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## Open arms welcome Mr. Tkach during visit to Caribbean isles

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA — "My impression is that Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach and his entire party were absolutely bowled over by the beauty and warmth of the whole Caribbean and the brethren," said evangelist Stan Bass, regional director of the Church in the English-speaking Caribbean.

The pastor general visited seven areas in 10 days, speaking eight times to more than 2,500 brethren altogether.

"Whether French or English, every island he visited received him with open arms," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas, who accompanied Mr. Tkach.

When the G-III touched down at each airport, Mr. Tkach and his party were met by area ministers and often by brethren who hugged and kissed him, Mr. Bass said. A colorful banner in Trinidad read, "Welcome Pastor General."

At every location Mr. Tkach spoke about unity and becoming a family. In French-speaking areas he greeted brethren with "Nous sommes une famille," which means "We are family."

After Mr. Tkach spoke to brethren, he would meet and shake hands with them for about an hour and a half, before inviting ordained ministers and their wives to a buffet either in his hotel room or in the meeting hall.

Aboard the Church's Gulfstream III jet, Mr. Tkach and his party left the Burbank, Calif., airport Friday, Jan. 2, and arrived at Kingston, Jamaica's, Norman Manley International Airport five hours later.

The pastor general was accompanied by Joseph Locke, one of his personal assistants; Mr. Apartian; his wife, Shirley; Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant; Esther Apperson, a secretary for Pasadena Church Offices; members of the Church's film crew (John Halford, an associate producer of *The World Tomorrow*, cinematographer Gary Werings and engineer Steve Bergstrom); and Mr. Halford's wife, Patricia.

Serving on Mr. Tkach's G-III flight crew were Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

Under sunny skies and lower-than-normal humidity, the traveling group was met in the afternoon

by Mr. Bass, his wife, Millicent, Charles Fleming, pastor of the Kingston church, and his wife, Carmen. Mr. Bass then left for Trinidad to arrange the group's next stop.

### Jamaica

In Jamaica Mr. Tkach said he was "extremely impressed with the warmth of the people and their attitude and attachment to headquarters," Mr. Apartian said.

On the Sabbath, Jan. 3, Mr. Tkach addressed 540 brethren from Kingston, Ocho Rios and Mandeville, Jamaica, assembled in the ballroom of the Pegasus Hotel.

For special music the Kingston chorale performed "How Good and How Pleasant," written by Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services in Pasadena. That evening brethren staged a classical folk concert.

### Trinidad

Sunday morning, Jan. 4, the pastor general left for Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, where about 200 brethren at the airport "gave Mr. Tkach a very warm VIP reception," said Mr. Apartian. "It shows the love people have for Mr. Tkach."

"God really opened the doors for us in Trinidad, which is one place where bureaucracy tends to bog down," Mr. Bass remarked.

"The airport duty manager for that day was a subscriber to *The Plain Truth*, so he permitted the TV crew to take photographs and video on the tarmac, which normally isn't permitted," he continued.

Mr. Tkach began afternoon services by ordaining Mr. Bass, who

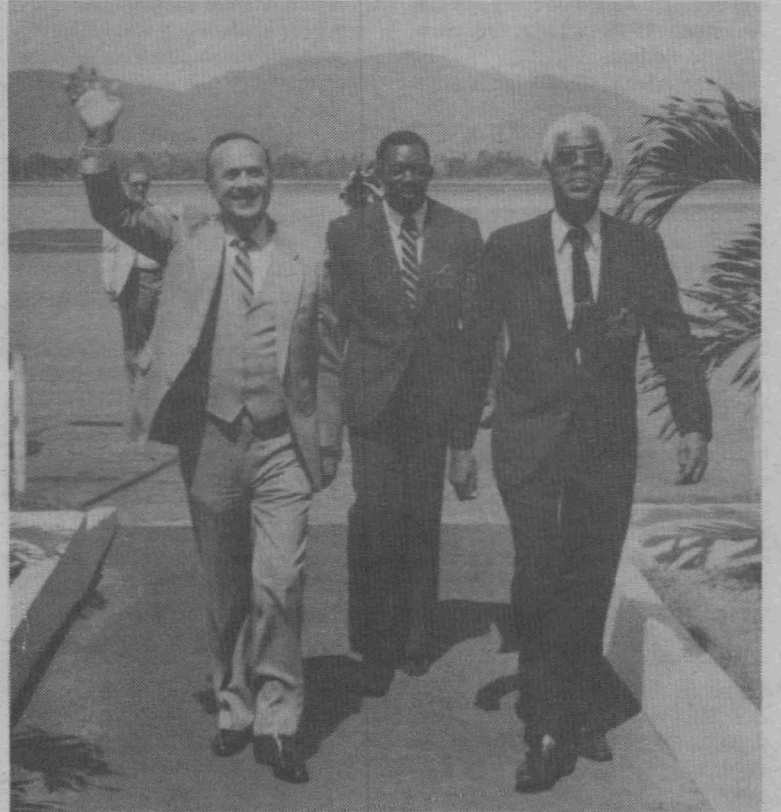
was baptized in 1954, to the rank of evangelist. "My response? Shock — totally surprised," said Mr. Bass.

"Mr. Tkach started out as though he was going to give a sermon; he was complimenting the Trinidad brethren on their warmth and friendship . . . when he said, 'I have a surprise too — I like to give surprises.'"

Then he asked Mr. Bass to come up onstage and ordained him.

After Mr. Bass led song services, Mr. Tkach then addressed 655 brethren from Trinidad, 17 from Tobago and one from Guyana who traveled 365 miles for the service, according to Clifton Charles, pastor of the Scarborough, Tobago, St. George's, Grenada, and Port-of-Spain churches. (The islands of Trinidad and Tobago are one country.)

"Mr. Tkach mentioned something in his sermon that I had not heard before, that we are one in about every 63,000 people on (See CARIBBEAN, page 4)



TRINIDAD GREETING — Greeting brethren after arriving in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Jan. 4 is Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (left), accompanied by Clifton Charles (center), Port-of-Spain pastor, and evangelist Stan Bass, regional director of the English-speaking Caribbean. [Photo by Max Lai Leung]

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren,

I guess you could call it a quirk of human nature!

As humans, we tend to focus on how much we really need God only when we are in trouble.

And the sad truth is, when things are going well, it is so easy to lose sight of our need for God. But brethren, as begotten children of God we must take care that this quirk of human nature doesn't become a snare and stumbling block for us!

I mentioned in last fall's semi-annual letter to the *Plain Truth* subscribers my own experience aboard a destroyer escort in the Pacific in 1945. At a gun station amid thundering confusion and terror, the sky darkened with smoke and shrapnel, lit only by tracer shells and the flaming wreckage of aircraft and ships, I cried out to God!

I needed God! I was in trouble! I cried out in deep earnest: "God, if you get me out of this I'll do everything you say! I'll go to church every Sunday! Only save me!"

Believe me, I meant it.

Well, eventually that battle was over. By Dec. 21 I was back in Chicago, Ill., safe and sound. Safe and sound and no longer needing God. I had already forgotten all about my promises to Him. The trouble was over, and I could now take care of myself. God was the last thing on my mind.

I suppose that kind of response may be rather typical of the unconverted mind, which mine certainly was at that time. But God's elect must not permit that kind of forgetful attitude to take hold! It should not have to take a time of trouble to drive us to our knees to draw close to our Creator. A strong, close relationship to God is something that His own begotten children should make the first priority in their lives all the time!

Satan the devil, called the adversary, or enemy, has left his trademarks on all mankind. He has left his mark on us, too, brethren! We need to understand that. God is in the process of cleansing us. We are being purified. The dirt of Satan's way and attitude, which has been a part of us, is being washed away. That is a process that takes the rest of our lives. It is not done in a day. But brethren, it is VITAL!

We are not in a position to (See PERSONAL, page 4)



CARIBBEAN FAMILY — Clockwise from top left, a youth meets Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Jan. 4; a member greets Mr. Tkach in St. George's, Grenada, Jan. 5; Allegro Singers stage a folkloric event Jan. 11 in Bridgetown, Barbados; and Joseph Franklin, a Port-au-Prince, Haiti, member who is a baker, and his wife, Georgette, catered a buffet in their home Jan. 8. [Photos by Basil Beckles and Max Lei Leung]

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# Ignorance, immorality fuel AIDS epidemic

PASADENA — The plague of AIDS — acquired immune deficiency syndrome — is spreading virtually unchecked.

In the developed Western world, AIDS is mostly a disease of homosexuals, intravenous drug abusers and hemophiliacs. For every female American AIDS sufferer, there are 13 male victims.

But in Africa, the plague is anything but a homosexual disease. There the ratio of male AIDS sufferers to females is one-to-one.

Several hundred thousand people in sub-Saharan Africa have fallen to AIDS, and as many as five million more carry the virus.

AIDS in Africa is spread through promiscuous heterosexual sex and by shared syringes and needles, not as much by illicit drug use as in legitimate medical settings.

In many developing countries, health care funds are short, and inoculations for childhood diseases are done for all children in a village with one syringe. Disposable syringes designed to protect against the spread of infection are used and reused in the interest of economy.

"It is in Africa that the disease has most invaded everyday life," a report in the Nov. 24 *Newsweek* said. "In the Zairian capital of Kinshasa, one out of seven babies in the major hospital is infected with the AIDS virus. In some hospitals in the afflicted areas 40 percent of the beds are occupied by AIDS victims."

The countries of east-central Africa, an area roughly the size of the United States, and with a population of about 150 million people, have been the hardest hit. But the

infection has spread to both coasts and now into West Africa. Exiled Cuban doctors claim that Cuban soldiers fighting in Angola brought the disease home with them.

## Denials and fear

Some African governments play down the epidemic, possibly fearing that the news would affect trade or tourism.

