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Mr. Tkach records message, Festival productions readied

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—A message from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, recorded on videotape July 1 in the Church's Television studio, will be played after the final sermon on the Last Great Day, Oct. 3, according to Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States and a member of the Festival coordinating team.

The 14-minute address "will wrap up the 1988 Feast of Tabernacles and point brethren to the year ahead," said Mr. Tkach Jr.

Mr. Tkach will also speak to brethren by simultaneous satellite transmission on the first Holy Day, Sept. 26. Satellite dishes will pick up the signal at the 22 U.S. sites (not including Pasadena), five sites in Canada and sites in the Caribbean, Britain and New Zealand.

"Because of differences in time zones, three British sites (Scarborough, Bournemouth and Paignton) will see Mr. Tkach's first day message live that night, and brethren in Rotorua and Christchurch, New Zealand, will be seeing it live the next morning, their time," said Larry Omasta, operation manager for Television/Radio Production.

The services will be recorded early the next morning in Australia and shown to the seven Australian sites by videotape later in the week.

The British Office will provide videotapes of the satellite transmission to the following locations: Douglas, Isle of Man; Trabolgan, Ireland; Bredsten, Denmark; Hoogeveen, Netherlands; Sliema, Malta; Bonndorf, West Germany; Brno, Czechoslovakia; Port d'Albret, France; Castelvecchio-Pascoli, Italy; Mombasa and Naro Moru, Kenya; Blantyre, Malawi; Winneba, Ghana; and Bendel State, Nigeria.

Video projectors and videotape players will be shipped to all U.S. sites, Mr. Omasta said.

Shut-ins and others unable to attend the Feast this year will be sent copies of Mr. Tkach's satellite and Last Great Day messages, according to the Church Administration Department.

We Are One Family 1988

We Are One Family 1988—Part IV will be shown in place of the sermon on the fifth day of the Feast, Sept. 30.

The production, the fourth in the continuing series, allows brethren

to travel with the pastor general as he visits Church members and offices around the world.

Part IV will include Mr. Tkach's latest trip to Scandinavia July 14 to 25.

Festival entertainment

The Festival entertainment film (See **FESTIVAL**, page 3)

Pastor General Visits Scandinavia, Scotland

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and the Church's Television crew left in the Gulfstream III jet July 14 for an 11-day trip to Oslo, Norway; Copenhagen, Denmark; Stockholm, Sweden; Glasgow, Scotland; and London.

Mr. Tkach was to address 925 brethren in four areas and conduct an annual board meeting at the British Office in Borehamwood, England.

In Oslo the pastor general received a telephone call from his son, Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States, and his wife, Tamara, informing him of the birth of his seventh grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Tkach Jr.'s daughter, Stephanie, was born at 4:04 a.m., July 16.

Evangelist kicks off conference

Ministers meet in Caribbean

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—Caribbean ministers and wives gathered at the San Juan, Puerto Rico, Office for a ministerial conference July 5 to 7.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, addressed the conference. It was Mr. Salyer's first trip to the Caribbean Office. He was accompanied by his wife, Judy.

Mr. Salyer kicked off the conference with an overview of the June regional directors conference in Pasadena and spoke on the qualifications of an elder.

Evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director, followed with an update on all of the churches in the region from reports submitted by the pastors.

Other topics included the office's computer accounting system, *Plain Truth* circulation, literature inventory and Festival arrangements.

The Salyers continued on to Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, July 8, where Mr. Salyer spoke to more than 700

brethren at Sabbath services the next day.

July 10 he conducted a Bible study for about 300 brethren in Bridgetown, Barbados. Both groups of brethren are "warm and

enthusiastic," Mr. Salyer said.

The Salyers returned to Pasadena July 11 after a stopover in Big Sandy, where Mr. Salyer spoke to campers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Telecast in No. 2 spot, according to Arbitron

PASADENA—The Arbitron results for the May ratings sweep are in, and the *World Tomorrow* telecast moved from third to second place in overall viewership, according to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

Jimmy Swaggart, who held the No. 1 spot, is now No. 3, and Robert Schuller's program occupies the No. 1 position.

As measured by Arbitron, the average weekly *World Tomorrow* audience is 1,270,000 television

households—an increase of about 19 percent from May, 1987, when the average weekly audience was 1,068,000 households.

From the published figures *The World Tomorrow* is only 124,000 households behind Mr. Schuller's program.

According to the figures an average of 444,000 men (an 18 percent increase) and 619,000 women (a 15 percent increase) and 120,000 children and teenagers watch the *World Tomorrow* program.

Interviews give glimpse into future of Europe

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, conducted two interviews for *The World Tomorrow* June 19 in Portola Valley, Calif., near San Jose.

Mr. Hulme was accompanied by Larry Omasta, operation manager of Television/Radio Production, and a taping crew, including cameraman Russ Alsbrook, engineer Lee Pettijohn and audio technician Tom Ivcevic.

The interviews were with Peter Hanak, a history professor from the University of Budapest, Hungary, and Emil Brix, an Austrian whom Mr. Hulme described as an "up and coming intellectual and political scientist." Dr. Brix is also coauthor of *Projekt Mitteleuropa*.

Both interviews were recommended by Erhard Busek, coauthor of *Projekt Mitteleuropa* and one of the men Mr. Hulme and Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, interviewed in Europe. (See "Trip Sharpens Media Focus," *W/N*, June 27.)

The interviews took place at a Franciscan school and seminary that was host to a symposium on *Mitteleuropa* (the central Europe concept).

The 70 delegates at the symposium "seemed to be principally American Eastern European peoples who are very interested in seeing that part of the world restored to the freedom it had before the Iron Curtain was erected," said Mr. Hulme.

"These interviews served to expand our fund of knowledge on European developments," he continued. "It is very important for us to continue to have that kind of sharpening of our viewpoint. Professor Hanak's comments were especially interesting in light of recent changes in the Hungarian government that seem to echo the *glasnost* policy of Mr. [Mikhail] Gorbachev."

Professor Hanak's comments have already been incorporated into a telecast on the Soviet Union, scheduled to air in the fall. Dr. Brix' comments will be included in a program on European unification.

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PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

As God's Church grows both in numbers and in understanding in this age, we must, with prayer, use His Word as our guide in dealing with whatever new and varied circumstances and situations the modern world may present.

Though God has called His people to come out of this world's ways, we must yet live in the world.

As our loving Father, He gives us protection and care; yet it is not His purpose to shield us from every possible kind of human suffering.

As all true Christians realize, it is through the process of relying on Him through trials and suffering that we learn obedience and are made perfect (II Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 5:8-9).

God promises to provide us with a way to escape from temptations and with the strength and help necessary to endure trials, if

we place our hope and confidence in Him. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Corinthians 10:13).

God tells us not to marvel at our personal trials, but to realize that the trials we encounter are in one way or another common to those endured by His people everywhere down through the ages. God's people have suffered the ravages of war, of persecution, of poverty, of hunger and of sickness. God gives them the courage and strength to endure.

And of course, they focus upon the crown of eternal life set before them, enduring this life's hardships with patience, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith.

It should come as no surprise to us, then, that a small number of God's people are, and a few

others no doubt will be, afflicted with acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS.

Some brethren became infected because of sins committed before God called them to repentance. Others, some hemophiliacs, some children, have become infected from tainted blood.

So the question we must now face is how are God's people to fellowship with brethren who are either carriers or actually suffering from a disease that is thus far almost certainly 100 percent fatal and to most people extremely frightening? How would God have us handle such a matter?

The Bible does give us principles about how to deal with sicknesses that are easily spread by general or casual contact with the afflicted person. In such cases we practice quarantine. Godly love dictates that the infected person take whatever steps necessary to protect others from getting his or her sickness.

But with AIDS, the matter is not that simple. From all indications available so far, the disease is not spread through the air, by sneezes or coughs, or through direct contact with the skin. Research indicates that it is only spread through exchange of body fluids—primarily by direct sexual contact or sharing of infected (See **PERSONAL**, page 9)

Nations must choose as EC power grows

PASADENA—While in Toronto, Ont., for the annual economic summit, June 19-21, I spent quite a bit of time at the pressroom of the European Community.

I talked on a couple of occasions with Willy De Clercq, the European Community's minister of external affairs. He is the EC Commission's No. 2 man, second only to Jacques Delors, commission president, who represented the EC in Toronto as its official head of state.

It was obvious that the EC profile is higher than ever. The EC was represented at the last 10 summits, but was relegated to more or less second-class status, partly because its head of state holds an appointed rather than an elected office.

On the second day of the summit, Mr. De Clercq told several of us journalists that he was irritated that the *New York Times* ran a profile of the seven national leaders (representing the United States, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, France, West Germany and Italy), but omitted President Delors.

This was indeed a snub, whether intentional or not. But it shows that even top U.S. news organizations are not aware as they should be about what is happening in Europe.

I'll pass along an example of this blind spot in the U.S. media. One day I was waiting along with other journalists, for the delegations to emerge from a session for a photo opportunity. Suddenly, a well-recognized American TV White House correspondent shouted out in his famous booming voice (many of our American readers can guess who I'm referring to): "Who's Willy De Clercq?"

Some news media personnel in Toronto, however, did sense the European Community's rising economic profile and political clout.

"The European Community is traditionally the ghost at the banquet," wrote Philip Stevens, in the June 22 *Financial Times*.

"Journalistic shorthand speaks of the seven-nation economic summit. Few correspondents feel inclined to add the clumsy phrase that the European Community Commission also attends. But in Toronto this week there were signs that the Commission... is beginning finally to make an impact.

"The catalyst is 1992. As the 12 Community nations embark on the dismantling of all trade barriers there is a growing awareness that Europe may turn out to be more than simply the sum of its constituents.

"Mr. Jacques Delors, the Commission President, has found his non-European colleagues at the summit interested, inquisitive, and sometimes fearful of the implications of the creation of a genuine European trading bloc."

Willy De Clercq—whether widely known outside of Europe or not—has been busy lately. Before the Toronto summit he was in Tampere, Finland, where he had talks with representatives of the European Free Trade Area (EFTA).

The six EFTA members—Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Austria and Switzerland—are in a dilemma. More than half of their exports go to the EC. Yet nearly all have reservations about seeking full membership in the Community. Their reasons basically have to do with neutrality or a historical preference for independent action.

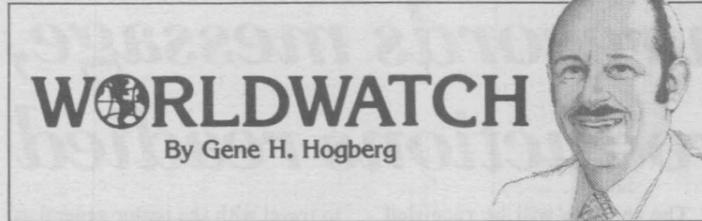
But what can the EFTA members do, faced with 1992 and the vast internal EC market of 1992, which promises great economy of scale? Most EFTA states favor a European Economic Space concept,

which, in effect, promises economic benefits without the full price of membership.

Mr. De Clercq earlier plainly told the EFTA members, "Let us recognize that there is a difference between the European Economic

other Eastern bloc capitals to officially deal with Brussels represents "a real revolution," coming after "30 years of ignoring" the unification process in Western Europe, centered in the Community.

It is believed that Austria's deci-



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

Space and the internal market and that only member states can fully participate in this internal market."

This leaves the EFTA countries with three unpalatable choices, according to a July 6 *Journal of Commerce* report: "join the EC as full members; slavishly accept EC standards and rules without much chance to influence the negotiations in Brussels that drew them up; or find some other means of closer association with the Community short of full membership."

At the Tampere meeting, one EFTA member, Austria, said that it would seek the first option, full membership, sometime next year.

The move by Vienna was influenced by another more momentous decision. Representatives of the EC and the Soviet-led Eastern European trade bloc, Comecon, agreed in late May to establish diplomatic relations. The agreement was signed in Luxembourg June 25, four days after the Toronto summit.

One of the signers of the document for the Community was Mr. De Clercq. At his final press conference in Toronto he told newsmen that the decision by Moscow and

sion was reached once it was known that Comecon had agreed to ties with the Community. This indicated to Austria that previous East bloc opposition to EC membership by neutral Austria had softened.

Everywhere one looks there are forces of change at work to erase the

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Germany, France push for a united Europe

HANNOVER, West Germany—Hannover was an appropriate choice for the 39th meeting of the European Council, June 27 and 28, with all heads of state present from European Economic Community (EEC) countries.

The city also celebrated European festivities week with a view to educating Hannoverians and visitors about Europe 1992.

All 12 EEC countries are trying to sell 1992 to their populaces. The year 1992 is the target date when 320 million people are to become a single market.

Complete freedom of movement without frontiers is the goal. Customs holdups will be a bad memory. Diplomats in the professions will be recognized across borders.

Hannover's excitement over 1992 is patently obvious. Located at a major diamond crosspath was a large, circular "Europe 1992" booth. Young people were vigorously distributing pamphlets to interested passersby.

Contrast the British approach to 1992. Publicity in London is found on an almost-never-traveled side street. This is a reflection of how many Britons feel about Europe.

John Palmer of *The Guardian* termed Britain the "reluctant European." Actually England might have led Europe had she chosen to fully participate in the formative months and years of the EEC. Even France was at one time "convinced that Britain should take the lead in building a united Europe," wrote Mr. Palmer in *Europe Without America* (page 83).

When England did join the EEC in 1973, the Franco-German combine had already set the major policies, and Britain had to content itself with leftovers.

