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Mr. Tkach travels to Pacific regions, Asia

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"Let's look at this from the point of view of his goal to weave the Church together. He added several stitches on this trip—big ones like all of Australia, and little ones like the brethren in Thailand.

"I think we can all respect and appreciate his willingness to go to the ends of the earth."

So said John Halford, on-site director for the Church's Media Services Department, about Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's first trip to Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Sri Lanka, Dec. 21 to Jan. 11.

Australia

After a stop in Hawaii, Mr. Tkach and his traveling party began their tour of the world's smallest continent and largest island in Melbourne. They flew in a chartered Boeing 727 jet (see "Personal," Jan. 4).

Robert Fahey, regional director for Australia and Asia, called the visit "historic and a great uplift for the entire Church in Australia."

"I sensed that the Australian members would appreciate Mr. Tkach's down-to-earth manner and his sincere, friendly openness," Mr. Fahey continued. "It went even better than I had hoped!"

"As we traveled to each area, I could see a genuine respect and affection mutually developing between the pastor general and the Australian church families."

At the various areas Mr. Tkach visited he received greetings, send-offs and gifts from ministers, wives, families and brethren.

Brethren participating in church choirs performed special music for the pastor general, who, after speaking, spent several hours meeting and shaking hands with the brethren.

Mr. Tkach was host to dinners for ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses. "He wanted to meet each one and express his appreciation for their service to the Church," said Mr. Fahey.

"After his sermons, it seemed that many felt they knew Mr. Tkach personally," Mr. Fahey commented. "And when he spent the time to meet and shake hands with every member of the audience individually, they could see he practices

the love and concern he preaches."

Traveling with Mr. Tkach were Joseph Locke, his personal assistant; James Peoples, operation manager of the Computer Information Systems, Purchasing and Travel departments, and his wife, Linda; Ellen Escat, the pastor general's administrative assistant; Michael Rasmussen, executive office aide, and his wife, Juli; Julie Stocker, an administrative assistant in Communications & Public Affairs; and Ross Jutsum, director of the Music Department in Pasadena, his wife, Tammara, and daughters, Heidi and Lisa.

Also traveling on the 727 were Mr. Tkach's Gulfstream III crew: Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich, maintenance chief Dean Mohr and steward Jay Brothers.

The Church's television crew included Mr. Halford and his wife, Patricia; cameraman Gary Werings and his wife, Gloria; and Steve Bergstrom, cameraman and remote operations engineer.

Mr. Tkach spoke at services Dec. 25 for 1,350 brethren from surrounding churches at Melbourne's Monash University.

"In his sermons and conversation, Mr. Tkach had two main themes," reported Mr. Fahey. "First is the theme of family. He has been emphasizing this relationship that we should have in the Church since he became pastor general."

Mr. Fahey continued: "Mr. Tkach's second theme is a sobering one. He mentioned he is concerned about a growing Laodicean attitude within the Church worldwide. That is something that should concern us greatly."

"Mr. Tkach's love for God's people" (See TRAVELS, page 3)



CLOSE KINSHIP—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's Dec. 21 to Jan. 11 trip to Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Sri Lanka includes (clockwise from top) a helicopter descent into the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp at Lake Moogerah, Australia, where campers spell "We are one family" and form an outline border of Australia. Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director, chats with Mr. Tkach during a three-hour cruise of Sydney harbor on the *Bennelong*; and the pastor general receives a hug from a Church youth in Melbourne, Australia. [Photos by Michael Rasmussen]

PERSONAL FROM *Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren:

In this age of mixed-up values and upside-down concepts about men's and women's roles in marriage,

it is vitally important that God's Church keep the proper balance.

The world, under Satan's leadership, tends to go from one extreme to the other—in this case, from treating women as second class citizens to "liberating" wives from their husbands' authority.

But we need to understand our respective responsibilities in that wonderful relationship that God has established between a man and a woman for our happiness—a relationship that *teaches us* about the even greater relationship between Jesus Christ and the Church.

We must realize that each of us carried into the Church some of the treadmarks of this world's misconceptions and false values about the marriage state. But as we grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, we can come to learn more day-by-day and year-by-year about this beautiful relationship designed by God Himself.

As this has been on my mind

lately, I want to cover in this "Personal" a few of those misconceptions some of us may still have, and something of the way husbands and wives in God's Church should treat their respective responsibilities.

First, let's look at what it means to be the "head of the house." Some men think that being head of the household means they must regularly protect and defend their "God-given authority." They meet any lack of immediate and full compliance with their every whim, desire or "command" by exercising swift judgment with dire pronouncements of grave consequences.

In some cases their "vast authority" is maintained not only by verbal and emotional abuse, but by physical abuse, or threats of it.

Are wives to be treated as servants or slaves? "Sure," say some of these men. "The Bible says that God made Eve to be a help meet for Adam. So a husband should use his wife to do whatever he wants her to do."

Is that how Jesus leads His Church? Men, brethren, God is teaching us to be like Jesus Christ. Jesus also has a husband wife-to-be relationship with the Church.

Let's notice Paul's instruction about how to follow Jesus' example in this regard, beginning in

Ephesians 5:22. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

How are husbands to love their wives? "Even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." Does Christ smash the Church every time the Church makes a mistake? Or is Christ *patient* with the Church?

Husbands, how does Christ treat *you*? When you sin, does He set out to "get back at" you or belittle you? Or does He work with you over time in great patience? Does He demand perfection from you all at once? Does He make unreasonable demands of you?

Jesus *gave himself* for the Church. He does not mistreat it. He does not stifle it. He does not prevent it from growing. He does not treat it like a selfish master treats his slaves. He loves the Church, sets the example for it, encourages it, provides for it, takes great interest in seeing it adorned well, plans for it, gives it (See PERSONAL, page 7)



PALACE ENTRANCE—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (left of center), his traveling party and Asian guests gather on the steps of the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand, Jan. 7. The palace is the former residence of Thai kings. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]

Setting stage for Middle East showdown

PASADENA—Once again, television is bringing us pictures of rock-throwing Palestinian Arab youths engaged in pitched battles with Israeli security forces.

The latest rampage began on the Gaza Strip Dec. 9 and quickly spread to the West Bank.

There is something noticeably different this time from similar violence in the occupied territories Israel has ruled since the June, 1967, war. One senses a fundamental change under way: An era is coming to a close as Israel nears its 40th anniversary as a nation May 14.

Long past is the day when Israel was perceived as a heroic little David bravely fending off his far more numerous enemies.

Today Israel is universally condemned for its alleged suppression of Palestinian rights. Even the United States—Israel's chief supporter—joined the rest of the United Nations Security Council in condemning Israel's latest crackdown.

Despite Secretary of State George Shultz' claim that U.S. support for Israel remains "unshakable," both governments know better. Also, America's more liberal Jewish community, which once championed Israel's cause unquestioningly, is wavering.

The explosiveness in Gaza is perhaps the grimmest example of the no-win situation confronting Israel. Nearly 600,000 Palestinians are crammed into an "urban sandbar" five miles wide by 30 miles long—a density equaling Hong Kong's. Most of these hapless people are descendants of Arabs displaced in the turmoil of 1947-48 under which Is-

rael was established.

Egypt controlled the area as part of the regional armistice. But Cairo kept the Gaza Palestinians stateless, confining them to squalid settlements. The Gazans were denied employment, unlike what Israel has done in providing jobs for more than half of Gaza's work force. The Gaza Strip became a conveyor belt of terrorism into Israel.

The Gazans, said the Jan. 18 *New Republic*, "are the extreme example . . . to the general rule for solving refugee problems created by partitions in the post-war world. Tens of millions of Hindus and Muslims from the Indian subcontinent, Germans, Koreans, Africans were displaced and resettled and absorbed. Only in the Arab orbit was this instinct of mutual aid to refugee brethren officially sabotaged."

It served the Arab cause to keep the Palestinians stateless and their cause unresolved. For the real issue is not whether the Palestinians obtain a homeland in the Gaza Strip and West Bank—but who controls all of the Holy Land, including present-day Israel and Jerusalem.

If many Palestinians are frustrated to the point of despair, the Israeli public and government are divided over what to do with the millstone of the occupied territories. Some Israelis favor negotiations with moderate Arab leaders or neighboring Arab nations leading to "land for peace" trade-offs.

The problem is that any moderate spokesman who might wish to negotiate, risks assassination. Witness the end of Egypt's Anwar Sadat.

Furthermore, there is increas-

ingly little room for negotiation on either side. It is true that some young Israelis advocate "gambling on peace," even offering to deal with Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Yet Mr. Arafat doesn't appear to be very accommodating. During the riots he exhorted his followers to "wage the holy war until the flag of

the single most coherent and vigorous political force in Israel."