Zaire, for example, has not acknowledged a single AIDS death to the World Health Organization (WHO), though it is known to have lost thousands.

Uganda is an exception. The Ugandan Ministry of Health has appealed for help from abroad in combating the disease.

"We have embarked on a massive program of health and education," declared Ruhakana Rugunda, Uganda's minister of health, as quoted in the Jan. 14 *Christian Science Monitor*. "We need international cooperation."

A worst-case prediction suggests that as many as 700,000 people could die in the next five years — 5 percent of Uganda's population. If this comes true, AIDS will have easily surpassed in five years the number of Ugandans believed to have been killed during Idi Amin's bloody eight-year reign, 500,000 people.

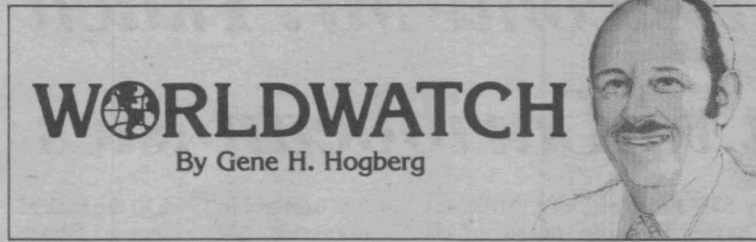
## Too little, too late

The African version of the AIDS epidemic is not a homosexual problem, because homosexuality is not a common practice in the region. A large factor is heterosexual promiscuity. Some African governments have launched education campaigns

directed at turning people away from practices that can expose them to AIDS.

Yet such warnings make little sense to people who are confused as to the nature of the disease. In some villages, people believe that the

"AIDS is the natural consequence of sin because we have disregarded the way we were made," said Dr. Leonard. "We are not made for promiscuity, any kind of promiscuity, and we have disregarded it at our peril."



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

"slims," as AIDS is called because of the severe weight loss associated with it, is caused by a curse from a witch doctor or an enemy.

Warnings against having sex with prostitutes make no sense to many groups, who do not consider a promiscuous woman to be a prostitute. And no warning can help the tiny newborns in hospital beds, victims of AIDS through no fault of their own.

## Some speak out

In the Western world, as in Africa, immorality plays a deadly role in the spread of AIDS. Yet few in authority — either in government or in religion — seem willing to take a stand against the immoral conduct that causes the plague.

There are refreshing exceptions. For example, Graham Leonard, the outspoken Anglican bishop of London, didn't mince words in an article in the Dec. 13 *Daily Mail*.

They are there to give guidelines, to encourage and exhort, but not to make decisions for you. God wants you to learn how to make decisions.

We are judged on how we incorporate God's instructions into our lives. We must not resist Him. By judging those in authority — employers, ministers, parents, husbands or policemen — and deciding that since they are not perfect we don't have to look to them for guidance, we are denying God's authority over us.

God judges us on how we treat those under our authority and how we submit to those in authority over us. We rule and are ruled daily.

How do we react when "mistakes" are made? Perhaps we need to ask God what He is trying to show us about ourselves.

## Priceless counsel

When I think of counseling sessions during college and after, I could pick out advice that wasn't the wisest. But overall, the majority of counsel I've received has been invaluable.

I'd hate to think where I would be if I didn't seek counsel of the ministry, my wife, my fellow workers and others with wisdom. I think most of you feel the same.

Don't collect negative experiences, dragging them out periodically. Don't risk a root of bitterness. If you have a problem with counseling, get your attitude right with God. Be positive about what He is teaching you through His ministry.

Use counseling as the tool to make the wise decisions that God intended. Then, you can, in faith, know God will support you.

Epilogue: Before the member got my letter about this article, he received his answer. It's wonderful to see how God works with His people.

He wrote: "While I was waiting for your reply, it came to me that ministers must be like husbands — in charge but fallible. The blockage in my mind was, 'if inspired, whence mistakes?' The answer is, 'whence mistakes in my being a husband and father?'"

"Some of us have tried to speak against promiscuity and have found it extremely difficult to be heard either in the secular society or in the church itself."

The Anglican bishop continued: "We are now reaping the fruit of the extreme permissiveness of the Sixties when people thought you did

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Sensational crime stories: the British press reports

BOREHAMWOOD, England — In addition to its main national and regional daily newspapers, Britain is chock full of free weekly newspapers. These provincial papers are delivered to your mailbox usually midweek or after. Mine is *The Free Observer* covering the western side of the county of Hertfordshire including Watford, the town I live in.

## Local crime reports

Mainly these papers carry area advertising and a diary of coming events. It is instructive, however, how much area crime is reported. On the front page of the Sept. 24 *Free Observer* is a piece about a teenage street fight in Bushey. The front page also carries a story about a South Oxhey man throwing a petrol (gasoline) bomb through his former lover's front window.

A page 3 story says that an increase in underage drinking is responsible for the "rising tide of crime" in the town of Chorleywood. Also on page 3 readers are informed that "violent crime in Watford has risen by an alarming 35 percent... well above the county average."

Proceeding to page 5 — three snippets tell us variously of a handbag snatched, a video theft and a Ford Escort stolen. Another shorty mentions 500 pounds worth of damage done by vandals at a shop.

Page 12 records a stolen saddle worth 27 pounds, and page 13 talks about a shop emptied of kitchen appliances. Finally, skipping to the back page, we are told of a window smashing rampage. Someone stole a fellow's photos at a disco and he retaliated by smashing out the windows with a claw hammer. The distressing thing about this last report is its violent character. The British used to be a gentler people.

None of these crimes will make the national dailies. They aren't spectacular enough. But think a moment. If I were to move eight or 10 miles down the road, I'd receive another weekly throwaway detailing a whole new group of different crimes.

In your mind's eye, expand the

what you like and somebody else would pick up the consequences... It is absolutely vital to give strong moral leadership at all times, whatever the current fashion may be."

The bishop's remarks were seconded, in effect, by a leading British law enforcement official, James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester, England.

The clear-speaking constable blamed the rise of AIDS on people "swirling around in a human cesspit of their own making."

Mr. Anderton asked: "Why do homosexuals freely engage in sodomy and other obnoxious sexual practices, knowing the dangers involved? Why don't they ask that question on TV every day instead of telling people to wear condoms [which is part of the solution being pushed in a large-scale government-sponsored ad campaign in Britain]?"

"These are matters I simply do not understand," the chief constable said. "There is a moral dimension here that is plainly not being addressed."

At least some officials have not lost their moral bearings.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## To counsel, or not ...

It had been a while since I had thought about Paul's warning against a root of bitterness, but a letter I received brought it to mind.

The writer encouraged me to write about how to recover from ministers' mistakes. He wondered if it was best not to counsel at all.

He listed instances when he counseled, only to find circumstances proved the ministers' advice wrong.

Have you ever been given wrong advice? Have you been told to do something by your boss that you knew wouldn't work out right? How about you wives — how many times have your husbands' decisions not been the wisest?

Now, let's look at self. How many times have you given someone wrong advice or made wrong decisions? We must admit that we all have made mistakes.

Should we not, then, seek counsel? Should we give up helping others by giving advice when asked? No.

## Make wise decisions

Seeking counsel is a key to making wise decisions. God knows that it is inherent in us to go our own way. We don't seek counsel because we already have our minds made up.

We want to spend our money how we see fit. We want to marry whom we choose. We want to raise our children how we feel is right. Seeking counsel might pressure us into an uncomfortable change — and human nature resists change.

God expects us to overcome our

resistance to change and do our part. That includes counseling. It might not be just with our minister, but perhaps a person experienced in a certain field.

Our mates should be included, and sometimes our children. Parents can be a source of counsel.

Counseling shows God that you are trying to make wise decisions, that you are seeking His will. When He sees your willing attitude to do all you can to make the right decision, He will bless your decision.

But my purpose is not just to discuss counseling, it's an attitude of mind that I'm concerned about.

The experiences this member mentioned went back to the early 1970s. For years, he added to his collection each instance of wrong advice he felt was given him. By doing this he could well be feeding a potentially deadly cancer — bitterness.

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled" (Hebrews 12:15).

Paul warns about being in the right attitude after you are counseled, especially when correction is involved. Correction comes from our loving Father for our own good. And, if we are not corrected, we are not God's sons.

Ministers are human too. They receive training in instructing you in God's way. But they are not specialists in every facet of life, ready to thoroughly inform you about any question you might have.



# Summer Educational Programs give youths leadership training

PASADENA — Church youths attended Summer Educational Programs (SEPs) in Australia, New Zealand, Kenya and South Africa, and a Winter Educational Program in Austria in December and January. The first youth camp in Sri Lanka took place in December.

### Australia

The SEP at Lake Moogerah, Australia, featured Adventure-60,

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a 60-hour program that included a canoe trip across Lake Moogerah, a

hike up 2,500-foot Mt. Greville and two overnight camp-outs.

David Noller, camp director and pastor of the Lake Moogerah and Toowoomba, Australia, churches, referred to the program as a "mini-lifetime within a lifetime" for the 224 campers. "They actually experience life in a capsule with all its trials and triumphs," he said. Campers were required to use resourcefulness to overcome obstacles and experienced a sense of accomplishment at their success.

"This is my first camp and I'm overwhelmed with the program," said Robert Fahey, regional director for the Church in Australia and Asia. Mr. Fahey supervised administration at the camp, which began Dec. 24 and ended Jan. 13.

A camper council met with Mr. Fahey and Mr. Noller to learn more

about the SEP and offer suggestions. A career planning class was added to the camp this year, and a sports field for volleyball classes was completed.

Visitors to the camp included evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, who spoke to campers and staff Jan. 7, and Kermit Nelson, YOU coordinator in Church Administration in Pasadena, Jan. 1 to 8.

