races likewise desire that their children marry within

riage, of itself, sin.

Brethren, God has given the Church his guidance in a matter that has heretofore produced confusion, misunderstanding, straining at gnats and splitting of hairs. Let's thank him for his continual blessing and guidance as we strive to serve him in spirit and in truth, focusing ever more clearly on the judgment, mercy and faith spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 23:23.

Be sure to read the following "Statement of Church Policy."

### Statement of Church Policy Racial Nondiscrimination

From time to time, headquarters is asked to state its position on racism and interracial marriage. Racism is the ideology or belief that people are superior or inferior by virtue of the racial group to which they belong.

God's Word does not endorse such a belief, and God's Church considers such a position to be contrary to the principles of Christianity.

### Private and personal definitions

Private and personal definitions of racism are of no importance to the Church. Even so, two views that serve to cloud the issue of racism are these: Some people believe that any talk of races is racist. Others think that a racist is anyone who would not intermarry or who would object to a son's or daughter's marrying a person of a different race.

In answer to these positions, it is sufficient to say that the term *race* is not a negative term. There are different groups of people on the earth, and it is not racism to speak about the differences. We speak about being tall, short, fine-featured, heavysset and other physical characteristics of human beings.

Similarly, if someone is at liberty to object to a son's or daughter's marrying someone of a greatly different age, a dangerous occupation or a significantly different ideology (even though he or she may be a good prospect and a responsible person) with-

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their own race and produce grandchildren who are genetically as similar as possible to the family.

Given God's purposeful creation of the races, any theory that endorses the ultimate abolition of racial distinctions is not in keeping with God's design. This certainly does not mean, however, that God would like to see interracial marriages end in divorce. "The Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce" (Malachi 2:16).

Any two people united in holy matrimony must abide by God's laws regarding that holy state, and all human beings (from any union) are in God's image. Christ gave his life for all.

War, conquest, international trade and travel have produced situations in which interracial marriages have occurred. There are many people today at the fringe of each racial stock. In some cases, the individuals concerned do not even know to which race they belong, given their inherited characteristics.

The Church accepts all people equally. The Church has a policy, and it is the responsibility of the Church to define that policy in accordance with the times so as to be effective in its mission.

God is the Creator of all people, of every race. This biblical principle requires Church members to respect the races in word and deed and to always endeavor to regard and respect the racial distinctions God has created.

### Interracial marriage not a sin

God does not give a "Thus saith the Lord" in answer to the question of interracial marriage. In fact, if the Bible had said, "Thou shalt not marry interracially," many people in God's Church (whose racial characteristics are less clearly defined) would be at a loss in knowing how to abide by God's directive.

On the other hand, the absence of a "Thou shalt not" does not mean that interracial marriage is divinely and universally approved.

In many parts of the world, marrying across racial lines is a sure way of generating strife, not only for the couple but for the families concerned and for the children who would come from such a union.

There are places where such a union would lead to bloodshed or bring reproach on the name of Christ. In such circumstances, interracial marriage violates God's will (I Timothy 3:7).

But the person who is looking for a "Thus saith the Lord" in order to determine that interracial marriage is a sin, will not find it in the Bible.

### Practical application

1) If a couple have been living together and have children but they have never married, they need to marry if they are to be members of God's Church. The fact that they may have different racial backgrounds is irrelevant.

2) In certain locations around the globe, in societies in which individuals have heavily inter-

married already (certain Pacific islands, areas in Latin America, etc.), the Church would bring reproach on Christ's name by introducing considerations of race. This has been the understanding of the Church for years.

3) Church socials and dances, in keeping with God's principles, are not primarily for the purpose of leading to marriage, but for bringing the Church family closer together in peace and harmony.

In Church areas where people of any race are in such a minority that a person has no one of his or her own race with whom to dance, it does not violate the principles of the Bible and of God's Church for those of other races to show him or her the hospitality of sharing a dance. However, socials should not be construed as an opportunity to deliberately trample on the sensitivities of others.

It should be understood that the right to accept or refuse a dance is solely that of the individual. The Church must not require any person to dance with someone with whom he or she does not wish to dance. However, the Church does teach kind consideration and respect of one another, and this applies also to asking for and refusing dances or dates.

4) God's ministers should counsel interracial couples about the potential social and family consequences for the couple and the children of such unions. Individuals who marry interracially will not be disfellowshipped from the Church—unless, that is, the couple create division in the Church by conducting themselves in a manner that causes serious offense to their families or to the community, thereby bringing reproach on the name of Jesus Christ (I Timothy 3:7, I Peter 4:14-15).

The above clarifications make our practice consistent. There is also the matter of certain scriptural passages that may have been understood to support the view that interracial marriage is sin, such as some in Ezra, Nehemiah, Leviticus and Genesis. Those scriptures will be addressed gradually, but they do not affect the accuracy of this teaching as it is here clarified.

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every person who asks. It is a matter of personal judgment and preference within the bounds of what God permits.

