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Be 'red-hot Christians,' says Mr. Tkach in Kamloops, B.C.

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Despite temperatures of minus 40 degrees (Fahrenheit and Celsius), brethren from as far away as Grande Prairie, Alta., drove 530 miles (about 850 kilometers) to Kamloops, B.C., to hear Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, who completed his Canadian church visits Feb. 5 to 7.

Stepping off the Church's Gulfstream III jet onto the snow-covered tarmac, Mr. Tkach and Joseph Locke, his assistant, wore thick overcoats and fur hats to brave the subzero weather.

At Sabbath services Feb. 6 Mr. Tkach greeted brethren with, "Many are cold, but few are frozen."

Assembled in the Exhibition Association were 686 brethren from the Castlegar, Creston, Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Prince George and Salmon Arm, B.C., Colville and Tonasket, Wash., and Grande Prairie churches.

After a Youth Educational Services (YES) chorus sang "Kids Under Construction," Mr. Tkach spoke on the differences between Philadelphian and Laodicean attitudes.

"I hope we are alive and filled with the Spirit of God and that we are red-hot Christians, because we are now in the very days when the Laodicean spirit is going to begin to show its ugly head—an attitude of lifelessness," he said.

"The fact that all of you people took the extra effort in traveling the great distances that you have, and that you are here today, in many respects shows that Philadelphian spirit," Mr. Tkach continued.

"I don't want to get any messages saying that we are content with what we're doing. We aren't going to be satisfied until we have completed this work, and not only just completed it, but doing it in a man-

ner and style and fashion that is going to be pleasing to God—not just a haphazard attempt."

After his sermon Mr. Tkach was given a wooden carving of a grizzly bear fighting a wolf. "The carving is



FURRY WARMTH—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (right) and his assistant Joseph Locke don Russian headgear Feb. 5 in Kamloops, B.C., where temperatures dipped to minus 40. [Photo by Tammy Salomaa]

from laminated birch, with bear hide on the base and a plaque inlaid

in Nephrite jade," said Rainer Salomaa, pastor of the Kamloops and Salmon Arm churches and trip coordinator.

While greeting Mr. Tkach afterward, many brethren expressed their excitement that he would come all the way up there in the dead of winter, said Jim Little, Mr. Locke's assistant and an Ambassador College senior. "His visit was a warm spot in the cold of a long winter."

As children came up to meet the pastor general, many threw open their arms and asked for a hug. "It's obvious the children love him," said Creston Dorothy, a Pasadena member who traveled as a guest on the G-III.

The pastor general was then host to a ministers meeting, where he described his plan to use collaboration, cooperation and communication to help find the best way to do the work. A buffet followed.

"The membership was motivated by the pastor general to keep slugging away in the trenches in the completion of the end-time work," said Anthony Wasilkoff, who pas-



KAMLOOPS TRIP—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach pauses with Robert and Janice Stephens, members who attend the Salmon Arm, B.C., church, and their 7-month-old son, Charles, Feb. 6. Mr. Tkach's visit was called "a warm spot in the cold of a long winter." [Photo by Gordon Perry]

tors the Kelowna, Penticton and Tonasket churches.

Ian Fraser, a member who is controller for a lumber mill, said: "I appreciated the management approach of Mr. Tkach—to improve the efficiency of our cost effectiveness without sacrificing quality."

"The visit really helped endear

Mr. Tkach to the brethren," said Mr. Dorothy. "His zeal and commitment seem to make everyone else want to do the best job they possibly can."

Mr. Tkach told the audience that the Church's television crew, John Halford, on-site director, camera-

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

Greetings again to all God's people around the world!

I was again greatly impressed recently to realize that *Youth 88* can be found in more than 48,000 libraries around the United States and another 23,700 in Canada and South Africa.

We regularly receive comments of deep appreciation for the magazine from readers or parents of readers who come across it in public libraries, waiting rooms or elsewhere.

This letter is an example: "I really think *Youth 87* was a good idea. I go to Fellowship Baptist Church... where I was first introduced to this magazine. I just want to say I really enjoyed it! Keep up the good work."

Another reader's mother wrote this: "Recently, at our local library... I came across a copy of *Youth 87*. Since I have an 11-year-old daughter, I am thrilled to pieces! *Youth 87* is biblically sound and teaches good old-fashioned morals (Sunday school sometimes isn't enough!)... We will read it, and I know it will help her be a better Christian and me a better mother."

I wonder if we all realize just how *Youth 88* fits in the overall picture of God's Work? The *Youth* magazine was founded in January, 1981, by Herbert W. Armstrong to "give youths from 13 to 18 a magazine of their own." He referred to it as a ju-

nior *Plain Truth*, designed to reach not only our Church youths, but a general adolescent readership in society as a whole.

Satan the devil has *deceived the whole world*. And one of his major vehicles for deception is in *education*. Satan is a master educator. He utilizes every kind of communications breakthrough to promote his attitudes and ways of living. He influences television and motion pictures to create and promote destructive role models. He influences music for a similar purpose, with the additional emotional element that music offers. Often, media and music are combined.

Magazines are no exception. Those aimed at teens are looking for sales, so they cater to what teens in this deceived world have been *taught* to get excited about—rock music, movies, TV stars, dungeons and dragons, kung fu, you name it.

Other magazines focus upon a specific area such as mechanics, science, geography or perhaps a particular sport, hobby or activity. Some of these may be of value or help for their specific purpose, but they hardly help teens understand how they may achieve a successful, happy life.

Some magazines designed for teens do look at the needs and interests of young people with a mind to *help*, but the help offered is based upon the shifting sand of human reasoning in a modern world, not on the sure and unchangeable Word of God.

Real-life concerns about the future, personal and family prob-

lems, popularity, looks, fears, friendships, success, sexuality, emotions and what is right and wrong are usually handled in a modern feel-good-about-yourself manner. Some of these magazines do the best they can, but they lack the essential, key element that can *authoritatively* point the way to a truly fulfilling life.

But *Youth 88* is *different*. It gives its readers the bold, uncompromising *truth*. It is *filled* with positive, encouraging *teaching* about true success in life based on God's law and His mercy, patience and compassion. It points out *a way of life*—the *only* way that leads to real joy, peace of mind and happiness—*God's way*, as revealed in His Word.

Youth 88 is a magazine unspoiled by Satan's educational system. It counters the plethora of false values and ideas of a society that has cut itself off from God. As such, *Youth 88* is a part of the overall mix of instruction God has led His Church to make available to this end-time society.

In this connection we have often focused upon what is really only one aspect of Malachi 4:5-6, that of strengthening family relationships, instead of the vital *primary* meaning of those verses as explained in Luke 1:16-17.

Speaking of John the Baptist, Luke wrote: "And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord, their God. And he shall go before him [Christ] in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Notice also verses 76 and 77 where John's father, Zacharias, said under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "And thou, child,

shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins."

That is what is meant by turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers. The children refer to the descendants of the Israelites, and by extension, all of disobedient mankind. The fathers refer to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to whom God gave the promises, as well as the other holy men and prophets of God.

Notice Malachi 4:4: "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments."

Jesus said that "Elijah" was to "restore all things," or get things ready.

John, in his day, prepared those who listened to him (most didn't listen, of course) for Messiah's coming by preaching repentance and obedience to God. He brought to mind the words and exhortation of Moses and the prophets, the warnings to repent and the prophecies about the coming of Messiah and of the wrath to come. He made ready a people *prepared* for Messiah's coming.

In fact, many of those who heard Jesus' preaching and later became a part of the Ephesian era of the Church had first been led to repentance through John's preaching.

In a sense, as Paul explained in Ephesians 2:17-22, making ready "a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17) is also what the New Testament Church has been doing from its inception on the day of Pentecost in A.D. 31.

God's Church proclaims the Holy Spirit, "And thou, child,

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Western leaders lack political will, strength

PASADENA—Just over the horizon, prophetically speaking, we are going to witness an unprecedented clash of national interests and political wills. Individuals are already on the scene who are single-mindedly determined to carry out their policies, should they ever acquire the power to do so.

This is, of course, not true everywhere. In the democratized Western world, political power has been defused. This is especially true in the United States, where a weakened President and a contrary Congress are locked in a series of confrontations.

The impact of television is completing the emasculation of U.S. political authority. One media critic explained that "many people still hope for the emergence of an old-style, dynamic 'great leader,' but television is making it virtually impossible to find one. . . . Through television, we see too much of our politicians, and they are losing control over their images."

In Western Europe, only Great Britain has a world-class leader. In the words of former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is "the only man among the European prime ministers."

But look elsewhere in the world, at countries undiluted by numbing Western liberalism. For example, since he assumed the top position in the Soviet Union March 11, 1985, General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev has worked vigorously to reorient his nation's policies.

Mr. Gorbachev, like all true leaders, operates with a vision and a

plan. At home he is restructuring the Soviet economy. And in foreign policy he is engineering a shrewd peace offensive. With bold plans to cut nuclear weapons, he is both neutralizing American power and splitting the NATO alliance.

But Mr. Gorbachev is not the only man of vision coupled with the personal will to try to carry it out. Just look at the Middle East.

The Ayatollah Khomeini is determined to impose his brand of Islamic fundamentalism throughout the Muslim world. He wants to "liberate" Jerusalem and all Palestine from Israeli control and to drive the "great Satan"—the United States—out of the region.

Some of the groups that Iran supports in violence-racked Lebanon are equally adamant in hatred of the West. In a television documentary titled "The Sword of Islam" a leader of *Hezbollah* (the party of God) startlingly demanded the destruction of not only Israel, but the United States, Britain and France.

Given the current climate, Israelis who hope for a negotiated settlement of the Palestinian issue are not realistic. One man who understands this is the controversial member of the Israeli Knesset, Rabbi Meir Kahane.

In his public appearances (I heard him in Southern California) Mr. Kahane advocates what he believes to be the only solution to worsening violence in his country: the expulsion of Arabs from all of greater Israel! He also wants the two Muslim mosques removed from Jerusalem's Temple Mount.

An extreme policy? To the West-

ern mind, certainly. Is there any alternative, given rival nationalist claims to the same land? Probably not. Would such a policy bring Israel peace? No—only big power intervention. But Meir Kahane is a man of action and indomitable will.

as follows: "The will to power can and must overflow into the will to superiority."

It is obvious that in the near future wills and powers representing the Muslim world, revived Judaism and resurgent Europe will

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



He could be Israel's prime minister a few years from now.

A little more than a year ago I interviewed a European who also has a firmly fixed view of the future. Jean Thiriart is a Belgian who advocates the expulsion of the "American occupiers" (his words) from Western Europe. He calls for an alliance with Moscow. He also claims that only a united Europe, projecting its own military power, can bring peace to the Middle East.

Mr. Thiriart is, at age 66, a political theoretician, "a thinker for European unity," he says. He holds no political office. Whether he ever does, we'll have to see.

But what impressed me about our meeting in Brussels, Belgium, was how he expressed informed opinions firmly, with no compromise.

Mr. Thiriart talks of the will to create a united Europe, a culture he believes is superior to all others. He autographed one of his books for me

clash and collide at the political center of the world—Jerusalem.

The destiny of God's people will focus at the same location, when Jesus Christ returns with "ten thousands of his saints" (Jude 14) to crush systems of human self-will

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Moscow infects Europe with diplomatic offensive

- BOREHAMWOOD, England—
- Russians to Start Withdrawal [from Afghanistan] in May
- Moscow Has Change of Heart About Iron Lady
- Moscow to Allow Israeli Diplomatic Visit
- Bonn Praised by Shevardnadze
- Soviet Praise for Sweden's Lost Hero
- Emotional Reunion as Russia Lets Husband Go

The Russians are smiling again. These are titles of newspaper articles. They are indicative of heightened diplomacy. The Soviets are intensifying their diplomatic efforts.

Chairman Mikhail Gorbachev is giving more ground than any leader in Soviet history. He is likable. He is slowly removing burrs from under diplomatic saddles.

Mr. Gorbachev talks about quitting Afghanistan. He shakes hands with dissidents. He is on the move. He is waking up moribund Soviet diplomatic machinery.

An east wind

A wind is blowing across Europe. It is a Soviet wind. John C. Ausland wrote an article for the Jan. 11 *International Herald Tribune* titled "The East Wind Brings Sweden and Norway a Visitor."

Writing from Oslo, Norway, Mr. Ausland began his article: "Since there are so few of them and they live in the shadow of their Soviet neighbors, Swedes and Norwegians are extremely sensitive to the winds blowing from the East. The Gorbachev style and the Washington summit have again raised their hopes."

This wind is infectious. The West Germans have caught the virus. German-Polish war scars are more than 40 years old. But Bonn is going out of its way to mollify old wounds in Eastern Europe.

Albania is another target. In a Jan. 9 *Times* article, John England wrote: "With the appointment of the first West German ambassador to Albania after many years of delicate and difficult talks over Tirana's [Albanian capital] claims for war reparations, Bonn is planning to intensify economic, educational, cultural and sports contacts between the two countries."

In the wake of the Washington

(subtly influenced by Satan) and to establish the Kingdom of God (Daniel 2:35, 44-45).

We must hold the same degree of conviction concerning God's way of life. We must be convinced of the superiority of God's culture.

Having strong will is important. But in our case, it must be a will humbly submissive to and obedient to the will of God. Christ said that He did not seek His own will but that of His Father (John 5:30).

One thing about some of this world's leaders: They are dynamic individuals who are thoroughly focused on their objectives.

Do we see our calling as clearly as even some of those who have come to our attention do? In a letter to me, Mr. Thiriart, a professed atheist, wrote: "What in fact you wish to attain is enlightened totalitarianism by 'revelation' (divine). My choice of the means is different: that is to say, enlightened totalitarianism by knowledge." He means, of course, human knowledge.

Are we as perceptive? Or do we need to grow more in ascertaining God's will and performing it?



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Caution: Don't look back

Leroy "Satchel" Paige, one of the greatest of all U.S. baseball pitchers, also gained a national reputation for his rules for successful living.

As a coach, every night youngsters trooped to him for autographs. He gave them a small card and said: "Look on the back. That's where my secret is."

The Little Leaguers turned over the card and read his "Six Rules for a Happy Life." The best known of these was: "Don't look back. Something may be gaining on you."

The Bible is full of instruction about the danger of looking back.

Jesus Christ said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

The apostle Paul wrote, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

There are times when looking back is proper and positive. We should not forget past lessons learned. But there are also incidents and experiences that are best forgotten. Remembering these events has a negative effect on us, sometimes bringing depression, guilt and even bitterness.

In these instances, we need to heed the words of Satchel Paige: "Don't look back." Not looking back can make all the difference between staying positive and falling into a state of hopelessness.

Here are some positive sugges-

tions to keep in mind:

- Don't look back at past sins already repented of, forgiven and covered by the blood of Christ (Psalm 32:1). Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Forgiveness eliminates all guilt. We can look forward to a clean slate.

- Don't look back on setbacks or failures. This can put you in a negative mood. Only those who have

Don't look back on failures. Only those who have never tackled tough chores have escaped failure.

never tackled tough chores have escaped failure. Failure can teach us how to achieve success. As Elbert Hubbard put it, "There is no failure except in no longer trying."

If you fail, admit it. But don't look at yourself as a failure. Refuse to live in the past. Be like the just man Solomon observed: "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again" (Proverbs 24:16).

- Don't look back on decisions that cannot be altered or changed. Sometimes we wish we could go back in time and get a different education, enter a different field of employment, marry a different mate, move to a different place. We would like to replay history and make alterations in our lives.

Such thinking is a waste of time. We are where we are and had better

make the best of it. Paul's advice is, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11). Being content takes positive action.

- Don't look back at the past and see it as more glamorous than it really was. Solomon warned, "Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this" (Ecclesiastes 7:10).

- Don't look back at old disagreements that embitter you toward others. We all have had problems and misunderstandings with other people. Sometimes personalities don't mesh.