Even here today the British contingent is somewhat in conflict with the 11. Bonn and Paris are pushing for a central bank for Europe and a common European currency. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher wants to go slow on both counts. The EMS (European Monetary System) is in operation, but Britain has not yet joined.

I attended Mrs. Thatcher's press conference. And although she mentioned "the further liberalization of

divisions of Europe.

One of the most interesting examples of growing East-West cooperation is something I discovered May 31 after interviewing, for the *World Tomorrow* telecast, Erhard Busek, deputy mayor of Vienna. An expert on Central Europe, Dr. Busek told us that Austria and Hungary would like to be joint hosts, in Vienna and Budapest, of a World's Fair in 1995.

If accepted, it would be the first time that a World's Fair would take place in two cities—and the first to join two countries with opposing political systems.

The plan dramatically reflects the reemergence of the concept of *Mittleuropa*—that somewhat mystical embodiment of the multicultural identity of Central Europe.

It is through the center of *Mittleuropa* that the Iron Curtain was erected. But the Iron Curtain is rusting away. So instead of Europe being divided in the middle, the middle—or *Mittleuropa*—will increasingly serve as a place where Europe comes together.

banking and financial services," she added, "You don't need a central bank or a common currency to work towards monetary union."

Britain does not belong to the exchange-rate mechanism of the EMS. That means that the sterling works outside other European currencies. They are fixed in their rates to each other, but not to the pound.

It is easy to understand the British position. The pound has been the world's leading currency in terms of absolute value for the past two centuries. Years ago the dollar came within 3 cents or so of equaling the pound, but soon retreated.

Mrs. Thatcher talked of reduced national powers if Britain were to become part of a European central bank. It is a deep psychological conundrum having to do with loss of empire and international prestige as well as present economic profits in London's financial markets.

Now the French position on 1992. A June 6 *Business Week* article titled "Mitterrand's New Agenda: The United States of Europe" reported: "He [President Francois Mitterrand] intends to use his influence to promote a bold design: a 'political Europe.' His aim is to persuade the 12-nation European Community to move toward a federal system..."

"Politically, Mitterrand's most dramatic proposal is a sweeping increase in the powers of the Brussels-based president of the European Commission, the EC's administrative authority—a position now held by former French Finance Minister Jacques Delors. Such initiatives would limit the independence of individual countries."

This thinking dovetails with Giles Merritt's May 31 piece in *The International Herald Tribune*. It said: "Europe badly needs a 'Mr. Europe'—a politician of power and stature whose constituency is not national but international. Europe's drive to regain its strength through greater political and economic unity demands a leader who can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with prime ministers and presidents."

First, observers talked in terms of a president of Western Europe. Now some are speaking of a Mr. Europe. Prophecy is moving on.



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Take time to travel

As I was going over the articles for this *Worldwide News* I found it hard to believe that it is time already for our annual pre-Feast issue.

When this issue goes to press the Feast of Trumpets will only be seven weeks away.

Each year as the Feast approaches Feast fever grows as we study about the spiritual significance of these days and make plans to travel to a Feast site.

In my 30 years as a member of God's Church my wife, Shirley, our sons Nathan and Matt and I have fellowshiped with God's people in many parts of the United States and elsewhere in the world.

Shirley and I have been to places we hardly dreamed of visiting as we grew up as high school sweethearts in central California.

And I'm sure that most of you have traveled more since becoming a Church member than before.

Perhaps some of our favorite memories as members of God's Church are associated with God's Feast of Tabernacles.

Physical reasons for travel

Travel is an education. Some university students who visited China sported T-shirts that read: "Traveling 10,000 miles is better than reading 10,000 books." That may be an overstatement, but anyone who has traveled knows how broadening travel is.

And God's people are educated as we travel to the Feast. We should

make the most of our travel opportunities and thank God for them.

The Bible tells us that the Feast is to be conducted where God places His name (Deuteronomy 14:23). And God has placed His name at some interesting and diverse places—from Perth, Australia, to Anchorage, Alaska, and from Villa Gesell, Argentina, to Brno, Czechoslovakia.

Almost every Feast site has places of interest to visit before, during and after the Feast. Read about the place you are going to.

Knowing in advance about the places you plan to visit will make your travel more exciting. Knowing what to expect will add to your trip, and especially in the case of international travel, it may help you avoid some embarrassing moments.

International travel is exciting, and I heartily recommend it for anyone who can. It may not be as expensive as you think.

International travel can leave a lasting impact on your life as you learn that not everyone lives like you do in your country. What better way to learn about lives of your brethren than to visit their country. An international visitor can be a great encouragement to them.

A visitor from a rich nation may realize how blessed he or she is and think twice before complaining about such things a cold shower.

In some countries you may turn the water tap on and nothing comes out. Or flip the light switch and the

lights don't come on. Yet, the brethren are some of the most loving and giving brethren you could meet. And you may learn that you can live happily without a lot of physical things.

You may travel to some countries where the singles have no one to date and learn to appreciate the dating opportunities back home.

I hope you take advantage of travel opportunities. If not you may regret it in years to come.

But, what if you are only traveling a few miles to the Feast or if your hometown is a Feast site and you are staying behind to serve or for financial or health reasons?

You, too, can make the time an education for you and your family. There may be nearby sights that would be interesting to see. Often people see distant sights, but neglect those close at hand. You may want to include an out-of-town visitor, who may appreciate you showing him or her the area attractions.

Spiritual reasons for travel

As exciting as travel is, were it not for the spiritual meat we receive through sermons, and the boost from meeting brethren, travel would not be as exciting.

No one, no matter how wealthy, travels as well as we do. Only the members of God's Church have friends and family anywhere we go.

Perhaps our fondest Feast memories are about meeting brethren in our own country or abroad. Maybe some long-lasting friendships have begun at the Feast.

Take advantage of the travel opportunities you have this year. Enjoy the physical sights, but really concentrate on the messages and drawing closer to the brethren.

So, enjoy your Feast travels this year—physically and spiritually.

The *Worldwide News* staff would like to wish everyone a spiritually refreshing and uplifting fall Holy Day season.

Festival Office coordinates largest multisite convention

By Lana Walker
PASADENA—Five desks, three personal computers, one mainframe computer terminal, 10 phone lines and five full-time employees make up the Festival Office here.

Lana Walker is an associate editor of The Good News.

Under the direction of Church Administration, this office coordinates the world's largest annual multisite convention, according to Mark McCulley, Festival administration manager.

Mr. McCulley is assisted by Charles Melear, Ramona Rendall, Esther Apperson and Laura Reimann.

The Festival Office works year-round making arrangements for the eight-day Fall Festival.

"We want members to be able to relax and enjoy the Feast and not have to worry about all the physical details. That is the basic goal of the office," said Mr. McCulley.

The international offices regularly confer with Church Administration and the Festival Office as they plan each region's Feast sites.

Mrs. Rendall, who works with international coordination, said that the international offices pattern their procedures to follow those of the Pasadena office.

New U.S. site each year

At the present rate of growth, the Church needs to add an average of one new site each year in the United States. A site is selected according to several factors: Does the city have a suitable convention center? What kind of housing establishments and rates are available?

What are the recreational opportunities? Will traffic be difficult, and are the roads in good condition? Is it in a downtown area? Will the Feast take place in an off season, when rates are lower? Will the Church's business be appreciated?

"Whenever we're looking for

new sites or concerned about an area of the country where it looks like we'll have to add or replace a site, I spend a lot of time praying about it. I ask God to show us by some indication where we should be," Mr. McCulley said.

"A valuable side benefit of the Feast is that the members of the community see the Church members living God's way of life... When you're not appreciated or even noticed in the community, it's an indication we shouldn't be there."

If everything is positive from the beginning, and God is giving the Church favor in the community with city and convention center officials, then it's a strong indicator that this is a site where "God has placed His name," Mr. McCulley said.

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FESTIVAL STAFF—Festival preparation is a year-round task for the Festival Office in Pasadena. From left: Charles Melear, Ramona Rendall, Laura Reimann, Mark McCulley, Festival Administration manager, and Esther Apperson. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Youth Bible Lessons: a tool for parents

By Larry Salyer
PASADENA—Youth Bible Lessons, often referred to as Youth Educational Services (YES), serve thousands of children of God's Church. They provide an organized method of learning facts and principles from the Bible.

Evangelist Larry Salyer is associate director of Church Administration for international areas.

But you, the parent, are the most important element of this study course. You hold in your hands the key to your children's success in learning these important truths.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has approved certain changes to streamline and improve the Youth Bible Lesson program.

Since the Youth Bible Lessons were first printed in 1981, the program has expanded toward an original goal of 126 lessons—14 lessons a year for nine years.

But experience shows that this is too many for parents, students, pastors and evaluators to handle.

Beginning this year we will send out only 10 lessons, plus the Spring and Fall Feast lessons, to each student. This way students will receive one lesson a month throughout the year. Lessons 11 and 12 on each level will be eliminated.

To avoid a confusing overlap between YES and the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) program, we will drop the lessons in levels 8 and 9 out of YES. This material will be provided to pastors to supplement their YOU Bible studies.

The seven course levels have been renumbered K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to correspond with kindergarten through grade six in the U.S. school system. This means that your children will receive lessons this year with the same level number they received last year. Please explain carefully to them that these lessons are actually the next level up the scale, but have been renumbered.

It is expected that when children have completed level six most will be reaching YOU age and will make the transition from YES to YOU. Please see your pastor if you have questions about YOU membership.

Also, children completing YES level six will then be added to the subscription list of *Youth 88* if they're not already subscribers.

We apologize for any temporary confusion these changes may cause, but we are confident that they will make the program more effective and manageable in the long run.

Now let's turn our attention to

the parental role in the YES program. What can you do to promote your children's study of God's word?

Is it enough to just send your children off to YES class and expect them to be taught by the Church? Will they get the greatest benefit from the lessons that way?

No, they won't. Pastors have repeatedly told us that those children who are most successful in YES are those whose parents show the most enthusiasm in helping their children with the lessons.

Children delight in spending time with parents whose attention is focused on them and their needs. Helping your children with their lessons is an excellent way to emphasize the bond between the child, the parent and God.

At the earliest levels the lessons demand your involvement, because the children generally cannot read

flow itself—questions such as why? and how? Ask your child how the lessons apply to things we do today.

Not only will this keep you on your toes, but it will help your children recognize your interest in what they are learning.

Spread your discussions out over the month. Make it interesting. Children can only absorb so much at a time, and they learn at different rates. Don't compare them with one another.

Above all, don't let it become drudgery. More than any other way, we learn by example. If we aren't excited about the important lessons from God's Word, it will be hard for our children to be excited.

Take an interest in your child's coloring, and in the games and puzzles in the lesson. You don't need to do them for your child, just express encouragement as he or she finishes them, and offer support when difficulties come up.

Another responsibility is to help your children with the Bible Memory on the back of the lessons. We have revised the memory work to make it more relevant to the subjects covered in the lessons and reduced the amount to prevent discouragement. Memory work will now be based on the New King James version.

In addition to the benefit of having this basic knowledge about God's Word, the skills of memorization and concentration learned by doing this will be of great value to your child. This is especially true since these skills are seldom stressed in the schools today.

This memory work also presents a great opportunity to share a learning experience with your child as you enthusiastically memorize the material yourself.

How can you teach memorization skills? Keep in mind that many children find memorization difficult and believe they can't do it at first.

Praise and encouragement (and a lot of repetition) can help them achieve the goal. Help your child gain this feeling of accomplishment that will give him or her confidence in other areas of life.

Memorization techniques include:

- Break the piece to be memorized into small parts. This makes the job less intimidating.
- Use the whole month to learn it. Plan time to go over it, and even consider appropriate rewards.
- Repetition. Have your child read it, repeat it, even teach you, as a means of reviewing the memory work in a variety of ways.
- Teach your child the key of as-

sociation, which is especially helpful in remembering lists. Read up on this and other techniques if you need to.

In the midst of all the work of memorizing, help your child to see the meaning and importance of the verse he or she is learning.

When necessary, restate the subject in your own words on the children's own level. The more they grasp it now, the better, but even things they don't fully understand are becoming part of their memory banks.

As a parent, you have been given a priceless opportunity—the challenge of shaping and teaching a future God. We know you don't want to take this lightly.

The Church supplies the Youth Bible Lessons and other materials to help you teach. We wish you every success and joy as you take part in this exciting process. The rewards are tremendous, both now and when Christ says to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

Festival

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titled *Worldwide Family Feast Show—1988* will be recorded in the Ambassador Auditorium Aug. 7.

"Various entertainment performed for Mr. Tkach on his trips to Central and South America, the South Pacific, Australia and Canada will be assembled before the show, and the audience will see those intercut with live acts," said Linda Scobee, assistant to Mr. Omasta.

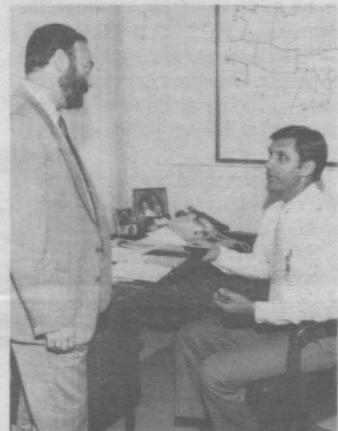
Live acts will be performed by selected U.S. brethren, who were asked earlier this year to make videotape auditions for the Festival film.

"We received 150 videotapes, and nine acts were chosen," said Mrs. Scobee. Those selected will be flown to Pasadena to perform in the Auditorium Aug. 7.