It is strangely ironic that men, many of whom tend to have a difficult time with rejection from a woman, also tend to be callously insensitive to a woman's feelings. If a man who is refused a date is truly a Christian, he will not become offended because someone does not want to go out with him.

Along the same lines, sometimes a man will badger a particular woman about dating, even though she has made it clear she does not want to date him. This should not happen among Christians.

Again, the Church of God encourages its members to seek as great a level of compatibility in marriage as possible. The Church consequently counsels its members against (but does not forbid) racial intermarriage and points out the potential of serious compatibility and social problems for the couple.

The Church recognizes that the Bible does not call such mar-

riage, of itself, sin.

In other words, parents who object to a son's or daughter's marriage out of concern for their child's marital compatibility or security are not necessarily racist.

### Biblical principles

God's Word states that all people are of one blood (Acts 17:26)—the blood of Adam and Eve. God endowed that first human family with the ability to produce different groups of people, distinguished by color or other bodily features.

This means that all human beings, irrespective of physical features, are descendants of Adam and Eve, that they are equally in God's image and that they have equal access to God through the sacrifice of Christ (John 3:16).

The presence or absence of racism is not determined alone by beliefs regarding interracial marriage, but by attitudes to-



# NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD UPDATE

PASADENA—Channel 4 television in Los Angeles interviewed **Steve Doucet**, an employee at Publishing Services, and his wife, **Ramona**, because of their efforts in a neighborhood watch program. The program aired July 10.

Royce Street in northwest Pasadena, where the Doucets and Church members **Jim Watters** and **Terry Burnett** live, was once called the worst street in the San Gabriel Valley by the *Los Angeles Times*, primarily because drugs were sold openly.

A fatal drive-by shooting 1½ years ago galvanized several Royce Street families into action to form the Royce Street Neighborhood Watch.

Families installed extra lighting, cut back shrubs in their front yards and asked the Altadena Town Council to trim trees and replace burned-out street lights.

"We got to know the sheriff's deputies personally and encouraged them to patrol the street," said Mr. Doucet, treasurer for the Neighborhood Watch.

The families gave the sheriff a map of the street with names and phone numbers of residents. Deputies responded immediately to calls from the group.

With the group's support and encouragement, deputies came down heavily on drug dealers, making a number of arrests.

Despite intimidation from gang members—they threw a rock into the windshield of Mr. Doucet's car—residents' determination has

helped to clean up the neighborhood.

Congressman **Pete Nolan**, the L.A. County sheriff and others attended a block party sponsored by the group.

Mr. Nolan said he wanted to see this kind of community commitment spread into neighboring areas. "Along with county and city offi-

cials, he wants to make Royce Street an example of what residents working together can do," said Mr. Doucet.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced that the theme for the 1990 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Journalism Contest is "The Difference YOU Makes for Me."

Those interested in entering the contest should submit articles to the journalism contest coordinator in their church area. The entries will be judged at the first district family weekend in November or December.



**AWARD WINNER**—Richard Mantle (left), director of the Scottish Opera, and evangelist David Hulme (center), director of Communications & Public Affairs, with Sir Colin Davis, British conductor, winner of Ambassador Foundation's International Society of Performing Arts Administrators annual award, in Glasgow, Scotland.



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

**BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.**—Because of exorbitant costs, the Bombay, India, suboffice has been temporarily transferred to Hyderabad, India.

"Bombay has many disadvantages including overcrowding and astronomical rents," according to Robert Fahey, then regional director for Australia and Asia.

Danny and Mary Zachariah, who were to replace Bharat and Urvashi Naker in Bombay, couldn't find an affordable apartment to rent in Bombay.

"You can understand how discouraging this can be, especially as they are expecting a child and want to become settled to prepare for the delivery," said Mr. Fahey.

Mr. Fahey said he has often considered moving the office out of Bombay.

He contacted evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International, and the decision was made.

**Moving to Hyderabad**

Mr. Fahey related: "Danny phoned me late in June. He and Mary found an apartment in two days in Hyderabad. The rent is about half that of a similar place in Bombay and the deposit is only 10 percent of what would be required in Bombay."

"Their household goods have arrived and they are beginning to unpack. And miracle of miracles, their new home has a phone in it already, which saves them from being put on a waiting list for years."

The Zachariahs' apartment is in Secunderabad, the twin city of Hyderabad.

Mr. Zachariah mentioned that a member in Hyderabad has a home with a large upstairs area that can be

used for church meetings and to house the office temporarily.

Ralph and Sheila Roach, who work in the Bombay suboffice, will now move down to Hyderabad.

"We have been trying to have Ralph visit Australia to give him additional training in mail processing," said Mr. Fahey. "But although we have approval from the Australian government at this end, the Australian consulate in Bombay is dragging its feet. Let's pray about that."

**Sri Lanka**

Political unrest continues to plague Sri Lanka. Mohan Jayasekera, the pastor there, made this report: "There is heavy fighting between the LTTE (Liberation Tamil Tigers Eelam) and the government forces in the north."

"From all we are able to ascertain here, the LTTE has been driven out of the eastern province and the fighting is now concentrated in the north."