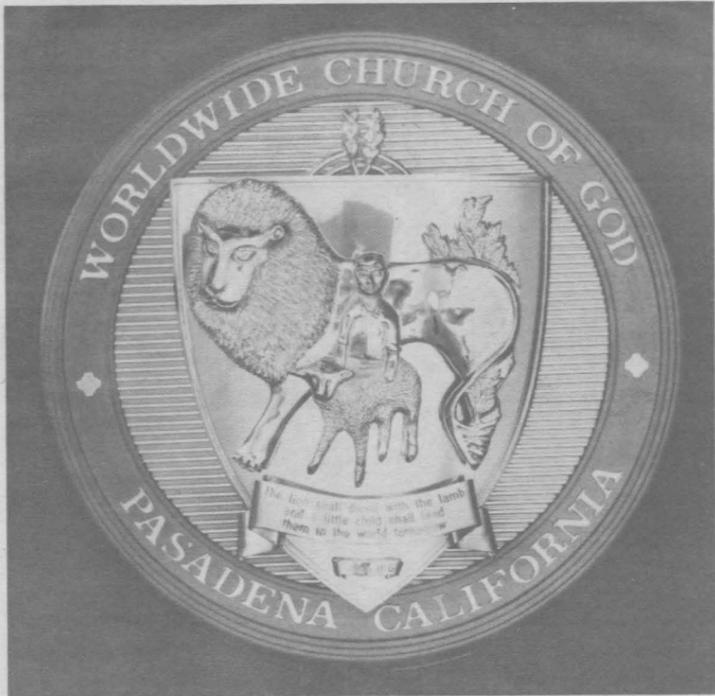
Peter warned that wrong relationships with others hinder our Christian growth: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Peter 2:1-2).

- Don't look back at your success and achievements and feel you have

"arrived." Some who reach their goals make the mistake of not setting new ones and are content to coast through life from that point on. This is dangerous. Pressing forward is the only positive course.

The words of the late violin virtuoso Jascha Heifetz come to mind. He said: "There is no top. There are always farther heights to reach. If one thought himself at the pinnacle, he would slide back toward mediocrity by that very belief in this success."

This was Paul's cry and should be ours: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Paul is saying not to look back to anything that fosters a negative attitude. Keep looking forward toward the goal—the Kingdom of God!



SEAL OF GOLD—During his trip to Australia in January, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was given this plaque of the Church's seal. The solid-brass figures are covered in 18 carat gold and mounted on a Queensland mahogany base. The project took Noel Mantiet, a member who attends the Brisbane church, six months to make. Brethren contributed more than \$1,300 for the materials. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Canada

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man Gary Werings and Steve Bergstrom, cameraman and remote operations engineer, accompanied him to take footage for the "We Are One Family" film series.

"You will be introduced to other members of your family on film," said Mr. Tkach. "They will become real to you." The television crew videotaped the services and obtained outdoor footage in the sub-zero temperatures.

Micheal Little, an Ambassador College sophomore who works in Imperial Schools, and Jim Little are sons of Richard and Donna Little, members who attend the Prince George church. Mr. Tkach asked the brothers along, to surprise their parents.

"Although mom had found out via my little brother, dad had no idea of our arrival until he got to Kamloops," Jim Little related. "With a tear in his eye, he greeted us when he arrived. With the rough year economically, this was just the boost my parents needed."

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Also accompanying the pastor general were Michael Rasmussen, executive office aide, and the G-III flight crew: Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

After brunch Feb. 7 with area ministers and their wives, Mr. Tkach and his group returned to the Burbank, Calif., airport.

"I think the trips are invaluable," said Pieter Michielsen, Grande Prairie pastor. "You can talk all you want about being family, but unless you're with the family, you don't feel a part of it. So you can spend a day and an evening and a meal and really feel close to your family."

Blitz program depends on prayers, involvement

PASADENA—In 1967 the *Plain Truth* newsstand program began at the request of widows here who wanted to have a more active part in taking the Gospel to the world, according to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

Today close to one million magazines are distributed each month throughout major metropolitan areas of the United States where the *Plain Truth* blitz program is under way, and "widows still play a most important part in the program," said Robert Elliott, manager of the newsstand program.

"The success of the *Plain Truth* distribution effort depends and always will depend on the heartfelt prayers of those involved. This is a responsibility the widows still take seriously in every area where distribution is ongoing. The importance of their contribution cannot be underestimated," he said.

In one city, newsstand service representatives had problems with vandalism. Members kept watch on the vandalized dispensers, but theft continued. The section manager asked some widows to pray specifically about the problem, and within seven days the vandalism ceased.

In another area, contact representatives were supplied with yellow cardboard counter dispensers, but store managers would not accept them. Again, the widows were asked to pray that the displays could be used.

"From that day on the yellow counter display was the only one store managers would accept," Mr. Elliott said.

When the supply was exhausted, the section manager asked the wid-

Director eyes media possibilities at two-day London conference

PASADENA—"It is definitely no longer a question of if Europe will open its stations to religious programming, but when," said evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

Mr. Hulme returned Jan. 31 from a two-day European satellite and cable conference in London, where 23 presentations were made on the future of television broadcasting in Europe.

In Europe *The World Tomorrow* airs on RTL-Plus and Sky Channel. Since the European market is growing quickly, a number of new stations are springing up, he reported.

"We have opened preliminary negotiations with two such operations and are discussing once again the possibilities of gaining access to the satellite feed of RTL-Plus."

Last summer they tried a satellite airing of *The World Tomorrow*, which airs only terrestrially, and response increased 680 percent.

"It was very clear . . . that events are really beginning to move in Europe," Mr. Hulme pointed out. "While the European Economic Community (EEC) expands its influence and breaks down the old national barriers, we are convinced that God's work will have exciting opportunities."

He added that other media doors could open in West Germany and France. The cabling of television in West Germany is proceeding swiftly, and the May 8 elections in France "could be a turning point" for the country's media policies.

Thomas Lapacka, assistant director of Media Purchasing, who accompanied Mr. Hulme, said, "Whichever way the French elec-

tions go, we hope the government will remain favorable to commercial television."

Sky Channel began airing in executive hotels in Hungary, which furthers European coverage of *The World Tomorrow*.

"Some remarkable opportunities for preaching the Gospel in Europe lie shortly ahead," said Mr. Hulme. "The prayers of brethren for wis-

dom to choose the right doors and the financial capacity to walk through them are welcomed and appreciated."

Mr. Hulme was accompanied to the conference by Larry Omasta, director of Media Services. Representing the British Office were evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, and David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

Official rates progress at foundation projects

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—Joseph Locke, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation for international affairs, returned Jan. 27 from a visit to all of the foundation's international projects except Nepal.

Mr. Locke began his travels with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and his party Dec. 21. He traveled with the group to Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Sri Lanka. (See "Mr. Tkach Travels to Pacific Regions, Asia" in the Jan. 18 *Worldwide News*.)

In Thailand plans were made for eight professors to visit the Imperial and Ambassador College campuses in Pasadena April 10 to May 10. They will study Imperial's methods of secondary instruction and visit area schools, Mr. Locke said.

When the pastor general returned to Pasadena Jan. 11, Mr. Locke went on to Amman, Jordan, where he was met by Jim Little, his personal assistant.

Jan. 14 Mr. Locke, Mr. Little and the Ambassador College students serving on the foundation projects in Jordan traveled to

Egypt. "This was an educational field trip for them during their winter break," Mr. Locke said.

In nine days the group visited Cairo, Luxor and Aswan.

The group returned to Amman Jan. 22, and attended Sabbath services in Amman Jan. 23.

Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda, sponsors of the Al Hussein Center for the Physically Handicapped, presented a demonstration of wheelchair basketball and gave a tea in Mr. Locke's honor.

Mr. Locke and Mr. Little spent Jan. 24 and 25 visiting the schools where the students teach. Mr. Locke said he was "very impressed with the camaraderie and cooperation of the Ambassador group . . . I am also impressed with the hospitality of the Arab people. Prince Ra'ad told me, 'You're a member of our family,' and he genuinely meant it."

Mr. Locke added that he was pleased with the progress of all of the projects. "It is heartening to see the cooperation between our people and the governments of these countries."

Report from

the Treasurer's Office

Jeremy Neff

PASADENA—We completed January with a good dollar income, even though the percentage figure was low.

January last year was an unusual month because of a change in the U.S. income-tax law. It was advantageous for some taxpayers to make contributions before the new year. We received many of these contributions during the first week of 1987. The result was a January that was 22 percent more than January, 1986.

For January, 1988, we compared numbers with the high 1987 figures. The result, though high in dollar volume, was 1.2 percent less. During February we will compare more representative figures, and the comparison should be more normal.

The annual audit by Arthur Andersen & Co. has been under way for some time. Just what do the auditors do? When the auditors come in each year, their basic job is to make sure that the Church's financial statements, and the supporting records, are reported and maintained in accordance with various standards and policies established by the accounting profession here in the United States.

When the auditors arrive, our accounting staff has already prepared the Church's financial statements from our records for that year. The auditors then begin by reviewing the various records of the Church (including payments, deposits, receivables and fixed assets) to verify that our files are accurate.

They do not look at every transaction, but instead take a statistical sample and do tests from it. They also do similar tests with our donation file to assure that we maintain individual donation records correctly. In fact, some of you have been contacted by our auditors to assist them by answering various questions concerning the accuracy of your donation record compared with that of the Church.

Once the auditors are certain that our records are maintained properly, they begin to review the financial statement. This includes not only the Church's balance sheet, income statement and statement of changes, but also the various footnotes. These footnotes are needed to properly disclose the information required by the various accounting standards.

This is a yearly project that takes thousands of hours for our staff and the auditors to accomplish. It promotes proper maintaining of our records and provides an independent third-party opinion that the financial affairs of the Church are in order.

Forging friendships at 11 SEPs: More than 950 youths take part

By Marie Myers

PASADENA—More than 950 Church youths participated in Summer Educational Programs (SEPs) around the world during December and January. Youths met at 11 sites, including a first-time SEP in Ghana, and a Winter Educational Program (WEP) in Saalbach, Austria.

This article was compiled from reports by Colin Kelly, Sherri Schneider, Mohan Jayasekera, Josef Forson, David Stirk, Brian Rennie, Dan P. Greyling, Teresa Mastin and Aub Warren.

Lake Moogerah, Australia

Lake Moogerah was the site for the seventh Australian SEP Dec. 24 to Jan. 12.

Most of the 224 youths camped out for two nights and hiked up 2,500-ft. Mt. Greville, as part of the Adventure-60 program.

Formal teas for the girls and scheduled fellowship hours were new activities.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach visited the camp Jan. 1. He toured activities, spoke to campers and answered their questions.

"He received a most spontaneous and enthusiastic reception. The roar when he entered the dining hall was deafening. They also appreciated the fact that he encouraged comments from the campers, so he was talking with them, not just to

dressed campers and staff. Peter Nathan, regional director, visited the camp on the last Sabbath. The New Zealand *Herald* did a story on the SEP.

Saalbach, Austria

More than 100 campers, staff members and families from West Germany, England, Switzerland,



ITALY, Austria and the Netherlands and 74 campers and eight staff members from the United States and Canada participated in the ninth Winter Educational Program (WEP) in Saalbach, Austria.

Winfried Fritz, pastor of the Bonn-Duesseldorf and Darmstadt, West Germany, churches, was European program director. Randy Duke, Big Sandy faculty member, was U.S. program director.



GHANA

them," said Robert Fahey, regional director.

The camp was coordinated by Ross Beath, pastor of the Brisbane South and Ipswich, Australia, churches; Gary Regazzoli, YOU office manager in the Australian Office; and Robert Kelly, business manager in the Australian Office.

Motutapu Island, New Zealand

More than 100 campers from New Zealand and Australia and 65 staff, including members from Fiji and Tonga, attended the SEP at Motutapu Island, New Zealand, Dec. 24 to Jan. 11.

Don Engle, pastor of the Auckland, New Zealand, church, was camp director. Ministers, Church members and several Ambassador College students supervised activities and dorms.

Youths took part in cultural dinners and entertainment depicting German, Sri Lankan and South Pacific culture. As part of the bushcraft class, they had an overnight camp-out.

Mr. Tkach visited the site Jan. 3, where he toured activities and ad-

Photo by Marcus Allen

The camp was begun to allow German-speaking youths to meet during the only school vacation that coincides between West Germany, Switzerland and Austria. This year was the third time that youths from the United States and Canada joined the group. It was the first time for youths from Italy to attend the WEP.

In addition to skiing, youths participated in ice-skating, tobogganing, dancing, swimming and Christian living classes. A trilingual *Winter Times* newspaper was also produced. Because of warm weather in Saalbach, ski classes took place on higher slopes, offering extra challenges to beginning skiers.

Youths also attended nightly dinner exchanges, to promote unity between the European and North American groups. The American group presented a talent show at a farewell party at the end of the session.

"The comments from the young people in both camps clearly showed that the opportunities for international fellowship were the most outstanding part of camp for many who attended and brought the

lesson home to them that we are indeed a worldwide family," said John Karlson, acting regional director for the German-speaking area.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The second Malaysian SEP took place Dec. 10 to 23, with 29 campers from four countries and 20 staff participating. The SEP took place near Kuala Lumpur, on a plantation owned by a deacon. A new boys dormitory built by members from Kuala Lumpur was used.

Although the area had experienced storms and floods for six weeks before the session, weather was excellent at the site.

Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka

Twenty-two youths from India and Sri Lanka participated in a two-week camp in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, Dec. 20 to Jan. 3. Nuwara Eliya is the site of Waterfield Institute, a school for English and vocational studies sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation.

"Despite transport and other logistic hurdles which had to be overcome, camp ran very smoothly," said Michael Cook, an Ambassador College senior on the Ambassador Foundation project. Church members and students on the project served as staff.

During the camp the youths hiked up Sri Lanka's highest mountain.

At the conclusion of the session, Church members and youths participated in a district weekend including a sing-along and dance.

"Before I came here I thought camp was just a place to have fun, but we learned so much and having the Indian campers made me realize the importance of becoming God's family in a real sense," said camper Sonali Senaratne.

"I understood for the first time how important young people are to God and His Church and what love and concern is shown to us," said camper Dinesh William.

Wagendrift Dam, South Africa

One hundred fifty campers representing six countries and 10 languages were represented at the SEP at Wagendrift Dam, South Africa, Dec. 9 to 31. Robert Klynsmith, pastor of the Bloemfontein, South Africa, church, was camp director.

"I never dreamed that I could have so many friends, and some of them even speak a language I don't understand. Yet they are just like my brothers," said one camper.

Evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director, and his wife, Marion, also visited the camp.

Villiersdorp, South Africa

Forty-one Church youths met at



SOUTH AFRICA

the Outdoor Centre of the South African Outdoor Exploration Society (SOS) for an SEP there Dec. 13 to 23.

The site is about 75 miles (120 kilometers) from Cape Town, South Africa. Pieter van der Byl, a local church elder in the Cape Town church, was camp director.

Nairobi, Kenya

Twenty-eight campers and 11



MALAYSIA

Photo by Colin Kelly
staff members attended the fourth Kenyan SEP in Nairobi, Kenya, Dec. 7 to 14. The SEP took place at Nairobi Primary School, a new site that enabled more brethren to be involved and more activities to be conducted.

During the camp the youths toured the terminal and control tower at Nairobi international airport.

After the SEP seven youths participated in a three-day climb of Mt. Kenya, to mark their graduation from Youth Opportunities United.

Ikogosi, Nigeria

Ninety-two campers and 20 staff members spent Dec. 31 to Jan. 14 at the SEP in Ikogosi, Nigeria. Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, supervised the camp.



AUSTRIA

Photo by Paul Sternberg

Photo by Dean Nicolau

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, attended opening activities and was presented with a cake and song by campers.

"The enthusiasm and excitement of these young people has to be seen to be believed," said Mr. Brown. "It's really, after the Feast, the highlight of their year."

It was the first time the site was used. "The village people were a little curious of us, but by the middle of camp the children of the village would follow us to watch us in our activities," said Ambassador College senior Brian Rennie, volleyball instructor.

"The camp was very uplifting and inspiring to those of the village," he added.

A warm spring filled a pool that was used for swimming classes.

Youths also went on a three-mile hike and picnic, and participated in a talent show, dance, speech night and barbecue.

Kutunse, Ghana

Forty-seven campers from Ghana, one from Nigeria and one from Liberia gathered at the Church-owned farm in Kutunse,



KENYA

Ghana, Dec. 15 to 28.

The camp took place during the harmattan season in West Africa, which is characterized by dry, chilly, dusty winds blowing from the Sahara.

"The kinds of activities that are able to be offered to our young people at SEP are not available generally to children and young adults in Africa," said Mr. Brown.

On the obstacle course, youths learned how to paddle an African fishing boat purchased for the camp.

Boys also attended carpentry classes, and girls attended sewing classes. Activities were supervised by ministers, Church members and two Ambassador College students.

David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa, who works in the British Regional Office, visited the SEP on the first Sabbath. He toured the site and addressed campers about negative and positive peer pressure.