To Jewish fundamentalists, moreover, Arab control of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is anathema. To them it is absurd to have Jewish religious activity confined to the Western (Wailing) Wall.

There is "an escalating commitment by the fundamentalist main-

stream," continued *Foreign Policy*, "to alter the status quo on the Temple Mount in some dramatic fashion—by replacing Moslem guards with Israeli police, by organizing public Jewish prayer services on the site, by building a large synagogue there . . . or by preparing it for the reconstruction of the Temple . . ."

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WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



Palestine is raised atop the mosques of Jerusalem, the capital of our independent state."

On the Israeli side, increasing numbers insist that the formerly Arab lands, now populated by more than 130 Jewish settlements, must be permanently incorporated into the State of Israel—and, if necessary, their Arab occupants expelled from these lands, which they refer to as Judea and Samaria.

The shift toward what is called Jewish fundamentalism is concentrated in *Gush Emunim* (Bloc of the Faithful)—an organization with more than 10,000 activists.

"Even though Gush Emunim is not now riding on a crest of popularity," reported *Foreign Policy* in its Fall, 1987, issue, "and though Israel will not become a fundamentalist state in the near future, Jewish fundamentalism remains ideologically

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Religion in America, Europe: worlds apart

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Do you realize that religious influence is not the same throughout this world? The Americas. Africa. Asia. All have differing degrees of belief. But this is especially true of northern Europe.

Religious fundamentalism is so strong in America that two ordained ministers are now candidates for President. This simply could not happen in northern Europe.

There are perhaps 80 million "born-again" Christians in the United States. In contrast both the number and percentage are paltry in, for example, the United Kingdom.

"More than nine out of 10 Americans say they believe in God and prayer; seven out of 10 that they believe in an afterlife," wrote David L. Edwards in *The Futures of Christianity* (page 130). About 40 percent attend church on a regular basis, and some 70 percent contribute money to religious organizations.

Northern Europe simply cannot come close to matching these percentages. In fact the whole area from Stockholm, Sweden, to London, England, is known in European theological circles as "the north German plain of irreligion."

In *The Futures of Christianity*, Mr. Edwards titled his European chapter "In Secular Europe." He wrote, "Secularization on the European scale is without precedent or parallel" (page 285).

All European figures are down: ordinations, churches, baptisms, membership. Any way you care to view it, mainstream Christianity is on the wane in Europe.

Kenneth Slack wrote in a revised preface to *The British Churches Today*: "Passage after passage of the book written in 1960 has seemed strangely optimistic and has had to be excised. To write in 1969 is to be led to wonder whether at the end of another decade the whole institution of the church will not have changed its shape so drastically as to

demand not a further revision . . . but a totally different book trying to account for what has happened" (page xi).

Mr. Slack was not far from right. Substantial numbers of ministers in the Anglican church seriously question the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, the resurrection and many other basic Christian doctrines. Newspaper articles regularly discuss ministerial disbelief. Prominent bishops often air their radical views of the Bible on radio and television.

As Bryan Wilson wrote about religious belief in England in his book, *Contemporary Transformations of Religion*, "All the evidence is toward the decline of belief in the supernatural, and the rejection of the idea that the supernatural has any significant influence in the everyday life of modern man" (page 15).

The gradual rejection of religion and the supernatural extends to the European Continent. Mr. Wilson wrote, "If there were any faint indication of religious decline before the first world war, the evidence became inescapable after the second, and this not only in Britain, but also in Europe."

American President James Madison (1809-1817) wrote, "The religion of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man." This set the tone for worship God as you see fit and let your conscience be your guide. Such statements characterize U.S. religion today.

There are hundreds of denominations on the American scene. Some big, some small—but all differing in belief from other denominations to one degree or other. Everyone, it seems, is his or her own interpreter of the Bible.

Nonetheless, there is a basic American belief in God and the Bible. The contrast between northern Europe and North America is marked.

(First of a two-part series)



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

'I just can't . . .'

They say there are three kinds of people in this old world, the *wills*, the *won'ts* and the *can'ts*. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything.

Which group do you belong to?

I had to ask myself this question about a point of spiritual growth I was struggling with personally.

I was standing in line at the bank thinking about my problem when a flyer on a rack nearby caught my eye. It said in bold type, "Yes, you can!"

What's holding you back?

It's not uncommon to hear someone say: "I just can't seem to change. What is it that's holding me back? Why is it every time I try to do something about my problem, something keeps me from making progress?"

The first step to overcoming is to understand exactly what we're saying when we make such statements as "I can't," and "it" or "something" keeps me from making progress.

First, there is no "it" or "something" out there preventing us from doing or becoming whatever we want to become. To think in such terms is to place the control of our thoughts or actions in some other entity.

By saying "it" is preventing us from changing, we're really saying that we're not responsible for our actions. Our capacity to act is diminished by "it." "It" is blocking us from making any progress. We are, in effect, telling ourselves and the world that we're helpless victims. I like to refer to this as the old "woe is

me" attitude.

This "it" is coming into our lives and *forcing* us to remain drug dependent, an alcoholic, a gambler, a person with a violent temper, negative, irresponsible. It's like saying, "I didn't want to, but the devil made me do it." I can't be blamed for my problems, and I really can't be expected to change.

You are responsible

People with terrible social problems such as rapists and child molesters have said: "Well, I couldn't control myself. I just had to do it."

A person who says, "I can't" really means "I won't." The person who admits that he or she means "I won't change or overcome," has half the battle won.

The person didn't want to commit the crime or break that commandment. He or she is not really guilty. Yes, the deed was done, but "it" "made" me do it. He or she lost control and, therefore, is not responsible.

Now, a person who says, "I can't" also means something else. He or she really means "I won't." A smoker who can't stop smoking really means he or she *won't* endure the withdrawal symptoms—the pain, the desire, the feeling of psychological emptiness required to quit the habit.

People who say, "I can't," continue to see themselves as not really responsible for their weaknesses. The person who finally admits that he or she really means, "I won't change or overcome" has half the battle won.

These people finally realize that *they* are responsible for their past failure. They have been unwilling to pay the price of change or improvement. Their own minds have been responsible for failure. Now, their own minds can have a part in future success.

Human mind is weak

The Bible shows that the human mind is weak. It caves in and becomes a slave to those habits, thoughts and actions that degrade and destroy. God's purpose is that man come to recognize his weakness and take responsibility for it. The next step is to seek the true values and strive to get in harmony with them.

An important part of God's ultimate aim is to provide spiritual help so that all humans will no longer say, "I can't" or "I won't." In that day, their words will be, "Yes, I can, and yes, I will."

According to John 6:44-45: "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I

will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me" (New King James through-out).

Words of encouragement

We, as end-time Christians, should be encouraged by the apostle Paul's words in Ephesians 3:20, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."

And we need to say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). "Yes, I can!" "Yes, you can!" God wants us to overcome and inherit the Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Travels

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ple was obvious in everything he said and did," said William Bradford, Melbourne South and East pastor. "The brethren were elated."

"For us in the ministry, it was obvious that there is an even greater obligation to be true shepherds and to build and strengthen the attitude of unity within our respective church areas," commented David Austin, pastor of the Bendigo and Mount Gambier churches.

Flying on to Sydney that evening, Mr. Tkach and his party were accompanied by Mr. Fahey, his wife, Evelyn, Paul Butler, who works in Ministerial Services in the Burleigh Heads Office, his wife, Jennifer, and their children, Janelle and Joseph. Mrs. Butler is Mr. Tkach's daughter.

At Sabbath services in Sydney Dec. 26, Mr. Tkach addressed 1,239 brethren from churches in New South Wales.

"Emphasizing the fact that we are one family, Mr. Tkach motivated everyone to produce more in fulfilling the great commission before us," said John McLean, associate pastor of the Sydney North and Newcastle churches.

The brethren gave Mr. Tkach a crystal decanter and glasses engraved with Australian floral em-



LANDING AT THE SEP—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach sits in the helicopter cockpit (left), before landing at the Australian Summer Educational Program (SEP) site at Lake Moogerah. [Photos by Michael Rasmussen]



blems by member John Cornish.

"Mr. Tkach is a real man of the people," said Roland Sernig, a member from the Sydney North church. "Hearing him relate his experiences makes him easy to identify with. His message was inspiring and made us want to do more to please God."

Sunday morning the group toured the Rocks area in Sydney (settled by English convicts sent to Australia), and aboard the *Benelong* they took a three-hour cruise of the Sydney harbor, often referred to as the world's most beautiful natural harbor.

Returning to the Sydney airport, the group left for Perth. Monday afternoon, Dec. 28, Mr. Tkach spoke to 656 brethren.

"Mr. Tkach seemed especially at home in Perth," said Mr. Fahey. "He spoke very personally and went about 40 minutes overtime. The brethren, many of whom had traveled long, Western Australian distances, were delighted."