"It appears that there are heavy casualties on both sides. The government forces seem to be getting on top."

"The government has been trying to convey to the people that the fight is not one between Tamils and Sinhalese, but one between a rebel group wanting to force their way on a part of the population and the government."

"Life in the rest of the country continues to go on almost completely normally. Schools function normally, transport is normal, trade is normal, and tourists continue to arrive as usual."

"There is a great deal of public support for the armed forces as they try to put down the rebels. There is increased security in Colombo and

## TELEVISION STATION UPDATES

<b>New Station</b>		
Station/Location	Air Time	Contract Period
WEHT Evansville, Ind.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	June 22, 1990 to July 14, 1991
<b>Renewals</b>		
WSYX Columbus, Ohio	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	July 1, 1990 to June 23, 1991
WFMY Greensboro, N.C.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	July 15, 1990 to July 7, 1991
KTUL Tulsa, Okla.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Aug. 12, 1990 to Aug. 4, 1991
KPLR St. Louis, Mo.	Saturday, 7:30 a.m.	July 7, 1990 to June 29, 1991
	Sunday 10:30 p.m.	July 8, 1990 to June 30, 1991

PASADENA—Evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs, met **Lee Trippett** and **Doug Russell**, members of the Performing Arts staff, in Glasgow, Scotland, June 22 to present the Ambassador Foundation International Society of Performing Arts Administrators (IS-PAA) annual award.

This year's award went to British conductor **Sir Colin Davis**, acclaimed for his operatic and symphonic performances worldwide. This year marks his seventh season as principal conductor of the

Bayerischer Rundfunk Symphony Orchestra, the symphony orchestra of the Bavarian Radio network.

Sir Colin's extensive catalog of recordings has received a number of prestigious awards in Europe, the United States and Japan.

ISPAA is an association of about 400 professionals who represent leading arts organizations around the world, according to Mr. Hulme.

Mr. Hulme explained that the ceremony provides an opportunity to explain the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador Foundation to a diverse group of people.

other areas to watch against attempts to trigger a backlash against the Tamils.

"Much of the Tamil population in Colombo and all other Tamil political parties have come out strongly against the LTTE."

"Our Tamil members are safe in their respective areas. We keep a daily check on how they are doing and also try to get a feel for what is going on in their areas."

"None of our people is in any real danger. We do appreciate the concern of our brethren around the world and would like to request their continued prayers."

"Waterfield Institute in Nuwara Eliya and Kotmale are functioning normally."

**Myanmar**

Saw Lay Beh, the minister in Myanmar (formerly Burma), who married Tial Hniang in March, told Mr. Fahey about some health diffi-



**MINISTER MARRIES**—Saw Lay Beh, the minister in Myanmar (Burma), with wife, Tial Hniang. They were married March 16 at Kya In Village.

culties his wife has been having.

May 5 his wife felt mild pain in her whole abdomen.

In the late afternoon the pain increased and became serious at about sundown. Mr. Saw anointed and prayed for her, and she took some medicine. The pain decreased and she slept the night without severe pain.

"On May 9, I asked my daughter to take my wife to Myaung Mya to a famed retired civil surgeon. After the doctor carefully and thoroughly diagnosed her, the doctor said that

my wife had contracted gastroenteritis.

"To be more sure, the doctor advised that I take my wife to Bassein—the Irrawaddy division headquarters—where X-ray treatment is available."

"But as I did not have the money to do that, I just prayed hard and took my wife to that [same] doctor for treatment. She has to go to Myaung Mya to that doctor twice a week for treatment—injections and medicines."

"As our Eternal God is merciful and has heard our prayers, the disease has become less and less and she has improved."

"She has to eat only boiled rice . . . and drink milk."

"She has to still receive injections twice a week and to take medicine pills three times a day—three different pills each time. Now she can do light housework."

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against a new ad titled 'How to Balance Family and Business Life.'

"This type of testing will give our circulation and promotion team a better indication of which appeal works best," he added.

**Philosophical approach**

The *Harper's* advertisement, emphasizing a more philosophical approach, features a headline quoting Aristotle: "All Men by Nature Desire to Know."

The copy explains that *The Plain Truth* answers many philosophical questions of life, such as what is man and why is he on this planet?

The ads were developed by Promotion Services: Terry Warren, creative director; Michael Riley, senior art director; and Gary Fakhoury, copywriter.

"Before developing these ads, we studied the back issues of the publications we're running them in to gain a better understanding of the type of editorial topics they are most interested in," said Mr. Warren.

"In keeping with Mr. Tkach's desire to make the truth relevant, we have tried to capitalize on the subjects that appeal to the individual groups," he continued.

**Deemphasizing free magazine**

Mr. Wright said the ads were also designed to create a positive image for *The Plain Truth*.

"We have deemphasized the word *free* so the reader will have to read the ad before he or she knows the magazine is free," he explained.

Mr. Wright said this approach should better target respondents who are interested in the content of the magazine, "not just that it is free."

"This is consistent with the policy we are now following in other media."

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