Worldwide Festival Sites for 1988

PASADENA—The Festival Office, in cooperation with all 12 regional offices, released a list of sites for the Feast of Tabernacles. This list covers more than 90 sites in 50 countries, with services in seven languages. (Services will be in English unless noted.)

Application forms will be available from church pastors. "Members should be careful to fill in the form accurately, and must obtain their pastor's permission to transfer," said evangelist Larry Salyer, assistant director of Church Administration for international areas. "The regional offices want to be assured that the local pastor approves of the plans of those requesting an overseas site."

Instructions for applying to attend each site are on pages 5 to 9. Before applying, members are urged to read carefully the descriptions for the site to which they are applying, as well as to study the costs and other factors involved in transferring outside of one's home country. (See accompanying articles for further hints.)

Brethren attending their assigned site or wanting to transfer to a site administered by their regional office should wait for instructions from their pastors about application procedures. (U.S. brethren attending U.S. or Canadian sites and Canadian brethren attending Canadian or U.S. sites should wait for information from their pastors.)

Applications are to be returned to church pastors for approval. Pastors will then send the forms on to their regional offices for forwarding overseas.



ST. FRANCOIS, GUADELOUPE

An application fee is required this year "to help offset costs incurred by the regional offices in processing and responding to requests by members," explained Mr. Salyer. Members should refer to each regional office's comments regarding the appropriate amount and currency for each site.

After applying to an overseas site, members are instructed to wait for approval before making firm travel or lodging plans for the Feast. The approval packets from the regional offices will contain additional information and give details about the booking of hotel rooms and other such matters.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with services and activities in many areas. Applicants may request to serve by filling out the appropriate portion of the application form. Subject to their pastor's

approval and the needs at the sites, they will be contacted by the regional offices.

Questions may be referred to one's pastor or in writing along with the application form to the regional office.

UNITED STATES

Housing at all U.S. sites is reserved by the individual member, but restricted to an approved list of lodgings that will be sent with the approval packet.

Food costs at U.S. sites will average \$25 a day for adults, although this varies widely. Many sites have apartment-style housing in which members may prepare their own meals.

Rental cars are recommended at most sites, but many sites have housing within walking distance of the convention centers where services will take place.

There is no application fee for overseas brethren attending in the United States.

Anchorage, Alaska

Sight-seeing is plentiful in Anchorage, where 500 Feastgoers will attend services in the Hotel Captain Cook. The Captain Cook has four dining rooms, a heated indoor pool and a health club. Room rates are \$72 to \$82 a night.

A few rooms with kitchenettes will be available at a nearby hotel for \$60 a night. Budget more than normal for food costs at this site.

Anchorage international airport is four miles from the Hotel Captain Cook. Rental cars are available, but not necessary. Temperatures are expected to range from 25 to 50 Fahrenheit (minus 4 to 10 Celsius).

Big Sandy

Big Sandy will be host to about 6,000 Feastgoers this year. A majority of those attending camp in the Piney Woods on the Ambassador College campus.

Hotels and motels ranging from \$20 to \$75 a night are available in surrounding communities. With temperatures in the upper 60s Fahrenheit (20 to 21 Celsius), fishing, swimming and barbecues in the campgrounds are excellent ways to fellowship.

Big Sandy is 120 miles east of the Dallas-Fort Worth (Tex.) international airport.

Biloxi, Miss.

Feastgoers are welcomed to Biloxi to enjoy the mild climate (56 to 81 Fahrenheit, 13 to 27 Celsius), and the world's longest man-made beach. Being one of the oldest cities in the southern United States, Biloxi is rich in history. Four thousand are expected to attend.

Housing ranges from \$25 to \$90 a night. The nearest international airport is in New Orleans, La., 81 miles southwest of Biloxi. Rental cars, as well as bus transportation,

Worldwide Festival Site List

This list of worldwide Festival sites is published to help members who plan to transfer to a site outside the jurisdiction of their regional office. (If you plan to attend a site under the jurisdiction of your country's regional office, follow procedures from the regional office.) Americans remaining in the United States or transferring to Canada, and Canadians remaining in Canada or transferring to the United States, should wait until procedures are announced in late April before applying to transfer.

are available in Biloxi.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga, home of the Chattanooga Choo-Choo (the train that inspired the song), will welcome 4,500 Feastgoers. Hotels range from \$25 to \$60 a night. Area attractions include riverboat rides, cable-car rides and fall foliage. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 70 Fahrenheit (10 to 21 Celsius), with rain possible.

The Atlanta, Ga., international airport, 125 miles south of Chattanooga, is the nearest international airport, but connecting flights are available into Chattanooga's airport, Lovell Field.

Corpus Christi, Tex.

Corpus Christi is on a wide bay connected to the Gulf of Mexico. Water sports are popular in this area of warm sun and sea breezes, with temperatures ranging from 60 to 90 Fahrenheit (16 to 32 Celsius). Six thousand are expected to attend.

Housing ranges from \$25 to \$75 a night. Houston (Tex.) Intercontinental Airport is 215 miles from

Corpus Christi, with connecting flights available.

Dayton, Ohio

Dayton offers fishing, golfing, canoeing, horseback riding and tennis to the 5,000 Feastgoers expected. Temperatures are usually in the upper 50s Fahrenheit (14 to 15 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$20 to \$78 a night. The international airports in Chicago, Ill., and Cincinnati, Ohio, have commuter flights available into Dayton.

Eugene, Ore.

It was here in the lush Willamette Valley that the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong began broadcasting the *World Tomorrow* program, and the pioneer congregation of this era of the Church of God was established.

Eugene maintains several jogging and bicycle trails and an abundance of other outdoor facilities. Temperatures should be about 60 Fahrenheit (16 Celsius), with rain possible.

Housing ranges from \$20 to \$50 a night. About 3,000 are expected in (See FEAST '88, page 6)

Feast Travel Discount Program

By James L. Peoples

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach asked me to explain travel benefits available to North Americans when they use this year's designated travel agencies.

James L. Peoples, director of the Computer Information Systems, Purchasing and Travel departments, shows how members in North America can save money on air travel and help God's work at the same time.

Last year 4,633 people used the designated travel agencies when they traveled to domestic and international Festival sites. They saved \$199,481.

Not only did members save money by using this service, but the Church earned \$73,700 in returned benefits. These benefits were then used for ministerial Festival travel, church visits from headquarters ministers and other travel related to fulfilling the great commission that would otherwise have come out of the Church's operating expenses.

Based on suggestions we received from some of you on last year's discount program, the program this year is improved.

U.S. and Canadian sites

The North American Festival discount program for 1988 will be handled by World Vista Travel. They are providing an exceptional offer to the Church when using their ticketing services.

The Festival Planner, which will be distributed in April, contains details of how the program will work for U.S. and Canadian members attending

U.S. and Canadian sites.

International sites

For North Americans traveling to international sites, the Travel Department is working with several travel agencies to provide a similar discount program. Designated agencies will consolidate travel plans for members that will give maximum savings to the traveler and extend benefits to the Church comparable to the domestic program.

All North American members completing an international Festival application will automatically receive travel information for their particular site.

Is this program for you?

Because of the large volume of air travel done each year by Church and Ambassador College employees, as well as other members, the Church has negotiated for a substantial savings in air travel that is extended to you.

In 1988, if everyone uses these programs, we estimate the total savings to members will be in excess of \$400,000. In addition to providing maximum savings for the traveler, the Church could also receive more than \$150,000 in benefits.

This program is in no way intended to take business away from Church members who own or work for travel agencies. However, these programs have the potential of saving the Church and members many thousands of dollars because we are consolidating our business through a few sources.

To me this is an exciting way to save money and contribute in a special way to accomplishing the commission God has given us. Once again, when we work together as a family, everyone benefits!

Planning For Overseas Travel

By Mark McCulley

So you're planning to travel outside your home country for the Feast of Tabernacles? Before filling out the application for transferring to a Festival site outside the jurisdiction of your regional office, be sure to make careful plans.

Mark McCulley is Festival administration manager.

Application forms are available from your pastor.

Can you afford it?

Money is a primary consideration when planning such a trip. Use the budget figures given in the site descriptions in this section of *The Worldwide News* to plan for housing and food costs. Be sure to budget generously in these areas. The Feast is a time of rejoicing. We should be able to rejoice both physically and spiritually and not have to greatly restrict our spending.

U.S., Canadian and Caribbean Church members will receive travel and price information by filling in the bottom portion of the international Festival application. Brethren in other areas should consult a reputable travel agent regarding flights and other transportation from their home to the Festival area.

Take into account the day of the week you will travel and the ages of the children. Do not make irrevocable plans regarding transportation until you receive approval to transfer from the regional office in charge of the site to which you applied.

Travel time

If you travel to an overseas site, try to arrive close to the site at least a day or two before the

first Holy Day. If you do not, jet lag may catch up with you and you may miss (or fall asleep during) services. Be sure to figure this extra cost of food and lodging into your budget.

Since plane tickets and hotel space can be expensive, it is wise to have cancellation insurance, which will reimburse you for cancellation penalties that can be charged if you cancel your plans shortly before your scheduled departure. This insurance is available through travel agents and other sources, and covers such problems as sickness and loss of employment, which could cause you to cancel your trip.

Be certain that your health insurance covers you overseas in case of accident or illness during your travels.

Currencies

Some prices quoted here are in local currencies, but most are in U.S. dollars. To get a reliable estimate of costs check your newspaper or call a bank or other financial institution and ask for the current rate of exchange between your currency and that used at the site you are interested in.

Some have found it advantageous to purchase traveler's checks in the currency they will be spending at the site. Your travel agent can advise you on this matter.

Travel documents

Requirements for passports, visas and vaccinations vary widely. Check with a consulate or reputable travel agent in plenty of time to apply for the necessary documents. Remember, it may be quicker to obtain a passport in the winter or spring than in the peak-tourist summer months.

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attendance. The Eugene airport can be reached from the Seattle, Wash., or San Francisco, Calif., international airports.

Jekyll Island, Ga.

About 3,300 are expected to attend the Feast at Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia. Temperatures in the mid to upper 60s Fahrenheit (18 to 21 Celsius) make outdoor recreational activities enjoyable. Housing ranges from \$160 to \$460 for eight nights.

The airport in Jacksonville, Fla., is a one-hour drive from Jekyll Island. International flights arrive at both the Atlanta, Ga., and the Miami, Fla., airports.

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

Lihue, on the Garden Isle of Kauai, offers year-round temperatures averaging 75 Fahrenheit (24 Celsius), tropical scenery, historic attractions and oceanside activities. Fifteen hundred are expected to attend.

Hotels, motels and condominiums range from \$400 to \$1,400 for eight nights. Budget more than normal for food costs at this site. Inter-island flights are available to Kauai from Honolulu, Hawaii, international airport on the island of Oahu.

Mount Pocono, Pa.

Blazing fall colors are expected in the Pocono Mountains of eastern Pennsylvania. Temperatures should range from 50 to 70 Fahrenheit (10 to 21 Celsius), and 5,000 are expected at this site. Housing ranges from \$25 to \$75 a night.

International flights can be booked to New York City or Philadelphia, Pa., with a connecting flight to Scranton or Allentown, Pa.

Norfolk, Va.

Brethren can sample more than 300 years of American history within an afternoon's drive of Norfolk, where 6,000 are expected to attend. Harbor tours and dock and deep-sea fishing are also available.

Temperatures should be in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$22 to \$57 a night. Connecting flights are available to Norfolk from the nearest international airport in Washington, D.C.

Palm Springs, Calif.

This world-class resort area is home to a beautiful new convention center that will be host to the 5,000 Feastgoers expected to attend. The Coachella Valley abounds with recreation. Mt. San Jacinto, home to a state park, is a short but exhilarating ride 8,500 feet up a tramway. Horseback riding, hiking, tennis, golf and swimming are available at many different facilities.

Fine resort hotels and condominiums await the Feastgoer at prices from \$30 to \$100 a night. Temperatures will be in the 90s Fahrenheit (32 to 37 Celsius) with rain unlikely. International flights into the Los Angeles or Ontario, Calif., international airports connect with flights to Palm Springs.

Pasadena

Center of the Pasadena Festival site is the Ambassador Auditorium, where more than 4,000 brethren will attend services in the Auditorium and other campus facilities. Tours of Ambassador College and some Church facilities will be available during the Feast.

Temperatures should be about 70 Fahrenheit (21 Celsius), with cooler evenings. Many brethren make their homes available for rent to incoming Feastgoers. Hotels and motels range from \$30 to \$90 a night. Los Angeles international airport is 25 miles from Pasadena, with bus service available.

Pensacola, Fla.

Warm sun, sea breezes and white

sand beaches await the 8,000 Feastgoers expected in Pensacola this year. Temperatures should be in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius).

Hotels, motels and condominiums are abundant, ranging from \$28 to \$100 a night. Connecting flights are available to Pensacola from the international airports in Atlanta, Ga., and New Orleans, La.

Rapid City, S.D.

Rapid City offers 3,000 Feastgoers a variety of natural beauty, Western heritage and historic attractions. Temperatures range from 40 to 60 Fahrenheit (5 to 16 Celsius). Housing ranges from \$160 to \$800 for eight nights. Rapid City regional airport has connecting flights available to and from the major U.S. international airports.

Redding, Calif.

Nestled in rolling hills 15 minutes from Lake Shasta, Redding offers a quiet, small-town atmosphere. The Civic Auditorium, home to the services during the Feast, will seat 2,350.

Most hotels are within a five-minute drive of the Civic Auditorium. Prices range from \$25 to \$65 a night. Excellent restaurants are in good supply and offer moderate prices.

There is no shortage of outdoor recreation. Lassen National Park, the Trinity Alps and several other outdoor attractions are close enough for an afternoon outing. Weather should be sunny with high temperatures about 90 Fahrenheit (32 Celsius). The nearest international airport is in San Francisco, Calif., but the regional airport in Redding serves commuter flights.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

With more than 30 miles of scenic shorelines, St. Petersburg will offer 8,000 Feastgoers a variety of outdoor activities. Temperatures are expected to be in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius).

The wide variety of hotels, motels and condominiums range from \$115 to \$1,000 for eight nights. Connecting flights are available from Miami, Fla., international airport to Tampa, Fla., 18 miles from St. Petersburg.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Saratoga Springs, noted for its beauty and natural mineral springs, will welcome 2,500 Feastgoers. Fall foliage should be in abundant color at Feast time, with fishing and hiking being popular activities. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 15 Celsius) during the daytime.

Housing ranges from \$28 to \$90 a night. Connecting flights can be made to Albany, N.Y., 28 miles from Saratoga Springs.

Spokane, Wash.

Three thousand Feastgoers are expected in Spokane, where golfing, fishing, hiking, river expeditions and lake cruises are popular activities. The temperature should be in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius).

Housing ranges from \$120 to \$550 for eight nights. Connecting flights are available to Spokane from Sea-Tac international airport in Seattle, Wash.

Tucson, Ariz.

Six thousand brethren are expected to attend in Tucson, which offers a warm, dry climate, with a variety of scenery a short drive away. Temperatures should be in the mid-70s Fahrenheit (24 to 25 Celsius).

Housing, which includes some suites with cooking facilities, ranges from \$160 to \$560 for eight nights. Flights are available to Tucson from the Los Angeles, Calif., international airport.

Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa will be host to about 4,500

Feastgoers. Several lakes and rivers are close by, as well as museums, art galleries, a zoo and a nature center. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 70 Fahrenheit (10 to 21 Celsius).

Housing ranges from \$25 to \$80 a night. Flights are available to Tulsa from the major U.S. international airports.

Vail, Colo.

Vail, a European-style alpine village, will be host to 2,500 Feastgoers in Dobson Arena. The altitude in Vail is 8,500 feet (2,550 meters). Members with heart or breathing problems should consult a physician before planning to attend this site. Temperatures are expected to range from 32 to 50 Fahrenheit (0 to 10 Celsius).

A variety of hotels and condominiums range from \$260 to \$1,500 for eight nights. The Denver, Colo., airport is 100 miles from Vail with bus service available. Vail is a pedestrian village with free city-owned transit buses to any point in the city, so a rental car is not needed.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

The area around the Church-owned Wisconsin Dells Feast site offers fall colors, fishing, boat rides and amusement parks to the 6,000 Feastgoers expected to attend. Plan on daytime temperatures in the high 50s Fahrenheit (14 to 15 Celsius), with rain possible.