Mr. Tkach "spoke powerfully from the heart," said Robert Regazzoli, Perth and Bunbury pastor. "His visit, message and obvious warmth had a profound impact on the brethren here. He leaves no doubt that the Temple is being measured."

After touring Perth the next morning, the group took a three-hour 45-minute flight to Tasmania, an island of 26,215 square miles southeast of the Australian mainland.

Touching down in Launceston, they were greeted by Rodney McQueen, pastor of the Launceston, Devonport and Hobart churches, and his wife, Martha.

Mr. Tkach gave a sermon Dec. 30 for 259 brethren. "The family of God is forever," said the pastor general. "To be part of that family we must be zealous to repent, overcome, grow in love, reflecting God's character and wanting to give."

Returning to the mainland the next morning, the party arrived at the Gold Coast airport shortly after noon and was driven to the regional office in Burleigh Heads.

Before eating a barbecue with the

staff, the pastor general offered a toast to the Kingdom of God to the 63 present. He then toured the office and viewed a video presentation of the work in Australia and Asia.

"Mr. Tkach spoke very highly of the presentation and said it was one of the best he had been given," said Mr. Fahey. "Afterward I was able to give him a copy to take with him."

Reginald Wright, director of mail processing in Burleigh Heads, said: "Mr. Tkach, when addressing the office staff, spoke to us, not at us. The spontaneous applause from the staff at the conclusion of his address spoke a thousand words. It showed the genuine love and respect that we all have for Mr.

Tkach and his leadership."

Visit to SEP

Jan. 1 the pastor general and his party went by helicopter to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) site at Lake Moogerah. "As we came in by helicopter, we saw the campers standing on the grassy hill just above the YOU sign made in flowers," said Mr. Fahey. "Above the sign, they spelled out in crisp formation: 'We are one family.'"

"Surrounding the YOU sign, other campers stood, their hands linked together, absolutely perfectly positioned in the shape of Australia.

"From the sky, it was absolutely

Holy Day offerings

Readers suggest ways to save

The following letters are in response to editor Dexter H. Faulkner's request for ideas on saving for Holy Day offerings in his "Just Between Friends" column "Have We Robbed Thee?" in the Dec. 7 Worldwide News.

Now I know what I, personally, as a homemaker without outside employment, can do to help with the Holy Day offerings! I will put aside loose change from the grocery shopping, etc., to add to the amount my husband already sets aside from his paychecks. I'll encourage our children to do the same.

Thank you also for helping me to see the "bond of affection" in giving to God.
Billy Wakeman
Hastings, Neb.

In reading the article, it seems that a good many people in God's Church were not given an example of their particular circumstance—that of being self-employed. In our area, as in many others, a major percentage of the families are self-employed.

We, like many others, have wanted to increase our offerings. Normally, we have been preparing our offering from our net income, but have decided to do something different this year. We will be basing our offering on a percentage of our gross income. Our goal is to double our offerings.

By using our gross income as the base for figuring, we can have the pleasure of setting aside a fixed percentage from each job, rather than the irregular schedule and amount from our net income (irregular because of the nature of our business). Thus, when each job is finished, we can set aside a portion for offerings right away, helping us all to keep in mind the many blessings God is providing. His commands to us and the meaning of the Holy Days coming up.

We look forward to implementing this plan, and expect many positive results. Perhaps others may benefit from it as well.

Roc Corbett
Charlo, Mont.

For a number of years I used to take all the loose change from my billfold and set it aside in a certain jar. Then I got to putting dimes away, instead of the change, which added up much faster . . .

When the Days of Unleavened Bread are here, I divide what has accumulated, then I add to that to make a round figure for an offering. Then I start all over again for the remaining Holy Day offerings. I have been amazed at how many

dimes I find in my billfold at times.

Sarah Snyder
Hagerstown, Ind.

My way of preparing for a little extra in the Holy Day offering envelope was by putting aside one dollar a week from the grocery money.

We always had enough left for groceries, so many years ago I started putting two dollars aside each week . . . Each year we are able to put in a little over a hundred dollars extra that otherwise may not have been there.

Shirley Danyluk
Whittier, Calif.

When I first came in the Church, my Holy Day offering was about \$10. The next year I reasoned, since God had blessed me in many ways, I should increase it to \$20.

I tried to continue this pattern every year—also mindful of the scripture, "He which sows bountifully will reap bountifully" [II Corinthians 9:6].

Roger Van Dyke
Midland Park, N.J.

We have been members for 20 years. Those first years were rough ones, being in debt up to our ears . . . but we always gave basically the same every Holy Day. It was \$5 at first, then \$10, \$15, and so on as we climbed out of debt . . .

Occasionally, my wife will add \$5 from her personal funds. She found a \$5 bill along the road one day as we walked. "Send it to Pasadena," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Arnold
Somerset, Ohio

I started putting aside \$5 from each paycheck. God wants us to give as we are able. The thought came to mind about how to give as I am able when I am blessed with a better job and when I fall on hard times. After three months of thinking about it, the idea of a percent-based offering came up. Tithing being 10 percent is on a percent basis.

I figured over the last three months that the \$5 was very close to 3 percent of my gross income of the paycheck. So out of each paycheck I set aside 3 percent for the Holy Day offerings.

Glen McPheeters
Tempe, Az.

During my six years in God's service, I've heard the ministry give an average offering per person on the Holy Days. For example, "\$28.65 per person, that means every man, woman and child here."

Using that for the beginning, I rounded it off to \$30, then to be sure,

beautiful, as you will see . . . in a future edition of the Feast family film. As they stood there, absolutely straight and erect, suddenly they all started waving their hats in greeting.

"I don't think there was a dry eye in that helicopter! Even talking about it now I get choked up," Mr. Fahey said.

Mr. Tkach spoke to the 224 campers and staff, asking and soliciting questions.

"Several responded to his invitation, asking questions about how Mr. Tkach came into the Church, what he thought of Australia and how the Australian site compared to other SEPs around the world," said Aub Warren, communications director at the site.

"I enjoyed him asking us questions," said camper Claire Stevens, 14, from Perth. "It makes you feel more a part of what's happening, more involved."

Mr. Tkach then shook their hands, signed autographs and toured various camp activities. At golf class he received some tips from Christopher Hunting, golf instructor and Melbourne South and East associate pastor.

After watching dance class, Mr. Tkach asked for some polka music and performed a polka exhibition with his daughter Jennifer.

The group then set off at a brisk pace to view the lake, which is 80 percent below its capacity because of a drought, according to Mr. Warren.

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doubled it. Sixty dollars became the goal. Sometimes, it's possible to make it triple.

In order to set this aside, I decided that I would dedicate one day's work, or two housecleaning jobs at \$30 each. I'm self-employed as a housekeeper.

This means that I work all day for the offering. All day for one purpose. All day for God. It's like inviting the boss to check my work! I am very careful to do extras, and this places a higher value on my work. I offer my laboring all that day plus the money the people have left me.

I've also set aside [an] offering by figuring my hourly wage and then dedicating a certain predetermined number of hours as an offering. When I do it like this, it brings God and the work right here to Yukon, Oklahoma!

I think I'll continue this but add your great suggestions of a little here and there. For example, every time I spend some pocket money for a drink after a housecleaning job, I'll set aside that same amount as an offering. A spiritual drink, for someone else.

Susan A. Strawn
Yukon, Okla.

We have used this method of saving a percentage of our income on a regular basis for about five years now. I feel that God has blessed our family since that time, on a regular basis also. We are able to adjust the percentage as needed, according to God's blessings, using the previous year as a basis.

We use this method for our regular offerings as well as our Holy Day offerings. We are prepared and willing to present God with our offerings on each Holy Day, and we always feel that God is pleased with them.

David Davidson
Dogpatch, Ark.

My husband . . . put away every payday \$5 or whatever he could, and every year without fail God blessed him more . . . The last year of his life (1983) he earned the most of his whole life . . . Now since I have been a widow I find it hard to know just what to do. So I have tried to give offerings since I do not work for money . . . God looks after widows far more than we realize.

So what I do to save for offerings is this: I save all the two dollar bills and now they have made one dollar coins in Canada. I am saving them toward the Holy [Day] offerings. So far I have one two-dollar bill and 12 loons. We call them that. It is exciting to go and see just how much there will be.

Gertrude Hiebert
Winnipeg, Man.