### New Zealand

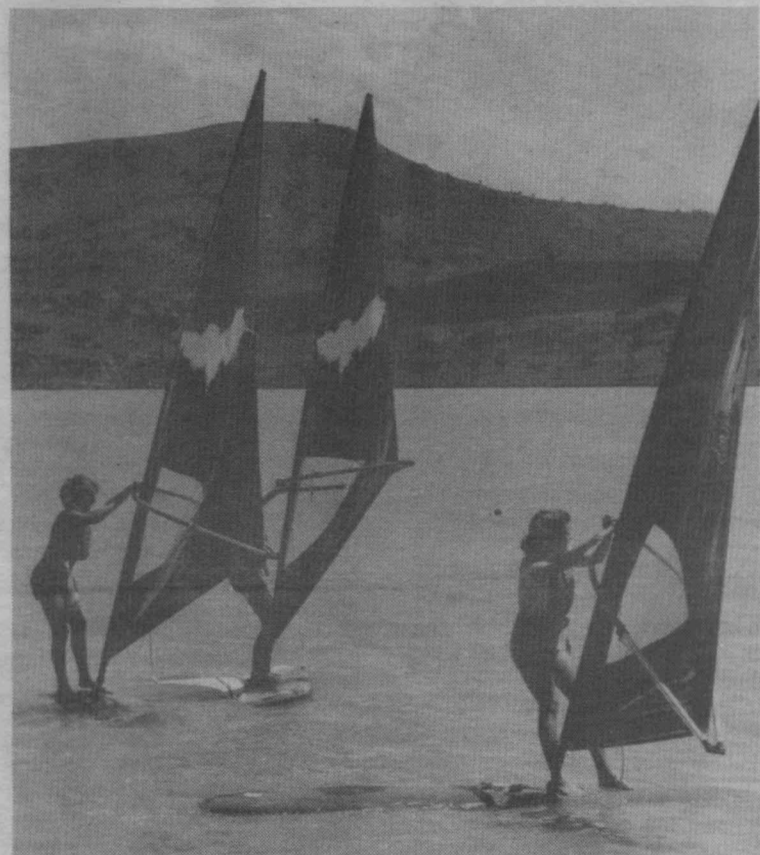
One hundred three Church youths from New Zealand, Australia, Tonga and Fiji attended the camp on Motutapu Island, New Zealand, Dec. 25 to Jan. 13.

Donald Engle, pastor of the Auckland, New Zealand, church, directed the camp. Peter Nathan, regional director of the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific, his wife, Karen, and their children, Benjamin and Karlina, paid a visit to the camp Dec. 26 to 31.

New to the camp this year were computerized scheduling, an overnight boat trip, a frozen yogurt machine and a camper council, composed of representatives from each dorm who met with Mr. Engle.

Campers helped produce the *YOU Summer Times*, a camp newspaper, which was mailed to Church members in New Zealand. "It gives the parents and the rest of the Church members an opportunity to identify with what the youth are being taught . . . so everyone can be a part of SEP," Mr. Nathan said.

Mark Waters, a counselor from



SOUTH AFRICA

Photo by Geoffrey Neilson



KENYA

Photo by Owen Willis



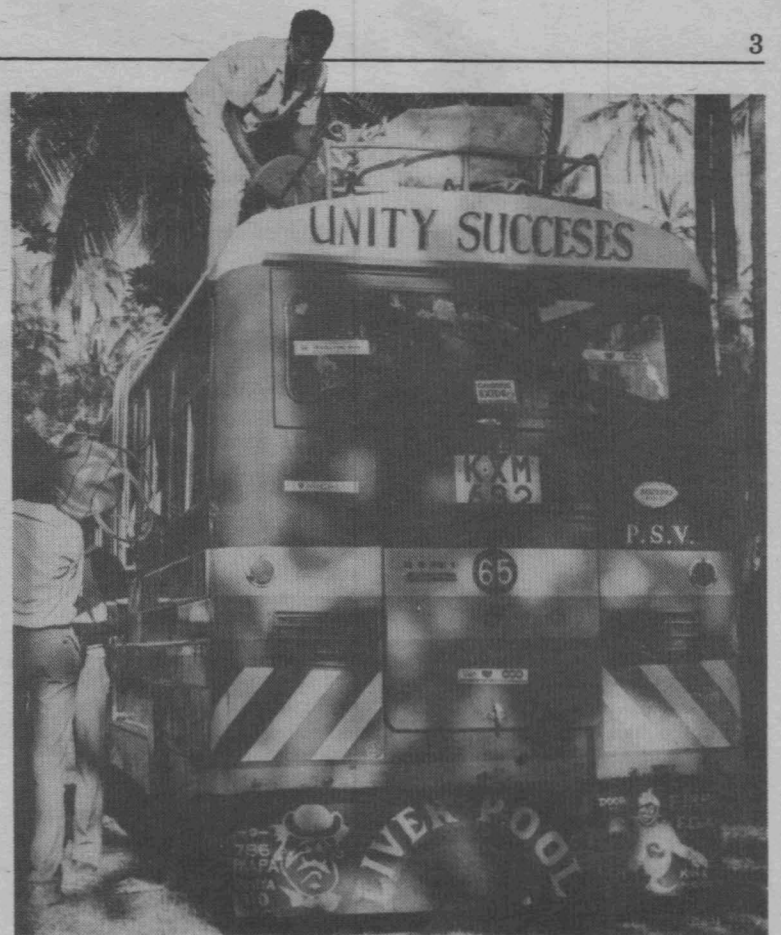
SOUTH AFRICA

Photo by Geoffrey Neilson



AUSTRALIA

Photo by Marie Myers



KENYA

Photo by Owen Willis

Auckland, commented on the camp, "To see the guys change in two weeks is rewarding."

Camper Ruth Dray, 14, said she came to the camp to meet friends and have a good time. "It shows we can have fun without being in the world."

### Kenya

Twenty-six campers and eight staff attended the third SEP in Kenya Dec. 7 to 16 at Kanamai Conference and Holiday Centre.

"This was our most successful SEP yet," said Owen Willis, pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, and Kibirichia and Nairobi, Kenya, churches, who oversees the camps in Kenya and Malawi.

"This year we were able to implement several changes, which enabled us to run a self-contained camp. This factor alone greatly improved our program," he said.

New activities were catamaran sailing, basket weaving, softball, kitchen serving and camel riding. A hotel pool was used for swimming classes.

### South Africa

Ninety-six Church youths attended an SEP at Wagendrift Dam, South Africa, Dec. 10 to Jan. 1. The camp was directed by Robert Klynsmith, pastor of the Bloemfontein, South Africa, church. Peter McLean, pastor of the Johannesburg, South Africa, Central church, assisted Mr. Klynsmith.

Outstanding campers were Lindy Loetter of Pretoria, South Africa, and Mark Kleinwort of Johannesburg.

Evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director of the Church in southern Africa, and his wife, Marion, visited the camp.

Emphasis was placed on dorm unity. Dorms stayed together for meals, church services and activi-

ties. Six groups of 16 campers participated in a Mongolian stir-fry cookout.

Campers went on a three-day hike in the Drakensberg Mountains, where they learned wilderness survival, orienteering and elementary astronomy. They produced South Africa's first issue of the *YOU Summer Times*. New classes included entertaining, social skills, music appreciation and handcrafts. The station principle in sports (learning various aspects of a game separately) was introduced, and camp councils were instituted.

Dec. 25 was an open day for parents and other visitors.

The camp concluded with a dance, a cross-country race, sports day and a banquet.

### WEP Austria

Fifty-eight teens from the United States and Canada and 11 chaperons traveled to Austria and West Germany, Dec. 24, for a Winter Educational Program. They returned Jan. 2.

The group stayed at a country inn in Salzburg, Austria, and spent three days skiing in Saalbach, Austria, two hours away. They spent the Sabbath, Dec. 27, with German Church youths also attending a camp. Gregory Albrecht, camp director and dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College, gave the sermon, and Winfried Fritz, director of the German camp and pastor of the Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches, gave the sermonette.

That night a dance with the German teens took place at a school next to the German camp. On the slopes, the German brethren taught skiing from beginning to advanced levels to interested youths.

The U.S. and Canadian youths toured Salzburg Tuesday, Dec. 30. They drove to Munich and spent Wednesday shopping and touring. Thursday they visited an art gallery, the Bavarian Motor Works (BMW) museum and the Dachau concentration camp. Thursday night the camp ended with an awards banquet.

### Sri Lanka

Nine Church youths from Sri Lanka attended the first youth camp there Dec. 21 to 28 at the site of the Ambassador Foundation project in Nuwara Eliya. The camp was staffed by Ambassador College students and graduates who work on the two projects and Church members.

Classes were volleyball, badminton, tennis, table tennis, golf, computer keyboard, dance and education. The group also hiked one day to the top of Sri Lanka's highest mountain, Mt. Pidurutalagala.



AUSTRALIA

Photo by Karen Warren



## Caribbean

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earth," said Mr. Bass.

John Baptiste, a member who attends the Port-of-Spain church, composed a chorale selection titled "Be Strong and Courageous," from Joshua 1:1-9, in December, said Mr. Bass.

Dedicated to Mr. Tkach, the song was performed by the Trinidad choir, accompanied by Maureen Clement playing the tenor pan (a native musical instrument made from an oil drum); Mr. Baptiste on guitar; and Marleung Marfan on bass guitar.

### Grenada

Monday morning, Jan. 5, the G-III took off for St. George's, Grenada, a 20-minute flight north. Mr. Tkach spoke to 95 brethren in the conference room of the Ramada Renaissance Hotel.

Mr. Tkach, Mr. Apartian and Mr. Bass ordained Mr. Charles a preaching elder at services.

"We didn't stay overnight in Grenada," said Mr. Apartian. "Mr. Tkach just wanted to visit as many brethren as possible."

Later in the day the group boarded the G-III again and flew to Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe. Mr. and Mrs. Bass didn't meet up again with the traveling party until Barbados.