Housing ranges from \$15 to \$65 a night. From Chicago, Ill., connecting flights are available to Madison, Wis., 41 miles from Wisconsin Dells.

Amman, Jordan

The Feast in Amman, Jordan, will be followed by optional tours of Israel and Egypt. Group travel will begin Sept. 22 and end Oct. 4.

Deluxe accommodations will be available in Amman's Marriott and Plaza hotels, with first-class accommodations in the Regency Palace Hotel.

Tours in Jordan include King's Highway (a major travel route from Damascus to the Red Sea, along which ancient capitals were located), Petra, Jerash (preserved ruins of a Hellenistic Roman city from the time of Christ) and the four Ambassador Foundation projects where Ambassador College students teach physically and mentally disabled children.

Optional tour extensions to Egypt are offered at extra cost through Oct. 9, and to Israel through Oct. 10.

Prices are not confirmed yet, but the full deluxe tour from New York will be about \$1,400 to \$1,500 for each adult, with the first class tour about \$100 less.

Further details will be announced in *The Worldwide News* when arrangements are made.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Following the successful first Feast in Thailand last year, the Feast will again take place in Chiang Mai in 1988.

Accommodations will be at the luxury Orchid Hotel in Chiang Mai. All hotel accommodations throughout the tour will be five-star international standard. The expected cost is about \$1,700 for each person. This will include round-trip air travel from the West Coast of the United States to Bangkok, Thailand, all hotels and tour expenses, all activities and most meals. During the Feast, and afterward in Bangkok, an exciting program of tours and cultural activities has been arranged, including a visit to some of the projects that the Ambassador Foundation has helped sponsor.

In the words of the Festival coordinator, "We want to give all Feastgoers a vivid and memorable impression of this fascinating country."

The tour will leave the United States Sept. 18 and return Oct. 4. If

there is sufficient interest from other areas (such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Europe), the Church may be able to arrange group air travel to and from Bangkok from other cities.

Maximum attendance will be 450.

CANADA

Prices are quoted in Canadian dollars except where noted. In late January the Canadian dollar was worth about 81 U.S. cents. Food costs average \$25 to \$30 a day for each adult. Reserve your own housing from the approved list that will be sent with the approval packet. No application fee is required.

Halifax, N.S.

Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, is an important economic, cultural and educational center and the largest city of the Canadian Maritime provinces. Quaint fishing villages, winding coastal trails, inviting ocean beaches and Peggy's Cove are only minutes away.

Restaurants for all budgets abound. Apartments, suites and efficiency units are available at rates ranging from \$40 to \$85. The Sportsplex in the neighboring city of Dartmouth will be host to daily services. Attendance is expected to be 1,200.

Festival temperatures should be in the 50s or 60s Fahrenheit (10 to 20 degrees Celsius) with cooler and sometimes rainy evenings making warm clothing necessary.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Niagara Falls offers plentiful sight-seeing and numerous activities for the whole family, including a boat trip in front of the cascading waters. Services will take place in the Niagara Falls Convention Center, on the U.S. side of the border, with an expected attendance of 5,500.

Temperatures should range from 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 15 Celsius). It is recommended that those transferring into Niagara from overseas book their accommodations on the U.S. side to avoid daily border crossings. Prices range from US\$20 to US\$60 a night.

The nearest air service is in Buffalo, N.Y., a half-hour drive away. Bus service is available to Niagara Falls. A rental car is recommended for those not within walking distance of the convention center.

Penticton, B.C.

Penticton is surrounded by mountains and sits between two lakes at the end of the Okanagan Valley.

Recreational opportunities for the 2,300 Feastgoers include boating, horseback riding, golf, tennis and hiking. A recreation center adjacent to the auditorium offers swimming, basketball and racquet sports, as well as an indoor ice-skating rink. Temperatures should be in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (18 to 19 Celsius).

Penticton may be reached from the international airports in Vancouver, B.C., and Toronto, Ont. Housing ranges from \$20 to \$70 a night. A rental car is recommended.

Regina, Sask.

Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, will welcome 1,800 Feastgoers. Temperatures are expected to range from 30 to 55 Fahrenheit (1 below to 13 Celsius). Regina may be reached from the Winnipeg, Man., international airport. Housing ranges from \$26 to \$56 a night. A rental car is recommended.

Victoria, B.C.

A touch of Britain flavors this harbor town with an abundance of public parks and private gardens. Temperatures should range in the mid-50s Fahrenheit (12 to 13 Cel-

sus). The site expects to have 1,500 Feastgoers.

Victoria may be reached from Vancouver, B.C., or Seattle, Wash., by airplane or ferry. Housing ranges from \$150 to \$950 for eight nights.

The Vancouver Office hopes to accommodate most transfers this year. If you have wished to attend this site but have not been able, this may be the year to go. Please also list a second choice in case the Vancouver Office is overloaded with requests.

CARIBBEAN

Housing for the following sites is arranged and booked by the Caribbean Office. More details will be sent with approval letters.

Americans and Canadians must submit an application fee of \$25 with their applications.

Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God. Canadian brethren should send U.S. dollar foreign drafts payable through U.S. banks or Canadian postal orders for U.S. dollars only.

All prices listed below are in U.S. dollars.

Castries, St. Lucia

Along with its natural beauty and simplicity, St. Lucia offers the sight-seeing and beach activities that make the Caribbean islands so popular. A close-knit family environment prevails here because Feast attendance will be limited to about 200. Temperatures are expected to be about 80 Fahrenheit (27 Celsius).

The Cunard La Toc Hotel and Suites, perhaps the most outstanding hotel in St. Lucia, will serve as both housing and convention center. This same facility has often been the site for meetings of Western governmental leaders.

Rooms will run from \$50 to \$95 a night. Restaurant meals range between \$30 and \$60 a day for each adult. Less expensive fast food dining, taxis and rental cars are available. Passports are required.

Christ Church, Barbados

With year-round temperatures between 75 and 85 Fahrenheit (24 to 30 Celsius), Barbados continues to be one of the therapeutically warm favorites for Feastgoers bracing for the cold winter days ahead.

Christ Church, 1,675 miles southeast of Miami, Fla., will be host to 630 of God's people. The Best Western Sandy Beach Apartment complex (one-fourth mile from the convention center) will serve as housing center for overseas guests. One-bedroom apartments cost \$76 a night, and two-bedroom apartments cost \$105 a night.

Restaurant meals range between \$15 and \$35 a day for adults, with fast food eateries and supermarkets nearby. Rental cars are available. Passports are required.

Crown Point, Tobago

This smaller component of the two-island country of Trinidad and Tobago is acclaimed to be the gem of the Caribbean. Six hundred fifty Feastgoers can enjoy the pleasant scenery as well as the other fun-in-the-sun amenities that abound here.

Not more than 100 miles off the north coast of South America, Tobago's temperature averages 80 Fahrenheit (27 Celsius) year-round.

The rates at the Crown Reef Hotel, where services will take place, include two meals a day and range between \$40 and \$50 a day for each adult. Public transport, taxis and rental cars are available. The Crown Reef also provides complimentary airport transfers. Passports are required.

Georgetown, Guyana

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South America, Guyana is the southernmost of the Caribbean Feast sites. Guyana is 2,100 miles southeast of Miami, Fla.

Spartan, perhaps even by Caribbean standards, it is recommended for the Feastgoer who, besides hearty spiritual food and fellowship, desires hardy outdoor adventure. Two hundred fifty of God's people at this delightful site can enjoy temperatures of 80 Fahrenheit (27 Celsius).

The Park Hotel in the capital city of Georgetown will be used for services and visitors housing. Rooms are \$30 a night, and meals are \$20 to \$40 a day for adults. Public transport is available; rental cars are not. Prearranged airport transfers are recommended. Passports and visas are required.

Grand Anse Beach, Grenada

Situated 100 miles north of Venezuela and 158 miles southwest of Barbados, the spice island of Grenada will welcome 350 Feastgoers with sunshine, sand and the aroma of fresh spices.

The site of the Festival will be the Ramada Renaissance Hotel on Grand Anse Beach, just five minutes from the Point Salinas international airport.

Room rates range between \$40 and \$77 a night for each adult. Restaurant meals range between \$30 and \$45 a day for each adult. Taxis and rental cars are available. Passports are required. This site is about 1,600 miles southeast of Miami, Fla.

Hamilton, Bermuda

Luxury, sunshine and beaches make up Bermuda, an island that some consider to be the showcase of the Caribbean. On the same latitude as Savannah, Ga., and about 700 miles southeast of New York, Bermuda is the region's northernmost Festival site.

The expected 400 brethren in attendance will not have to concern themselves with winter clothing since temperatures generally average about 70 Fahrenheit (21 Celsius).

Hotel rates range between \$60 and \$90 a day for each adult. Restaurant meals range between \$30 and \$60 a day for adults, but fast food and supermarket shopping are available. No rental cars are available. Taxis and scooters are abundant. Passports are recommended.

Montego Bay, Jamaica

A perennial favorite for warm-weather Feastgoers, the island of Jamaica will be host to God's Feast this year in the Friendly City of Montego Bay. The Wyndham Rose Hall Beach Hotel and Country Club will serve as guest housing and convention center, enabling 800 brethren to enjoy warm fellowship as well as warm weather.

Room rates range between \$35 and \$70 a night for each adult. Restaurant meals range between \$40 and \$60 a day for each adult.

Fast food, grocery stores, public transport and taxis are available. Passports are required.

Paradise Island, Bahamas

Paradise Island, with an expected attendance of about 700, is about 270 miles east-southeast of Miami, Fla. Feastgoers at this appropriately named location will experience some of the best beaches and weather the Caribbean has to offer.

Public transportation, readily available, will be a matter of convenience at this site because the Holiday Inn Beach Resort Hotel will serve as both convention and housing center.

Room rates range between \$46 and \$88 a night for each adult. Restaurant meals range between \$30 and \$55 a day for each adult. However, the thrifty-minded will

find fast-food eateries and grocery stores nearby. Rental cars are available. Visitors are advised to have passports.

Roseau, Dominica

For the second consecutive year, brethren in Dominica will warmly open convention center doors to welcome international Feastgoers. Applicants must bear in mind that spiritual food and fellowship are the major attractions here because physical accoutrements are much more spartan than at most other Caribbean sites.

The meeting hall is in central Roseau and will seat 140 people. Dominica is about 1,450 miles southeast of Miami, Fla., and temperatures average 70 to 85 Fahrenheit (21 to 30 Celsius).

Rates at the Anchorage Hotel (1½ miles from site) average \$25 to \$40 a day for each adult. Restaurant meals average \$19 to \$28 a day for each adult. Public transport and rental cars are available. Airport transfers are recommended. Passports are required.

FRENCH-SPEAKING SITES

For each of the five sites, the accommodations are within walking distance of the meeting hall. An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

Port d'Albret, France

Port d'Albret is on the French coastal plain, about 30 miles from Biarritz, 90 miles from Bordeaux and 50 miles from the border of Spain. Direct flights are available from Paris to Biarritz-Parme, the closest airport to Port d'Albret. The expected attendance is 1,300.

Prices for meals and lodging for each day range from US\$30 to US\$35. Services are in French with simultaneous English translations. The weather is usually warm and humid, 60 to 68 Fahrenheit (15 to 20 Celsius). However, when traveling to northern France during this period, daily temperatures can range from 50 to 60 Fahrenheit (10 to 16 Celsius). A visa for France is required and can be obtained at a French Consulate.

Sherbrooke, Que.

Sherbrooke is about 100 miles east of Montreal, Que. Housing will be in the resort area of Mont Orford, offering a variety of recreational activities. Daily temperatures can range from 40 to 65 Fahrenheit (5 to 19 Celsius). Services will be in French with English translations.

St. Francois, Guadeloupe

The peaceful resort of St. Francois is on the southeast coast of the French West Indian island of Guadeloupe. International flights arrive at the Raizet airport, near the main city of Pointe-a-Pitre, about 21 miles from St. Francois. It is recommended to take a taxi from the airport.

Attendance will be about 300, and services will be in French with no translations. The pastor, Gilbert Carbonnel, will arrange accommodations. The price of lodging is about US\$25 a person for one day. Food costs average US\$30 an adult for one day. Kitchen facilities are available in each bungalow.

Daily temperatures range from 77 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit (25 to 30 Celsius). A visa is required and can be obtained at a French Consulate.

Tartane, Martinique

Tartane is on the eastern side of Martinique, also called "l'île aux fleurs" (the island of flowers). The airport of Le Lamentin is about 12

miles from the Feast site. Taxis are available at the airport. The expected attendance is 320.

Accommodations are arranged by pastor Erick Dubois. Lodging is about US\$15 a day for each adult. Food costs average US\$30 a day for each adult. Kitchen facilities are available in each apartment.

October is the beginning of the rainy season, and the daily temperatures range from 73 to 81 Fahrenheit (23 to 27 Celsius). A visa is required and can be obtained at a French Consulate. Services are in French with no translations.

Cap Haitien, Haiti

The hotel Mon Joli in Cap Haitien is on the north coast of Haiti. The international airport of Port-au-Prince is a four-hour drive from the hotel. Transportation to the Feast site can be arranged with Church representatives in Haiti. Attendance will be about 90.

The price for room and board averages US\$35 a day for each adult. The weather is warm and humid, with temperatures ranging from 79 to 88 Fahrenheit (26 to 31 Celsius). No visa is required. Services are in French with no translations.

SPANISH-SPEAKING SITES

A Festival site is tentatively planned in Argentina, where 50 transfers will be accepted. Services will be in Spanish with English translations.

Sites are also tentatively planned in Chile, Guatemala, Peru and Venezuela. There will be no English translations at these sites. If interested in attending, please send in an application. Details will be sent to you when available.

For Acapulco, Mexico, an application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to Ambassador College. Canadian brethren should send U.S. dollar foreign drafts payable through U.S. banks or Canadian postal money orders for U.S. dollars only.

For other sites send an application fee of US\$25. Please make your international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

Acapulco, Mexico

The beach resort of Acapulco offers Feastgoers a warm, tropical climate with temperatures in the 80s Fahrenheit (27 to 31 Celsius). Attendance is expected to be 2,100 (including 1,000 transfers).

Services, conducted in Spanish and English with alternating translations, will take place in the Centro Acapulco convention complex. The hotels available are the Acapulco Plaza Beach Resort and the Exelaris Hyatt Regency. Standard rooms at the Plaza are \$60 a night. One-bedroom suites are \$80 a night. All rooms have a beach and sea view. Daily food costs average \$25 a person.

Taxis are readily available and inexpensive. Rental cars are not advised. Acapulco has an international airport with direct connections to the United States. It is advisable to make air reservations early. Shuttle service is available from the airport to hotels.

Complete lodging information and instructions will be sent with the approval packet.

Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico

Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico, in a secluded, millennial setting, will have space available for 200 transfers. The site offers golf, tennis, aquatic sports and horseback riding. Services will be in Spanish with English translations.

Prices are not confirmed, but will probably be about \$58 a day double occupancy in the hotel, and \$137 a

day for a two-bedroom villa. Buffet meals at the hotel will cost about \$30 a day for each adult.

Cullera, Spain

Cullera will be the Feast site in Spain. Services and lodging will be in the secluded and modern three-star Hotel Sicania, which fronts the Mediterranean on the Costa de los Naranjos (Orange Groves Coast), a 4½-hour drive from Madrid, Spain, and 45 minutes from Valencia.

The international airport in Valencia is about 50 miles from the Feast site, which can also be reached by train from Madrid. Services are in Spanish with no translations. Expected attendance is 150.

Daily temperatures range from 70 to 75 Fahrenheit (21 to 24 Celsius), with rain possible.

Accommodations are arranged by the Spanish Department with the Hotel Sicania. Rates are about \$39 a day, for lodging and meals, for anyone more than 5 years old.

Melgar, Colombia

Melgar is a resort community 65 miles south of Bogota, Colombia, where the nearest major airport is located. Services for the 300 brethren expected in attendance will be in Spanish, with no translations. The Festival site has a hotel, cabins (with kitchen facilities) and recreational facilities. Prices are not yet available.

The average temperature is 85 Fahrenheit (30 Celsius). A rental car is not recommended, but bus services are available.

GERMAN SITES

Services will alternate in German and English with translations. Weather should be sunny, but cool, in Brno, Czechoslovakia, with rainy, fall weather expected in Bonndorf, West Germany.