HELPING HANDS—New Zealand Summer Educational Program (SEP) campers help each other through a confidence course. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach presents a minicamper certificate at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Motutapu Island, New Zealand. [Photo by Michael Rasmussen]



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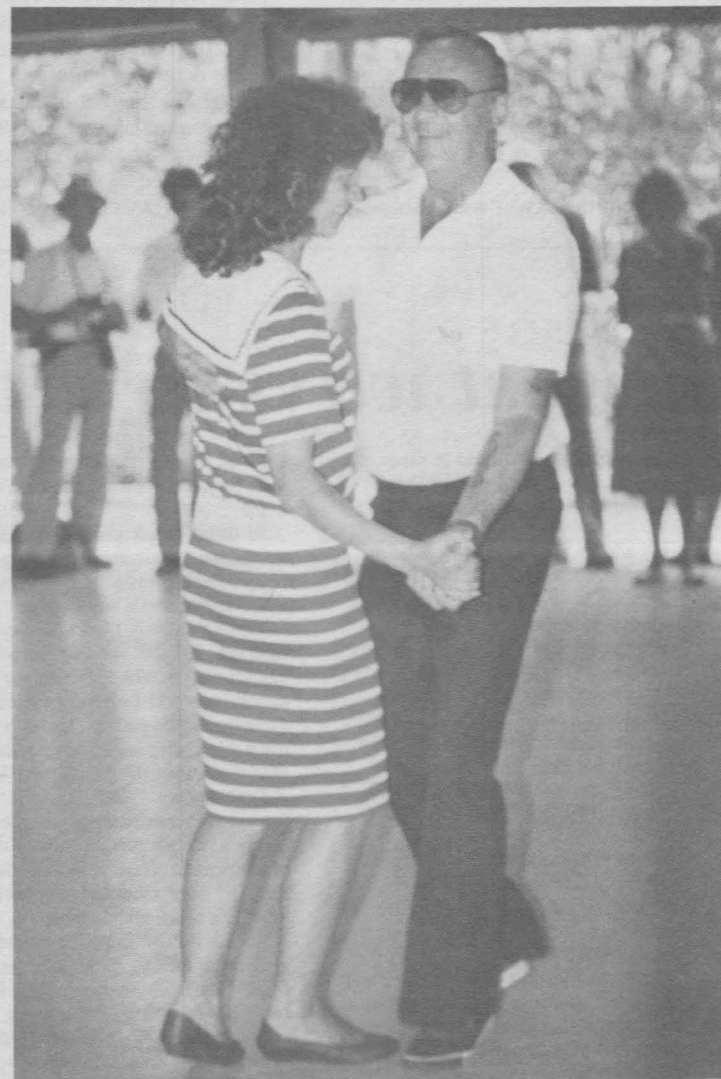


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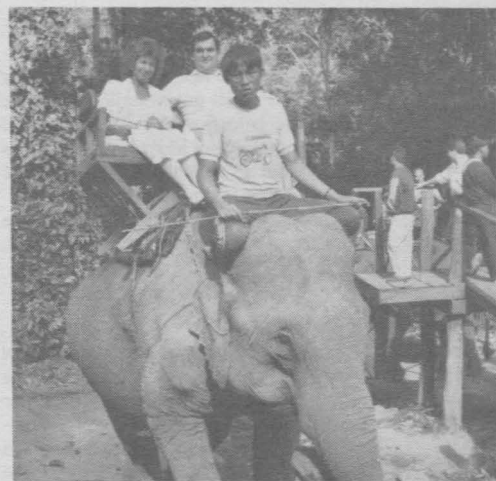
To the ends of the earth

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, ASIA—"Genuine respect and affection" developed between Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and brethren he visited during his Dec. 21 to Jan. 11 trip, said Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director. Clockwise from top left: Mr. Tkach chats with campers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp at Lake Moogerah, Australia; visits the Waterfield Institute in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, with director David Baker (center) and Mohan Jayasekera, Colombo, Sri Lanka, pastor; after clearing customs in Auckland, New Zealand, poses with children and brethren; surveys a plan of the Burleigh Heads, Australia, Office with Mr. Fahey; and beckons a disabled girl in Brisbane, Australia. At the Waterfield Institute, Gamani Dissanayake (right), Sri Lankan minister of land and land development, converses with (from left) Patricia Halford, wife of on-site director John Halford, Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant, Gloria Werings, wife of cameraman Gary Werings, and Julie Stocker, an administrative assistant for Communications & Public

Affairs. Mr. Tkach receives hugs from his grandchildren, Janelle and Joseph, children of Paul Butler, who works in Ministerial Services at the Burleigh Heads Office, and his wife, Jennifer, after landing at the Melbourne airport; and watches a swagman (Australian wanderer) perform at a farewell dinner in Brisbane. Ambassador student Monica Shaw teaches in Bangkok, Thailand. Michael Rasmussen, executive office aide, and his wife, Jill, cuddle koalas at the Brisbane dinner; and the pastor general dances the polka with his daughter, Jennifer, at Lake Moogerah. Below, from left: James Peoples, an operation manager for the Church, and his wife, Linda, share a seat on an elephant's back in Chiang Mai, Thailand; Sri Lankan brethren entertain in the Colombo Office; Ross Jutsum, director of the Music Department in Pasadena, performs in Melbourne; and Sally and Jemima Robertson perform "Meet Frankie and Johnnie" at a performance by the New Horizons in Brisbane. [Photos by Clive Baker, Jay Brothers, Helen Eddington, Stephen O'Dell, Michael Rasmussen and Bruce Weir]



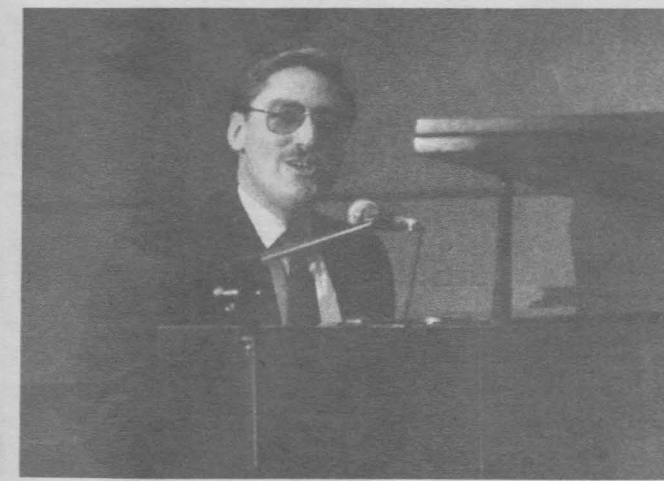
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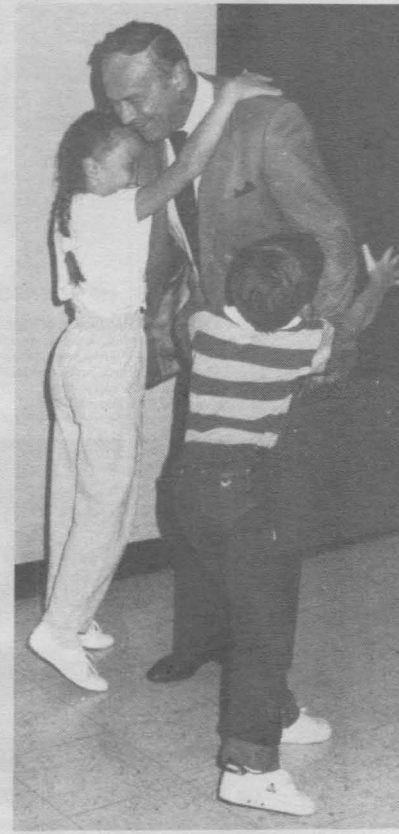
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ADU-MENSAH, Moses and Irene, of Kumasi, Ghana, boy, Mark Fosu, Nov. 3, 9:35 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CLEMENTSON, John and Charolette (Meade), of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Eric A.H., Oct. 2, 12:01 a.m., 5 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 5 girls.