### Guadeloupe

The next morning, Jan. 6, the

group toured Pointe-a-Pitre's historical sites. (Guadeloupe's two islands, Grande-Terre and Basse-Terre, are connected by a bridge.)

That evening Mr. Tkach led services for 180 brethren in the Centre Des Arts, with Mr. Apartian giving announcements and interpreting for the pastor general.

"Mr. Tkach was able to cut the ribbon for the church's first meeting in the building," which was built by Rene Gros-Dubois, a member, and leased to the Church, said Mr. Apartian.

After services ministers and their wives met with Mr. Tkach and his party in the Centre Des Arts for "a beautiful dinner and folkloric show," Mr. Apartian said.

The next morning, Jan. 7, the group boarded a tour bus and traveled to the island of Basse-Terre, where they viewed points of interest and attended evening services with about 80 brethren in the Salle Bailis building.

After fellowship and dinner in the hall, Mr. Tkach and his party returned to Grande-Terre. They left for Port-au-Prince, Haiti, the next day.

### Haiti

Our brethren in Haiti are warm, enthusiastic and loving people, said Mr. Apartian, even though the country is worn down (denuded forests have caused extensive erosion) and living conditions worsen.

Mr. Tkach toured Port-au-Prince Jan. 8, visited in members' homes and conducted services for



**PERFORMANCE NIGHTS** — Top, formally dressed Jamaican choir members sing folk songs at a classical concert Jan. 3 in Kingston's Pegasus Hotel; below, a 90-minute performance in Fort-de-France, Martinique, Jan. 8 features a band and dancing. [Above photo by Bobby Zachariah]

about 65 of the Haitian brethren, with Mr. Apartian interpreting. During Mr. Tkach's sermon he told them that we are all one blood, all brethren in one big family.

Mr. Tkach and his group shared a full, sit-down catered lunch with the Haitian brethren in Joseph Franklin's home. Mr. Franklin also opens his home for services each Sabbath.

As Mr. Tkach was leaving, one of the young men took his arm and thanked him and encouraged him to be strong for the job God had placed on his shoulders.

Mr. Tkach said he is pleased with the job Mr. and Mrs. Cyrille Richard are doing in the short length of time they have been in Haiti.

### Martinique

Later that evening, Jan. 8, the G-III arrived in Fort-de-France, Martinique, and "as we arrived a large group met us at the airport, including women dressed in local attire and handing us flowers," Mr. Apartian recounted.

On the Sabbath, Jan. 10, the pastor general addressed 342 brethren in the Ravine-Vilaine building, owned by the Church and built by Church members.

After a buffet with the brethren, the group watched a 90-minute performance by members that featured an orchestra and dancing.

"Mr. Tkach encouraged some of the young people to learn to speak



English so they can come to Ambassador College," Mr. Apartian said.

### Barbados

Final stop for the group was Bridgetown, Barbados, where they were greeted Jan. 11 by Mr. and Mrs. Bass, Victor Simpson, pastor of the Castries, St. Lucia; Kingstown, St. Vincent; and Bridgetown churches; and his wife, Grace.

About 200 brethren were outside the airport to welcome Mr. Tkach and his party.

After afternoon services at the Vista Cinema, attended by 534 brethren, Mr. Tkach, Mr. Apartian and Mr. Bass raised Paul Krautmann, pastor of the Georgetown and Berbice, Guyana, churches, to preaching elder.

Mr. Apartian, who was the first minister to visit Barbados in 1965, said he had not visited the church since 1968, when he accompanied the late Herbert W. Armstrong, who opened the church with 111 people.

A photograph was taken of the original members in the Barbados church.

After Mr. Tkach's address, a group of Church members called

the Allegro Singers sang folkloric songs. "I can't describe how beautiful it was," said Mr. Apartian.

The next day, Jan. 12, after a tour of the Church's office in Barbados, the pastor general and his group boarded the G-III for home. They arrived in Burbank at 5:15 p.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST), after a stop in Houston, Tex., to clear customs.

In addition to cards and a photo album signed by brethren and other gifts, Mr. Tkach was presented with an eagle made of Swedish Marcolin crystal inscribed with Isaiah 40:31, from the Caribbean congregations; a painting of a lion, sheep and boy, from Haiti; two pictures and pottery from Guadeloupe; and a wood-encased card from St. Lucia.

After Mr. Tkach left Barbados, brethren commented: "He seems to be the right man to bring the Church together as a family," "He is very loving and down to earth" and "He is very friendly, but you can see that he is in charge."

"As a parting note, Mr. Tkach told the brethren he would like to return to the Caribbean," said Mr. Apartian. "That boosted their hopes."



**OLDEST MEMBERS** — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach exchanges greetings with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters, the oldest Church members in Trinidad, after services Jan. 4 in the Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Hilton Hotel. Mr. Walters is 91, and his wife is 78. [Photo by Max Lai Leung]

## Personal

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cleanse ourselves, by our own power. For us, it is impossible. But with God, all things are possible. It is our Father, through the atoning, cleansing sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ, who is making us clean.

And we *must* be cleaned, because in the Kingdom of God, ruled by the government of God, made up of the family of God, there will be *nothing* corrupt. Every spot and wrinkle, every blemish will have been removed *before* eternal life is granted.

Each of God's elect will have come to truly *LOVE* the things and ways of God. Each will have come to look at things the way God does, through His perspective, with His attitude and viewpoint. Each will have come to *think* like God does.

God's law will be our law. We will be in perfect accord and harmony with God on all points of everything! There is and always will be *one* God (Mark 12:29). Just as Jesus Christ and His Father are *one*, so will the born children of God be *one* with them (John 17:22)!

Brethren, how can I help you see the *magnitude* of what God has called you to? Do we understand the *IMPORTANCE* of *coming out of this world* (Revelation 18:4)? Some of us are *still* keeping one foot *in* this world! *WHY*, brethren?

Can we see the need to draw close to God and to remain close to Him? This world and all its ways are coming to a fiery *END* (II Peter 3:10-11)! God has called us to be delivered from the same end, and to live forever as His born children in indescribable joy, peace, happiness and productivity! Brethren, isn't that *WORTH* it?

I wonder just how much some of us are willing to turn over the reins of our lives to God. Does the living God *rule* in our hearts, or do we still want to hang onto our *own* ways and attitudes? Does this old world still have an allure for us? Have we not had our bellies *FULL* of it yet? Can we not yet see the pain, suffering and hurt caused by neglecting God, brethren?

Some of us do not even seem to realize yet that Satan wants to turn the hearts of our children to *him*, and go on setting a wrong example for them in our TV and movie viewing habits, in our mu-

sic listening habits, in our drinking habits, etc.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (I John 2:15). The living God — who has called us and given us His Holy Spirit — and this world *DO NOT MIX!* Not that we never associate with people in the world — we do and should (I Corinthians 5:9-11) — but we must not *LIVE* the way the world does.

My dear brethren, God is love. He has called us to a process of repentance and overcoming, of *growing* toward perfection. *WE NEED HIM!* We need Him *all the time*. In bad or difficult times *and* in good. Our relationship with Him is the most important thing in our lives. Without it, we cannot be cleansed, we cannot be purified, we cannot grow spiritually.

Let's bend our knees before God daily and ask for His help to keep our minds firmly focused on the *big picture*. And let's grow in our desire for *His* will to be done rather than our own, so that one day our will and His will shall be the *same* will.

With deep love,  
Joseph W. Tkach



**HAITIAN BRETHREN** — A group of Haitian members encircle Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (center), evangelist Dibar Apartian (right), regional director for French-speaking areas, and Cyrille Richard (left), pastor of the Port-au-Prince, Haiti, church, Jan. 8.



## Loves to hear about God, says 91-year-old woman

By Jeff E. Zhorne

EUGENE, Ore. — "I can never remember not wanting God. As a child I loved to hear people talk about God," said Grace Steward, 91, a member in Medford, Ore., who attended her 35th Feast here last year.

Despite no biblical teaching at home, Mrs. Steward said she feels "with all my heart that God had His hand on me from the beginning.

"The truth is so marvelous, so precious, because I've got it inside me," she said, motioning to her heart.

"It all started when I heard Herbert Armstrong on the radio in the late '40s," she recalled.

Without a church in the area until 1962, Mrs. Steward wrote into Pasadena when she had questions.

After requesting the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, she asked the



GRACE STEWARD

Church for "all the literature they had!"

Though her husband, Albert, was antagonistic to the Church, "I fought my way through, and I fought my way quietly," she explained. Her husband died in Central Point, Ore., in 1970.

From the Medford area, Mrs. Steward monitored the quality of audio reception of *The World Tomorrow* for Pasadena. "I was so glad to get to do something," she said.

### Recovering from injuries

Mrs. Steward said that until she was 90 she did not need a doctor. "Now I have two of them."

In February, 1985, Mrs. Steward fell and broke her arm. The next month she broke her right shoulder and left hip.

"In the hospital I prayed: 'With all my spirit, I want to be just like Jesus Christ. I'll say anything and do anything — use me in any way you wish.'

"Well, the operation was the next day — Sunday. I woke up Monday and didn't feel a bit of pain," she recounted.

"I exercised in a walker the next day and took 80 steps. That was too many for that hospital, so they transferred me to another one. I walked a quarter of a mile the next day."

She continued: "The last time the doctor visited me, he said, 'You are doing so well, I don't know what to tell you.' He said he would call in four months. Of course, he never did — he didn't need to."

"I think I'm in better health now than I've ever been."

She uses a wheelchair only at Sabbath services and a walker at restaurants.

### Healed of headaches

"I have to tell you one thing that happened before coming into the Church," she related.

"I used to have terrible head-

aches. So my husband said we would go to a church revival in the country.

"But before we got in the car to go, I felt the urge to kneel down and pray. (I didn't know how to pray then. That was over 50 years ago.)"