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Brno, Czechoslovakia

Three hundred brethren from Eastern and Western Europe and from overseas will meet in Brno, a historic city in the heart of Old Europe. In addition to regular services, a number of exciting activities in Czech style are planned, including an evening of folklore dancing, historical sight-seeing, royal banquets in castles and hunting lodges and a hike and barbecue in the surrounding woods.

Accommodations and services will be in the Hotel Voronez. Transportation to official activities is provided, and public transport is also available.

Bookings are made through the German Office, with a basic Festival package, including food, lodging and organized group activities, costing for each adult about \$700 single occupancy, \$650 double, \$550 triple, or \$475 triple occupancy in Hotel Voronez II, with prices at both parts of the hotel one third less for children 3 to 13. Children less than 3 are free.

Brno can be reached by rental car or train (10 to 12 hours from Frankfurt, West Germany, seven to nine hours from Munich, West Germany, two hours from Vienna, Austria, or two hours from Prague, Czechoslovakia).

The German Office suggests flying directly to Prague or Vienna and taking the shuttle service to Brno for \$27 (round trip \$54).

Tours of Prague are also available before or after the Feast.

Bonndorf, West Germany

Set in the Black Forest of West Germany, a three-hour drive from Frankfurt, and 1½ hours from Zurich, Switzerland, Bonndorf will have an attendance of about 1,000.

Accommodations are arranged by the German Office. Hotels and guest houses range from \$25 to more than \$50 a person for each night. Some apartments are available at \$25 to \$60 a night. Food costs average \$25 a day for each adult. Hotels are one to eight miles from the meeting site. Taxis are available, but rental cars are suggested and most convenient.

ITALY

Nestled in the mountains north of Pisa—about 43 miles (70 kilometers) from Florence—is the tiny village of Castelvecchio-Pascoli, site of the 1988 Feast of Tabernacles in Italy.

The Church will once again use the facilities of Il Ciocco—a rustic, privately owned complex in an expanse of wooded hills and valleys. The intimate surroundings, centrally located dining hall and Tuscan cuisine create a cozy setting for Feast fellowship.

The complex offers sports activities such as tennis, swimming, skeet shooting, horseback riding and hiking, either at no charge or at minimal cost. A sauna, weight room, minimart, gift shop and pizzeria are on the grounds.

Bookings are made through the Italian Department in Pasadena. The basic Festival package includes lodging at the Il Ciocco hotel and food (breakfast and evening meal, plus Holy Day and Sabbath lunches). Cost for each adult will be \$595 for double occupancy with prices 30 percent off for children aged 5 to 10 and 50 percent off for children 3 to 5. Children 2 and younger are free. Travel fares are not included in this package. A limited number of camping style bungalows will also be available.

Services will be in English with translations into Italian.

Because of the way the Holy Days fall this year, it will be necessary for all North American transfers to leave no later than Thursday, Sept. 22, and arrive in Rome Friday, Sept. 23. Discount air fares will be available through World Vista Travel.

A pre-Feast weekend package will consist of bus service from the Rome airport to the hotel Sept. 23, two overnights in Rome, an opportunity to tour the Vatican and historic city center and coach transfer to the Feast site Sunday, Sept. 25. Prices are being negotiated. Sabbath services before the Feast will be in Rome.

Fall weather in Italy is usually mild; temperatures should be in the 60s and 70s Fahrenheit (16 to 26 Celsius). About 600 Feastgoers are expected, about a third of them Italian.

An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

NETHERLANDS

Hoogeveen is a peaceful city set amidst farmlands and villages in the northern part of the Netherlands. One hundred visitors will be accepted to this site, with preference given to people with Dutch family or ancestry. Services will be in Dutch with English translations. The weather is expected to be mild, but can be cold and rainy.

A number of quality bungalow parks are five to eight miles from the meeting hall. Price for each bungalow (one to six people) varies from 250 to 500 guilders for nine nights. In late January one guilder was worth about 5½ U.S. cents. A rental car is necessary for those staying in the bungalows.

The daily rate for the motel is 60 guilders single occupancy and 75

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guilders double occupancy, including breakfast. Bus service is available to the motel.

A list of the bungalow resorts will be sent with the approval letters, for members to book their own accommodations. Food costs vary greatly with several restaurants and supermarkets nearby. Hoogeveen is a 2½-hour train ride from the Amsterdam, Netherlands, airport. Rental cars are also available.

An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to Ambassador College.

UNITED KINGDOM, DENMARK, EAST AND WEST AFRICA

Visitors to the following sites should check on visa requirements. If you plan to visit France, even for a day, you will need to obtain a visa before you leave your country unless you are a citizen of a country in the European Economic Community or a resident of Belgium.

London tour: We have again hired the professional services of London Tourist Board-registered guide, G.O. Marx, to provide tours. Four days of sight-seeing and entertainment in London and the surrounding English countryside are scheduled immediately after the Feast.

All services at the following sites will be in English.

Temperatures in the British Isles should be around 55 to 65 Fahrenheit (13 to 19 Celsius). Though the British Isles generally have mild sunny days in late September and early October, be prepared for rain and cold winds.

Food costs in the British Isles average 12 pounds a day for each adult. All members should take out travel insurance, and in all cases not book accommodations at a site until receiving a Festival approval form from the British Festival Office.

Members are asked to make their own housing and travel arrangements. Please note that these arrangements are not made through the British Office.

Festival sites are tentatively planned for Malawi and Nigeria. If interested in attending one of these sites, send an application and details will be sent to you when available.

An application fee of 15 pounds must be attached to your application. Please make the foreign bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God. In late January one pound was worth \$1.84.

Douglas, Isle of Man

Nestling in the Irish Sea between England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland, the Isle of Man, 33 miles long and 12 miles wide, boasts a variety of scenery. The island's long history is evidenced by ancient Viking burial sites, remains of Celtic fortresses and more modern examples such as the Victorian-engineered Laxey Wheel, the largest working waterwheel in Europe.

Services will take place at the Villa Marina in Douglas, the island's capital, and around 1,000 people are expected to attend.

The Villa Marina is central to a wide variety of accommodations, though there are only a few top-class hotels in Douglas. Hotels and guest houses range from eight to 75 pounds a night for each person (dinner, bed and breakfast). Self-catering units will be available from around 80 pounds for nine nights.

The Isle of Man is accessible by air or sea and, though a car is not essential, you can rent one on the island.

Bournemouth, England

On the south coast of England,

Bournemouth is just more than an hour by train from central London. A garden town with acres of ornamental gardens, Bournemouth also abounds in restaurants and specialist shops.

Within easy reach of the town one finds Stonehenge, stately homes and castles, the historical New Forest and quaint village scenes such as Lymington harbor.

A large proportion of Bournemouth's hotels are within walking distance of the Pavillion Theatre, where services will take place for 1,200 people. Hotel and guest house accommodations range from 16 to 100 pounds a night for each person (dinner, bed and breakfast), and there are plenty of accommodations at both ends of the scale.

Most self-catering apartments and trailer parks are outside the city, and members staying in such accommodations would need their own transportation. Costs for such units begin at 90 pounds for nine days. Car rental is not necessary if you choose a hotel close to the Pavilion.

Paignton, England

The Devonshire coast in southwest England provides the setting for the Feast of Tabernacles in Paignton, 225 miles from London by road and just more than three hours by rail. Train and bus services run to Paignton from London.

Many of the 1,200 members expected at Paignton will stay in the Beverley Park Holiday Centre, about five minutes drive from the Torbay Leisure Centre, where services and social activities will take place. Cost for each caravan (trailer) for the nine nights is 75 to 135 pounds, depending on the type.

Hotels and guest houses (from 16 to 100 pounds a night for each person, including dinner, bed and breakfast) are also available. Apartments are available from 90 pounds for nine nights. Car rental is not necessary if you stay at Beverley Park as a bus service will be provided. The British Office suggests that those who stay farther away rent a car.

Scarborough, England

"Spectacular natural scenery with its cliffs and curving bays, beautiful gardens and elegant houses—dominated by a medieval castle" describes Scarborough, a resort in northeast England. About 1,100 are expected to attend the Feast there.

Scarborough is a 4½-hour drive by car from London (bus service is also available) and just more than two hours by train.

Hotel and guest house prices range from 16 to 100 pounds a night for each person (dinner, bed and breakfast), and self-catering apartments are from around 90 pounds a night.

Car rental is not necessary but recommended if accommodations are some distance from the Spa Theatre (on the seafront), where services will take place.

Trabolgan, Ireland

Trabolgan Holiday Centre is the tentative location for the southern Irish site. Situated near Cork, the Holiday Centre is a self-contained complex containing 147 modern apartments, halls and sports facilities.

Members can fly to Cork airport (25 miles away) and those traveling by sea should arrive at Cork Ferryport (34 miles away).

Around 700 are expected to attend this coastal site. Because of the size of the site, a limit is placed on the number of overseas transfers. Rates are still to be negotiated. If interested in attending, send an application, and details will be sent to you when available.

Bredsten, Denmark

The Feast in Denmark, as in previous years, will be in the Vingsted-centre sporting and conference cen-

ter on the eastern side of central Jutland outside the village of Bredsten. Bredsten is 13 kilometers (about 8½ miles) from the city of Vejle.

The center consists of a hotel with accommodations for the 300 Feastgoers expected to attend, and a sports complex. Opposite the hotel is a camping area for those wishing to take their own caravans (trailers).

Services are in English with Scandinavian translations. The cost for each person is 400 Danish kroner a day for full board or 320 kroner for half board (breakfast and evening meal only). At the end of January one kroner was worth about 16½ U.S. cents. Lunches or snacks may be purchased on the days required.

Children younger than 14 sharing with their parents are half price, and infants younger than 3 are free. Use of all facilities at the center is included, except the rental of certain sporting equipment.

For those traveling by sea (overnight voyage), group rates have been negotiated with Danish Seaways from Harwich, England, to Esbjerg, Denmark, for passengers, cars and caravans. Overseas visitors traveling through London can take the boat train from London direct to the ship in Harwich with connecting bus transfer to the site in Denmark.

By air there are flights from London (Heathrow) and Manchester, England, to Copenhagen, Denmark, to connect with flights to Billund, 20 kilometers (about 12½ miles) from the Vingstedcentre.

Malta

Malta is a sun-drenched jewel of an island nestling in the blue Mediterranean. It is renowned for its warm, friendly people and its delicious foods, fruits and wine.

About 350 people are expected to attend, and meetings will take place in the Holiday Inn at Sliema on the east coast.

Accommodations range from self-catering apartments at 235 pounds for nine nights for each person to rooms at the Holiday Inn at 420 pounds for nine nights for each person, including bed and breakfast. Prices include round-trip flights from London. Rental cars are available but not necessary. Services will be in English.

This site is open primarily for Maltese and European members. However, space may become available for brethren from other areas. Interested members should look for an announcement in a future *Worldwide News* giving details.

Mombasa, Kenya

A camp on the Indian Ocean will be one of the Feast sites in Kenya this year. Because of the size of the hall, only a few visitors can be accommodated. Weather will be warm and humid. Further information will be sent upon request.

Naro Moru, Kenya

A resort at the base of Mt. Kenya, second-highest peak in Africa, will be used again for the Feast of Tabernacles. The Church will use the entirety of the Naro Moru River Lodge, which is set in the midst of the Kenyan wilderness.

About 170 brethren are expected to attend this site, and there are about 400 openings for visitors who are a little more hardy than most.

Lodgings and meals cost about \$200 a person for eight days. Various means of transportation are available from the international airport in Nairobi, Kenya, to the site.

Winneba, Ghana

The Sir Charles Tourist Center will be the site for the Feast in Ghana this year. Winneba is a resort area a few miles from Accra, the capital of Ghana. Hotel and meals for the Feast will cost about \$300. An automobile will not be necessary for visitors.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

An accommodation brochure and booking card will be sent with each approval letter. Members should send the booking card and deposit to the hotel of their choice.

Food costs vary greatly and could range from 32 to 60 rand (about \$17.25 to \$32.50) a person daily. Prices quoted here are subject to a 12 percent government sales tax. At the end of January one rand was worth about 54 U.S. cents.

An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

Durban, South Africa

South Africa's main Festival site, Durban, is one of the country's top holiday resorts. Services for the 1,600 Feastgoers will be in the City Hall, opposite the five-star Royal Hotel.

The Royal Hotel offers a variety of amenities, and rooms have a view of the harbor or seafront.

Double-room rates are 45 to 50 rand (about \$24.50 to \$27) a person each night including full English breakfast. Single occupancy is 65 to 70 rand (about \$35 to \$38). Children 2 to 12 are 50 percent of adult rate. Beachfront hotels (one mile from City Hall) are also available ranging from 30 to 60 rand (about \$16 to \$32) a person each night, including three full meals daily.

Durban is 400 miles from Johannesburg, South Africa, 45 minutes by air and six hours by car. Bus service is available. A rental car is optional. Temperatures vary from 24 to 32 Celsius (75 to 90 Fahrenheit).

George, South Africa

George is about 450 miles from Cape Town, South Africa, and 850 miles from Johannesburg (1½ hours by air). This is the lake district of South Africa, and it enjoys a mild to warm climate in late September and October. Eight hundred are expected to attend.

Accommodations range from 35 to 70 rand (about \$19 to \$38) a person each night including English breakfast. A rental car is necessary.

Mutare, Zimbabwe

Mutare is situated in the highlands of eastern Zimbabwe, 200 miles from Harare. Temperatures will vary from 28 to 36 Celsius (82 to 97 Fahrenheit). Four hundred are expected to attend. Room rates range from 45 to 70 rand (about \$24 to \$38) a person each night. A rental car is necessary.

Other sites

Festival sites are also planned in Hawston, South Africa, and Livingstone, Zambia, but transfers will not be accepted. A limited number of transfers can be accepted to the site in Mauritius this year. Applicants should list Durban or George as a second choice.

AUSTRALIA AND ASIA

Members are asked to make their own travel arrangements. Housing is also the responsibility of members unless stated below. Help will be given to overseas visitors in finding suitable housing.

All services in Australia will be in English.

An application fee of A\$25 must be attached to each application. Please make the bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God. In late January one Australian dollar was worth about 75 U.S. cents.

Caloundra, Australia

Caloundra is a family oriented

holiday center on the southern end of the Sunshine Coast, 96 kilometers (60 miles) north of Brisbane. About 1,200 will attend this site. Temperatures in the mid-20s Celsius (high 70s Fahrenheit) are expected. A rental car is advised both from the Brisbane airport to the site and during the Feast, unless you will be staying within walking distance of the meeting hall.

Self-contained holiday apartments are available for A\$350 to A\$500 a unit for one week (un serviced). Motels are also available at about A\$50 a room for one night. Average food costs for each person would be about A\$25 daily, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves, or purchased in restaurants.

Coffs Harbour, Australia

Coffs Harbour, on the northeast coast of New South Wales, will be a 1988 Feast site. It boasts one of Australia's best climates, 60 kilometers (37½ miles) of beaches, rain forests and banana-clad hills. The popular coastal resort was also a Feast site in 1983.

There is a wide variety of housing in the Coffs Harbour area, including hotels, self-contained holiday apartments, holiday cabins and caravan parks. Members can expect to pay at least A\$400 a week for a self-contained holiday unit.

Coffs Harbour is on the Princes Highway, and is about a 5½-hour drive south of Brisbane. Rental cars are recommended.

Gosford, Australia

Gosford is in the heart of the Central Coast tourist area of New South Wales, north of Sydney. This area of white sandy beaches and inland waterways sits in the midst of 300,000 acres of national park and rain forest. Temperatures of around 23 Celsius (73 Fahrenheit) are expected. Attendance will be about 1,200.

Sydney airport is a two-hour drive from the site. A rental car is recommended during the Feast. One could also take a bus to Central Station, and a train to Gosford.

Self-contained holiday apartments along the coastal beaches, about 20 minutes from the hall by car, cost about A\$400 a week for a family unit. Average food costs for each person are about A\$20 daily, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves, or purchased in restaurants.

Hobart, Tasmania

The island state of Tasmania is aptly called the Holiday Isle—abounding in natural beauty and historical landmarks. A family of four should expect to pay at least A\$60 a night for accommodations, which are mostly hotels and motels. Average food costs for each person will be about A\$30 daily.

Hobart airport is just a few minutes by car from the Feast site. Rental cars and taxis are available. Temperatures are expected to be in the high teens Celsius (mid to high 60s Fahrenheit), with cooler weather possible. Bring warm clothing. Four hundred are expected to attend this site.