"This year's Festival entertainment will have a few surprises and promises to be an exciting fun-filled production that will be sure to add to the family atmosphere of this year's Feast," said Mr. Omasta.

Dennis Van Deventer, director of the Safety & Security Department, will again be master of ceremonies and introduce the taped segments and live acts.

Also at the Feast member heads of households will receive the sixth and final volume of *The Bible Story*, by Basil Wolverton.



FESTIVAL TEAM—Mark McCulley (right), Festival Administration manager, confers with Joseph Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States and a member of the Festival coordinating team. [Photo by Warren Watson]

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Gear up for Festival travel to sites in international areas

By John Halford

So you've decided to go abroad for the Feast. How can you make sure your trip will be an enjoyable experience and not a trial? A little time spent in preparation can save days of frustration.

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Here are some things to think about:

- Passports—do you have one? You need a passport to enter most countries. It takes several weeks (even months in some countries) to get one, so don't put it off.

If you already have a passport, make sure it is still valid. Most countries won't admit you if your passport has expired, or if it will expire during your stay abroad.

Passports usually expire around the time of year they were issued, and many of us apply for a passport around Feast time. Check the expiration date of all the family's passports. Children's passports are often issued for a shorter period than their parents because physical features change more quickly.

Make a note of the number, the date of issue and the place of issue for every passport in your family. (If a photocopier is available, copy those pages in your passport with this information.) Leave a copy of this at home, and take one with you. It makes it much easier if you are unfortunate to lose a passport while traveling. (You might also add driver's licenses, credit cards and other important numbers.)

- What can't you get along without? Contact lens solution, certain prescriptions and medical supplies, for example. You can usually get these things abroad, but not the brands you are accustomed to. If

you need certain special items, take enough to last.

- Have you made arrangements to stay in contact with neighbors or other members of your family? Do they have phone numbers where you can be reached?



Artwork by Ken Tunell

Incidentally, the United States has some of the lowest telephone rates in the world. To call the United States from overseas can cost 10 to 15 times what it would cost if the call originated from the United States. U.S. members traveling overseas will save money if they arrange for family members to call them.

- What happens if you lose your luggage? It can happen. Toilet kit, an extra set of underwear and any absolutely essential items should be put in your carry-on luggage. Most lost luggage is returned within 24 to 48 hours, but an emergency kit saves frustration and embarrassment in the meantime.

- Do your insurance policies cover you and your belongings when you are abroad? What about medical insurance? Check with your insurance agent before you leave.

- Money? You can't beat traveler's checks. They're safe and easily replaced. Make sure you keep the proof of purchase receipt separate from the checks. When cashing your checks you will nearly always

get a better rate from a bank than the exchange bureaus, hotels or retail stores. Change only as much as you need to avoid carrying large amounts of cash with you.

U.S. travelers, your American dollars have dropped considerably in value, particularly against European currencies. Things are going to seem expensive in some places

this year. It is a sign of the times, but it can give you an unpleasant shock if you are not prepared.

- In most developing countries you can get a much better rate of exchange by dealing on what is called the black market. Usually this means changing your money through someone who is hanging around the hotel or who accosts you on the street. It may seem like a good deal, but it is illegal and can land you in a lot of trouble. Don't be tempted.

- Buy a guidebook before you leave. Knowing a bit about where you are going adds immensely to the value and enjoyment of a trip. Take the time to learn a few phrases in the

language of the country. If nothing else, be able to say "please" and "thank you."

Finally, remember that there is no place like home, so don't expect that where you are going will be like home. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach often reminds us that we are to be a walking commercial for the Kingdom of God. Don't be the ugly American (or Briton, Australian, Canadian, Nigerian or whatever).

Travel is a learning experience. There are bound to be a few inconveniences, delays, frustrations and misunderstandings when you travel. Don't let them spoil your Feast. Or anyone else's!

Members' generosity appreciated

How Feast funds aid needy

By Glenn Nice

A little more than 15 years ago an era ended that men in my generation were concerned about—U.S. troops left Vietnam.

I remember a news picture at that time that caused deep empathy. It was a Vietnamese boy carrying another boy on his back. It reminds me of the song, "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother."

Glenn Nice administers member assistance (second and third tithe) in Church Administration.

As brethren in God's Church we need to help one another. We are members of a spiritual family growing closer together.

Brethren send many thank-you letters to Church Administration. Though sent to Church Administration, they are addressed to you in reality. They are addressed to all members of the Church who send in the tithe of the tithe and excess Festival funds.

One person wrote: "I have a special reason to give thanks to Church Administration, as I received both third tithe and second tithe help from God's Church. This has been for the past couple of years or so. I

deeply wish I could be sending in those amounts and more, rather than receiving them."

She wants to do her share, and she's doing all she can. But she is in a position where she has to depend upon others—you and me together.

We have a wonderful opportunity to help other brethren go to the Feast. Last year we had a record 3,002 applications for assistance in the United States. Out of that we were able to help most of them—2,579 applications were approved. Those of us who have extra Festival funds are in a position to extend a helping hand to those who don't have enough.

To give you an idea how this affects the average congregation in the United States—one family (household) in 17 (a little more than 5 percent) needed some help.

On the other hand, in some churches as many as one out of five needed help. In one church of 94 households, 21 families were helped to go to the Feast, because of your

generosity, because of your turning in the tithe of the tithe and excess Festival funds so the Church could administer it. By centralizing these funds we can disperse them to those who need them the most.

One man who had been out of work, and needed help to go to the Feast and take his family, said: "Good morning Church Administration: We received our second tithe assistance check this morning! Words cannot adequately express our gratitude. Our Feast plans were to be quite different without the money."

"God's people are a great bunch of people. One does not realize that fully until the attitude of helping one another is exemplified so generously."

And you helped, we've all helped. We're working together as a family, coming closer together.

So the next time you see a fellow Church member in need, remember these words: "He ain't heavy, he's my brother."

How to ask teachers for time off for Feast

By Dexter Faulkner

"Mr. Hamilton, you don't understand. We just want Billy excused for a little more than two weeks while we go to Saratoga Springs."

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Smith, we have a strict attendance policy here, and I thought I made that very clear to you earlier. Besides, we're administering a special battery of intelligence tests during the first week of October. I'm afraid we can't make an exception for your son."

This is not a fictitious example. Similar trials are faced by thousands of parents each fall. While some are filled with "Feast fever," others dread the annual confrontation with public school teachers.

Some face little opposition, while others must settle the matter in a court of law. As parents of two sons, my wife and I have had our share of problems with teachers unfamiliar with God's Holy Days.

Helpful principles

Following are principles that can help parents through these trials and present God's Church in a positive light at the same time.

Remember your first contact with God's Church? It took a lot of study and prayer before you understood God's Holy Days. Now, as a Christian observing God's laws, many people "cannot understand it, and they vilify you accordingly" (I Peter 4:4, New English Bible).

But this reaction can be minimized or even eliminated. Remember that a primary reaction of human nature to something unfamiliar is fear. If a teacher doesn't understand what you're doing and feels

threatened, he or she may be defensive. He or she is frustrated enough with overcrowded classrooms and related problems.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

Contact your child's teacher early in the school year, several weeks before the Feast. Be friendly and request that a conference take place after school when no other children will be present.

Let the teacher know you are willing to help him or her in any way you can to make his or her job easier. Ask for assignments for your children to complete. We always made our Feast trips educational, searching out the historical meaning of whatever site we attended. Our boys would then write an extra-credit paper for school.

Our youngest son had a teacher for fourth grade who our oldest son had had for the same grade.

About a week after the beginning of school, my wife stopped by after school. She saw Matt's teacher in the hall and commented that possibly they could get together for a conference. The teacher smiled and said: "If you want to tell me Matt will be out of school for two weeks, don't worry about it. He will learn more on your trip than he will in school. Our whole class will benefit from his paper and report."

Go to this meeting dressed in your best Sabbath wear. It's important to represent your family and God's Church the best you can. Come to the point immediately, being pleasantly firm about your plans.

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From giving rides to sending flowers

55 ways to serve your brother

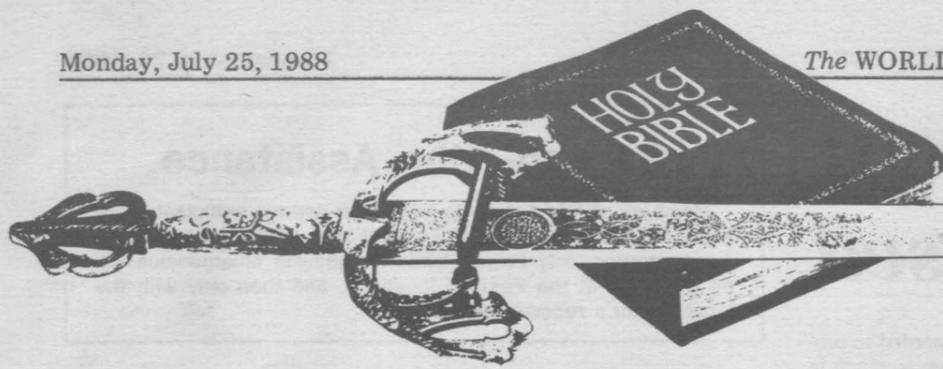
Brethren can serve at the Feast in an almost endless variety of ways. Here are 55 ways *The Worldwide News* thought of. Perhaps you can think of more.

- Set the right example in alcohol use
- Volunteer ahead of time for service crews
- Get to know new people
- Offer to baby-sit so a couple can have an evening alone
- Sit with a single parent and help with the children
- Send cards or telephone those at home who could not attend
- Telephone a friend at another Feast site
- Send postcards to family members who are not Church members
- Serve nonalcoholic beverages at parties in your room
- If your hometown is a Feast site and you will attend elsewhere, offer your home to a transferring family
- Invite brethren to stay with you on their way to or from the Feast
- Offer to serve as a translator so people speaking different languages can communicate
- Include those with nonmember mates in activities
- Allow others to give to you
- Ask a family to a nicer meal

than they could afford

- If you're single, take a family to dinner (maybe you have more second tithe to spend than they do)
- Keep your hotel room neat
- Leave a generous tip for the maid
- Leave a generous tip for the waiter or waitress
- Shine your dad's shoes
- Iron your mother's dress
- Take your parents out for ice cream
- Give someone a ride to the Feast
- Give rides to services
- Have several people to your room for snacks
- Write to someone you met last year at the Feast
- Look for opportunities to compliment others
- Avoid making unnecessary trips in and out of services
- Offer to help sign for the deaf
- Send flowers to someone who is sick at the Feast site
- Send flowers to someone who is back home—this can do wonders for a mother
- Invite fatherless children and their mothers to an activity
- Give corsages to several widows
- Adopt a set or two of grandparents
- Give boutonnières to a widower or two

- Invite a single person to be part of the family
- Put extra money in the offering
- Pick up pieces of paper on the floor
- Take pictures of people and give them copies
- Help keep the rest rooms clean
- Make someone new in the Church feel welcome
- Pray for Mr. Tkach and the ministry
- Ask God to inspire the speakers
- Ask God to protect brethren at your site and around the world
- Offer to let someone else go first
- Pick up the area around your seat after services
- Give smiles and thank-yous to others you see serving
- If you stay in someone's home before, during or after the Feast, leave a gift
- Make an effort to get acquainted with brethren even if you don't speak their language
- Teach children the importance of the right example at the Feast
- Have quiet activities for children during services
- Plan car activities for children for long road trips
- Drive courteously
- Help with hall setup
- Keep track of where your children are at all times



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Is it wrong to buy insurance? Here's what God's Word says

By Herman L. Hoeh

It may come as a surprise, but the Bible does say something about insurance!

The question of insurance has perplexed some in the Church. It is reasoned by a few who do not have insurance that it would be showing lack of faith to be "protected" by insurance. Others have claimed that when they had insurance they did not feel they needed to trust God as much as before. It seemed to destroy their faith, since they were protected by men.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh is the editor of The Plain Truth.

Is this kind of reasoning right? Exactly what does the Bible reveal about insurance—about saving for the future?

Is it wrong to save?

Before we can understand the right or wrong of insurance, we must first ask ourselves the question: "Is it wrong to save for the future?"

Notice what the Bible says about laying up for a rainy day.

The prophet Agur, under inspiration, wrote: "There are four things which are little on the earth"—they are little in size—"but they are exceedingly wise: The ants are a people not strong"—in comparison with the weight that a man lifts—"yet they prepare their food in the summer" (Proverbs 30:24-25, New

King James, except where noted).

The ant saves. The ant gathers in summer for the coming winter. The ants are wise creatures. They do not have to borrow or beg for food.

No wonder Solomon said: "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer or ruler"—to tell the ant what to do—"provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest" (Proverbs 6:6-8).

The ant does not wait till the winter comes to gather food. It is too late by that time. The wise thing to do is prepare for hard times.

So the Bible counsels laying up for a rainy day.

Notice Proverbs 13:22: "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous."

The good, as well as the sinner, save for the future. If a man is good in God's sight, he will have saved enough for his grandchildren! Most people whom God calls to salvation are poor, however, because they have been sinners throughout life—until they come to repentance. Life is too short after conversion to save very much even for their children.

Then what did Jesus mean by saying: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . For where your treasure

is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Does this mean that Jesus frowned upon saving for the future? Not at all! Jesus sanctioned saving for all eternity—"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." That saving Jesus will give us as a reward when He returns. But Jesus warned not to lay up "for yourselves" earthly savings. Don't save for yourselves—save for others! That is the *give* way. A good man does not lay up for himself. He saves for his grandchildren! A wise man does not build up a bank account only for himself, but for his family.