About halfway to the revival that evening she said she experienced what was to be her last headache.

"The closer we got to the revival, the worse I got — so bad I didn't get a thing out of the service. That night I went to bed, and when I woke up it was gone. They've never come back.

"I didn't understand why then," she added. "But we have to be tried and tested. God healed me and made me well. I just believed God, and He did it."

It wasn't easy to baptize Mrs. Steward in the Umatilla River, near Pendleton, Ore., in 1952.

"As far as you could see, up and down, was nothing but rocks," she said. "So we found a hole," and down into the icy water she went.

Since then Mrs. Steward has not missed a Feast of Tabernacles. "The only time I missed Sabbath services is when nobody came to get me!"

According to Inez Schreiber, wife of Leonard Schreiber, pastor of the Bend, Coos Bay, Eugene and Roseburg, Ore., churches: "Mrs. Steward rarely wants to leave services until the last person has gone.

"She never had any children of her own, but is 'Grandma' to all the little children who show up each week for their hugs and to tell her their problems and joys."

Mrs. Schreiber continued: "She always has a word of encouragement for everyone. In spite of a very difficult life she always looks on the bright side and depends upon God for everything."

After I interviewed Mrs. Steward, she said: "I'll have a good cry — a happy cry — before I go to sleep tonight, because of all this. I wouldn't trade places with anybody."



**TALENTED TEENS** — Finalists from the six YOU districts in Australia performed in the national talent contest Nov. 16. From left: Louise Kleinbergs, Jerome Raymakers, Susan Coleman, Christopher Tanner, Robert Morton, then regional director, Richard John and Veronica Miller. Inset: Mr. Morton congratulates contest winner Veronica Miller.

### Vocalist wins nationals

## Australia conducts talent contest

By Gary Regazzoli

SYDNEY, Australia — Veronica Miller, 17, of Devonport, Australia, won the third Australian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) talent contest Nov. 16 at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre.

*Gary Regazzoli is an employee in the Australian Regional Office.*

Six finalists representing the six YOU districts in Australia, performed before about 400 Church members. Veronica sang "Twilight

Fancies" and "A Wonderful Day Like Today."

Pianist Richard John, 15, of Perth was runner-up. He played "Prelude and Fugue No. 12" by Bach and "Liebestraume No. 3" by Liszt.

Other contestants were Susan Coleman of Mackay, Louise Kleinbergs of Sydney, Jerome Raymakers of Melbourne and Christopher Tanner of Brisbane.

Terence Villiers, pastor of the Sydney North church, was master of ceremonies for the contest. Robert Morton, then regional director of the Church in Australia and Asia, presented awards. (Mr.

Morton will be in Australia until the end of January when he will transfer to Canada to pastor the Brampton, Ont., church.)

Mr. Morton emphasized the need for parents to encourage the development of musical talent in their children. He said that most parents still look upon the purchase of a musical instrument as an investment in the instrument rather than an investment in their child.

Mr. Morton said that there is a great deal of talent among the young people in the Church, and that this can be developed if they receive encouragement from their parents and their minister.

## Plaque placed on Texas campus

By William L. Johnson and Conway Slaughter

BIG SANDY — A plaque with the inscription "The word of God is the foundation of knowledge," mounted on a granite boulder, was placed in front of the Roy Hammer Library Nov. 18.

*William L. Johnson is chairman of the Mathematics Department at Ambassador College in Big Sandy. Conway Slaughter is a deacon in the San Antonio, Tex., West church.*

When Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach spoke at the Big Sandy graduation last May, he turned to then Deputy Chancellor Leslie McCullough and asked that such a plaque, similar to one on the Pasadena campus, be placed on the Big Sandy campus.

This statement struck home to Conway Slaughter, who attended the graduation exercises with his wife, Lenna. The Slaughters are in the stone masonry business in San Antonio, Tex.

Mr. Slaughter told Mr. McCullough he wanted to help with the project.

A few weeks later Melton McNeely, business manager at the Big Sandy campus, gave Mr. Slaughter

specifications for a boulder and plaque. Initial plans called for a boulder about 4½ feet in diameter to be cut from a square slab of granite and sandblasted into the proper shape.

To check boulder availability and prices, Dale Bailey, manager of Facilities Services at the Big Sandy campus, Paul Jarboe, an administrative assistant in the Big Sandy Business Office, and Mr. Slaughter visited granite quarries in south-central Texas. Making a rounded boulder from a square granite block proved to be expensive, so it was decided to use a naturally formed boulder.

Mr. Slaughter located several potential boulders, but for one reason or another none was suitable. After these leads proved fruitless he prayed again that God would lead him to a suitable boulder.

Suddenly he remembered a boulder he saw in a creek bottom on his father-in-law's property. So, Mr. Slaughter and his father-in-law drove 40 miles and began excavating around the boulder. It was exactly the size called for in the plans.

Next came the hard part — loading a 10,000-pound boulder onto a trailer. Plans called for using scaffolding, hoists and winches to lift the boulder, and

then driving a trailer under it.

Working that night and the next day, they made a sling from a 1½-inch rope and, using chains to pull the rope, began to inch the boulder out of the sand. However, the apparatus was not adequate to lift the boulder onto the trailer.

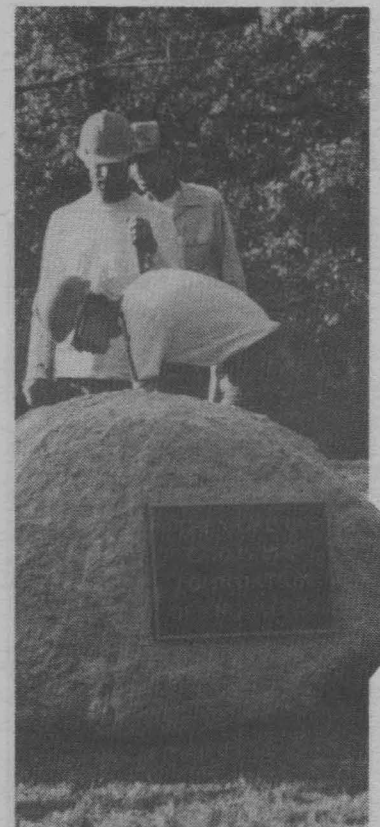
They needed a front loader, but one large enough could not be rented within 100 miles.

As Mr. Slaughter, his father-in-law and other family members who joined them that day contemplated their next move, the superintendent of a quarry drove up with a front loader.

It took 15 minutes using the front loader to lift the boulder and place it in the trailer. At last the hard part of the job was done. Later, the Slaughter family delivered the boulder to the Big Sandy campus.

"It proves to us how much God intervenes to solve major and minor problems if we don't limit Him. My family and I feel very blessed and thankful to have had a small part in a project which honors God," Mr. Slaughter said.

Evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus, supervised the positioning of the boulder on a site previously selected by Mr. Tkach.



**BEDROCK PRINCIPLES** — Facilities Services employees position a granite boulder with a plaque bearing the inscription, "The word of God is the foundation of knowledge," on the Big Sandy campus Nov. 18. [Photo by Tim Robinson]



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

AGSALUD, Fidel and Priscilla (Laconsay), of Urdaneta, Philippines, boy, Aaron Manasseh, Dec. 11, 5 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ATKINSON, Tolar and Trina (Higgins), of Oklahoma City, Okla., boy, Curtis Ray, Dec. 1, 6:44 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

BLAGG, Joe and Debbie (Wells), of Paducah, Ky., girl, Angela Renee, Dec. 28, 8:26 p.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

BOWSER, Terry and Eva (McKnight), of Fort Wayne, Ind., boy, Andrew Mitchell, Nov. 25, 6:10 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CASTLEDINE, John and Jenny (Gibson), of Devonport, Australia, boy, Jason William, Nov. 12, 9:42 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CHEPERDAK, David and Jannette (Kirkland), of Vancouver, B.C., boy, David Joseph Brendan, Dec. 7, 5:22 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

COLEMAN, George and Mary (Bailey), of Elkhart, Ind., girl, Laanna Julian, Dec. 24, 10:54 a.m., 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ELSIK, Frank and Cindy (Muller), of Houston, Tex., girl, Madeleine Dawn, Dec. 3, 5:11 a.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ERICKSON, Glenn and Sherry (Kielczewski), of Orr, Minn., girl, Megan LaRae, Nov. 21, 6 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KANGAS, John and Janelle (Schmidt), of Hinsdale, Ill., boy, Stephen Philip, Dec. 13, 1:23 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

JOYNER, Timothy and Martha (Jeffrey), of Houston, Tex., boy, Nathaniel Wayne, Dec. 21, 3:55 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KNIGHT, Ian and Marina (Lategan), of Bloemfontein, South Africa, girl, Jenny, June 4, 10:08 p.m., 3.2 kilograms, first child.

LAWSON, W. Don and Laurie (Ferrara), of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Heather Ann, Dec. 6, 10:46 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

McKINNEY, Doug and Elaine (Johnson), of Gadsden, Ala., girl, Amanda Valene, Dec. 18, 8:33 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

MICHELIN, Guido and Rosa (Agostinelli), of Cape Town, South Africa, girl, Nadia Aurora, Nov. 10, 7:34 a.m., 3.37 kilograms, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

PALMER, Carl and Diane (Sweetzer), of Fort Myers, Fla., girl, Cindy Lynn, Nov. 7, 12:36 p.m., 8 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

PEPIN, Larry and Kristy (Topel), of Anoka, Minn., boy, Nathaniel Skylar, Nov. 26, 11:30 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROFF, Graeme and Sharon (Ross), of Palmerston North, New Zealand, boy, Aaron Steven, Nov. 11, 9:14 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

VAN AUSDE, Gary and Nancy (Hotz), of Colorado Springs, Colo., girl, Teresa Leanne, Dec. 9, 7:14 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WARNER, Memphis and Judy (Epps), of Washington, D.C., boy, Matthew Collins, Sept. 20, 6:39 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILSON, Scott and Janelle (Glover), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Keith Michael, Dec. 7, 6:59 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Barry and Janet Palmer of Tacoma, Wash., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sherry to Eugene Kubik. A June wedding in Tacoma is planned.