Melbourne, Australia

Melbourne, the capital of the southern state of Victoria, is a Feast site this year. Melbourne, on Port Phillip Bay, competes with Sydney for the title of Australia's premier city. With a population of about two million, the city boasts many parks and gardens.

The Festival will be at the Robert Blackwood Hall on the campus of Monash University in Clayton, one of Melbourne's eastern suburbs.

Accommodations vary from five-star international hotels to motels and self-contained apartments. There is a wide range of transportation, including trains, trams, buses, taxis and rental cars. From the air, Melbourne is served by Tulla.

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marine international airport.

Perth, Australia

Perth, the capital city of Western Australia, is a clean, modern city with pockets of history, hundreds of acres of blue water and a backdrop of natural bushland in the form of King's Park. A special attraction at Feast time is the display of wild flowers. Expected attendance is 650.

Perth has its own international airport. Rental cars and taxis are available during the Feast. Hotels and motels range in price from A\$30 to more than A\$80 a night for each person. Some self-contained holiday apartments are available at A\$40 to A\$60 a night for each unit. Daily food costs average A\$30 for each person, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves or purchased in restaurants.

Perth has a Mediterranean climate with temperatures in the low 20s Celsius (low 70s Fahrenheit).

Ulladulla, Australia

Ulladulla, a fishing town on the southeast coast of New South Wales, is a holiday resort. The weather should be mild and pleasant, with daytime temperatures about 20 Celsius (68 Fahrenheit). Expected attendance is 850.

The international airport in Sydney is 220 kilometers (about 135 miles) from the site. A rental car is recommended during the Feast. Self-contained holiday apartments cost about A\$280 a week for a two-bedroom unit (un serviced). Motels and on-site caravans (trailers) are also available.

Daily food costs average A\$25 for each person, depending on whether meals are prepared by members themselves or purchased in restaurants.

Lonauli, India

The five-star Fariyas Holiday Resort at Lonauli is the Feast site in India for the third consecutive year. It is in the Sahyadri Hills, 100 kilometers (62 miles) southeast of Bombay. The weather should be mostly sunny and warm. A light jacket is recommended for evenings and early

mornings. Two hundred thirty are expected to attend this site.

From the Bombay airport take a taxi to the Poona taxi stand. A taxi to Poona will cost about US\$30 for the three-hour journey to the Feast site. A rental car is not necessary, as accommodations, services and activities are all on site.

Accommodations are arranged at the Fariyas Holiday Resort by the Australian Regional Office for all overseas visitors. The costs vary according to the number of people in each room, but are not expected to exceed US\$25 a day for each person including meals. Single occupancy will be slightly higher.

Ahungalla, Sri Lanka

Nestled amidst coconut groves 77 kilometers (48 miles) south of Colombo, the Triton Hotel in Ahungalla is again the site of the Feast in Sri Lanka, with 150 expected to attend. Weather at Feast time is usually sunny during the day with early-morning and late-evening showers to cool the air. Temperatures should be around 21 Celsius (70 Fahrenheit).

Colombo airport is 110 kilometers (68 miles) north of the Feast site. A bus will be provided to transfer members from Colombo to the Feast site.

Hotel space is arranged by the Australian Regional Office. Cost is about US\$18 a day for each adult and about US\$4 for children younger than 12 including all meals.

Honiara, Solomon Islands

Honiara is the capital of the Solomon Islands, and is on the palm-fringed island of Guadalcanal. The climate is warm and pleasant with temperatures in the mid-20s Celsius (upper 70s Fahrenheit). Expected attendance is 70. Openings for international visitors are limited.

Honiara airport is a short taxi ride from the site. The Australian Office recommends the principal hotel in Honiara, the Mendana, to all overseas visitors. Taxi or rental car will be needed at the Feast.

Singapore

The island nation of Singapore will again be a site for the Feast of Tabernacles. For the second year services and accommodations will

be at the Amara Hotel, a first-class luxury hotel in the heart of Singapore. *Amara* is a Sanskrit word meaning immortal or eternal.

The Festival Office in Australia will arrange accommodations. Hotel rates should be about US\$30 for a single, twin or double room for each night and about US\$40 for a triple room. All rooms have a refrigerator, air conditioning and an electronic safe.

The hotel contains several restaurants. Meals can also be purchased at restaurants and food stalls across the street. There are additional shops and banks next to the hotel.

Taxis are readily available at the airport for transfer to the hotel. The fare should be about S\$14 (about US\$7.50), including the airport surcharge.

NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH PACIFIC

An application fee of US\$25 must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to Ambassador College.

New Zealand

New Zealand will be host to 1,000 to 1,500 brethren for the Feast of Tabernacles. The site has not been finalized. If interested in attending, send an application and details will be sent to you when available.

Fiji

Set in the South Pacific, Fiji will have an attendance of about 240. Site details are not available at this time. If interested in attending, please send in an application. Details will be sent to you when available.

Tonga

A Festival site is planned in Tonga, but transfers will not be accepted.

PHILIPPINES

International flights to the Philippines terminate in Manila.

Discounts are sometimes available on domestic routes for international travelers, so it is advised to book your international and domestic flights at the same time.

The Manila Regional Office will arrange for all visitors to be met at the airport and escorted to their hotels (except possibly last day arrivals). Based on opportunity and demand, tours of Malacanang Palace (presidential palace) and Corregidor Island (site of a World War II battle) may be arranged.

Accommodations may be arranged privately, or through the Manila Office (which can offer discounts at main hotels).

Rental cars are available in Manila, Baguio and Cebu by prior arrangement, both with or without hired drivers, although self-drive is not recommended for international guests.

Prices at hotels (given in U.S. dollars) are likely to increase if the Philippine peso is devalued during the year from the rate of 20.8 pesos to the dollar.

An application fee of \$25, payable only in U.S. dollars, must be attached to your application. Please make the international money order or bank draft payable to the Worldwide Church of God.

Baguio

Baguio is a refreshing mountain resort city, at an altitude of 5,000 feet, in the Cordillera Mountains, 160 miles north of Manila. The 1,600 expected Feastgoers can anticipate temperatures of about 12 to 25 Celsius (54 to 77 Fahrenheit) without the humidity of the lowlands. Rain is possible.

Fifty-minute turboprop flights leave Manila in the mornings only. Or you may take a picturesque five-hour road journey by car or air-conditioned bus.

Accommodations range from the recommended four-star Hyatt Terraces Hotel (\$41 to \$95 a night) to rustic cabins and apartments (\$20 to \$50 a night). Taxis are readily available and inexpensive. Food costs vary greatly, with hotel meals averaging \$20 a person daily.

Cebu

Cebu is a port city in the central Visayas, a one-hour jet flight south

of Manila. Beach resorts offer relaxing side trips. Services for the 900 people expected will be at the Cebu Plaza Hotel on a hill overlooking the harbor and city. Temperatures will range from 20 to 32 Celsius (68 to 90 Fahrenheit), with rain possible.

Accommodations are available at the Cebu Plaza Hotel (\$44 to \$93 a night), or at several other hotels that would not be as convenient (\$26 to \$100). Food costs vary greatly, with hotel meals averaging \$20 a person daily. Taxis and tricycles (motorcycle with sidecar) are available for minimal cost.

Cagayan de Oro

On the northern coast of Mindanao, Cagayan de Oro is a port city serving the inland agricultural area, including one of the prime pineapple growing areas of the country. It is south of Manila and served several times a day by Philippine Airlines jets.

Accommodations are available in several average hotels, with costs in the range of \$12 to \$25 a night for rooms sleeping two to four people. Food costs are cheaper than Baguio.

Taxis and tricycles provide transportation to and from the meeting hall, which is a college gymnasium, and is not air conditioned. Expected attendance is 1,100. Temperatures range from 23 to 35 Celsius (73 to 95 Fahrenheit). Humidity is high, and rain is possible.

Manila

Manila is the political, commercial and cultural center of the Philippines. About 1,200 people are expected at this site. They should experience a temperature range between 23 and 35 Celsius (73 to 95 Fahrenheit). Humidity is high, and rain is possible.

Manila offers a wide range of restaurants featuring various foods at different prices, from American hamburgers to exotic Asian delicacies. Taxis are readily available at reasonable rates.

Other planned sites

In addition to these locations an additional site for the Visayas is a possibility. If interested in attending these sites, send in an application and details will be sent to you when available.

PERSONAL

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future coming of the Kingdom of God with the warning to *repent*, to "save yourselves from this untoward generation" as Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost. And it also teaches *God's ways* to all those whom God decides to call into the Body of Christ.

Let none have the mistaken impression that *Youth 88* and our Youth Opportunities United programs and summer camps are the *most* important aspect of the Work of God's Church. They are indeed important, but they are only a *part* of God's overall Work of preparing His firstfruits to become the Bride of Christ at His Second Coming.

When we read Matthew 24:22 in light of Malachi 4:4-6, we see who these are who have had their hearts turned to their fathers: "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened" (New King James).

In other words, those children of disobedience who DO TURN from their own ways through repentance to the ways of their fathers the patriarchs—the ways of God—and become the begotten children of God—for whose sakes the earth will be spared from utter destruction—are His

firstfruits! They are all those converted and faithful through the centuries right up to the Second Coming of Christ!

The final phase of that process was begun, as Jesus said, through John the Baptist and has been continued through the ages by the successive eras of the Church of God.

Today, God has made available to His Church greater *power* than ever before to make the truth of His Word *known* to the world in general, and to *teach* His ways to those He chooses to call out of this world.

The direct, spoken commission Jesus gave to the Church of God is found in Matthew 28:19-20, and has *never changed*: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even unto the end of the world [age]. Amen.*"

Whom would the apostles be able to teach to observe all things Jesus commanded? Only those God chooses to call, of course. While others may hear the message, they do not *repent*, that is, *change* and begin to *obey God*.

So when Jesus commanded His disciples to "teach all nations," He was referring to those whom God would *call* from among the various nations

through the ages—those who would repent, who would be *baptized*, who would become part of the begotten *family* of God. It is *they* who would be *taught* to observe all things Jesus commanded. As Jesus told Peter, the leader among the apostles, in John 21:15-17, "Feed my sheep."

Just as Malachi prophesied of John the Baptist and just as the angel Gabriel expounded, a *people would be prepared for God*. From the Ephesian era until now, the Church of God fulfills that role of preparing a people for God. It is through His Church that God calls and prepares His firstfruits—the Bride of Christ—His *elect*.

The apostle Paul explained in Hebrews 11:39-40 that all the saints of God throughout the ages are to receive their promise *at the same time*. In Ephesians 2:19-22 Paul shows that all the saints are built upon the *foundation* of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus the *chief cornerstone*, and are *fitly framed together* and *growing* as a habitation of God through the Spirit.

The apostle John recorded in Revelation 19:6-7 his vision of the voice of a great multitude proclaiming: "Alleluia! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself

ready." Can we see the *supreme importance* to God of the process of *preparation* of the saints for their change to immortal glory?

Yet, of course, the Church of God must also preach the Gospel as a *witness* to the nations. Paul wrote: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord [with understanding, of course] shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:13-15)!

Yes, God has given His Church a marvelous responsibility, and that responsibility is *heightened* in this end-time age by the technology of mass communication He has made available.

Only today has it been possible to reach the *millions* by the printing press and television with the message of TRUTH about what the future holds for those now unwilling to repent and turn to the ways preached and taught by the fathers, the holy men and prophets of old.

Only today has it become possible to *regularly*, week after week, month after month, in an

organized and unified manner, teach and instruct in the ways of God more than 88,000 converted, begotten children of God! This process of *preparation* is of unparalleled importance to our Father and our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ.

One of the very last things Mr. Armstrong told me before his death was that I would need to let God work through me to "get the Church ready." I have been striving to do just that.

God's Church has been given a *dual* commission by its Head, Jesus Christ. We are to be *preaching the Gospel* of the Kingdom of God to the world, while *feeding the flock*, that is, teaching and instructing those God calls in His ways, so that we all may be made *ready*, a people *prepared* for Him.

And individually, of course, we must be *learning and growing* in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. We must be *responsive* to the instruction He gives us through His Church.

Let each of us realize how important we are, *personally and individually* to God, as one of those He has chosen to call NOW, before the vast majority of humanity, to have a part in the first resurrection, to live and rule with Christ for a thousand years, and to have a part in ultimately bringing all mankind (who will) to repentance and eternal life in the family of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BENNER, Doug and Debra (Anderson), of Pasadena, girl, Amanda Dawn, Dec. 1, 1:54 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

BOOTHE, Wesley and Gail (Weigell), of Ames, Iowa, girl, Sara Gail, Sept. 15, 12:36 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now three children.

BOSTIC, Terry and Denise (Reed), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Alyssa Renee, Nov. 28, 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

BRADFORD, Michael and Gwen (Turnbough), of Los Angeles, Calif., girl, Megan Ashley, Dec. 26, 3:36 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

CALENDINE, Roger and Janette (MacDonald), of McConellsville, Ohio, girl, Jody J., Dec. 25, 1:21 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CUTRARA, Andre and Jeannette (Martin), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Lisa Davina, Oct. 2, 3:43 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DeWILDE, Ronald and Janet (deVillie), of Hood River, Ore., girl, Glenda Roberta, adopted Dec. 18, 5 years old, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DIEBEL, Marvin and Joan (Gunville), of North Battleford, Sask., boy, Brian Michael, Dec. 4, 6:41 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DONOVAN, Roger and Shari (Roberts), of Midland, Tex., boy, Roger James III, Nov. 18, 12:04 p.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FERRAND, Sam and Dolla, of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Hannah Joy, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

GRIFFIN, Josh and Jennifer (Swihart), of Pasadena, boy, Justin Robert, Jan. 7, 7:57 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

HAND, Gary and Nancy (Williams), of Wheeling, W.Va., girl, Laura Elizabeth, Dec. 15, 3:59 p.m., 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

HIGGINS, Kevin and Anita (Bisaha), of Washington, D.C., boy, Ariel Joseph, Dec. 17, 10:45 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HILL, Ken and Diane (Rogers), of Tucson, Ariz., girl, Jaimie Suzanne, Dec. 23, 2:27 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOLIFIELD, Wayland and Linnie (Smart), of Richardson, Tex., boy, Tyler Lee, Dec. 31, 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

KARAS, Edward and Carol (Prigg), of Gloucester, England, girl, Susanna, Jan. 3, 4:07 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KEVILL, Richard and Sandra (Inger), of Canberra, Australia, boy, Jonathan Scott, Dec. 7, 8:35 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

LAMB, Dale and Shelia (McNeill), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Joseph William, Dec. 29, 8:35 p.m., 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

LITTLE, Michael and Susan (Robinson), of Overland Park, Kan., boy, Brendan Michael, Dec. 28, 12:12 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MARDIS, Ronald Jr. and Becky (High), of Cleveland, Ohio, boy, Reginald James, Dec. 3, 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MARTIN, Robert and Karie (Keenan), of Holmen, Wis., girl, Heather Marie, Sept. 27, 8:50 a.m., 10 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MEADVILLE, Rusty and Sidna (Keener), of Big Sandy, boy, Riley Tucker, Dec. 28, 2:38 p.m., 4 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MILTON, Andrew and Jackie (Palmer), of Ware, England, boy, Dean Mark, Nov. 5, 9 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

MONTGOMERY, David and Regina (Swisher), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Christina Erin, Jan. 11, 8:16 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MOONEYHAM, Steve and Cindy (Campbell), of Springfield, Mo., boy, Benjamin Adam, Dec. 3, 10:09 p.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

NICHOLSON, Donald and Janet (Bradford), of Fort Worth, Tex., boy, Nathan Bryce, Jan. 8, 1:14 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

NICOLAU, Dean and Yolande (Vlaanderen), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Darren Terence, Oct. 29, 6:40 a.m., 4 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

PARMAN, Jesse and Lori (Buchmann), of Tacoma, Wash., boy, Jeremiah Ronald Jay, Jan. 11, 12:33 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

RICHTER, Conrad and Eleanor (Lombard), of East London, South Africa, girl, Robyn Claire, Dec. 8, 5:45 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

RUSCHE, Gary and Kathy (Huffman), of Fargo, N.D., boy, Jordan Gary, Jan. 14, 7:45 a.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHERF, Richard and Artha (Kesting), of Belleville, Ill., girl, Cayla Amy, Jan. 17, 3:31 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

SIMMONDS, Geoff and Deborah (Heldt), of Bendigo, Australia, girl, Sherodyn Jeannette, Dec. 25, 11:38 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STANWYCK, George and Jo-Anne (Mazda), of Ellerslie, P.E.I., boy, Jonathan Matthew, Dec. 15, 11:39 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STIEPP, Richard and Laurie (Carlson), of Gainesville, Ga., boy, Jacob Carlson, Jan. 14, 1:32 a.m., 9 pounds, now 3 boys.