DIGERONIMO, Leonard and Melissa (Florence), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Anthony Ryan, Dec. 17, 5:02 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DIZON, Arnel and Jane Mary (Boone), of San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, girl, Janelle Ruth, Dec. 8, 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

FRANCIS, Robert and Julie (Sluder), of Seattle, Wash., boy, Kai David, Dec. 2, 5:45 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

FREEZE, Keith and Eleanor (Smith), of Fredericton, N.B., girl, Karen Anne, Oct. 8, 2:12 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

GUNDERS, Russell and Cherry (Scott), of Ipswich, Australia, boy, Matthew Russell, Dec. 1, 5:21 a.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HAYES, R. Charles and Margaret (Asseini), of St. Catharines, Ont., girl, Seanna Tesse, Dec. 11, 11:45 a.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HIGGINS, Larry and Jo Lynn (Abernathy), of Jasper, Ala., boy, Joseph Michael, Dec. 4, 10:09 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HOLMES, Peter and Aurelia Schellata (Lucas), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Schellese Nicole, Nov. 2, 4:05 p.m., 4 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

HORTON, Michael and Kathy, of Biloxi, Miss., girl, Amelia Beth, Nov. 5, 12:53 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

JOSEY, Les and Grace (de Vlugt), of Pasadena, girl, Kimberly Renee, Oct. 6, 9:45 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

KEDRO, Kenneth and Jeanne (Hoffmann), of Rolla, Mo., girl, Lisa Marie, Nov. 13, 12:41 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

KOHLER, Roger Jr. and Trina (Sullivan), of Rockford, Ill., boy, Aaron Joseph, Dec. 8, 8:38 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

LESKO, Ronald and Kathleen (Pope), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Florence May, Dec. 8, 11 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

LIESER, Mark and Jean (Muehlbauer), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Elizabeth Ann Teresa, Sept. 16, 12:43 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

MacDONALD, Doug and Debbie (Williams), of Raleigh, N.C., girl, Stephanie Louise, Oct. 27, 7:53 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

MANNING, Grover and Marcia (Shumate), of Kansas City, Mo., boy, Kevin Paul, Dec. 16, 8:54 p.m., 10 pounds, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

MAVRIDIS, Anesti and Bessie (Siamas), of Montreal, Que., girl, Anita Faye, Aug. 13, 2:48 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

McCLURE, Malcolm and Cathy (Peine), of Pasadena, boy, Jonathan Michael, Sept. 25, 9:55 p.m., first child.

McMURTRY, Eddy and Perri (Champagne), of Amarillo, Tex., girl, Valeria Elaine, Dec. 12, 11:45 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

MILLER, Skip and Suzanne (Richmond), of San Diego, Calif., boy, William John IV, Dec. 6, 1:14 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MOKHTAR, Mohamed and Martine (Lathouwers), of Palmdale, Calif., girl, Chantal Aham, Dec. 5, 1:25 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

MONSON, Leigh III and Carol (Holm), of Buford, Ga., girl, Courtney Kristina, Nov. 27, 8 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MUEHLMAN, Steven and Rebecca (Weaver), of Columbia, Mo., boy, Logan Lee, Nov. 24, 4 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

NKOSI, Silvester and Molless (Nyirongo), of Blantyre, Malawi, girl, Towela, Nov. 5, 3:32 a.m., 3.7 kilograms, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

OLIVER, Edward and Amanda (Leedy), of Charlotte, N.C., boy, Simon Edward, Nov. 3, 6:37 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

VERTON, Mac and Melodee (Searis), of Big Sandy, girl, Meagan Renee, Oct. 30, 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 4 girls.

PROCTOR, Benjamin and Colleen (Day), of Sacramento, Calif., girl, Brittany Carrie-Mae, Nov. 12, 12:05 p.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

REED, Jimmy and Debra (Claggett), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Michelle Annette, Nov. 11, 7:04 a.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

ST. CYR, Yves and Manon (Boulianne), of Quebec City, Que., boy, Cedric, Dec. 18, 5:08 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SEVIER, Bob and Kay (Hoopengartner), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Katie Lucille, Nov. 26, 8:02 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

SHELBY, Randy and Maureen (Minehan), of Paducah, Ky., boy, Stephen Michael, Nov. 10, 7:58 a.m., 8 pounds, now 3 boys.

SMITH, Ed and Michelle (Avera), of Baton Rouge, La., girl, Kelly Ashlyn, Aug. 20, 2:04 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

SPURRIER, Kevin and Merry (Miller), of Maryville, Tenn., girl, Rose Kathleen, Nov. 26, 11:26 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SWAN, Stanley III and Ann (Wallace), of Belle Vernon, Pa., boy, Christopher Joseph, July 23, 11:31 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SWERDFEGER, Ronald and Kim (Larus), of Cornwall, Ont., girl, Tirzah King, Nov. 28, 2:30 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VANSTONE, Trevor and May (Murto), of Mount Gambier, Australia, boy, Davin Joshua, Dec. 10, 5 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

VESTAL, Robert and Rena (Clements), of Monroe, La., boy, Robert Collin III, Sept. 26, 7:56 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VOREL, Lavene and Linda (Wainwright), of St. Petersburg, Fla., girl, Kristin Michelle, Oct. 2, 9:04 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WHITE, Jerry and Mary (Benson), of Rockford, Ill., girl, Marissa Elizabeth, Nov. 9, 7:37 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WIEBE, Bill and Bev, of Grande Prairie, Alta., girl, Valerie Renee, Nov. 20, 9:13 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WISEMAN, Thomas and Barbara (Phillips), of Beckley, W.Va., girl, Jennifer Leola, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Morelli are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cathy to Thomas Fidanario of Lancaster, Calif. A June 26 wedding in Rhode Island is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Allgeyer of Long Island, N.Y., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Christy to Jonathan McNair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNair of Tucson, Ariz. An April 10 wedding in New York is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Corey Sr. of Portland, Ore., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kathie to Craig Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nelson. A February wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

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Don Arbuckle, 83, and Dorothy Marshall, 76, were united in marriage Nov. 21. The ceremony was performed by Gregory Sargent, pastor of the San Antonio East and West and Uvalde, Tex., churches. Larry Scott and his wife, Linda, were attendants.

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Charles Thomas Dack are happy to announce their marriage. The ceremony was performed Aug. 29 by Wilfred Wooster, pastor of the Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alta., churches. June Schafer was maid of honor, and Ray Trout was best man. The couple reside in Red Deer.



MR. AND MRS. GARY SMITH

Gary Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Smith of Mount Sylvan, Tex., and Veronica Larsen, daughter of Virginia Larsen of Syracuse, Neb., were united in marriage Nov. 29 in Mount Sylvan. Paul Smith, assistant pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Tyler.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN WYATT

Johnnie Stephens of Kinston, Ala., and John Wyatt of Dozier, Ala., were united in marriage Nov. 21. The ceremony was performed by Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, pastor of the Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., churches. Joan Stephens, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor, and Kent Davis was best man. The couple reside in Dozier.

Denise Cooper, daughter of George Cooper of Lexington, Ky., and James M. Walker, son of Virginia Clark of Orlando, Fla., were united in marriage Aug. 8 in Orlando. The ceremony was performed by Randal Dick, pastor of the Orlando A.M. and P.M. churches. Michele Cooper, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Donald Walker, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Killarney, Fla.

Karle Allan Kendall and Deborah Mae Dacey were united in marriage Oct. 4. The couple reside in Nashua, N.H.

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MR. AND MRS. ROY BAILEY

Robin Gartin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gartin of Mishawaka, Ind., and Roy Bailey of Elkhart, Ind., were united in marriage June 28. The ceremony was performed by Robert Dick, pastor of the Elkhart, Michigan City and Plymouth, Ind., churches. Brenda Morgan, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Earl Bailey III, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Osceola, Ind.



MR. AND MRS. BEN BRUNING

Ben Bruning and Ann Bentley were united in marriage Oct. 4. The ceremony was performed by Lyall Johnston, pastor of the Wellington, Nelson, Napier, Palmerston North and New Plymouth, New Zealand, churches. Michelle Bentley, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor, and Theo Bruning, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Paraparaumu, New Zealand.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH CLAMP

Joseph Leonard Clamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clamp of Wheatland, Wyo., and Theresa Evelyn Hoeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey O. Hoeck of Colorado Springs, Colo., were united in marriage Aug. 23. The ceremony was performed by David Carley, pastor of the Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Alamosa, Colo., churches. Joel Sinner was best man, and Verena Weis was maid of honor. The couple reside in Colorado Springs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Madalin Murovic, daughter of Joe and Susan Murovic of Hammond, Ind.

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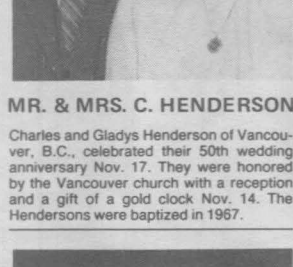
MR. AND MRS. RON JANSON

The Whangarei, New Zealand, church honored two couples with an afternoon tea after Sabbath services Dec. 5. The occasion marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Cross, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Janson's 25th wedding anniversary. Both couples received decorated cakes and a set of wine goblets—silver for the Jansons and gold for the Crosses.



MR. AND MRS. CLIFF CROSS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitwell of Jerseyville, Ill., celebrated their 25th anniversary Nov. 24. They have been Church members for 19 years, and they attend the St. Louis, Mo., North church. The Whitwells have three children, Annette Partin, Mark and Melissa.



MR. & MRS. C. HENDERSON

Charles and Gladys Henderson of Vancouver, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 17. They were honored by the Vancouver church with a reception and a gift of a gold clock Nov. 14. The Hendersons were baptized in 1967.