What is insurance?

Now we are ready to understand what insurance is.

Insurance involves a program by which many individuals pay small premiums into a company, so that in case of accident, injury, fire or death, the party or family suffering the loss receives sufficient money as compensation for the loss. It is a kind of pool in which people save and share the burdens of one another.

Insurance, of course, does not prevent accident, injury, fire or death; it merely compensates one or one's family if one suffers such a loss so that one can regain economic stability. In case of death, insurance provides security for widows and children.

Does the Bible have anything to say about this kind of insurance?

Turn to Deuteronomy 14:28-29. "At the end of every third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates." For whom is this laid up? For yourself?

No!

For "the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates [or cities]." Why? So that they may "come and eat and be satisfied, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do."

This is insurance! Here is God's

insurance program to take care of widows and orphans in case of death of an *otherwise uninsured* husband and father. It often happens that people will not have sufficient laid up for emergencies until later life. God knew this might happen. To provide for this He ordered the people to save 10 percent of their income once in three years—that is, the third and sixth year out of every seven years. We commonly call this the third tithe. The same command is repeated in Deuteronomy 26:12.

Such problems as this have already faced members of God's Church. Sometimes women who have young children are converted. Either the husbands have died or have left them without means of support. It is the responsibility of the members to save the third tithe to take care of just such emergencies. Such young women should not be out working, but ought to be at home taking care of their young children.

In another instance a fire accidentally strikes the home of an elderly widow who has recently been baptized. She had little savings. What should we, as God's people, have done? She received help from the third tithe.

This is the unselfish thing to do. Insurance is the principle of saving to help others. God wants us to save the third tithe once in three years as an insurance program for the Church, just as He wants us to save the first tithe for the spread of the Gospel. It is not a lack of faith to save the first tithe for the Gospel. Neither is it a lack of faith to save for the fatherless and widows.

When to give to the poor

Notice who is eligible for aid—the person who was utterly unable to provide insurance for himself and who has been uprooted from his community and is a stranger in a new community. As the years go by drought and floods will cause some to be strangers in new communities. The third tithe is a kind of flood and drought insurance, too. It is also a type of "life insurance," aiding the widows and the young children if the head of the house, who was totally unable to provide savings or life insurance, dies unexpectedly. This can and does happen. "But time and chance happen to them all" (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

The third tithe does not mention the poor! The poor are taken care of in another way.

Notice these comments about the poor in Deuteronomy 15:7-8: "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates . . . you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs."

If any man be called a brother, we are to lend to him. It does not say "give." We are to loan to the needy brother. But we are not to charge him interest. We are not to be usurers, seeking a profit from a loan.

If, after one's seventh year has passed, and the poor or needy has not been able to repay the loan, then one is to release the brother from that obligation. Count the loan as a gift. "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts. And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother . . . Of a foreigner"—one who is not converted—"you may require it; but your hand shall release what is owed by your brother, except when there may be no poor among you . . . only if you carefully obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today" (Deuteronomy 15:1-5).

If one is needy, God expects us to lend and the needy to pay back if possible. David said: "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lends; and his descendants are blessed" (Psalm 37:25-26).

The righteous do not beg. The righteous lend. Of course, God does expect us to give to the needy of this world if they ask us and we have the means. Alms are for the blind and maimed and crippled of this world. Jesus said, "Give alms."

This aid for the poor is different from the third tithe, which is God's insurance program for His people.

Example from history

We have given you previously (See **INSURANCE**, page 11)

Take precautions early, and lay up for the future

The question of insurance has perplexed some. Some believe it would be showing a lack of faith to be "protected" by insurance.

This article is based on information the Personal Correspondence Department sends to those who ask what the Bible teaches about insurance.

But, as you know, insurance does not prevent accidents, injury, fire or death. It merely compensates one's family in the event of such a loss so that one can regain economic stability.

God does not promise Christians, under any and all circumstances, a life free from early death, all hazards and disasters. In fact, Scripture shows we should expect to have to cope with many and varied problems (Acts 14:22).

The Bible does teach us the principle of protecting ourselves by taking early precautions, before calamity strikes. Solomon tells us, "A cautious man sees danger and takes cover: a simpleton strolls on—and pays for it" (Proverbs 27:12, Moffatt).

The Bible often warns us to guard against the day of evil. Insurance is simply a way of saving or laying up for the future—an important biblical principle (Proverbs 6:6-8). It is a kind of pool of resources in which people save and

share the burdens of one another.

Insurance is a means by which a breadwinner can provide for his or her family in the event of death or disability (see I Timothy 5:8 and II Corinthians 12:14).

God's law clearly shows that it is our responsibility to compensate people who are harmed or caused to suffer loss because of our negligence or carelessness (see Exodus 21 and 22). Having liability insurance helps us avoid possible financial collapse and provides for someone else who may be harmed by our actions.

Other types of insurance are required by law or in the course of doing business. Liability coverage is necessary to register an automobile in some states. Fire insurance on a dwelling may be required by lenders who finance mortgages.

Professional people and businesses may need insurance to protect themselves. Where such laws or regulations do not contradict God's higher laws, we are to obey the laws of the land (Acts 5:29, Romans 13).

In conclusion, it is neither a lack of faith nor unscriptural to carry various kinds of insurance. Rather, insurance can help us properly love God, our neighbor and ourselves in a true Christian manner. As in any decision, one should use prudence and wisdom in deciding the amounts and kinds of insurance to carry.

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

WHY WE KEEP GOD'S HOLY DAYS

Evidence comes from both the Old and New Testaments

- Religious traditions, if they are contrary to biblical commands, are in vain (Mark 7:6-8).
- The Scriptures (in Timothy's case, the Old Testament) can help us toward salvation through faith in Christ (II Tim. 3:14-15).
- The apostle Paul believed all things written in the law and in the prophets (Acts 24:14).
- If we do not believe the Old Testament, we will not believe Christ (John 5:46-47).
- The Church is built on the foundation of the prophets and apostles—both Old and New Testaments (Eph. 2:19-20).
- We must live by every word of God (Matt. 4:4).
- God commanded seven annual festivals
- Two festivals were commanded before the Old Covenant was made (Ex. 12:1-20).
- Three festival seasons were included in the Old Covenant (Ex. 23:14-17). The three seasons included annual Holy Days (Lev. 23).
- Sacrifices were not part of God's original instructions for Holy Day observance (Jer. 7:22-23).
- Holy Days are still commanded
- They were commanded forever (Ex. 12:14, 17,

24, 13:10, Lev. 16:29, 31, 23:21, 31, 41).

● They were also for gentiles (Ex. 12:48, Lev. 16:29, Num. 15:15-16, Gal. 3:28).

Christ and the early Church kept the festivals

- Jesus kept them (Luke 2:41-42, John 5:1, 7:2, 10, 14, 37, 15:10). He set an example for us (I John 2:6).
- After Christ's death and resurrection, His disciples kept the feasts (Acts 2:1).
- Paul, the apostle to the gentiles, also kept them (Acts 18:21, 20:16, I Cor. 16:8).
- Paul commanded gentiles to keep the festivals (I Cor. 5:7-8, 11:1, 23-25).
- Converted gentiles followed the example set by Jewish Christians (I Thess. 2:14). They took it for granted that the proper days for worship were the ones God had commanded.
- Holy Days were mentioned as seasons well-known to the readers (Acts 27:9).
- Explanation of certain scriptures
- Romans 14:5 and Galatians 4:9-10 refer to pagan days and superstitious times.
- Colossians 2:14 refers to man-made rules. Verse 16 refers to Holy Days: We shouldn't let the outside world criticize our observances.

Christ loves our children; why they should be blessed

By Hugh Mauck

When Jesus walked along the coasts of Judea with His disciples, little children were brought to Him that He should put His hands on them and pray (Matthew 19:13-15). Included among the children were small infants brought to be touched by Him (Luke 18:15-17).

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Jesus' disciples rebuked the people who were bringing the children to Jesus. But Christ was much displeased that His disciples would prevent the children from coming to Him.

Whereupon Jesus took the children up in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

Christ is as much aware of and concerned for our little children today as He was then. He has given His angels the responsibility of looking after them (Matthew 18:10). He warns us not to despise any one of them, reminding us that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who will receive it in the spirit of little children (Mark 10:15).

Christ loves our little children and gives us many examples to let His Church know He intends to bless little children and infants through His ministers.

Children blessed in Church now

From the day Herbert W. Armstrong first understood God's desire

to bless the children, it has been a continual practice in His Church. God's ministry fully recognizes Christ had these examples recorded as instruction for His Church so that we may do whatever He did (John 13:15, 17).

Christ continues to bless the children brought to Him, as He did more than 1,900 years ago, although He does it now from the Father's throne in heaven. The ministers take them up in their arms, lay their hands on them and bring them to Christ asking Him to bless them, which He does.

Christ blesses hundreds who are brought to Him during the Church's blessing of children ceremony following the Feast of Tabernacles each year. This ceremony is performed annually for children of members of the Church.

Benefit of blessings

Examples of God's protection on those who were blessed are numerous. Of course God, in His infinite wisdom, does what is best for our ultimate salvation and does not always intervene.

One mother wrote to Mr. Armstrong telling of her youngest daughter, blessed as a child, who was kidnapped by an escaped convict when she was 20 years old. It turned out he did her no harm. All he wanted was for her to drive him to the home of his family in her car.

The mother wrote: "We know that God was with her at the time. And I believe this blessing of the children is a vital service of the

Church. It is really needed to protect our children from so much in this world."

A father wrote of his 4-year-old daughter being hit by an automobile, being hurled 30 feet into the air and her limp body lying in a ditch before them. She was anointed by a local elder. Later, X rays showed, to the amazement of doctors, no broken bones, no severe head injuries and no internal damage.

A doctor kept telling her, "You are a very lucky little girl," her father wrote. "He didn't know where

that 'luck' came from!"

Observed during the Holy Days

In the early years Mr. Armstrong observed the blessing of children ceremony during the Holy Days of the Feast of Tabernacles, when the majority of members were gathered together.

Later, as the numbers attending the Feast grew and the number of infants and children to be blessed increased, the time it took to per-

form these services grew, too.

When there were sufficient local churches pastored by God's called ministers, this service was passed along to the pastors in these local churches and conducted generally the first or second Sabbath following the Feast of Tabernacles.

Just before the Feast in 1979, Mr. Armstrong officially set aside the second Sabbath after the Feast of Tabernacles for the blessing of little children.

Teachers

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I might point out that some try to palm off the Feast of Tabernacles as an annual vacation. Later, when the subject of religious observances does come up, it looks like the "vacationer" is trying to hide something. Be up front with your plans.

Be prepared

Another problem is that some brethren are unable to explain the significance of the Holy Days, not even knowing (from memory) the main chapters of the Bible in which the annual Holy Days are men-

tioned. As the apostle Peter wrote, "Be ready *always* to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Peter 3:15).

Dust off the booklet *Pagan Holidays—or God's Holy Days—Which?* and be intimately familiar with the festivals we keep. Don't be embarrassed after asking for a special favor to find that you cannot explain what you want or need.

Some have found showing teachers the Festival Planner helpful.

If the teacher won't cooperate, don't back down. Instead, politely assert your rights. Go to the principal, or the teacher's supervisor.

One key to resolving this matter

positively is obtaining good counsel from your pastor and from other ministers in your church or deacons and deaconesses, who have been through the situation many times (Proverbs 11:14, 15:22), before you meet with any school official.

If a special problem exists, your pastor may be able to accompany you. Don't overlook this help that God has made available to you.

Employ these keys, that your children's teachers may one day say: "Surely this . . . is a wise and understanding people. For what [Church] is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?" (Deuteronomy 4:6-7).

Resolve to make Feast a turning point of life

By George M. Kackos

What a Feast! Thousands had gathered for the greatest Feast since Joshua. Under Ezra, they rejoiced greatly and heard God's Word expounded (Nehemiah 8:17-18).

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So great was the impact, that they fasted shortly after the Feast. Their purpose was to continue living what they had learned. Together they en-



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tered into a covenant to obey God's law. For them it was a remarkable turning point that greatly strengthened their nation (Nehemiah 9:1-3; 10:28-29).

For us, the Feast can also be a turning point, a time when we make significant changes, resolve problems and develop new habits.

Why is this? What makes the Feast a special time for change?

Inspired messages, dynamically given, jam packed with spiritual nuggets we need to hear.

But they will not automatically change us. Character development requires more than casual hearing (James 1:23-25). That is why we

must apply the following principles.

● **Be an active listener.** Come prepared to actively listen (Ecclesiastes 5:1). Pray for understanding. Ask for an open, receptive mind (Matthew 7:7-8). Also ask that the speaking be inspired.

Concentrate on the messages. Avoid distractions. Don't let self-justification (making excuses) harden your heart (Psalm 95:7-11).

Ask yourself, how do these words apply to me. Take the general principles and apply them to specific situations. Relate what is said to what you need to do (Acts 2:37-38).

Good note-taking can help you do this. You can review your notes and further increase your understanding and conviction to put your knowledge into action.

● **Apply what you have learned.** Look for opportunities to apply what you've learned. Start as soon as possible. Don't let the desire ignited by the messages die out because of inaction.

Let's say you are instructed on family communication. Here is something that can become a focal point of your Feast. Special effort can be made to improve on this throughout the Feast.

When this is done, you will reap the delicious fruit of change. The inspiration you felt during the message will be intensified by your success. Instead of post-Feast letdown, there will be post-Feast buildup as you act on the inspiration generated by the Feast.