WAINWRIGHT, Earnest and Sharon (Alison), of Jacksonville, Fla., boy, Joshua Samuel, Dec. 26, 7:30 p.m., 3 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

WHITEMAN, Roger and Orlanda (Soare), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Keenin Leyland Wyatt, Oct. 28, 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WHITT, Richard and Caroline (Hopkins), of Austin, Tex., girl, Valerie Lorene, Oct. 14, 12:30 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Lorene Kloska and William Misco, both of whom attend the Kanosha, Wis., church, are happy to announce their engagement. A March 6 wedding in Gurnee, Ill., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Petty of Fairchance, Pa., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Michele Lea to Keith Roy Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson of Hecker, Ill. A June 12 wedding in Pennsylvania is planned.

James Lawrence Isbell and Cassandra Faith Wedekind are pleased to announce their engagement. An April 10 wedding in San Diego, Calif., is planned.

Richard and Lucille Chippis are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie to Leonard Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin of Westland, Mich. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Litavsky of Toronto, Ont., are happy to announce the engagement of their son George Alar to Katherine Rita-Lynn Nemeth. A May 8 wedding in Toronto is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graham of South Pasadena, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Liana Irene to Joseph G. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenden Scott of Brampton, Ont. A July 3 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Paul Kroll and Patricia Havey of Pasadena would like to announce their engagement. An April wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons of Medford, Ore., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lonna to Tyson Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wood of Spokane, Wash. A March 19 wedding is planned.

Ronald Paul Hiebert and Marolyn May Watson, both of whom attend the Calgary, Alta., church, are happy to announce their engagement. An April 16 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. WARREN KISSMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burnham of Denver, Colo., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Michele Suzanne to Warren Shawn Kissman, son of Gene Kissman of Wichita, Kan. The ceremony took place Aug. 22 and was performed by Douglas Horchak, pastor of the Denver North and South churches. Lisa Wood, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Denver.



MR. AND MRS. A. HOLLADAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Harley of Witbank, South Africa, would like to announce the marriage of their daughter Wendy to Arthur Roy Holladay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holladay of Bethlehem, Pa. The ceremony was performed Sept. 27 in Witbank by the groom's father, pastor of the Bethlehem A.M. and P.M. and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., churches. Ronnie Harley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and David Holladay, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. BERRIE HOES

Ada Peters and Berrie Hoes were married Dec. 26. The ceremony was performed by Bram de Bree, regional director for the Church in the Netherlands. The couple reside in Tilburg, Netherlands.



MR. AND MRS. DANA DUNHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scharter of Saskatoon, Sask., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Angela Fay to Dana Lincoln Dunham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dunham of Deltona, Fla. The ceremony was performed Aug. 9 in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., by Ronald Howe, pastor of the St. Petersburg, Fla., church. Lisa Derstine was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple, both 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates, reside in Tarpon Springs, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. GERRY SINKLER

Maria Anne Kosior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kosior of Edmonton, Alta., and Gerry Kenneth Sinkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Sinkler of Toronto, Ont., were united in marriage Sept. 27 in Edmonton. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton North and South churches. Dianne Kotte was maid of honor, and Gerry Brown was best man. The couple reside in Edmonton. Maria is a Pasadena Ambassador College graduate.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN THIESSEN

Doreen A. Katchmarik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Katchmarik of Odessa, Mo., and John N. Thiessen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thiessen of Huffman, Tex., were united in marriage Sept. 20 in Oak Grove, Mo. The ceremony was performed by Richard Pinelli, pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., East church. Venita Schmidt was matron of honor, and Rick Thiessen, son of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Boonville, Mo.



MR. AND MRS. RONNIE BOYCE

Jacqueline Colman, daughter of Ida Bass of El Dorado, Ark., and Ronnie Mack Boyce of Dallas, Tex., were united in marriage June 14 in El Dorado. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Jameson, associate pastor of the Texarkana, Tex., Shreveport, La., A.M. and P.M. and El Dorado churches. Linda Birden was maid of honor, and Charles Madlock was best man. The couple reside in Dallas.



MR. AND MRS. ALAN JOHNSON

Lonna Marie Durkee, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Bill Durkee, and Alan Scott Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Johnson, were united in marriage July 26. The ceremony was performed by Daniel Bierer, pastor of the Sarasota and Fort Myers, Fla., churches. Heidi Koster was matron of honor, and Chris Johnson was best man. The couple reside in La Follette, Tenn.



MR. AND MRS. WESTON COHRON

Patricia Ann Emily Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Powell of Montreal, Que., and Weston Keith Cohron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Cohron of Buford, Ga., were united in marriage Sept. 6 in Montreal. The ceremony was performed by Christopher Starkey, assistant pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que. (English), churches. The couple reside in Buford.



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL DeFORGE

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Docken are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Carrie Marie to Daniel Ronald DeForge, son of Mr. and Mrs. David DeForge. The ceremony was performed Sept. 6 in Napa, Calif., by the bride's father, pastor of the Fairfield and Santa Rosa, Calif., churches. Betsy Docken, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Robert Rodzaj was best man. The couple reside in Napa.



MR. AND MRS. GREGORY STRASS

Helen Watts of Freeport, Ill., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Bonnie to Gregory R. Strass, son of Raymond and Beryl Strass of Elgin, Ill. The ceremony was performed Sept. 20 in Rockford, Ill., by Randall Stiver, pastor of the Madison, Wis., and Rockford churches. Anita Asbury, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Dean Roggow was best man. The couple reside in Loves Park, Ill.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT PLANCKEN

Lori Denise Witt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Witt of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Robert John Planken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aire Planken, also of Salt Lake City, were united in marriage July 12. The ceremony was performed by Don Lawson, pastor of the Salt Lake City church. The couple reside in the Salt Lake City area.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HILLMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Burton C. Harrington of Rich-

mond, Mass., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Katherine M. to William D. Hillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hillman of Medford Lakes, N.J. The ceremony was performed Sept. 27 in Pittsfield, Mass., by Lyle Welty, pastor of the Albany, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., churches. Sheila Harrington was matron of honor, and David Hillman was best man. The couple reside in Lee, Mass.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. MELVIN JONES

Melvin and Thelma Jones, members who attend the Olympia, Wash., church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 18. Richard Duncan, pastor of the Everett and Sedro-Woolley, Wash., churches, and his wife, Betty, were hosts to the celebration at the Joneses home. Friends and relatives attended. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were baptized in 1958.



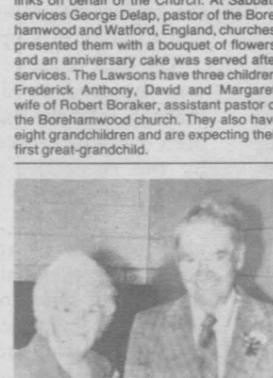
MR. AND MRS. EARL JAVINE

Feb. 11 marked the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Javine of Bixby, Okla. The Javines have been Church members since 1974. They have two children, Rilla Wilhite and Richard, both of whom are also Church members, and five grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. WILKIE HUGHES

Wilkie and Jane Hughes of Dayton, Ohio, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 1. Their family arranged a reception for them Jan. 2. The Hugheses have six children, 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Mr. Hughes was baptized in 1968, and Mrs. Hughes was baptized in 1970.



MR. AND MRS. F. LAWSON

Frederick and Pauline Lawson of Bricket Wood, England, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 29. They attend the Borehamwood, England, church and have been members since 1961. Mr. Lawson has worked at Ambassador Press and the British Regional Office since 1969. At an anniversary dinner Francis Bergin, business manager for the Borehamwood Office, gave the couple a gold brooch and cuff links on behalf of the Church. At Sabbath services George Delap, pastor of the Borehamwood and Watford, England, churches, presented them with a bouquet of flowers, and an anniversary cake was served after services. The Lawsons have three children, Frederick Anthony, David and Margaret, wife of Robert Boraker, assistant pastor of the Borehamwood church. They also have eight grandchildren and are expecting their first great-grandchild.



MR. AND MRS. IKE GEISBRECHT

Ike and Susan Geisbrecht of Red Deer, Alta., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Geisbrecht were married in 1937 in Carman, Man., and they were baptized in 1978. The Geisbrechts have one son.



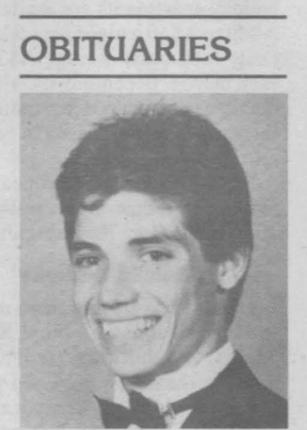
MR. AND MRS. FRANK LINKE

Cora and Frank Linke of Acme, Alta., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 11. They were married in Seattle, Wash., in 1937. Mr. Linke was baptized in 1978, and the couple attend the Red Deer, Alta., church. The Linkes have two sons and five grandchildren.



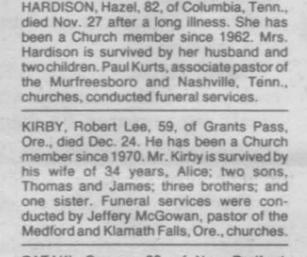
JAY ELLEDGE

ELLEDGE, Jay, 17, of Anchorage, Alaska, died July 24 in an automobile accident. He attended Church services since birth. Jay is survived by his parents, George and Carolyn; a sister, Samantha; a brother, Hunter; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Elledge; and aunts, uncles and cousins. James Turner, pastor of the Anchorage, Palmer, Soldotna and Fairbanks, Alaska, churches, conducted funeral services.



HARDISON, HAZEL

HARDISON, Hazel, 82, of Columbia, Tenn., died Nov. 27 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1962. Mrs. Hardison is survived by her husband and two children, Paul Kurts, associate pastor of the Murfreesboro and Nashville, Tenn., churches, conducted funeral services.



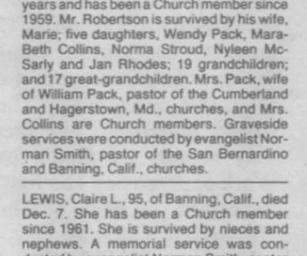
KIRBY, ROBERT LEE

KIRBY, Robert Lee, 59, of Grants Pass, Ore., died Dec. 24. He has been a Church member since 1970. Mr. Kirby is survived by his wife of 34 years, Alice; two sons, Thomas and James; three brothers; and one sister. Funeral services were conducted by Jeffery McGowan, pastor of the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., churches.



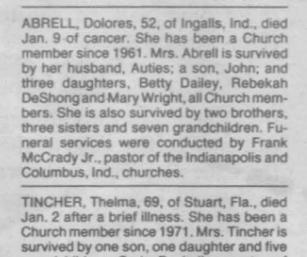
PATAKI, GEORGE

PATAKI, George, 82, of New Bedford, Mass., died Dec. 30 after a three-month battle with lung cancer. He and his wife of 42 years, Olivia, were baptized in 1986. Douglas Winnall, pastor of the Providence, R.I., church, conducted funeral services.



SMITH, JOHNIE

SMITH, Johnie, 71, of Mount Vernon, Ill., died Dec. 30 after a lengthy bout with cancer. He has been a Church member since 1967.



FREDERICK ROBERTSON

ROBERTSON, Frederick, 84, of Yucaipa, Calif., died Oct. 29. Mr. Robertson was employed by Ambassador College for 20 years and has been a Church member since 1959. Mr. Robertson is survived by his wife, Marie; five daughters, Wendy Pack, Marabeth Collins, Norma Stroud, Nyleen McSally and Jan Rhodes; 19 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Pack, wife of William Pack, pastor of the Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., churches, and Mrs. Collins are Church members. Graveside services were conducted by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the San Bernardino and Banning, Calif., churches.

LEWIS, CLAIRE L.

LEWIS, Claire L., 95, of Banning, Calif., died Dec. 7. She has been a Church member since 1961. She is survived by nieces and nephews. A memorial service was conducted by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the Banning and San Bernardino, Calif., churches.

MARSH, ROBERT E.

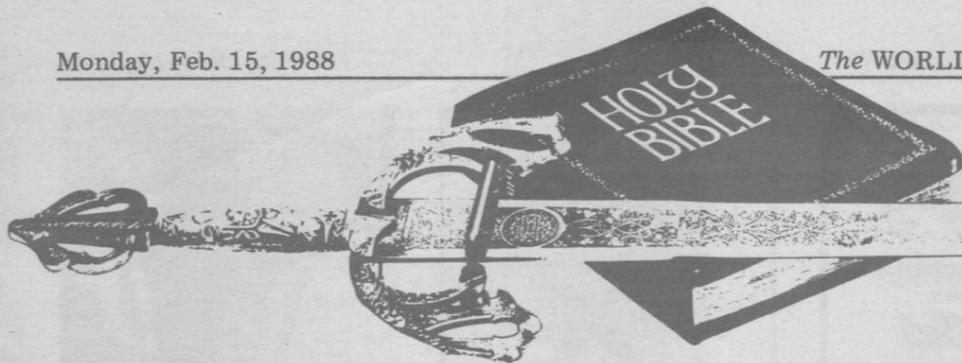
MARSH, Robert E., 41, of Baltimore, Md., died instantly in an automobile accident Dec. 23. Mr. Marsh has been a Church member since 1971. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie, also a member, and a son, David, 14. James Sevidio, pastor of the Baltimore church, conducted funeral services.

ABRELL, DOLORES

ABRELL, Dolores, 52, of Ingalls, Ind., died Jan. 9 of cancer. She has been a Church member since 1961. Mrs. Abrell is survived by her husband, Auties; a son, John; and three daughters, Betty Dailey, Rebekah DeShong and Mary Wright, all Church members. She is also survived by two brothers, three sisters and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches.

TINCHER, THELMA

TINCHER, Thelma, 69, of Stuart, Fla., died Jan. 2 after a brief illness. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. Tinch is survived by one son, one daughter and five grandchildren. Craig Bacheiler, pastor of the Port St. Lucie and Cocoa, Fla., churches, conducted funeral services.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Education: Parents can help children prepare for college

By Donald L. Ward
and William L. Johnson

Could you be cheating yourself and your children? Depriving yourselves of one of the most precious opportunities in life?

One of the greatest joys in life is learning!

The late Herbert W. Armstrong once asked: "With His [God's] awesome ability, do you think that He would want potential members of His family to be ignorant and uneducated?" God wants us to prosper in all things (III John 2) — physically, as well as spiritually.

Donald L. Ward is vice chancellor of Ambassador College. William L. Johnson is chairman of the Department of Mathematics at Ambassador College in Big Sandy.

It is well documented that education greatly increases one's earning potential. Education, then, can surely help you live a better-quality life and be more productive in supporting God's work.

Mr. Tkach stresses education

Since becoming apostle and pastor general of the Church, Joseph W. Tkach has stressed the importance of education. He understands the need for education in God's Church and has had the vision and foresight to keep the college at Big Sandy open for hundreds of young people who would attend in the future.

Mr. Tkach realizes that education is one of the greatest investments we can make. The investment will pay rich dividends both spiritually and physically. In his October-November *Youth 86* article, "Prepare Now to Be What You Want to Be!", Mr. Tkach wrote that what youths do now, especially in regard to education, will greatly affect the rest of their lives. Education is one of the most valuable possessions a person will ever have. It will open up the doors to life's hopes, goals, dreams and ambitions.

Mr. Tkach concluded by advising young people not to let anything stop them from finishing their education. "If peer pressure is a problem, find a way to make new friends. True friends don't ruin their friends' lives. If your friends are causing you to miss out on your education, they are *not your friends!*"

The role of education

Education is certainly one of life's most precious and valuable possessions. In fact, a lack of education often leads to fear, ignorance, superstition and enslavement. Jesus Christ said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). This implies that education is vital to freedom—physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.

In God's Church, we understand that this world's education will not solve the world's deep spiritual problems. In spite of the education that has brought about great physical progress, man's spiritual and moral problems seem to explode in proportion to his so-called progress.

But Ambassador College teaches the answers to the big questions. The theology classes teach who and

what is God and His purpose for mankind. The laws of successful living are emphasized.

Ambassador College also offers programs in business, communication, computers, home economics, English and elementary education. These classes lead to an associate degree after two years of study or a minor at the bachelor's level. Thus students are taught how to live and how to make a living.