## WEDDINGS



Mrs. Earl VanWert of Visalia, were united in marriage Aug. 15 in Big Sandy. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Trebig, associate pastor of the Big Sandy church. The couple reside in Big Sandy.



MR. AND MRS. D. FILIPOVICH

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawton are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lori Denise to Donald Filipovich, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Filipovich. The ceremony was performed June 22 by Ronald Laughland, now pastor of the Hammond and Michigan City, Ind., churches. Diane Lawton, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Racine was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.

## MR. AND MRS. BRIAN BARLOWS

Gretchen Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young Jr. of the Champaign, Ill., church, and Brian A. Barlows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Barlows of the Springfield, Mo., church, were united in marriage Aug. 31 in Gibson City, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Randy Holm, pastor of the Champaign and Springfield, Ill., churches. Ronda Woodbridge was maid of honor, and Robert Barlows, father of the groom, was best man. The couple are Pasadena Ambassador College graduates and reside in South Pasadena, Calif.



## MR. AND MRS. TOM CROPPER JR.

Karla Shaw of Indianapolis, Ind., and Tom Cropper Jr. of Clarksville, Tenn., were united in marriage Oct. 14. The ceremony was performed in Bowling Green, Ky., by Kent Fentress, pastor of the Bowling Green and Clarksville churches. Annette Vibbert was matron of honor, and Eric Linnon was best man. The couple reside in Clarksville.

Lisa Ann Hillebrand, daughter of Sharon Hillebrand, and Derek R. Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carlson Sr., were united in marriage Aug. 24. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Peoria and Macomb, Ill., churches. Barbara Davison was maid of honor, and Rodney Hanson was best man. The couple reside in Galesburg, Ill.

Debbie L. Townsend-Barron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Townsend of Visalia, Calif., and David A. VanWert, son of Mr. and

Gary Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer of Tacoma, Wash., were united in marriage Oct. 14 in West Union. The ceremony was performed by Steve Nutzman, pastor of the Waterloo, Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa, churches. Wanda Gilbert was maid of honor, and David Novak was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



## MR. AND MRS. CLYDE A. LARSEN

Clyde Andrew Larsen and Nancy Marie Narducci were united in marriage July 20 in Bellingham, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Richard Duncan, pastor of the Sedro-Woolley and Everett, Wash., churches. Fred Hand was best man, and Patri Englander was maid of honor. The couple reside in Bellingham.

## ANNIVERSARIES



## MR. AND MRS. MILES JOHNSON

The Anniston, Ala., church celebrated the 40th wedding anniversary of Miles Douglas and Mary Jeanette Johnson with a reception after Sabbath services Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married Dec. 17, 1946, and they have been Church members since 1967. The Johnsons have five children and several grandchildren.

## OBITUARIES

VERLEGH, Roland, 42, of Brussels, Belgium, died Dec. 27 in an automobile accident. Mr. Verlegh served as a local church elder in Brussels since 1984. Mr. Verlegh is survived by his wife, Christiana; two sons, Anthony, 15, and Andrew, 14; and one daughter, Ruth, 12.

METTLER, Rudolph, 63, of Coon Rapids, Minn., died Nov. 15 of cancer. He was baptized in August, 1962. Mr. Mettler is survived by his wife, Marion, also a Church member; a daughter, Lora Lee Orm; a son, Steven; one granddaughter; and five grandsons. Funeral services were conducted by Larry Walker, pastor of the Minneapolis and St. Cloud, Minn., churches.

VICE, Quentin Clark, 21, of Lafayette, La., son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Vice, died Dec. 8 in an automobile accident. Mr. Vice is survived by his parents and four brothers, Wendell, Lowell, Joel and Jason. Funeral services were conducted Dec. 9 in Crowley, La., by Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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SALMON, Skipper Roy, 12, of Victorville, Calif., died instantly Oct. 18 when he was hit by a pickup truck driven by a drunk driver. Skipper is survived by his father and stepmother, Art and Linda Salmon, Church members; his half sister, Kristen; his mother and stepfather, Angela and Robert Chamness; a brother, David; a stepbrother, Sean Chamness; a stepsister, Julie Chamness; grandparents, Elmer and Edith Salmon and Charles and Violet Stroud; stepgrandparents, Franklin and Gladys Balou, Church members; and aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services took place in Victorville Oct. 23.

MARTENSON, Carl H., 84, of Minneapolis, Minn., died Dec. 9 of bone cancer. He was born in Sweden and has been a Church member since 1976. Mr. Martenson is survived by two brothers and two sisters. Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Mankato, Minn., churches, officiated at a memorial service Dec. 12.



## SHANDRA PREISENDORF

PREISENDORF, Shandra Leigh, 2 1/2, of Grand Island, Neb., daughter of Matt and Cindi Preisendorf, died Dec. 23 of cancer.

She was a fifth generation child in God's Church. Shandra is survived by her parents, her maternal grandparents, Gary and Maxine Hohnholt, and two great-grandmothers, Pauline Petet and Stella Hall, all Church members. Funeral services were conducted Dec. 29 by Fred Davis, pastor of the Grand Island and North Platte, Neb., churches.

BORNKAMP, Edward, 82, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died of an apparent heart attack Aug. 31. He has been a Church member since 1975. Mr. Bornkamp is survived by his wife, Wanda, a Church member; one son; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Darris McNeely, pastor of the Fort Wayne church.

CAPPS, Lothian Carlyle, 72, of Vallejo, Calif., died Dec. 27 after a long illness. He has been a Church member since June, 1985. Mr. Capps is survived by his wife of 50 years, Gladys; one daughter, Janet; and two grandchildren.

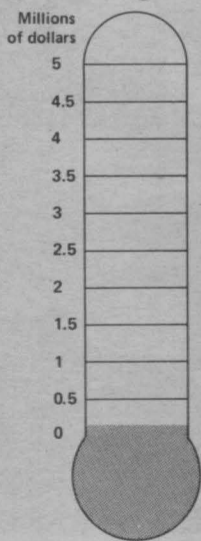
HARLOW, Charles Earl, 72, of Richmond, Va., died Dec. 14. He has been a Church member since 1954. Mr. Harlow is survived by his wife of 55 years, Martha, also a Church member. Funeral services were conducted in Williamsburg, Va., by Robert Jones, pastor of the Richmond and Norfolk, Va., churches.

LANE, Robert E., 55, of Dayton, Ohio, died Dec. 13 after a long illness. He has been a Church member for 23 years. Mr. Lane is survived by his wife, Sandra, also a Church member; five sons; one daughter; one stepson; and two stepdaughters. Funeral services were conducted by Carrol Bryant, assistant pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches.

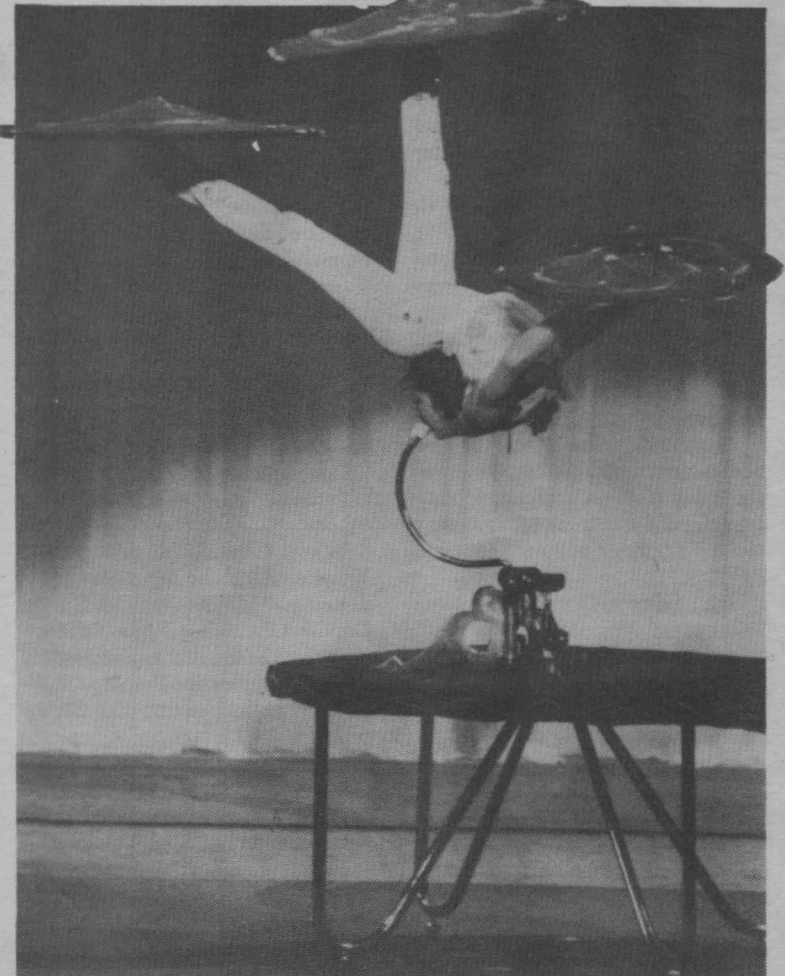
HILL, Mary Alta, 71, of San Gabriel, Calif., died Dec. 15 after a long battle with cancer. She was baptized in 1959 and worked for the Church's Mail Processing Center for more than 25 years. Miss Hill is survived by two brothers, Alva Leroy Hill Jr. and Harold Hill; and two sisters, Ruth LaChance and Marion Yetka.