As we draw near the Feast, let's think about this fantastic opportunity to experience a turning point. Let's get excited about this magnificent spiritual smorgasbord that can transform our lives. And let's determine to truly make this year's Feast a turning point!

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Health, fun, money, travel: vital issues for happy Feast

The Feast of Tabernacles should be the happiest time of the year for members of God's Church. Here are some tips to make this a happy Feast for you and others.

Sleep, diet and exercise

Remembering to watch what you eat, exercising regularly and getting adequate sleep can make the difference between an enjoyable Feast and a miserable one.

Drink plenty of good, clean water. The native delicacies of your Feast site may be tempting, and there may be opportunities to enjoy foods that aren't in the budget the rest of the year, but go easy and eat a moderate, balanced diet.

If yours is an international Feast site, be careful what and where you eat. The food may be good, but it may take time for your stomach to adjust to it.

Many accommodations around the world feature swimming pools and exercise equipment. If yours does, take advantage. If not, jogging or brisk walks will be helpful. Another idea is to do some sight-seeing on foot.

Not only is sleep essential for good health, but it also affects alertness during services. It is crucial to be well rested and to stop and sleep while driving to and from a Feast site to avoid falling asleep at the wheel.

Quarantine

Care must be taken to ensure that contagious diseases are not carried to the Feast.

Although parents and children may be disappointed in not being able to attend because of illness, we are instructed to have consideration for one another and quarantine those who are sick. Moses quarantined those with communicable diseases from the camp of Israel, and we must do likewise, in fairness to other people.

In the case of whooping cough, measles, mumps, flu, chicken pox or any other contagious disease, you should not attend Feast of Tabernacles services or local church services. If you have even been exposed within two weeks of Feast time, don't attend.

If you choose to be anointed or have your child anointed, wait until every physical symptom is gone before attending services.

If you or your child is taken ill

with such a disease while at the Feast, isolate yourself immediately and counsel with a minister.

Following these guidelines will help make the Feast a safe place for all. If you have any special problem or question, be sure to check with your minister.

When traveling internationally where certain diseases are extant, seek professional advice on what precautions to take to avoid contracting them.

Keep kids happy

Do your children have some ideas about what they would like to do at the Feast? Be sure to consider their desires when planning activities. Sometimes the tendency is to want them quiet and out of the way so the adults can fellowship. Remember that they should not only be learning the meaning of the Feast but also learning to enjoy it.

They can learn to take notes in services but will need your help in understanding the messages at first. If they are small, bring quiet items for them to play with. Although children will learn to be quiet during a church service, it isn't necessary that attending church be unpleasant for them.

Try to plan social activities with people who have children in the same age group as yours. Bring them into the conversation and let them know you want them to have a good time, too.

Feast on a shoestring

So you don't have much second tithe? Your Feast of Tabernacles can still be a delight because some of the best parts of keeping the Feast are free.

Start by getting to know new people. If the Feast site is small and brethren are staying in one hotel, visit the lobby or restaurants and see if there are others to talk with.

One day organize a picnic lunch and a walking tour of the Feast site. Ask several other Feastgoers along. Or have a potluck in your motel room.

Find out what there is to do in the area. Often it costs little or nothing to visit zoos, parks and museums.

Travel on Sabbath?

Should brethren travel to the Feast on the Sabbath? Only if absolutely necessary, according to Church Administration.

Feastgoers should plan to arrive at their destinations in time to observe God's Sabbath. If services are in the morning, one might drive a couple of hours afterward before stopping for a picnic or rest before continuing.

If one arrives at a particular destination and services are a few hours away, some driving on the Sabbath might be necessary.

Most airlines schedule many flights throughout the day, so brethren should be able to select those that do not conflict with the Sabbath.

This is where the spirit of the law comes to the fore—are you having to travel on the Sabbath to attend Sabbath services, or just to arrive at a vacation spot or sight-see?

If you have specific questions about Feast travel seek counsel with the ministry.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PHOTO?—You can be sure to have good Feast photos by following the tips in the article below. The above photo has several problems: the subjects are leaning, they are too low in the picture, a flowerpot appears to be coming out of the man's head, a finger is blocking part of the frame and the sun is causing the subjects to squint.

Film, batteries, lighting, framing

How to improve your photos

By G.A. Belluche Jr.

Do you shudder at the thought of being exposed as a bad photographer? Well, you can relax, because here are some tips to help you improve your photography.

If you bought a new camera before the Feast, check it out before you go. Shoot at least one roll of film and have it developed. We hear horror stories of people who buy expensive cameras, go to the Feast and come back with bad (or no) pictures simply because they didn't test their cameras.

● If you have not used your camera for a while, look it over to make sure it is in good condition.

Look for debris such as hair or dust. Make sure the lens is clean. You can clean the lens with a lens cleaning fluid and tissue from a camera store.

● Replace batteries if they are more than a year old—even if they are working. Don't wait until they go bad and frantically look for batteries in an unfamiliar area.

● Make sure your film is still good. Look for the expiration date on the film box.

● Check to see if your film is in the camera, and be sure it is loaded correctly. You would be surprised

at how often people think they have shot a roll only to find there wasn't any film in the camera or that it didn't wind. On a 35-mm. camera turn the rewind knob a couple of turns. If it tightens, your film is properly loaded.

Now you are ready to take pictures.

● Check the background before you take a picture. Are there any poles or trees appearing to grow from the subject's head? Avoid cluttered backgrounds that detract from the picture.

● Move in close! Many pictures are taken from too far away with too much background and clutter.

● Photograph people in an evenly diffused light such as a cloudy day, or a shady area out of the sun. This will give you soft, even lighting. This may be a new idea for you. Experiment before you go to the Feast.

● Make sure the horizon is straight. Otherwise the photograph will look off balance.

● When shooting scenics, simplify as much as possible. Avoid scenes with too much detail. Contrast close subjects with distant ones to get depth in the photograph.

● Do not try to take a flash picture of the *Behind the Work* film

(or any film). Besides being inconsiderate, using a flash won't help anyway.

After you have taken your film to be developed and you now have a handful of prints, what should you do? Two things come to mind:

- (1) Lock them in a drawer, forever, because you did not follow the advice given in this article, or
- (2) Make a photo album.

A photo album can be compiled in many ways, but one of the best is to do it in chronological order. You may want to start the album with a picture of your family packing the car as you prepare to leave for the Feast and end the album with your family back at home unpacking the car.

In between you can put pictures of your family, attractions you visited, new friends, old friends, restaurants, the hotel where you stayed and the convention center. You can also collect ticket stubs, business cards and postcards to include with your photographs.

Remember: A photographer's best friend is a wastebasket. Throw away your out-of-focus and improperly exposed photographs. It will make for a more enjoyable photo album—for you and others.

UNDER THE HOOD

3 CHECK TRANSMISSION FLUID WITH ENGINE WARM AND RUNNING, PARKING BRAKE ON. SHIFT TO DRIVE, THEN TO PARK. REMOVE DIPSTICK, WIPE DRY, INSERT AND PULL IT OUT AGAIN. ADD FLUID IF NEEDED. DO NOT OVERFILL!

2 INSPECT BELTS MONTHLY. REPLACE WORN, GLAZED OR FRAID BELTS; TIGHTEN THEM WHEN THEY HAVE MORE THAN 1/2" OF SLACK WHEN DEPRESSED BETWEEN THE PULLEYS. REPLACE BULGING OR ROTTEN HOSES AND TIGHTEN CLAMPS.

1 CHECK THE ANTI-FREEZE/COOLANT LEVEL WEEKLY. NEWER CARS HAVE SEE-THROUGH RESERVOIRS WITH LEVEL MARKINGS. TOP OFF WITH 50/50 SOLUTION OF PERMANENT ANTI-FREEZE AND WATER. CAUTION: DO NOT REMOVE THE PRESSURE CAP WHEN ENGINE IS HOT.

9 POWER STEERING FLUID: CHECK LEVEL ONCE A MONTH. SIMPLY REMOVE THE RESERVOIR DIPSTICK. IF THE LEVEL IS DOWN ADD FLUID.

4 CHECK OIL EVERY OTHER FILL-UP. REMOVE THE DIPSTICK, WIPE IT CLEAN, INSERT IT AND REMOVE IT AGAIN. IF IT'S LOW ADD OIL.

5 CHECK THE AIR FILTER EVERY MONTH OR TWO. REPLACE IT WHEN IT'S DIRTY OR AS PART OF TUNE-UP. IT'S EASY TO REACH, RIGHT UNDER THE BIG METAL "LID."

6 CHECK BRAKE FLUID MONTHLY. FIRST WIPE DIRT FROM THE BRAKE MASTER CYLINDER RESERVOIR LID. PRY OFF THE RETAINER CLIP AND REMOVE THE LID. IF YOU NEED FLUID ADD THE APPROVED TYPE AND CHECK FOR POSSIBLE LEAKS.

7 KEEP WINDSHIELD WASHER RESERVOIR FULL. WHEN TOPPING OFF, USE SOME SOLVENT ON A RAG TO CLEAN OFF THE WIPER BLADES.

8 CHECK THE BATTERY MONTHLY IN COLD WEATHER, WEEKLY IN HOT WEATHER AND DAILY ON LONG TRIPS. MAKE SURE THE CABLES ARE ATTACHED SECURELY AND FREE OF CORROSION. CHECK FLUID LEVEL. IF YOURS HAS FILLER HOLES ADD WATER AS NEEDED.

AROUND THE CAR

10 INSPECT WINDSHIELD WIPER BLADES WHENEVER YOU CLEAN YOUR WINDSHIELD. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL RUBBER IS WORN OR BRITTLE TO REPLACE THEM. WIPER BLADES SHOULD BE REPLACED AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. MORE OFTEN IF SMEARING OR CHATTERING OCCURS.

11 BE SURE ALL YOUR LIGHTS ARE WORKING, INCLUDING BRAKE LIGHTS, TURN SIGNALS AND EMERGENCY FLASHERS. KEEP THEM CLEAN, TOO.

12 KEEP TIRES INFLATED TO RECOMMENDED PRESSURE. (IT HELPS TO OWN YOUR OWN GAUGE). CHECK FOR CUTS, BULGES AND EXCESSIVE TREAD WEAR. UNEVEN WEAR INDICATES MISALIGNMENT OR OUT-OF-BALANCE.

14 LOOK UNDERNEATH FOR LOOSE OR BROKEN EXHAUST CLAMPS AND SUPPORTS. CHECK FOR HOLES IN MUFFLER OR PIPES. REPLACE RUSTED OR DAMAGED PARTS.

13 LOOK FOR SIGNS OF OIL SEEPAGE ON SHOCK ABSORBERS. TEST SHOCK ACTION BY BOUNCING CAR UP AND DOWN. THE CAR SHOULD STOP BOUNCING WHEN YOU STEP BACK. WORN OR LEAKING SHOCKS SHOULD BE REPLACED. ALWAYS REPLACE IN PAIRS.

Feast offers opportunities for giving to less fortunate

By Graemme J. Marshall

Have you heard Feast stories like this?

A pensioner widow sits alone in her motel room. A knock on the door makes her think: Who could that be? I'm not expecting anyone or going anywhere.

On opening the door she is handed a note by a Church member who assures her of its authenticity. It reads: "You are invited to [a certain restaurant] at 7 p.m. A car will call for you. Signed, Mr. Anonymous."

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That evening a chauffeur arrives, presents her with a corsage and escorts her to a luxury limousine. She is driven to a first-class restaurant.

The chauffeur ushers her inside with instructions to ask for Mr. Anonymous' table. The hostess takes her to a table where three other elderly ladies, also with corsages, already sit. She doesn't know them but learns each is from a different church area and all are in similar pensioner circumstances.

The maitre d'hotel informs them to order whatever they desire, along with wine, and that the meal and tip are already paid for. The limousine will later return them to their accommodations. All arranged for in advance by Mr. Anonymous!

What an unexpected thrill and treat at the Feast! This particular act of serving happened at one Feast site I attended. Similar acts of kindness happen at them all.

Acts of charity

Few charitable acts in this world are done anonymously, though Scripture identifies this type of giving as one of the highest virtues. Giving without thought of return or thanks is intriguing, because the giver remains unknown.

Tales of woe describe lessons of failed Feasts

How many tales of woe could we tell about what went wrong on the way to, from or during the Feast? And we know most of them happened through our own fault, right?

We asked some of the Editorial staff what lessons they learned that they would like to pass on. We can't print them all, but from this selection see what has gone wrong for some in the past, learn from the examples and avoid repeating them.

Too far

Plan to drive gigantic distances in ridiculously short amounts of time. It causes fatigue, bad attitudes, dangerous driving speeds and you will miss the attractions you wanted to see.

Better yet, arrive at the car rental agency with an expired driver's license and not be able to rent a car in the first place.

Too much

Use your credit card to buy or do something you did not budget for. Then when you get home you'll have a nice big bill waiting for you that you don't need or will have trouble paying for. This defeats God's purpose for saving second tithe—a fantastic Festival trip with no financial pain.

Don't ask

Don't get directions to your destination in advance. Leave your hotel

This kind of serving requires planning and forethought. And it is a real blessing when done for people who can't afford to do the same thing for themselves.

Such unsolicited acts of serving don't have to be expensive either. Giving even in a simple way from a desire to bring joy to another, to lift someone's spirits, bring a smile to a face and give an experience of

brotherly love, lingers on in a person's Christian experience. It needs no public fanfare.