Thousands of students have been blessed to receive an Ambassador College education. However, whether one attends Ambassador College or any other college or university, that person must prepare for the college experience.

What, then, should parents do to help their children prepare for college?

Preparing your children for college

First, and perhaps foremost, you need to teach the value of education. Teach your children that good education is a beautiful and precious jewel.

The first six years of your children's lives are the most important in developing their approach toward learning. Therefore, parents should dedicate themselves to creating the best learning environment possible during these critical formative years.

Little children need to grow up hearing that they will someday leave home and go to college, marry and have families of their own. Chil-

dren should be taught to value books and learning. You should provide your children with a wide array of stimulating books and magazines. Read to your children, then read some more.

Take your children to a public library. Show them how to find books on various subjects. Get them a library card if they are old enough. Teach them to love and respect knowledge, understanding and wisdom. Tell them these things are precious and wonderful.

Second, encourage your children to study. Create a positive home-study environment for your children. Make sure there is a quiet place to study. Provide some type of

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desk, even if it is only a cardboard table, and a good reading lamp. The noise from the radio or television should not be loud enough to interfere with concentration.

After your child starts to school, he or she should have assigned homework nearly every school night. If not, go to the school and find out why. A lack of homework can mean an inferior school system.

If your child needs additional

challenging work, obtain extra library books to read or select special research-study topics. There is no reason your child should not be challenged academically. Every ounce of challenge will pay tremendous dividends in college.

Third, see that your children receive career guidance. Otherwise, they will most likely drift in school without any idea of what they want to do or become in life. What a curse it is for a child not to know his or her natural, God-given talents and abilities. Without an understanding of such talents and abilities, a child will most likely not develop them.

For a comprehensive discussion of career development, see the March-April *Youth 87* article "Begin Your Success Story!" Your children need to do what this article outlines. This will help provide direction and focus for their studies.

Also, as much as possible, your children need to take college prep

to prepare students for this test, be sure he or she enrolls in the class. If such a class is not taught, you can purchase a book on preparing for the SAT. Your son or daughter should take the practice exams in the book to become oriented.

It is also a good idea to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) the junior year in high school. This test is a warm-up to the



SAT itself and provides good experience in test taking.

Finally, teach your children to be balanced. Teach them to grow in the areas of mind, body, personality and character. Mental ability, by itself, will not stand the many trials and tests of life.

God wants young people in His Church to be successful, healthy, wholesome and talented, ones who can "stand in the gap" (Ezekiel 22:30). He wants them to live challenging, growth-oriented lives of abundance and well-being. He wants them to accomplish their life's hopes and dreams.

If you and your children are willing to sacrifice some of the pleasures of this society, and value education, all of these things are possible.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Bull roast in Georgia: a job well-done

Atlanta North and Rome, Ga., brethren shared a bull roast Dec. 20.

A week before the event several men dug a pit four feet deep, three feet wide and five feet long in the backyard of Darl Arbogast. They cut three pickup truckloads of oak wood for the fire.

The night of Dec. 19 David Owen put a four-inch furnace pipe in the pit and attached it to a blower. This forced air into the hole so that the wood continued to burn. Mr. Owen stacked wood on

top of the pipe and sprayed the wood with kerosene to help it burn. The fire burned for seven hours until there were 20 to 24 inches of red-hot embers in the hole, and no flames.

The temperature inside the pit was measured with a thermocouple attached to a meter to monitor the temperature while the meat cooked. The blower was removed, and the meat was placed on a mesh grill over the pit.

After the meat was turned and seared for two hours the wire mesh was removed, and the meat was wrapped in foil and placed directly on the coals. A sheet of metal was placed on top of the

meat and covered with about five to six inches of loose dirt. The meat remained in the ground from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 20.

Mr. Owen then removed the 360 pounds of beef, a whole lamb

and a leg of goat—522 pounds of meat. It was taken to the Big Shanty Skating Rink in Kennesaw, Ga., where brethren provided other elements of the meal.

The afternoon also included skating, playing games and fellowship. *Vicki Love.*

Wentzville marks first service

Jan. 2 marked the first service of the Wentzville, Mo., church. Two hundred twenty-one attended. This is the fourth church that George Meeker, who also pastors the St. Louis, Mo., North church, has raised up since being in the ministry.

Mr. Meeker challenged the

congregation to seize the opportunity to serve and develop individually and collectively as the church grows.

The St. Louis chorale provided special music. Services began with a hymn from Psalm 146 and concluded with "God Speaks to Us." *Joan Justice.*

Children appreciated at Tacoma's YES day

Tacoma, Wash., Youth Educational Services (YES)-age children helped set up chairs, placed hymnals and greeted members at the door for Sabbath services Dec. 26. It was Tacoma's first YES day.

The children also helped with ushering, played piano for the song service, assisted with the sound system and arranged flowers for the podium. After services they served cookies and punch to the brethren and helped with cleanup.

Cupcakes were made to honor the YES students. Each cupcake featured a child's name and a drawing of an animal.

During services Melvin Dahlgren, pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches, read a poem titled "Listen to the Children," which stressed listening to children so they will listen to adults.

Gilbert Gunderson, a Tacoma local church elder, gave the sermon. He stressed the importance of YES lessons and parents' in-

volvement in them.

"Children are very important people, too," he said. "We want to let them know that we really appreciate them, that they are special to us and that they are able to produce, to help, to be of assistance. They are real people, and they're needed."

At the end of his sermon he read *Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss, a story telling the importance of a person no matter how small. *Donna Pate.*



HONOR GRADUATE—Claudine A. Rabe of Singapore graduated first in her 1987 class from Presbyterian High School.

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

AUBURN, Wash.—Two girls died Feb. 3 in Seattle, Wash., hospitals from injuries sustained Feb. 2 when a fire swept through the home of their parents, **Bryan** and **Sharon Wetmore**, members who attend the Auburn church.

Crystal, 8, who suffered burns covering 50 percent of her body, died at 1:48 a.m. of smoke inhalation and burns. **Erin**, 5, died at noon from smoke inhalation.

The fire, generated from a wood-burning stove, broke out Tuesday morning, Feb. 2, about 7:30 a.m., according to **Richard Parker**, pastor of the Auburn and Bremerton, Wash., churches. The two girls were flown by helicopter to Seattle hospitals.

The rest of the family, including three other children, **Jodi**, 16, **Jeremy**, 13, and **Nathan**, 11, escaped without injury.

"I've never seen a church in such mourning. This was a tremendous blow to everyone throughout the Puget Sound area," Mr. Parker said.

"The family is really looking to the resurrection."

To assist the Wetmore family, the Wetmore Medical Fund has been set up through Pacific First Federal Bank, Box 605, Auburn, Wash., 98002. The account number is 1256171-0. The fund has been announced on some area radio stations.

Funeral services for **Crystal** and **Erin** were conducted Feb. 8.

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PASADENA—Ministerial Refreshing Program (MRP) IV concluded with a banquet Feb. 9.

MRP IV began Jan. 8, 1986, and consisted of 26 sessions. More than 2,140 attended, including full-time ministers and their wives, local church elders and their wives and faculty members from Pasadena and Big Sandy Ambassador College and Imperial Schools.

"Each refreshing program improves in content and quality," said **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, assistant director of Church Administration for the United States. "Many local church elders attended the refreshing program for the first time and commented that they wished they had attended the other three as well. It's been very productive in helping the ministry all speak the same thing, and we're going to continue the program."

MRP V will begin in the middle of April.

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PASADENA—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale, according to reports from the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, jolted Southern California at 7:25 a.m., Feb. 11, shaking buildings in the Los Angeles, Calif., area.

Church and Ambassador College properties sustained no damage, according to the Safety & Security Department.

The epicenter of the quake was about 6¼ miles from the Ambassador College campus. It was an aftershock of an earthquake that struck the same area Oct. 1.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand—After spending one year as a student at Pasadena Ambassador College and several months working with the church here, **Epeli** and **Sofia Kanaimawi** returned to Fiji in January. Mr. Kanaimawi pastors the Suva and Lautoka, Fiji, churches.

Neville and **Carol Fraser**, who have served in Fiji 16 months, returned to New Zealand where Mr. Fraser will serve as pastor of the

Hamilton, Tauranga and Rotorua churches. They replace **Dennis** and **Susan Richards**, who were transferred to Auckland, where Mr. Richards will serve as associate pastor.

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PASADENA—The weekend of Jan. 30 and 31 marked the second anniversary of the new telecast speakers and programs, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

Since evangelists **Richard Ames** and **David Hulme** and **David Albert** began presenting *The World Tomorrow*, the Church has received 3,582,775 television response calls. This number is 50 percent of all television calls telephone response has received since the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines went into operation in 1972.

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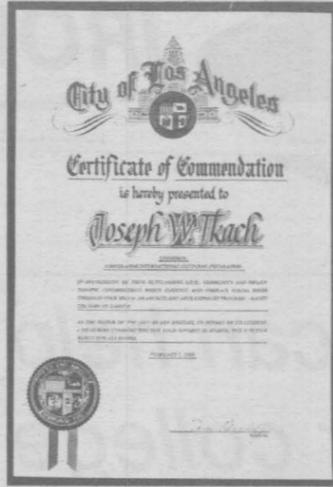
PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations.

Robert Peoples, pastor of the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches, was raised in rank to pastor during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 15.

William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches, was raised in rank to pastor on the Sabbath, Jan. 23.

Rodney DeVries, a ministerial trainee in the Vancouver, B.C., church, was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, Jan. 16.

Aldrin Mandimika, a ministerial



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trainee in Harare, Zimbabwe, was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, Jan. 23.

Randolph Samuels, a deacon in the Colorado Springs, Colo., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Jan. 9.

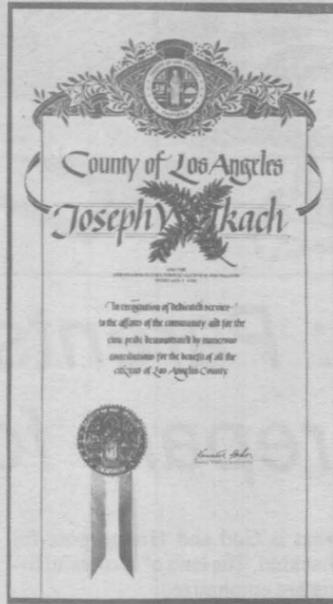
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PASADENA—For the first time a transcript of *The World Tomorrow* was offered to viewers of the French telecast, "Alcohol—Who's in Control?", when it aired on Radio-Television Luxembourg Jan. 25.

Transcripts will be offered when no equivalent literature is translated. Transcripts are scheduled to be offered on the Italian telecast in February, and on the German program in March, according to **Bernard Schnipfert**, director of Media Production Services.

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PASADENA—Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** presented **Mark Kersh**, patrol supervisor for the



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campus Security Department, with a plaque and a watch recognizing his 25 years of service to the Church.

The presentation took place at the annual security banquet Jan. 31.

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PASADENA—Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** met with **Arthur Mitchell**, founder and director of the Dance Theatre of Harlem Feb. 8. The meeting came at the conclusion of "a very successful series of performances arranged and presented by the Ambassador Foundation at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium," said **Michael Snyder**, assistant director of Public Affairs.

Mr. Mitchell explained Dance Theatre of Harlem's program, which provides opportunities for



CULTURAL CONTACT—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets Arthur Mitchell, founder of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, in Mr. Tkach's Hall of Administration office, Feb. 8. [Photo by Warren Watson]

people, particularly those who may be economically disadvantaged, to improve themselves and develop discipline and other traits that lead to success.

Others at the meeting, which took place in Mr. Tkach's Hall of Administration office, were evangelist **David Hulme**, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation for domestic projects; **Wayne Shilkret**, director of Performing Arts; and Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Hulme accepted two proclamations on Mr. Tkach's behalf at the dance theater's Feb. 1 public rehearsal, according to Mr. Shilkret.

One was a certificate of commendation to Mr. Tkach, chairman of the Ambassador Foundation, from the City of Los Angeles, Calif., "in recognition of your outstanding civic, community and philanthropic contributions, which enhance and embrace young minds." It was signed by Mayor **Tom Bradley**.

The other was from Los Angeles County to Mr. Tkach and the Ambassador Foundation "in recognition of dedicated service to the affairs of the community and for the civic pride demonstrated by numerous contributions for the benefit of all the citizens of Los Angeles County," signed by **Kenneth Hahn**, a member of the board of supervisors.

The Atlantic Richfield Co. (ARCO) helped sponsor the dance theater's public rehearsals. Two thousand children from the Los Angeles school system attended the Feb. 1 rehearsal, Mr. Shilkret said.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—Twenty-two people were baptized in Italy in 1987, bringing to 75 the number of members in the country, reported evangelist **Carn Catherwood**, Italian regional director. Combined attendance in Italy's three congregations averaged 123 people, a 23 percent increase over 1986.

"Milan has proven to be the fastest growing area," Mr. Catherwood said. Church attendance in Milan doubled in 1987, with an average of 60 people attending there.

Prospective members at the end of 1987 totaled 66 (a 53 percent jump), and co-workers were up 78 percent. "With the continuing decrease in value of the American dollar in relation to the Italian lira, this rise in native income was a much-needed and appreciated blessing," said the regional director.

"Looking ahead to 1988 we foresee a continuance of this trend of church growth," he added. With the ordination of **Cliffton Veal** in October and the relocation of ministerial trainee **Daniel Boesch** to Italy in May, "the stage is being set for an even greater harvest to take place on the Italian peninsula."

Trip to Nigeria

Evangelist **Frank Brown**, British regional director, and his wife, **Sharon**, visited Nigeria in December. Because of difficulties in obtaining a visa it was Mr. Brown's first official trip there in six years.

Dec. 26 the Browns visited the church in Lagos, where they were given robes representing tribal dress. They both changed clothes

and wore the robes for the rest of the Sabbath.

"I was really delighted to see how much the church in Lagos has grown, both spiritually as well as numerically," Mr. Brown said, adding that **Lateef Edalere** (Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, pastor) has more than 200 visit requests to fulfill.

Dec. 28 Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mr. Edalere and his wife, **Yvonne**, drove four hours to **Ikogosi**, site of a youth camp.

Ninety-two youths from Nigeria had gathered for the camp. Also joining the group were **Earl Campbell** and **Brian Rennie**, Pasadena Ambassador College seniors helping out with the activities.

"The enthusiasm and excitement of these young people has to be seen to be believed," said Mr. Brown. "It's really, after the Feast, the highlight of their year."

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** approved the purchase of land for a permanent youth camp, "and it is hoped that it can be utilized possibly by December, 1988," Mr. Brown added.

"The growing number of young people in the church makes such a facility very necessary for future development of the church," he said. "God may well be building a solid foundation of the church in Nigeria through them."

Dec. 29 the Browns and **Edalere** drove back to Lagos, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown returned to London.

El Salvador visit

"Tranquil, business-as-usual and

no signs of being involved in a state of war," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, Spanish regional director, describing San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, where he traveled Dec. 10 to 14.

The trip to the Central American country was part of a five-country, 21-day trip in December. Although media reports are generally negative, Mr. Walker reported that he saw few police in San Salvador.

The only military personnel he observed were a group delivering a truckload of Christmas gifts to a hospital or children's home.

While there, he and **Herbert Cisneros** (Guatemala City, Guatemala, and San Salvador pastor) ordained as deacons **Jose Antonio Orellana** of San Salvador and **Eliodoro Avila** of Guatemala City.

"The brethren in San Salvador are in fine spirits and are very excited about the upcoming visit of Mr. Tkach to Central America," said Mr. Walker.

The regional director spent several days in Costa Rica and Panama to make arrangements for Mr. Tkach's trip, before going on to Colombia and Puerto Rico.

Portuguese translator

Mr. Walker also said **Jair Vasconcelos** and his wife, **Neile**, members from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, visited Pasadena Dec. 16 to Jan. 14 to work in the Spanish Department.

Mr. Vasconcelos has helped translate publications into Portuguese for more than four years.

The Vasconceloses "immediately began familiarizing themselves with the equipment and procedures used in Pasadena, as well as getting to know all the employees," said Mr. Walker.

Portuguese is the eighth-largest language group in the world. As of Jan. 27, 18 booklets and 15 reprint articles have been translated into Portuguese.

Graham Davies, who lived in Brazil for 11 years, serves in the Spanish Department as managing editor of the Church's Portuguese-language literature.

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