## Office Facilities Building Fund



**MERCURY RISING** — Individuals and church areas donated \$151,228.34 to the Office Facilities Building Fund as of Jan. 22, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.



**CHINESE TROUPE** — The Peking Acrobats perform feats of daring and balance at three performances in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 17 and 18. [Photos by Thomas C. Hanson]



# Unemployment proves no pain for window-washing business

By Zenda Cloninger

DES MOINES, Iowa — Despite economic recession in parts of the United States, virtually no members here are unemployed.

*Zenda Cloninger is the wife of Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa, churches.*

A chief reason is deacon Larry O'Connor's window-washing business. Beginning his business 17 years ago, Mr. O'Connor has employed as many as 12 Church members during peak seasons.

In addition to employing Church members, Mr. O'Connor, 47, counts it a blessing to be able to work with his family.

"Washing windows is good family employment," Mr. O'Connor told *The Worldwide News* Jan. 18. "One son [Carl] is in the business with me, and another [Dean] is using it to work his way through college." Dean is a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Mr. O'Connor's wife, Ruth, helps out with the bookkeeping, banking and answering the telephone.

Mr. O'Connor began his window-washing service part-time

while working as a retail credit officer with Gulf Oil Co.

In 1966 the O'Connors moved to Des Moines from Ainsworth, Iowa. Within two years, Mr. O'Connor heard that Gulf Oil was considering closing its Des Moines office.

As he considered other jobs, he remembered a Church member in Burlington, Iowa, who washed windows. Mr. O'Connor contacted him and learned about the business in Burlington.

The rumors about Gulf Oil proved true, and Mr. O'Connor was laid off in November, 1969. He expanded his business with severance pay from Gulf Oil.

The O'Connors faced a financially lean winter as Mr. O'Connor built up the business, but by the spring of 1970 the family was prospering.

Soon he was able to hire Church members to help with the business, eventually training more than 50 brethren. Many of these have started their own window-washing services in other Midwestern cities.

Dennis Pelley, telephone response assistant supervisor in the Church's Mail Processing Center, is from Des Moines, where he taught school for 11 years. Though he has a master's degree in music, Mr. Pelley doubled his teacher's salary as a window washer.

Mr. Pelley, who was taught the trade by Mr. O'Connor, said that people tend to look down on window washers and are often rude — but he said he just "smiled all the way to the bank."

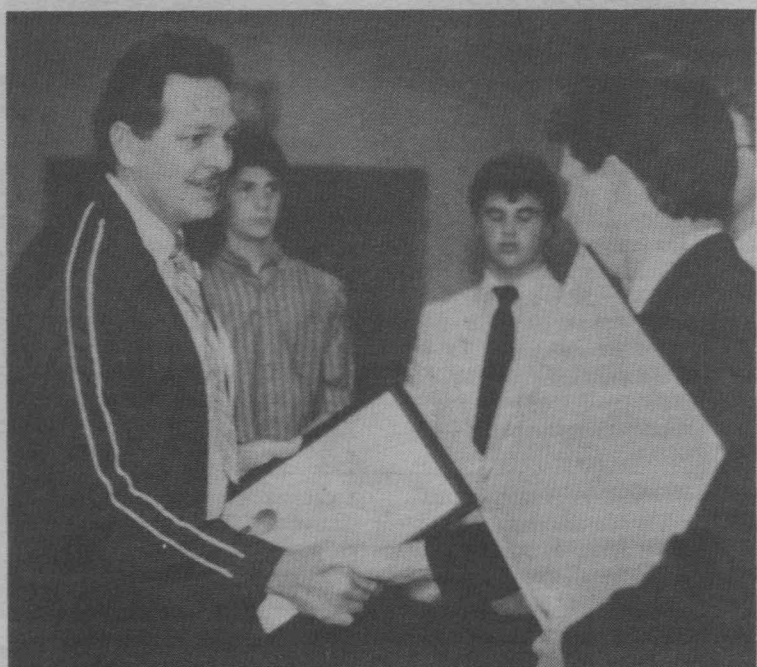
Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Pelley agree that there are many advan-

tages in being self-employed, but there are also disadvantages. Among the advantages are flexibility of work hours, no difficulties having the Sabbath or Holy Days off, increasing income proportionate to willingness to work and learning lessons from a self-operated business. Disadvantages include no fringe benefits, higher Social Security payments and no paid vacations.

Mr. O'Connor organizes a window-washing project for the Des Moines church once or twice a year. The proceeds are donated to the church's activity fund.

He stresses quality of work, and he said that is his best form of advertising.

"Not all people are cut out to be self-employed, so a person needs to evaluate himself before starting something like this," Mr. O'Connor said. "He needs to be a self-motivating person, and also like to do book work."



**MEDAL OF HONOR** — Thomas Coyne (right), mayor of Brook Park, Ohio, presents Robert Voyner, a Cleveland, Ohio, member, a Heroic Citizen's Award in April, 1986, after Mr. Voyner saved two youths trapped inside a burning car. [Photo courtesy of *Engine Ears*]

## Pinned youths pulled from burning car

# Ohioan honored for saving lives

By Bruce Caylen

BROOK PARK, Ohio — On Thursday, April 3, 1986, at approximately 11:30 p.m. supervisor Bob Voyner (Dept. 4927) was on his way to work. It seemed to be another

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"normal" evening. However, all that changed when Bob reached the bottom of Spafford Hill in the Metro Park.

There he saw a car on fire and a

man frantically waving his arms for Bob to stop. Jumping out of his car, Bob ran to the burning car to the assistance of Mr. Chris Peters of North Olmsted [Ohio].

Chris quickly explained that he had gotten one youth out of the burning car, but there were two others still trapped inside. He also told him that the car doors were jammed from the accident and would not open. Chris then jumped up onto the trunk and began trying to kick in the back window.

Bob went over to the left rear door and miraculously it gave way. Bob and Chris were then able to pull out one of the youths from the back seat. The third youth was pinned by the steering wheel.

Bob then entered the burning vehicle and pulled the youth into the back seat where Chris could pull

him out of the car to safety. Within seconds the car exploded and was engulfed in flames. Some of the flames shot to a height of 40 feet.

Bob then drove to the fire station on Ruple Road and led firemen back to the scene.

In recognition for risking their lives to save others, Bob Voyner and Chris Peters received a Heroic Citizen's Award from Mayor Thomas Coyne of Brook Park.

In addition, the Brook Park Fire Department also awarded them with the Heroic Efforts Award for "Rescuing Individuals from a Burning Car." An identical plaque is permanently displayed in the Brook Park Fire Station.

By becoming involved in helping others, Bob and Chris averted a tragedy. Their act of heroism serves as an example to all of us.

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Clinic gives new guidelines

Kermit Nelson, who coordinates YOU activities in Church Administration, and David Goethals, assistant professor of physical education at Big Sandy Ambassador College, conducted a basketball clinic in Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 13 and 14.

A showcase game between Minneapolis South and Wausau, Wis., YOU teams demonstrated new YOU basketball guidelines.

The weekend began with a dinner Dec. 12 for Dr. Nelson, Mr. Goethals and area ministers.

Mr. Goethals and Dr. Nelson addressed the Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., churches on the Sabbath. One purpose of Church sports programs, Dr. Nelson said, is to teach spiritual lessons such as controlling emotions and showing consideration to opposing teams.

## Alaskans ski Alyeska

Seventy-four skiers from three Alaska churches arrived at Alyeska Ski Resort at dawn, about 9 a.m., Dec. 24.

Skiing began at 10:30 with two-hour group lessons. Skiers were divided according to their skill level. A group, including some parents and grandparents, skied for the first time.

Sunset came at about 3:45 p.m. Skiing continued under lights until 5:30. *Carol Roemer.*

He explained how the new rules, when followed, build character and said that YOU get-togethers should be for fellowship, mutual encouragement, support and appreciation.

After services a hymn sing, potluck and dance took place. During the dance Dr. Nelson and Mr. Goethals conducted meetings for referees and coaches.

Dr. Nelson explained the routines and procedures for YOU basketball games. He said that the purposes of Church basketball games are to instill true values and proper attitudes, improve individual and team skills, promote teamwork and improve ability, involve as many players as possible, maintain high standards for personal conduct among players and spectators, make it enjoyable for players and spectators, and for participants to experience a feeling of accomplishment after games.

In the coaches meeting Mr. Goethals taught the coaches how to conduct a basketball clinic and practices based on the stations concept. Players move from station to station in a 10-post circuit and become familiar with different aspects of the game.

Mr. Goethals showed a half-hour videotape of basketball from the Summer Educational Program in Orr, Minn., to demonstrate dribbling, shooting and rebounding.

Sunday morning consisted of multiple-station practices, and tournament play took place in the afternoon. *Victor Kubik*



**GAME PLANS** — Kermit Nelson (right), YOU coordinator in Church Administration, goes over new basketball guidelines with players at a clinic in Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 14. [Photo by Victor Kubik]

## Party features wine tasting

Thirty-four Portsmouth, Ohio, brethren met at the Tanglewood Community Center Dec. 14 for a wine and cheese tasting party.

Hosts were deacons David Bussell and Kerby Burton. Guests received folders for recording their comments about the wines and cheeses.

Alfreda Terry demonstrated how

to serve wines, and Mr. Bussell spoke on red wines. Between wine selections cheese, fruit and breads were served.

Jim Call, a deacon, gave a talk on how to store wine, and Lori Smith gave a presentation on how to cook with it. Mr. Burton gave a talk on champagne and commented on white wines. *Gaylord Cooper.*

## Directory deliveries raise funds

Orlando, Fla., brethren delivered three different telephone directories to raise funds for Church activities. They have been doing this for two years, according to Ron Gordon, coordinator for the deliveries.

Delivery dates were Nov. 9, Dec. 28 to 31 and Jan. 4 and 5. About \$4,000, or 9 to 11 cents for each book, was raised.