This Feast, why not plan to serve brethren less fortunate than yourself—widows and widowers, pensioners, single parents or those on Church assistance. Think about such groups who are already part of your local church fellowship.

For people with little money to

spare, nice things made financially possible are a blessing: a free car wash, fuel coupons, free meal vouchers, free baby-sitting service, or try a free activities ticket or paying for an *Envoy* or video.

Then there are people burdened with stresses. These might be the disabled, parents with young children or adults in emotional trauma from trials or poor health. There is a personal side benefit in getting to know about these people. Galatians 6:2 admonishes, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Take children for an afternoon to allow parents a break. Take care of a handicapped mate, parent or child

to leave the others free time. Wash a car to get it ready for the end of the Feast and the journey home. Give a gift to someone unable to attend the Feast, to show the person he or she was thought of.

Plan ahead to serve

Advance planning to brighten someone's day can be as rewarding as Mr. Anonymous' efforts over the years to bring widows some Festival joy.

To serve and be thanked for it is nice. But to serve without expecting any return is giving on the very God plane to which we all aspire (Luke 6:32-35).

Try it and see!

Form friendships from Feast fellowship

By Jerold W. Aust

The Feast of Tabernacles is a time of great rejoicing. It symbolizes the time when all mankind will enjoy the freedom that comes from God's truth. We look forward to this special time of the year when we gather to hear God's plan of peace and prosperity for mankind.

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We also assemble to get to know one another. Where else than the Feast are conditions better to develop lasting friendships? And it is God who chooses our friends—the other members of Christ's Body (John 15:16).

God's people love to fellowship. But why? Why is it so important for us to fellowship at the Feast?

Fellowshipping is a tool

Jesus Christ left us a great tool to help shape our Christian character (I John 1:3). It is Christ's responsibility to mold our spiritual character to eventual perfection, but we have our part in this process. One way Christ molds our character is through the powerful tool of fellowshipping.

Fellowshipping—unlike prayer, Bible study, meditation and fasting, which are personal—is a family ac-

tivity. You can't do it alone. It must be done with others.

Unify the brethren

"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a



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friend who sticks closer than a brother" (New King James throughout). It is difficult to know someone without visiting him or her.

But you can empathize with your brethren when you've had conversa-

tion with them—one talks, the other listens, and vice versa. Simple, but powerful and growth producing. Our words inspire others to action. They can change lives forever.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has said that the Holy Spirit is the glue that binds us together. How much better it is to have a friend that sticks closer than a physical brother. Be friendly. Step up to your brother or sister and set this marvelous process into action.

But, what should you say?

Solidify the spoken word

Iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17). So too, one brother sharpens the spiritual condition of another. The apostle Paul tells us to encourage our brethren to good works, especially as we get closer to the great tribulation and Christ's return (Hebrews 10:25).

Do not let this Feast of Tabernacles go by without fellowshipping as God's Spirit leads you to do. It won't push you into it. It will gently urge you to do it. Don't resist its

urging. Follow through with the desire to get to know God's people.

Some determine to meet one new person or family each day. Others carry name and address note pads to write down names and addresses of those they fellowship with.

Share yourself, your time, your experiences, the sermons, with others. You'll be the richer for it.

Remember, Christ fellowships with the brethren daily. He knows them. He wants you to know them too. After all, we are going to live together as a family, forever.

Why is fellowship important? Because it helps us to attain salvation. "Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. 'They shall be Mine,' says the Lord of hosts, 'on the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him'" (Malachi 3:16-17).

Amplify positive effect

Let light shine when you dine

By Vincent Szymkowiak

Each year we are reminded of setting the proper example to hotel operators and other nonmembers who we come into contact with during the Feast. One area where setting the proper example is a must is in restaurants.

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This year 150,000 brethren and families will be attending the Feast. Since most dine out often, we have thousands of opportunities to let our lights shine to the myriad waiters, waitresses, restaurant owners and clientele.

Sadly, God's people have been guilty at times of needlessly offending restaurant people because of a lack of common sense and consideration. We look upon these people as our servants, yet we should consider ways in which we can serve them.

Here are a few tips to help us amplify the positive effect we all hope to make during the Feast.

(1) Be polite and respectful to the waiter or waitress. Some brethren have treated these servers with great kindness and respect, yet others have become rude and unkind.

Perhaps it is because something happens to people when they suddenly find themselves with extra money. Too often brashness and cockiness become a part of their demeanor.

Humility goes out the window as some Feastgoers walk into restaurants. This should not be. Remember Romans 12:16: "Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited" (Revised

Standard Version).

Our attitude toward these servants will be remembered long after we leave the Feast. Matthew 7:12 says: "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (New King James). This golden rule of courtesy will go a long way in our efforts to serve them, and will help them enjoy our Feast keeping as well.

(2) When going out to dine with a large party, call ahead for reservations. This helps the restaurant plan its work load, and takes stress off Church members, especially if an unexpected wait in a restaurant will cause them to be late for an evening activity.

(3) Do not be noisy and raucous. Remember that others want to enjoy the restaurant, too. If your group carries on with loud talk and laughter, and shouting across the restaurant, others will not enjoy their meal and may consider leaving. Let's not allow our mirth at God's Festival to turn into someone's misery.

(4) Another rule of thumb is to not make difficult requests. When we ask our waiter to delete or add spices or sauces, or to depart from the basic written menu, we could be asking for trouble. Things can easily be forgotten or misunderstood, even by servers with a great deal of experience.

Obvious exceptions to this would be a nonthreatening request to delete unclean foods, or a simple request to accommodate one's special dietary needs.

However, some of our brethren with their own individual tastes often invite embarrassment and

ridicule by demanding certain foods or combinations of foods that the restaurant is simply not prepared to offer.

(5) When you are ready to order, closing your menu is a proper cue that the waiter will see. When you need the check, eye contact and a nod is usually sufficient.

(6) Make sure your children are obedient. They should be taught that they are guests and that there are guidelines to follow. Waiters are adults and our children must be taught to respect them.

Of course, child rearing begins in the home, not the restaurant. Children should not be allowed to run through the restaurant, play with the furnishings or make preposterous demands to the waiter.

(7) Remember to tip. Customs vary, but in the United States, 15 percent to 20 percent is the expected standard. Serving tables is a demanding and stressful job; certainly the principle that a laborer is worthy of his or her hire applies here.

Even if your meal was not up to your expectations, it may not have been the waiter's fault. Be a generous tipper, do not skimp on the tip in your effort to pass judgment on the establishment.

(8) Above all, be patient. Restaurants are busy places during the Feast. Proper meal preparation takes time. Handle mistakes graciously; be encouraging to your server.

God Himself had to suffer the manners of the carnal Israelites (Acts 13:18). Let us love our neighbor as ourselves, and not be guilty of forcing restaurant people to suffer our manners.

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needles or a very few by blood transfusions with blood from infected donors.

In addition, some people may have the AIDS virus and not even know it. Some people with the virus can carry on with a normal life for years without actually suffering from the disease.

Brethren, does it make sense for us to have contact with people in the general public who have the AIDS virus, rub shoulders with them on the job and be served by them in restaurants, but then to deny fellowship on the Sabbath to our own brethren who have the same virus?

If there were real evidence that the AIDS virus is spread through casual contact, the situa-

tion would naturally need to be handled differently. But surely we must all realize that we are likely to unknowingly come into casual contact with people carrying the AIDS virus rather commonly in our day-to-day affairs, on the job, in school, in the market, restaurant, theater or any other public location.

Therefore, based upon the United States Surgeon General's Report on AIDS, unless or until additional information warrants the restriction of casual contact with victims of AIDS, the Church of God will not restrict its members or its members' children who suffer from AIDS from attendance at church services or activities.

Members who are victims of AIDS should take precautions to ensure that no one comes into contact with their blood. And if

any member who has the AIDS virus wishes to date pursuant to marriage, it would be his or her Christian duty and obligation before God to inform the person he intends to date that he has the AIDS virus.

Let's not be so unduly terrified about this disease that we lose our Christian perspective about extending the right hand of fellowship to our own brethren. God's law prohibits the primary methods of spreading AIDS—sex before marriage and sex outside of marriage, as well as use of illegal drugs. We can also be of valuable help to one another by being available to donate blood when a fellow member is in need because of an accident, surgery or illness.

So let's understand that there is no valid evidence to date that AIDS is spread through casual

social contact (witness the fact that AIDS victims living with their families have not spread the disease to other family members despite sharing food, towels and cups) and afford the same fellowship and love to our members who are afflicted with this disease as to every other member.

We should realize that in any circumstance today, careful precautions should be taken when blood, stool, urine or vomit is present. This is a matter of proper hygiene and common sense.

Now, I want to announce that Ronald D. Kelly, an evangelist who has served God's Work for the past six years in the Editorial Department, the past two of which have been as coordinator of the Bible Correspondence Course, has been named as book-

let editor for the Church's booklets and television brochures.

We are pleased to have Mr. Kelly's expertise and longtime experience at the helm of this important and fundamental phase of the Work. Mr. Kelly is a 1959 graduate of Ambassador College and has served in many capacities over the years, including those of church pastor, dean of students and deputy chancellor of Ambassador College in Big Sandy.

I'm sure he will appreciate your prayers for God to lead and bless him in this important new responsibility.

Thank you again for your love. By the time you receive this issue of *The Worldwide News* I will have just returned from Scandinavia, having visited our brethren there. My prayers are always with you.

Top of the Class

The *Worldwide News* congratulates the following youths who were valedictorians or salutatorians (or ranked first or second) in their graduating classes.



Kendra Sarai Ashley
Salutatorian
Shelby Academy High School
Bessemer, Ala., church



Crissie Bonneyoy
Valedictorian
Kelwood Collegiate
Dauphin, Man., church



Deborah Elizabeth Botha
Valedictorian
Briarcliff High School
Westchester, N.Y., church



Robin Branam
Valedictorian
Gladewater High School
Big Sandy, Tex., church



Charles Allen Bryce
Valedictorian
Haughton High School
Shreveport, La., church



Carrie Lynn Burchett
Co-valedictorian
Riverbank High School
Modesto, Calif., church



David Grant Butcher
Valedictorian
Gilbert High School
Logan, W.Va., church



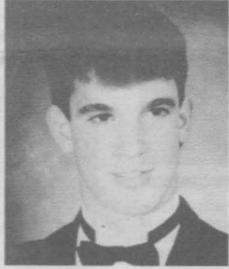
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Toledo, Philippines, church



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Valedictorian
Brackenridge High School
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Abbott High School
Waco, Tex., church



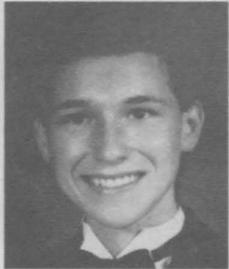
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Clinton Prairie High School
Lafayette, Ind., church



Franklin W. Foos
Valedictorian
Laurel High School
Billings, Mont., church



Diane Renee Gayman
Salutatorian
Mapleton High School
Mansfield, Ohio, church



Gregory R. Gore
Salutatorian
Thompson High School
Bessemer, Ala., church



Adriane Kathleen Graham
Valedictorian
Morningside High School
Los Angeles, Calif., church



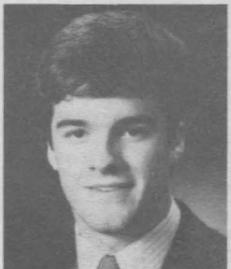
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Southwestern High School
Belleville, Ill., church



Juanita Holcomb
First in class
Gibsonburg High School
Findlay, Ohio, church



Karen Elizabeth Hope
Salutatorian
Creswell High School
Norfolk, Va., church



David Eric Hudson
Valedictorian
North Central High School
Terre Haute, Ind., church



Kimberly Ann Johnson
Second in class
Dundalk High School
Baltimore, Md., church



Lisa Jeannene Kissel
Valedictorian
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Hagerstown, Md., church



Sara Lamb
Valedictorian
Franklin Heights High School
Columbus, Ohio, church



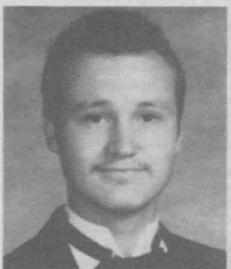
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Kansas Public Schools
Fayetteville, Ark., church



Beth Marsh
Valedictorian
Temple Christian High School
Dayton, Ohio, church



Tina Michele Neff
Salutatorian
Nicholas County High School
Summersville, W.Va., church



James Nichols
Salutatorian
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Somerset, Ky., church



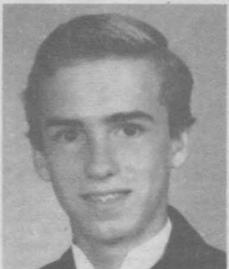
Stephan Thaddeus Novak
Valedictorian
Agoura High School
Reseda, Calif., church



Trudy Sass
First in class
Winnepogosis Collegiate
Dauphin, Man., church



Ruby Vasquez
Valedictorian
Agusan High School
Butuan, Philippines, church



Tommy Votaw
Valedictorian
Lexington High School
Austin, Tex., church



Tricia Lynn Walker
Trivaledictorian
Cadiz High School
Wheeling, W.Va., church



Amy Janel Wrench
Salutatorian
Cape Fear Senior High School
Fayetteville, N.C., church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BUECKERT, Joe and Lena (Wiebe), of Grande Prairie, Alta., girl, Kristi Jane, June 25, 7:13 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BUEHLER, Markus and Stephanie (Kleine), of Basel, Switzerland, girl, Johanna Ursula, May 3, 12:37 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

CONNELL, Glenn and Nicole (Glaude), of Montreal, Que., girl, Marianne, June 11, 7 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

CULBERTSON, Kerry and Patricia (Cadden), of Coeburn, Va., boy, Micah Alvin, June 10, 7:52 p.m., 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DOUCET, Stephen and Ramona (Stephens), of Pasadena, girl, Sharon Michelle, June 20, 11:15 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENLOE, Scott and Beth (Evans), of Billings, Mont., boy, Zachery Scott, June 11, 4:07 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

GAULIN, Gaetan and Lucie (Moreau), of Montreal, Que., girl, Maryse Elisabeth, April 25, 8 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

GIBSON, Elgie and Leah (Luker), of Bothell, Wash., boy, Chad Elgie, April 19, 4:05 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

HENNING, Erwin and Sandra (Zellers), of Lafayette, Ind., boy, Timothy Ryan, June 6, 9:45 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

HERNANDEZ, Candido and Aurora (Ramos), of Brooklyn, N.Y., boy, Candido V. June 9, 1:59 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

HICKS, Eric and Cynthia (Busby), of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, Jacqueline Gaberlie, May 6, 7:45 a.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HILL, Michael and Jane (Ramberg), of Bourbonnais, Ill., girl, Brenda Jolene, April 18, 4:13 p.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

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MOTSAPI, Mohau and Dineo (Twala), of Bloemfontein, South Africa, girl, Sebololo Elson, Dec. 11, 7 a.m., 4.5 kilograms, first child.