MR. AND MRS. ED RUBIN

Ed and Maryann Rubin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 25 during a visit with their three children, three grandchildren and other family members in South Pasadena, Calif. New Haven, Conn., brethren also honored the Rubins after Sabbath services Dec. 5 with a gift and anniversary cake. Mr. and Mrs. Rubin were baptized together in 1963, and Mr. Rubin was ordained a deacon in 1965.



MR. AND MRS. JUAN RODRIGUEZ

Juan and Maria Rodriguez, members who attend the Pasadena Spanish church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 12. Mrs. Rodriguez was baptized in 1978, and Mr. Rodriguez in 1981. The Spanish church honored them with a potluck dinner. The Rodriguezes have one daughter, three sons, 26 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

STANLEY, Helen L., 66, of St. Louis, Mo., died Oct. 11 during the Feast of Tabernacles in Mount Pocono, Pa. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. Stanley is survived by her husband, Richard, also a Church member. James Lee, pastor of the St. Louis South church, conducted funeral services.

SETTLE, Horace L. "Bill," 77, of Coral Gables, Fla., died Nov. 15 of cancer and a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1975. Mr. Settle is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a daughter Anclay Ralph; a son Rick; three grandchildren, David Ted, Jonathan and Lisa Ann; and nieces and nephews.

BIRKY, Benjamin, 86, of White Sulphur Springs, Mont., died Dec. 10. He has been a Church member since 1966. His twin brother, Manno, also a member, preceded him in death in 1984. Mr. Birky is survived by nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted by Thomas Smith, pastor of the Helena, Butte and Great Falls, Mont., churches.

SPIVEY, Richard Grant, 24, of Detroit, Mich., died Oct. 14. Mr. Spivey is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Spivey, members who attend the Detroit West church. Garvin Greene, pastor of the Cadillac and Midland, Mich., churches, conducted funeral services.

JONES, Bessie M., 87, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Dec. 9 after a short illness. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. Jones is survived by three daughters, Bessie May Jones, who attends the Pueblo, Colo., church, Lydia Muhme and Claudia Savage; two sons, Harvey R. and William R.; 12 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. One daughter-in-law, Rachel Jones, attends the Colorado Springs church. David Carley, pastor of the Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Alamosa, Colo., churches, conducted funeral services.

HANOLD, George V., 78, of Wonewoc, Wis., died Nov. 15 of a heart attack. He and his wife, Nelda, were baptized in 1961. They were married for almost 45 years. Besides his wife, Mr. Hanold is survived by a daughter, Beverly Cary, a Church member; two sons, George Jr. and Darrel; one brother; two sisters; and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Norman Strayer, pastor of the Wisconsin Dells and Wausau, Wis., churches.

JOHNSON, Stella M., 87, of Beckley, W.Va., died Nov. 25 after a long illness. She was baptized in 1967. Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, Arley, 91, also a Church member. Guy Swenson, pastor of the Beckley and Summersville, W.Va., churches, conducted funeral services.

HUMPHREYS, Ralph M., 63, of Victoria, B.C., died Oct. 24 of lung cancer. He was baptized in 1971. Mr. Humphreys is survived by a son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren who attend Church services; four other sons; and three grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches.

KNOWLES, Helen Knox, 59, of Midhurst, England, died May 27 of cancer. Mrs. Knox, a Church member, is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Roger Fowler, both Church members; two other daughters, Rebecca and Heather; a son, Robert; five grandchildren; and a sister, Isabella. Graveside services were conducted by Robin Jones, pastor of the Godalming, Reading and Southampton, England, churches.

APPLEGATE, Beulah, 64, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died Oct. 2 of cancer. She has been a Church member for 18 years. Mrs. Applegate is survived by her husband of 46 years, Roy; two daughters, Patricia Bowen and Donna Jewell, a Church member; two brothers; and six grandchildren. Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Paducah, Ky., and Cape Girardeau churches, conducted funeral services.

GLOVER, John Wiley, 89, of Ozark, Ala., died Dec. 7 after an extended illness. He has been a Church member since 1970. Mr. Glover is survived by his wife, Dora, also a Church member; two sons, Foy and Gene; and three daughters, Sybil Rasmussen, Audrey Andrews and Faye Osborn. Funeral services were conducted by Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, pastor of the Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., churches.

Travels

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Mr. Tkach then returned to the dining hall for a rousing farewell, which included renditions of "Waltzing Matilda" and "We Are One Family," led by Mr. Jutsum, whose hometown of Warwick is about 130 miles from the camp.

"Stay happy, don't let anyone tell you God's way doesn't work," Mr. Tkach encouraged the campers as he bade them farewell.

Camper Tom Noyce, who asked Mr. Tkach to sign his cap, said the visit was "the best experience" he ever had.

Overflow at Brisbane

Returning to Brisbane that evening, the pastor general was scheduled to speak to about 1,500 people on the Sabbath, Jan. 2.

When the hotel reduced the number of chairs to 1,400 and people flooded the hall, "it was obvious we were going to have a problem fitting everyone in," said Mr. Fahey.

Children were asked to sit on the floor where possible. Sydney members who had already heard Mr. Tkach were asked to give their seats to others. Mr. Tkach's staff gave up their seats.

"Some stood outside the hall, but the hotel staff asked them to leave because of fire regulations," said the regional director. "There may have been 1,650 to 1,800 people gathered to hear Mr. Tkach."

For the Queensland members who were unable to attend, a copy of Mr. Tkach's sermon in Brisbane will be sent to their churches, according to the regional director, who estimated that 5,400 people throughout Australia heard Mr. Tkach's sermons.

Mr. Halford related a story about a family who had planned to see Mr. Tkach in Melbourne. "It was a 300-mile drive, but their car broke down. So, next Sabbath, with the car fixed, they drove 1,000-plus miles to Brisbane to see him there."

That night a farewell dinner featured gum trees in the hall, koala bears and a swagman (Australian wanderer) to sing and entertain the guests.

After dinner the New Horizons, a group of youths in the Brisbane area modeled after the Young Ambassadors, entertained the group with the theme "200 Years Down Under." Australia celebrates its bicentennial this year.

Mrs. Jutsum said her husband is often confused for Mr. Fahey. "In Brisbane, Ross walked in and was greeted with, 'Oh, Mr. Fahey, can I seat you?'"

"Ross has been accused of looking like Mr. Fahey for a long time. They have similar noses and facial characteristics."

Mrs. Jutsum added: "Ross did songs he composed at each of the services in Australia. Mr. Tkach would always mention what Ross does at Pasadena and say, 'Your boy made good!' I think the brethren got a kick out of that."

New Zealand

Jan. 3, after clearing customs in



AUSTRALIAN FAMILY—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach gives an autograph to the Joe Avila family of Perth, Australia. [Photo by Roy Ozols]

Auckland, New Zealand, which is 21 hours ahead of Pasadena, Mr. Tkach was driven to an area where 250 brethren were cheering, clapping and waving.

"The children were delighted with Mr. Tkach's relaxed manner as he made a point of meeting them, shaking their hands and pausing for photographs," said Rex Morgan, a mail processing supervisor in the Auckland Office.

"The atmosphere was electric," said Lynda Cavanagh of the Auckland Office.

The trip proved "highly stimulating for the brethren," said Peter Nathan, regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific. "In a 19-hour visit, the time just passed too rapidly."

A 15-minute helicopter ride took the group to the SEP camp at Motutapu Island.

As Mr. Tkach's helicopter touched down on the volleyball court shortly before 3 p.m., staff member Isel Colati beat a welcome on the *lali* (a hollow log drum), and campers performed a poi dance.

In his address Mr. Tkach urged the campers to put their whole hearts into living God's way of life.

"He told the audience that there are three types of people: those who are spectators, those who get involved in life and those who just wonder what is going on," said Mr. Morgan. "Don't just be a spectator—get involved," he exhorted."

Mr. Tkach concluded his message by playing a tape of the earthquake that struck Los Angeles, Calif., in October. "The big one is about to come," he said, "and that's why it's good to have God on your side."

A camp tour consisted of a dorm inspection and stops at activities such as swimming, sailing, water-skiing, canoeing, soccer and a confidence course.

The beating of the *lali* summoned the campers, staff and visitors to dinner, "but Mr. Tkach wouldn't eat until he had seen every camper who wanted to meet him," said Mrs. Halford.

Although dinner featured typical (See TRAVELS, page 8)



WORK IN NEW ZEALAND—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and the staff of the Auckland, New Zealand, Office, pause in front of the office.

PERSONAL

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opportunities to improve itself, cherishes it, prizes communication with it and devotes His time and energy to its well-being.

And He quite regularly forgives it. That is how a Christian husband should treat his wife, too (except that she must quite regularly forgive *him* also!)

Ephesians 5:28-31 continues: "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

Paul is showing us here the kind of respect and honor a husband and wife should have for each other. They should come to be of one mind and heart in the fear of God, each deeply respecting the other.