Mr. Gordon said that to arrange the deliveries they called Directory Distribution Associates in St. Louis, Mo., and Market Distribution Specialists in Atlanta, Ga. After contacting these national offices, they contacted the regional offices. The companies provide information on how to deliver the books.

Once the dates are set in Orlando, sign-up lists are posted, and a crew is assigned to unload the books. Others are designated to load books into cars and record how many are needed for each route. Drivers and runners are also assigned. Drivers are generally older or disabled brethren, while the runners are Church youths and young adults, Mr. Gordon said.

Most of the books were delivered on Sundays, but books for businesses were delivered on weekdays because they had to be signed for, Mr. Gordon said. *Ed Strickland.*



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

# UPDATE

PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* telecast "Is There Life After Death?" aired Jan. 10 and 11, brought in 41,487 calls, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center. The program was presented by **David Albert**.

This is the fifth highest response of any telecast.

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PASADENA — The number of calls received by in-home Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) operators passed the quarter million mark Dec. 14, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

The in-home WATS program, which began in February, 1985, involves 100 congregations and more than 3,000 operators from all six U.S. time zones.

"These Church members have saved God's work over \$150,000 in wages alone. This is enough to print and mail over 700,000 copies of the *Plain Truth* magazine," Mr. Rice said.

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PASADENA — Graduation exercises for two Ambassador College students took place Jan. 7 in the student center faculty lounge, according to the Registrar's Office.

Evangelist **Raymond McNair**, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, addressed the graduates, and **William Stenger**, registrar, presented the degree candidates.

**Valdemar Burzan** received a bachelor of arts degree, and **Karen Geiser** received an associate of arts degree. **Kenneth Mohler** also received a bachelor of arts degree, but was not present at the ceremony. Mr. Mohler graduated with high distinction (grade point average of 3.5 or better).

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PASADENA — As of Jan. 11, 1,436 applications for admission were requested for Pasadena Ambassador College, according to the Admissions Office here.

Two hundred sixteen applications have been returned and 38 are complete and ready to begin the reviewing process.

"It's a concern of the administrations of both campuses that although we're pleased with the increase, we'd like to see more of those applications returned," said evangelist **Richard Ames**, director of admissions here. The deadline for returning applications is March 1.

In Big Sandy 585 applications were requested, 124 were returned and 37 are complete, according to the Registrar's Office there.

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PASADENA — In 1986 the Personal Correspondence Department received more than 80,000 letters and telephone response cards containing questions, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

"Surprisingly, the most frequently asked question was, 'Will you pray for me?'" Mr. Rice said. One fourth or 20,000 of the letters and cards requested prayers.

Two other most commonly asked questions were, "Where may I attend your Church?" and "How may I have one of your ministers visit me?" Together these three questions accounted for almost 37,000 (about half) of the letters and cards received in 1986.

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PASADENA — Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** presented **Floyd**

**Kielczewski**, site manager for the Church's summer camp in Orr, Minn., with a plaque and a chrome-plated ax with a wooden handle Dec. 26, according to **Joseph Locke**, a personal assistant to Mr. Tkach.

Mr. Locke explained that last summer when Mr. Tkach visited the camp he saw a video of camp activities, including a woodcutting contest. Mr. Kielczewski challenged the boys to the contest and then cut more wood than all of the seven or eight who competed against him as a team.

Mr. Tkach teased him about it and decided to surprise him with the plaque and ax during Mr. Kielczewski's visit to Pasadena in December. The presentation took place in Mr. Tkach's office in the Hall of Administration.

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PASADENA — Evangelist **Gerald Waterhouse** ended his Australian tour in Townsville, Jan. 19, 47 days after his first Australian address in Perth, reported the Church's Burleigh Heads, Australia, Office.

From Perth Mr. Waterhouse traveled across the continent, "visiting almost every city and town where a congregation of God's people is located," said **Robert Fahey**, regional



**WINTER GRADS** — Valdemar Burzan (second from left), and Karen Geiser (second from right), pause for a photograph after Pasadena Ambassador College graduation exercises Jan. 7 with (from left) William Stenger, registrar; evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor; and Arthur Suckling, financial aids officer. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

director for Australia and Asia.

Almost all the Australian brethren heard Mr. Waterhouse speak, either at a Sabbath service or in a Bible study.

"Mr. Waterhouse delivered his usual powerful message, expanding our vision of the world tomorrow

and of the coming ruling family of God," Mr. Fahey said.

Mr. Waterhouse "showed clearly how God carefully selected and trained Mr. [Joseph] Tkach for the responsibilities he now has as the apostle of God's end-time Church, taking up the baton from

Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong.

"The brethren felt much closer to Mr. Tkach after hearing Mr. Waterhouse's message," Mr. Fahey added.

Mr. Waterhouse then left for a tour of the churches in New Zealand.



PASADENA — A five-hour boat trip to visit an ailing 91-year-old member living in Dapa, on the island of Siargao, turned into a 23-hour brush with disaster for **Gil Llanaza**, pastor of the Butuan church on the island of Mindanao, according to **Rodney Matthews**, Manila, Philippines, Office manager.

Dec. 30, after Mr. Llanaza left the city of Surigao, on Mindanao's north coast, Typhoon Biding "lashed the boat with severe winds and rain, and the boat had to run for shelter to the rocky little island of Hinatuan," Mr. Matthews said.

There the passengers abandoned the boat to seek shelter during the night. As they walked toward the mountains to escape the sea, one passenger said it was like the exodus.

"Mr. Llanaza commented to two members traveling with him that it was a little different, since there were only three 'Israelites' out of the 200 in this 'exodus,'" Mr. Matthews said.

At 4 the next morning they reboarded the boat, only to again encounter boisterous waves. "But God delivered them," he added, "and Mr. Llanaza reported that it was a great lesson to have to rely totally on God for deliverance in all trials and tribulations."

After the boat reached Dapa and the visit was completed, Mr. Llanaza and his two companions were told by the lodging house owner: "In 1984 when Typhoon Nintang devastated Dapa, our guests at that time were salesmen and lawyers. Now Typhoon Biding spared Dapa, because you are our guests and God is with you."

#### Members heckled

Several intoxicated individuals have come each Sabbath to insult us, Hnalo Matan of Orap, Vanuatu, reported to Peter Nathan, regional

director of the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific.

A small number of prospective members meet for services in Vanuatu, an island in the South Pacific.

"Despite these numerous problems, we're not stopping our habit of observing God's Sabbath," Mr. Matan said.

Insults, mockings, jealousies and threats "have also become more serious lately," he added.

"Thank you for your prayers, because in spite of everything, none of our small group has yet been hurt physically."

#### Restrictions lifted

East German citizens are now allowed to travel to the West for certain special events, such as golden wedding anniversaries, funerals and special birthdays of second-degree relatives such as aunts and uncles, according to **Frank Schnee**, regional director for German-speaking areas.

"As a result of this, two of our East German members were able to visit us here in the Bonn [West Germany] Office, as well as their second-degree relatives," Mr. Schnee said. "Another member was granted permission to travel to Canada in December to visit an uncle."

"Our members in East Germany... reported that the literature we send to them almost always gets through," added Mr. Schnee.

"We send the literature by registered mail with notice of receipt but no longer need to label it 'theological literature,'" he explained.

When the Bonn Office sent a member nine booklets in December, the member wrote back saying she had received eight of them. The booklet *World Peace — How It Will Come* was not delivered, and "a note from the East German Post Office informed us that the booklet... was on the 'list of forbidden ma-

terials,'" Mr. Schnee said. In addition to Church members, 28 people in East Germany subscribe to *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*).

In Czechoslovakia 32 receive *Klar & Wahr*, and literature is sent to them in the same way as it is to East Germany.

"In Poland there are no literature restrictions, so that the Church's publications can be sent through the mail in the same way as for any other Western country," Mr. Schnee said. Five hundred thirty-three people regularly receive *Klar & Wahr* in Poland.

Mr. Schnee also reported that 1986 ended on a "very high note," with the ordination of **Hermann Birawe** to local church elder — the second local church elder in the German-speaking area.

Mr. Birawe, who attends the Zuerich, Switzerland, church, was ordained Dec. 27 by Mr. Schnee.

#### Visit to Madagascar

Owen Willis, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, visited **Evelyne Rakotomalala**, the lone member of the Church in Madagascar, in early December.

"In addition to visiting her, I was able to conduct two new visits — one of which seems very promising," Mr. Willis said.

"With the expected move of two members from Europe to Madagascar sometime soon, Evelyne looks forward to the time when she won't be so isolated any more," he added.

#### Church in Italy

In December the Rome, Italy, church bade farewell to two of the congregation's pioneering families, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Nwawel from Cameroon, and Mr. and Mrs. Cary Joseph from Zambia, and their families, reported **Carn Catherwood**, regional director for Italian-speaking areas.

"In both cases, their government-related jobs had necessitated relocating to Italy for several years," Mr. Catherwood said.

Two years ago, when the Italian membership began to develop, the Joseph and Nwawel families "provided a backbone to which the newer members were added."

Said **Michael Caputo**, pastor of

the Rome, Milan and Catania, Italy, churches: "It was sad to see them go, but in a way it marks a turning point in the Rome congregation, a coming of age for the Italian churches."

Attendance at the December Sabbath service in Rome was 45. "Plans are under way to establish a monthly Bible study in Rome," according to Mr. Catherwood.

#### Office expands

In November the Italian Department, located on the second floor of the Green Street annex building in Pasadena, expanded to include a neighboring suite, giving employees about 50 percent more work space, Mr. Catherwood said.

Mr. Catherwood said, "With an increasing role in the publishing aspect of magazine production (page formation, etc.), as well as the new television brochures to produce, the Italian Department staff can look forward to a steadily increasing work load in the months to come."

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