MULLINS, Carl and Jane (Leasure), of Hagerstown, Md., girl, Priscilla Jane, June 18, 8:40 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

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WARD, Colin and Robin (Remlinger), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Alexander James, May 9, 9:53 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WILDMAN, Gary and Theresa (Hedrick), of Brook Park, Ohio, boy, Gary Lee, June 3, 5:32 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

WILLETT, Malcolm and Susan (Challenger), of Bradford, England, boy, Nathan Tobias, March 29, 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

James L. Trout and Ruth M. Trout of Elmira, N.Y., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Janet to David Fuessel, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Fuessel of Eola, Tex. An Aug. 14 wedding in Painted Post, N.Y., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Lopus of Richmond, Ohio, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Ann to Michael D. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams of Midland, Tex. A Sept. 18 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Frick of Lexington, S.C., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Donna Eve to Jon Todd Gjesvold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Gjesvold of Brooklyn Center, Minn. An Aug. 14 wedding is planned.

David Michael Bilowus and Sarah Helen Segers of Pasadena are happy to announce their engagement. A Sept. 18 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bailey of Borehamwood, England, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Vanessa Vaughan to Shane Garraty of Auckland, New Zealand. A September wedding is planned.

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Wash. and Christopher Michael Mardis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mardis Sr. of Cleveland, Ohio, were united in marriage Oct. 4, 1987, in Sumner. The ceremony was performed by Richard Parker, pastor of the Auburn and Bremerton, Wash., churches. Robin Patterson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Sumner.



MR. AND MRS. W. EUGENE

Laura Brown of Trenton, N.J., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Sondri Annette to Wardell J. Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Eugene of New Orleans, La. The ceremony was performed April 17 by Edward Faulk, associate pastor of the Trenton and Brick, N.J., churches. Christina Powell, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Ed Eugene, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in the St. Petersburg, Fla., area.



MR. AND MRS. DAN GOODING

Dan Andrew Gooding and Marcia Ruth Griffith were united in marriage Nov. 15, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Trevor Cherry, associate pastor of the Toronto, Ont., Central church. Margo Griffith was maid of honor, and Stephen Whitney was best man. The couple reside in Toronto.



MR. AND MRS. J. TIM THOMPSON

Melody J. Hoppe, daughter of Al and Gloria Hoppe, and J. Tim Thompson, son of Bruce and Issy Thompson, were united in marriage Feb. 27. The ceremony was performed by John Amos, associate pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches. The couple reside in Oklahoma City.



MR. AND MRS. W. KLASSEN

Ethel Violet Wiggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wiggins of Hope, B.C., and Warren Dale Klassen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Klassen of Aldergrove, B.C., were united in marriage April 10 in Toronto, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Trevor Cherry, associate pastor of the Toronto Central church. Denise Wiggins, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Wade McGillivray was best man. The couple reside in Toronto.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HUGHES

Rachel Louise Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hill of Hastings, England, and George Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes of Ormskirk, England, were united in marriage Nov. 1, 1987. The ceremony was performed by John Maskin, pastor of the Maidstone, Brighton and Croydon, England, churches. Elizabeth and Lindsay Davidson were bridesmaids, and Robert Hughes, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Hastings, England.

MR. AND MRS. C. MARDIS
Julie Renee Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Patterson of Sumner,



MR. AND MRS. JOHN MURRAY

Brenda Ann Fogle and John Edward Murray were united in marriage Sept. 6, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Warren Waian, associate pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif., church. Cyndi Fogle, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and James Murray, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Placentia, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS PURCELL

Val Atkins and Chris Purcell were united in marriage May 1. The ceremony was performed by William Bradford, pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, South and East churches. Lyn Parsons was matron of honor, and Ron Purcell was best man. The couple reside in Melbourne.



MR. AND MRS. BALTASAR VIGIL

Estella Ochoa and Baltazar Vigil were united in marriage May 21. The ceremony was performed by Felix Heimberg, pastor of the Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M., churches. The best man and matron of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Gutierrez.



MR. AND MRS. M. GROSSNICKLE

Mr. and Mrs. Vacys Zyle of Geelong, Australia, are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Ruta Maria to Monroe F. Grossnickle of Walkersville, Md., son of Mrs. R. Grossnickle and the late R. Grossnickle. The ceremony was performed May 23 in Geelong by Karl Karlov, pastor of the Geelong and Ballarat, Australia, churches. The couple reside in Walkersville.



MR. AND MRS. S. McWILLIAMS

Steven McWilliams and Lisa F. Davis were united in marriage March 20. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the Escondido and San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches. Karla Whelchel was matron of honor, and Gregory Balogh was best man. The couple reside in Escondido.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Broadwater, Church members since 1971, celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary June 25. The Broadwaters have three children, Micheal, Yvonne and Brenda. The couple attend the Corpus Christi, Tex., church.



MR. AND MRS. VIC FITZGERALD

Vic and Kathie Fitzgerald of Lake Mary,

Fla., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 22. They were baptized in 1966 and attended Church services in Amarillo, Tex. The Fitzgeralds have four children, Carol Register, who is a Church member with her husband, John, Steve, who attends Big Sandy Ambassador College, and Sarah and David, high school students.



MR. AND MRS. GARY ANTION

Janice and Susan Antion would like to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents, Gary and Barbara Antion, June 30. Mr. Antion has been a Church member since 1959, and Mrs. Antion since 1960. Mr. Antion is a pastor-rank minister who serves as an associate professor of theology at Pasadena Ambassador College.



MR. AND MRS. CLYDE MOTTIN

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mottin, a deacon and deaconess in the Grand Island, Neb., church, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary July 1. They were baptized in 1956. The Mottins have two sons and two grandsons. Their son, Ken, his wife, Patty, and their sons, Brandon and Travis, also attend the Grand Island church.

Nestor Guspodarchuk, a deacon in the Winnipeg, Man., North church, and his wife, Kerry, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary July 20. The Guspodarchuks have four children.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WYMER

George and Gloria Wymer celebrated 25 years of marriage July 20. The Wymer attend the Jackson, Miss., church. Mrs. Wymer was baptized in 1977, and Mr. Wymer was baptized in 1979. Their son Kevin and daughter Kimberly also attend services.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Cordwell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 15. The Cordwells have been Church members since 1970. They attend the Hobart, Australia, church. The couple have five children, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. One child is deceased.



MR. AND MRS. NICK SASS

Nick and Lena Sass of Winniepegosis, Man., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 2. The Dauphin, Man., church honored them with a surprise get-together and supper after Sabbath services June 4. They were presented with a crystal vase.



MR. AND MRS. M. KOEKOEK

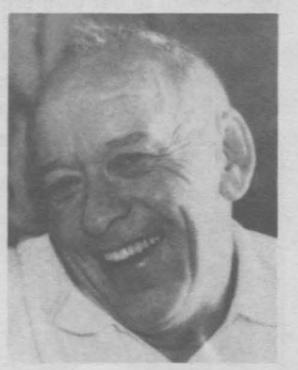
Mr. and Mrs. Marinus Koekoek celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 7, 1987, with a dinner given and attended by their 11 children and families. The dinner was followed by an open house. The Koekoeks were baptized with their daughter, Alice, and her husband, Marinus Paul, in 1969. They attend the St. Catherines, Ont., church. One son, Clarence, and two grandsons, Matthew and Roger Paul, also attend there. The Koekoeks have 28 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

BRANDLIN, Hazel A., 87, of Clearlake, Calif., died June 12 of a heart attack. She has been a Church member since 1961. Mrs. Brandlin is survived by a son, John; a daughter, Lois Marzoline; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Arthur Docken, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches.

COOKSON, Helen G., 78, of Paradise, Calif., died May 12 after a lingering illness. She was baptized in 1984. Mrs. Cookson is survived by her husband of 58 years, Albert; a son, Albert; three daughters, Carol Hill, Shirley Garrison and Patricia. One son, Robert, is deceased. Funeral services were conducted by Ray Lisman, pastor of the Chico and Eureka, Calif., churches.

LEDFORD, Lillian M., 85, of Paradise, Calif., died April 11 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1963. Mrs. Ledford is survived by her husband of 56 years, Rodney, also a Church member; two sisters, Anna Lee and Ellen Long; one sister-in-law, Mabel Strong; and several nieces and nephews. Ray Lisman, pastor of the Chico and Eureka, Calif., churches, conducted funeral services.

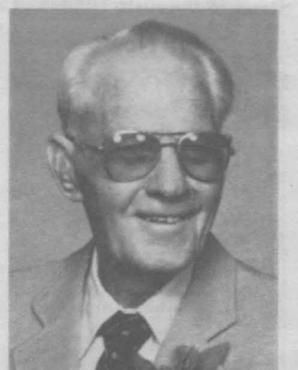


WALTER PREGITZER

PREGITZER, Walter, 60, of Calgary, Alta., died May 14 of heart disease. He was baptized in 1977. Mr. Pregitzer is survived by his wife, Mary, a Church member; a daughter, Lori Andrews, also a member; a daughter, Karen Horrocks; and two grandsons. A memorial service was conducted by Don Hildebrand, assistant pastor of the Calgary South church.

ASPENNS, Val J., 49, of Pasadena, died July 3 of cancer. He was baptized in 1960 and graduated from Ambassador College in 1965. Mr. Aspenns served as a deacon in the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church. He is survived by his wife, Cindy; a daughter, Kari; and a son, Glenn. Funeral services were conducted by Victor Root, pastor of the Auditorium A.M. church.

HERSHBERGER, Leo D., 75, of Iowa City, Iowa, died Jan. 10 after cardiac arrest Jan. 4. He has been a Church member since 1966. Mr. Hershberger is survived by his wife, Esther, a Church member; four daughters; 10 grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by Steve Nutzman, now pastor of the Minneapolis North and Mankato, Minn., churches.



DEBS THOMPSON

THOMPSON, Debs, 77, of Bakersfield, Calif., died June 3 of cancer. He has been a Church member since 1974, and was ordained a deacon in 1977. Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife, Penny, also a Church member; three children; two stepchildren; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted by Camilo Reyes, pastor of the Bakersfield and Mojave, Calif., churches.

LEONARD, Leland J., 71, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., died March 11. Mr. Leonard is survived by his wife, Betty, a Church member; three sons, Chris, Gary and Mike; one stepson, Larry; five sisters; and four brothers.

TACKETT, Foster, 60, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Jan. 3 of cancer. He has been a Church member since 1974. Mr. Tackett is survived by his wife, Marilyn, a Church member; three daughters, Janet Traff, Treela Aubrey and Karen Griffin; and one son, Shannon. Two of his daughters are Church members.

AYERS, Curtis, 69, of Falmouth, Ky., died June 11 at Middlesboro, Ky., after a long illness. He has been a Church member since 1984. Mr. Ayers is survived by his wife, Bobbie; three daughters, Mamie Eaves, Brigitte Cooper and Darla Myrick, all Church members; another daughter, Gwen; and a son, Demis. Funeral services were conducted by Bob League, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and Central churches.

BEGLEY, Carolyn, 36, of Hazard, Ky., died June 5 of a heart attack. She has been a Church member since 1983. Mrs. Begley is survived by two children, Patricia Ann and Johnny Gerald; her mother, Martha Little; four sisters, Barbara Turner, Allene Holland, Donna Kay Kilburn and Peggy Turner; and four brothers, Daniel, Gerald, Ted and Johnny. Her mother and sisters are Church members. Funeral services were conducted by Douglas Peitz, pastor of the Hazard and Pikeville, Ky., churches.

HARRIS, Errol, 82, of Ulverstone, Australia, died May 31. He was baptized in 1975. Mr. Harris is survived by one brother. Funeral services were conducted by Rodney McQueen, pastor of the Devonport, Hobart and Launceston, Australia, churches.

Insurance

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the illustration from Jewish history that shows how the Jews understood the use of the tithes. Let us reconsider this example—from Tobit, chapter 1, Authorized Version. (This is a historic, though uninspired, record): "A tenth part [the first tithe] of all my produce I would give to the sons of Levi, who officiated at Jerusalem, and another tenth [the second tithe] I would sell [because Tobit lived too far from Jerusalem to bring it there] and go and spend the proceeds in Jerusalem each year [at the annual feasts], and a third tenth I would give to those to whom it was fitting to give it, as Deborah my grandmother had instructed me—for I was left an orphan by my father."