A husband is not to simply love his wife as *if* she were his own body. She *is* one with him, just as the Church *is* the body of Christ. A man's wife is not a piece of property, she is an extension of the man himself.

Notice verses 32-33. "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

Here Paul specifically addresses *every individual husband in the Church* PERSONALLY. He is saying in effect, even if you don't understand the depth of the mystery I am showing you, LOVE YOUR WIFE AS YOURSELF.

And wives are told to respect their husbands. That respect is expressed by the submission described in verses 22-24, and it presumes as fact that the husband will love his wife in a manner worthy of such respect.

Another serious misconception is the idea that women are inferior to men. "Of course women are inferior," some of these people say. "The Bible calls them the weaker vessel. And we all know that weaker means inferior."

Let's look at I Peter 3:7. "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel,

and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

Here Peter is telling husbands to do all within their power to foster a positive spiritual environment in the home. A husband is to show his wife respect, taking into account the fact that she normally has less physical strength, and realizing that his wife has equal share in the grace of God and the ultimate reward of salvation. He is to remember that selfishness and egotism on his part will harm their relationship with God.

I have known some men who took great pleasure in ridiculing their wives' lesser degree of physical strength, and actually seemed to despise their wives because of it, considering them to be unimportant and of no great value compared to men. Brethren, can we see that is a gross and ungodly frame of mind for a Christian, a spiritually *dangerous* attitude?

Let's ask some other questions to further illustrate the point. Was Paul inferior to David? Paul was not a warrior like David. Is a hummingbird inferior to an eagle? Is a rosebush inferior to an oak tree? I hope you get the point.

In God's Church we should understand that men in the Church do not have some inherent authority over all the women in the Church. A woman is to be subject to her *own* husband. She is not to be subject to all other men on earth. In this connection, though it is not always the best thing, it is *not a sin* for a woman to hold a job or position in which she supervises the work of men.

A note of caution here: If a Christian wife in that situation finds that her role of supervising the work of others (men or women) on a job outside the home causes her to begin to change her attitude toward her husband, she should put her *Christian responsibility first*. She must not allow *any* activity to undermine her respect for and submission to her husband.

The pursuit of a job or career must never be permitted to prevent a Christian wife from effectively fulfilling her primary role at home. While women have the same potential capabilities as men in terms of intelligence and capacity, God *designed* wives as "helpers" for their husbands, and to be under the loving authority of their husbands. Herbert W. Armstrong often said that the best choice of a wife would be one who "*would be able to 'wear the pants,'*" but one

who *would not do it.*"

Some ask, "Doesn't Isaiah 3:12 mean that it is an abomination to God for a woman to be in a leadership position?" No, it doesn't. God is telling Judah that He will remove from them the things they have trusted in: responsible and trusted leadership—the hero and the warrior, the judge and the prophet, the men of rank, the counselor.

In their places will arise foolish, corrupt and base leaders. Read verses 1-5. (Isaiah 2:22 also warned Judah about putting trust in human leadership instead of in God.) Verse 12, like verse 4, is referring to these wicked and irresponsible leaders whom God says He will judge (they are referred to as males in verse 14) for leading Judah into ruin. He is using the comparative inexperience of women and children to illustrate the absence of wise and capable leadership (usually exercised by men, but not excluding wise and capable women).

We should recognize that if this verse actually meant what some have thought, then God would not have used Deborah as a judge of Israel, nor would He have established the child Josiah as king of Israel.

And it ought to be obvious that Margaret Thatcher's leadership in Britain has been capable and has delayed the eventual final decline of Britain.

Of course, arrogant pride of certain women of the land and their judgment is depicted in Isaiah 3:16-24. Judgment of the nation itself in verses 25-26. And in II Timothy 3:1-4 we find prophesied today's arrogant and rebellious state of thinking in men and women and children toward all authority.

Paul tells us that women are to keep silence *in the Church*. He is not referring to the work place. (However, in *any* job situation she must take care to preserve and cultivate her Christian qualities of a meek and quiet spirit.)

Women are not to be ordained to the ministry. Paul explains that God has reserved that role for men. But he also explains that even so, the spiritual reward for women, and the nature of their preparation for that reward, are exactly the same as for men.

God has called all His people to learn subjection to government—*how to be ruled*. Humility is a quality of character that is absolutely essential for salvation. Every human being must learn it. Jesus submitted Himself

to the evil and unjust authority of the Roman government and the Jewish Sanhedrin *as an example for us to follow!*

We are told in I Peter 2:18, "Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward."

Chapter 3 of I Peter begins by explaining that a wife is to be in subjection to her own husband, even to a husband who is not converted, so that perhaps the example of the converted wife's obedience to God, coupled with her respect for her husband, will win the husband to repentance.

In verse 3 Peter explains that a Christian wife's true beauty is not on the outside in the clothes or jewels she wears, but on the *inside*, in her attitude of humility before God, her character, her spirit of *meekness* (like that of Jesus in Matthew 11:29) and a disposition that is *quiet* (as opposed to contentious, belligerent or oppressive). These are of *great value* to God.

Of course it is not wrong to wear quality clothing—in fact, all Christians (men and women) should strive for quality in all aspects of their lives.

Peter goes on in verses 5-6 to cite Sarah as a fine example of those wives in the Old Testament whom God regarded as special to Him because of their faith and hope in Him, trusting His Word, looking forward eagerly to the coming of His Kingdom (Hebrews 11:13) and being in subjection to their own husbands.

In Sarah's case, her respect for her husband was even reflected in her speech, calling him her master. That kind of terminology was not uncommon in Abraham's time, and it showed what was in Sarah's *heart*. Today, the same respect can be shown in a wife's *tone of voice*.

In following Sarah's example, some wives, on occasion, call their husbands sir. If a wife chooses to do this, it should be from her heart, not something her husband demands of her.

Peter then applies Sarah's example to all Christian wives, calling them Sarah's daughters if they do what is right.

I will be writing more on these subjects in future "Personals." Brethren, let's deeply appreciate the wonderful truths God has revealed to His people through His Word. Allowing God's Spirit to lead us, let's grow in understanding and strive to *put into practice* what God has shown us. Thank you for your much needed prayers!

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Vice Chancellor **Donald Ward** presented diplomas to five Ambassador College graduates at winter commencement exercises Jan. 6. The ceremony took place in the student center faculty lounge.



ELINAH, CHARISSE & ALDRIN MANDIMIKA

Degrees were conferred upon **Harold G. Flores**, **William David Halbe** and **Aldrin P. Nyasha Mandimika**, bachelor of arts; **Ronald Charles Desgrosseilliers**, associate of arts; and **Mary J. D'Sousa**, associate of science.

Two other graduates were not

present for the ceremony. They are **Douglas F. Andrews**, associate of arts; and **Michelle Marie Duchene**, associate of science.

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PASADENA—Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach's** fall semiannual letter brought in a record response of 655,183, or 20.6 percent, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**.

The previous record was 595,000 in response to a 1985 letter that offered *Mystery of the Ages* and *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.

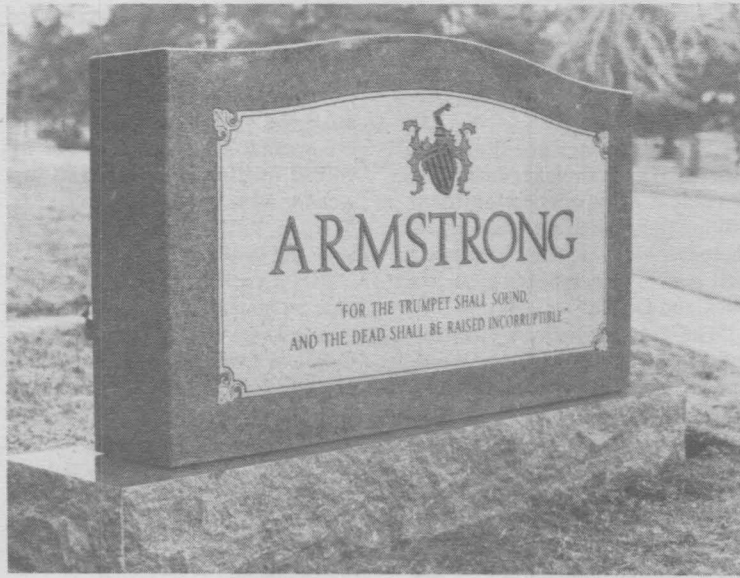
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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordination:

Rand Millich, pastor of the Columbia and Kirksville, Mo., churches, was raised in rank to pastor during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 14.

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PASADENA—**George McFar-**



ARMSTRONG TRIBUTE—Jan. 8 the Church placed an upright monument at the graves of Herbert W. Armstrong, his mother, Eva Wright Armstrong, his wife, Loma, and their oldest son, Richard David. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach asked that the monument be added to the flat markers at the individual graves "as a fitting tribute" to the Armstrong family. Greg S. Smith, manager of the Church's Photography Services Department, designed the monument. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

land and **Kenton Zlab** received plaques recognizing 25 years of service to the Church at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet Jan. 12.

Mr. McFarland is supervisor of mail receiving in the Mail Processing Center. Mr. Zlab is a welder and

machinist in the campus machine shop. He has also worked in the electrical, air conditioning and engineering departments.

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PASADENA—Through Dec. 31, Church members donated

\$3,077,114.64 to the Office Facilities Building Fund, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

This amount included 839 group donations totaling \$864,658.45 and 67,382 individual contributions totaling \$2,212,456.19.

The largest group donation, \$45,784.83, came from the churches in Australia. The average group donation was \$1,030.58, and the average individual donation was \$32.83.

The average daily total added to the fund was \$8,361.72. International areas contributed \$272,506.24, or about 8.9 percent of the total.

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VANCOUVER, B.C.—*The Worldwide News* will no longer be mailed to members in Canada. Instead, beginning with this issue, the paper will be shipped from here to Canadian pastors by courier for distribution at Sabbath services, according to **George Patrickson**, executive assistant to **Colin Adair**, regional director.

Canadian postal rates rose 34 percent Jan. 1 for oversized envelopes, including the type used for *The Worldwide News*, and the courier service will save the work tens of thousands of dollars, Mr. Patrickson said.

Travels

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New Zealand cuisine, "an exception was made for Mr. Joe Locke, who prefers not to eat lamb," said Mr. Morgan. "The other diners stared in amazement as a waiter presented Mr. Locke with a gigantic cheeseburger.

"The giant burger was made using an entire large loaf of wholemeal bread and contained enough food to satisfy three or four big eaters! Mr. Locke shared it with Mr. Tkach and others at the table," which seated eight campers.

After more entertainment, minicampers (mostly the children of faculty members and area brethren) were awarded certificates by Mr. Tkach.

"How thrilled the campers were to see Mr. Tkach!" said Mrs. Rasmussen. "They were so enthusiastic and excited, it was contagious. By the end of the day you were high on excitement."

That evening the *Aspect of Aran*, a 45-foot ketch, sailed the group through the moonlit Hauraki Gulf back to downtown Auckland. Others returned by helicopter.

Jan. 4 Mr. Tkach toured the Auckland Office and ordained **Neville Fraser**, pastor of the Hamilton, Tauranga and Rotorua, New Zealand, churches, and **Epeli Kanaimawi**, pastor of the Suva and Lautoka, Fiji, churches, to the rank of preaching elder.

As the group readied for the 14½ hour flight to Thailand, Mr. Nathan gave Mr. Tkach a pair of New Zealand sheepskin slippers and told him, "People who have to make hard decisions should never suffer from cold feet."

Mr. Tkach said he would wear the slippers on the long flight to Thailand.

Boarding the 727, fueled and ready, the group flew to Chiang Mai, Thailand, stopping for fuel in Darwin, Australia, where the Faheys reboarded.

Thailand

Upon the group's arrival, they were met by **Jonathan McNair**, Thai project leader, and **Sawat Yingyuad**, Asian representative for the Ambassador Foundation.

The Orchid Hotel in Chiang Mai honored Mr. Tkach and his party with a banquet as well as with traditional Thai dancing. Several in the group, including Mr. Tkach and Mr. Fahey, were encouraged to

dance Thai-style.

Jan. 5 Mr. Tkach visited brethren in Thailand.

"The members welcomed Mr. Tkach with a song sung by the children and presented him and the rest of the party with traditional Thai costumes—the men were given Thai shirts and the women carrying-bags," Mr. Halford said.

"The Ambassador Foundation has helped them become established in this remote area," said Mr. Fahey. "They grow their own food, and Mr. Dale Schurter, pastor of the Nassau, N.Y., church, is there presently to help them develop their agriculture.

"I'm planning on having Mr. Yong Chin Gee visit the area three or four times a year to look after their spiritual needs," added Mr. Fahey.

"I was impressed with the genuine interest Mr. Tkach had in the welfare of our very little flock in Thailand," said Mr. Halford. "To say 'I'm going to visit the troops where they are' is one thing; to do it is another. Mr. Tkach is doing it."

The group then flew to Bangkok, capital of Thailand, where Mr. Tkach, Mr. Locke and Mr. McNair met with King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

"Mr. Tkach talked to the king for an hour and a half, covering a wide range of subjects," said Mr. Halford. "Mr. Tkach was very inter-

ested in seeing King Bhumibol's palace projects."

On the palace grounds the king turned a golf course into an experimental farm, "which is sort of a showplace, a sort of garden of Eden," according to Mr. Halford, where people can see that what the king talks about he puts into action.

"As we toured each section," Mr. Fahey related, Mr. Tkach "discussed the experiments in detail with the staff. The pastor general has a keen interest in agriculture and nutrition."

Eight Ambassador College volunteers teach English at five schools in Bangkok, including Chitralada Palace School, Chulalongkorn University, Satit Chula School and Maha Chulalongkorn University.

The pastor general toured Chulalongkorn University before leaving for Sri Lanka Jan. 8.

Sri Lanka

Touching down in Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka, the group was taken by helicopter to Nuwara Eliya, 60 minutes to the east, where Ambassador students and graduates teach English and vocational courses at the Waterfield Institute.

"The most breathtaking view was the scene from the helicopter on our way up to Nuwara Eliya—tea plantations, clouds nestled among the mountains and spectacular waterfalls," Mrs. Halford commented.



'HI, MR. TKACHI!'—Minicampers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp at Lake Moogerah, Australia, welcome Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach Jan. 1. [Photo by Bruce Weir]

Mr. Peoples said he was impressed to find Waterfield students in the mountains of Sri Lanka "talking about true values and the Ambassador College way of life."

Addresses were given by Mr. Tkach, **Gamini Dissanayake**, minister of land and land development in Sri Lanka, who is in charge of the school, and four Sri Lankan students of Waterfield Institute.

Directed by **David Baker** and his wife, **Dorrie**, the volunteers are **David Andrews**, **Barry Baker**, **Anita Bourelle**, **Michael Cook**, **Alisa Ferdig**, **Michael Johnson**, **Eric Myers**, **Jennifer VanDyke** and **Timothy Waddle**.

"Mr. Dissanayake was very complimentary of the jobs the students have done in Sri Lanka," Mr. Halford said.

Mohan Jayasekera, Colombo pastor, said: "At the Waterfield Institute, government television cameras covered Mr. Tkach's visit, and footage was shown on newscasts in all three languages—Tamil, Sinhalese and English. They had some nice comments about his trip. So his visit was widely known."

"There were also press clippings in many newspapers, reporting that Mr. Tkach would be meeting Mr. Dissanayake and visiting the institute," Mr. Jayasekera added.

Returning to Colombo, Mr. Tkach toured the office, the road to which was lined by about 100 staff members and brethren. During lunch, members performed Sri Lankan folk songs, which are scheduled to be included in the 1988 Festival entertainment film.

"The members prepared a delicious authentic Sri Lankan dinner, which was extremely hot for our American tastes," recounted Mrs. Rasmussen. "They made sure we had plenty of water to cool our burning mouths!"

"He spent about four hours with them, signing autographs and taking pictures," said Mr. Jayasekera. "It was a memorable day for Sri Lankan brethren, a highlight of their lives, I think."

Leaving South Asia, Mr. Tkach and his group stopped in Hawaii before returning to Pasadena. Mr. Locke continued on to Jordan from Bangkok by commercial jet.

Gift of being concerned

"The brethren in several locations commented on the staying power of Mr. Tkach and his gift for being so concerned and accommodating to all of the brethren, down to every last one, regardless of how

long it took," said Mr. Bergstrom.

Miss Stocker observed: "I admire the ease with which Mr. Tkach travels and makes adjustments from country to country, and his ability to enjoy and communicate with all kinds of audiences—whether it be in the palace with King Bhumibol, in the living room of Sri Lankan Minister Dissanayake, with AC students... or with teenagers on the campground of Motutapu Island."

"There was something really special about the impact our small groups of students are making in Thailand and Sri Lanka," said Mr. Dietrich. "A long way from home, in a totally different cultural setting, with different food, language and housing, these small outposts are 'letting their lights shine' in a unique way."

"All of God's people are important," Mrs. Werings said, "wherever they live."

Mrs. Escat added: "Seeing the close kinship of our brethren around the world, I only wish all of God's people could have the opportunity to visit one another as some of us on Mr. Tkach's staff have been privileged to do. It makes you look forward all the more to the time when that will be possible."

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