For whom was it fitting to give the third tithe?—widows and orphans.

It is God's injunction that His people who have an earned income should plan to save the third tithe.

Why should some of His people expect to reap the benefits of others, and do nothing themselves?

With regard to aiding the needy, God does not expect you to loan or give to another if you do not have enough yourself. As Paul said: "For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance may also supply your lack [if that becomes necessary at a later time]—that there may be equality" (II Corinthians 8:13-14). God does not want us to give so much that we, in turn, become a financial burden to others.

Personal savings also

Being generous to others does not absolve one of the duty to have personal savings for the family. Don't forget the ant!

Each man who is the head of a family has a divinely appointed responsibility to provide savings for his children and grandchildren. Without such savings, many people would not have been able in the past to help God's Work as they did.

They voluntarily gave to the Work in a special crisis.

Without savings, how are you going to be able to aid someone who is really in need? How will you have money to loan a person who is in genuine need?

God could not expect you to graciously loan to another if you had not saved money in advance!

When the Church is not responsible

Now let us consider a personal responsibility of each member in God's Church. Turn to I Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 16: "Honor widows who are really widows. But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God . . . But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever . . . If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows"—those who are absolutely alone in the world.

Paul wrote this to Timothy. It was Timothy's duty to see that no one took advantage of the financial sacrifice of God's people. If you are able—and some think they are not able when they are able—to support widows and orphans in your household, you are to do so. That is acceptable before God, Paul said.

It is not the Church's duty in such cases to use the third tithe. God does not want spongers in His Kingdom!

Other insurance

It is the duty of each individual to provide for his own home through savings and insurance.

Consider, first, accident and liability insurance. Since most individuals cannot save enough money on their own in anticipation of emergencies, they ought to obtain auto, fire and liability insurance (and whatever else may be necessary), to fit their budget. We all become careless or take unnecessary chances at times. Accidents can happen to you! The experience of our own Church members proves it.

God is not going to prevent you from reaping the consequences of your carelessness. But He will deliver you—(just as I was writing this sentence I was interrupted by a member who injured his leg because he had failed to tighten a set screw on a router. Yes, accidents can and do happen. But thanks to God that we can pray to be healed or to be protected from infection in case of injury).

Continuing, many people cannot save unless they owe some life insurance company a premium obligation. What a shame! But be careful. Do not accept just any insurance company agent who comes along. Some companies are not sound. Remember, too, that acci-

dent, fire and educational insurance, that provide benefits in the next few years are more beneficial than life insurance—which will probably be of little value 20 years hence anyway! It is in addition to faith.

No insurance can replace faith. Otherwise God would not have provided third tithe as life and disaster insurance for the needy of His people in His own law.

If you are one who believes that insurance replaces faith, that is merely proof that you probably did not have any abiding faith in the first place.

Insurance is like works that should accompany faith. Insurance, like works, is never a substitute for faith. Faith is that assurance that God will ultimately deliver you out of difficulties you may become involved in. Paul was in several shipwrecks. God delivered him out of each of them after they happened. Paul often lost his property. Time and circumstance happen to us all. God alone could deliver Paul from death in such accidents. No insurance could have! But savings in the form of insurance would compensate Paul for his loss.

That is how God wants us to view the question of insurance.

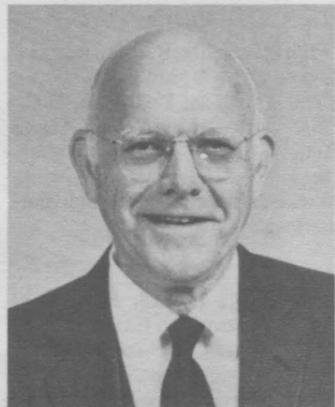
It is time we open our minds to receive God's understanding and believe and act on this command of God's law to save the third tithe. "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them," said Jesus.

Minister in Texas dies

HOUSTON, Tex.—Holcomb "Hal" Walker Baird Jr., 70, died May 25 in Tyler, Tex. Mr. Baird, a pastor-rank minister, assisted with counselings in the Big Sandy area, where he served since 1984.

Born in Port Arthur, Tex., Aug. 6, 1917, Mr. Baird was employed in the petroleum industry for 22 years before his ordination as a preaching elder in 1960. He was baptized in 1951 and attended Pasadena Ambassador College from 1957 to 1960.

He was hired into the full-time ministry in June, 1960, and his duties included conducting three baptizing tours across the United States in the early 1960s and serving in more than 20 congregations in Missouri, Texas, Oregon, California, Illinois and Wisconsin. He was raised to the rank of pastor in 1969. Mr. Baird also accompanied Ambassador College students to the



HAL BAIRD JR.

Jerusalem dig in 1975.

Mr. Baird is survived by his daughter, Jane Baird Ayres; a granddaughter Mary Ayres; and two grandsons, Willy and Matthew Ayres.

Burial was in League City, Tex.

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McCulley continued.

Once a site has been selected, one of the five regional housing supervisors conducts or oversees housing negotiations. These men are Mr. McCulley; Mr. Melear; Ellis La Ravia, Festival site manager in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Jack Patterson in Florida; and Ray Dick in Big Sandy.

A supervisor spends a week or more at a site working to obtain the best possible rates. This is why the Festival Office asks members not to make arrangements with any establishments not listed in the Festival Planner.

The Festival Office has received dozens of letters from mayors inviting the Church to conduct the Feast in their cities. The Church's volume of business can run from two to five million dollars at a site.

"This, coupled with the Church's reputation as people who take care of things, who are good people and who are great to deal with, makes us more than welcome," said Mr. McCulley.

"The Church has been tremendously blessed to be able to meet at beautiful resorts and cities, with ample recreation and restaurants. Being in these communities gives us the opportunity to let our lights shine," said Mr. McCulley.

Year-round effort

Planning and preparation is done on a Feast-to-Feast work cycle. Right after the Feast through January, Festival coordinator reports and member surveys are processed

and housing prices are negotiated.

From the end of January through the first part of February, the staff updates manuals and prepares for the annual two-day Festival coordinators meeting.

Work begins on the Festival Planner (containing U.S. and Canadian housing information). International site information is sent to *The Worldwide News*.

During the spring months, schedules are made and supplies are mailed to pastors. Site preparations are finalized, international applications are processed and it's time to register members for the Fall Feast.

The summer is spent arranging transfers, scheduling speakers, contacting Festival choir directors and handling a myriad of other details. New sites are researched and developed. Most sites are two to three years in the making.

Then the Feast comes and the cycle is repeated.

This year about 150,000 people will attend God's Feast at 100 sites around the world for eight days.

"Great credit goes to the coordinators and pastors for doing everything that is asked and doing it in the way that it is asked to be done. It's a big team effort," Mr. McCulley said.

The greatest aid to the success of the Feast is that each member follow instructions, he added. Procedures are thought out carefully and have come about from many years of experience.

"Logistically, it would be next to impossible for an outside organization to handle such a venture as smoothly. But that is where God's unifying Spirit is apparent," Mr. McCulley said.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Queen of ships host to awards banquets

Sunday, June 5, the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. and Imperial P.M. churches' annual awards banquets took place on the RMS *Queen Mary*, anchored at Long Beach, Calif.

About 450 brethren were gathered at the two banquets to hear speeches and watch the presentation of diplomas to graduating Spokesman Club members and awards to Church youths.

The theme for the Auditorium P.M. banquet was "The Heritage of Israel," and speeches contrasted the material blessings and benefits given by God to the physical nation of Israel with the greater blessings to be bestowed in the world tomorrow.

The Imperial P.M. church dedicated its evening to "The Honored Guests—Our Ladies—and to the Youth of the Church."

Auditorium P.M. speakers were Frank Ancona, Michael Limanni, Lynn Hebert and Daniel Loo. Imperial P.M. speakers were David Hyun, Peter Eddington and Bob Miller.

Spokesman Club diplomas went to Auditorium P.M. members Eugenio Api, Steven Falk, Vijay Gyan,

Bobby Jones, Robin Gridley, David Witt, Joshua Griffin and Mr. Limanni. Imperial P.M. Spokesman Club graduates were Sam Lennon, Bardet Lucas, Henry Miklush, Gary Roberto and Alexander Thomson.

Awards for service and participation were presented to Church youths.

The two congregations combined for dancing in the Britannia Salon and on the after deck of the ship. Music was provided by Ross Jutsum, chairman of the Music Department at Pasadena Ambassador College, and his band.

Europeans help nature work

Fifty-seven people from the Salzburg, Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches participated in a mountain-area tree-planting project May 15.

Brethren worked in groups of two—one digging and one planting.

"It was experiencing one of the jobs we will do in the world tomorrow," said one of the members. "Planting a tree in nature shows us

Construction of the *Queen Mary* began in England in 1930. The ship's maiden voyage was May 27, 1936. The ocean liner was used during World War II to transport troops. The *Queen Mary* also ferried troops from New York, N.Y., to Gourock, Scotland, to build up Allied forces in England for the D-day invasion.

Passenger capacity for the ship was 1,957, with 1,174 officers and crew members. After 30 years of service and 1,001 crossings of the Atlantic Ocean, the ship arrived at its final berth in Long Beach Dec. 9, 1967. Barry Gridley.

the creative work God is doing."

Rain watered the trees while the brethren gathered in a hut for a barbecue. After a sing-along the group headed home. Evelyn Hojnik.

Youths learn gun safety in Montana

A hunter safety course was conducted for preteens, teens and one adult from the Kalispell, Mont., church June 5 and 12.

Ron Smith, a member from Eureka, Mont., conducted the course at the ranch home of Jerry and Linda Trowbridge. Mr. Smith is a certified instructor for the State of Montana and volunteers his time to teach this course to groups of youths. By state law, those between the ages of 12 and 18 must take the safety course before obtaining a hunting license.

The course included gun handling, survival techniques, conservation, hunting laws, ethics and good sportsmanship.

Each of the 12 students who took the course passed the test.

During breaks and after the course was completed, the group helped with ranch chores, rode horses and helped build a tree fort. Roc Corbett.



SAFE SHOOTERS—Ron Smith (right) instructs a group in hunter safety at the Montana ranch home of Jerry and Linda Trowbridge.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—A sound track titled "Let the Celebration Begin," written by **Ross Jutsum**, chairman of the Ambassador College Music Department, was played at Americafest, the annual fireworks show at the Rose Bowl here July 4.

The Young Ambassadors were invited to perform the song live before the crowd of more than 45,000 people, but because of the logistics of fireworks occurring at the same time, a recording was made on campus and played in the Rose Bowl, according to Mr. Jutsum.

"Let the Celebration Begin" is also the theme song for the 1989 Tournament of Roses Parade, the 100th New Year's parade in Pasadena.

The Young Ambassadors will perform "Let the Celebration Begin" at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium in October, when a black-tie Rose Parade centennial gala will take place.

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PASADENA—**Nick Leaver**, a graphics artist in Television Production, constructed and painted a 43-inch model of a Saturn V rocket as part of an opening segment for a *World Tomorrow* program titled *Beyond the Stars* to be presented by evangelist **Richard Ames**.

The opening segment, filmed near the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, features scenes of the model rocket being launched.

"The model survived multiple launches as we filmed it from various angles with a special high-speed 16-mm. film camera used for slow-motion effects," said **Larry Omasta**, Media Services operation manager.

"We plan to intercut these scenes with actual footage of an Apollo lift-off provided by NASA [National Aeronautics and Space Administration]," he said.

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PASADENA—Eight world-class athletes competed in a two-part U.S. Olympic qualifying high jump meet on the Ambassador College track June 24 and July 1.

Dwight Stones, 34, a two-time Olympic medalist and past holder of 10 world high jump records, cleared 7 feet 5 inches on his last jump July 1. Mr. Stones has been coached by **Harry Sneider**, an Ambassador College faculty member, for the past 12 years.

Doug Nordquist, a 1984 Olympian and 1988 national champion, had the highest jump—7 feet 6½ inches. Both competed in the Olympic trials in Indianapolis, Ind., July 15 to 23.

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PASADENA—The Church's Publishing Department was mentioned in the spring issue of *Publishing Technology*, a journal for professional buyers of printing, publishing systems and related services.

The article said that Ambassador Publishing added graphics capabilities to its Bedford Meteor typesetting system that allows it to integrate text and graphics into the pages and output with all type and art elements in place.

"Ambassador produces all publications for Ambassador College and The Worldwide Church of God," said the article. "Its biggest challenge is the monthly magazine, *The Plain Truth*, which is printed in seven locations throughout the world in seven languages and assembled in the Pasadena, Calif., production center."

Roger Lippross, Publishing's production director, pictured next

to rows of *Plain Truths* in different languages, said that integrating graphics with text "is another example of Bedford's effort to get everything ready for press all at once."

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PASADENA—After conducting the Feast in Guatemala for five years for brethren in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, the 1988 Festival site for these countries will be in Tela, Honduras.

The facility is a beach resort on the northern coast of Honduras, said evangelist **Leon Walker**, Spanish regional director. Between 450 and 500 are expected to attend.

Herbert Cisneros, pastor of the Guatemala City, Guatemala, and San Salvador, El Salvador, churches, met the manager and found that he had been a reader of *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*).

"The manager, a Cypriot, was delighted to know that Mr. Cisneros represented *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) and lowered the price for Festival accommodations by 30 percent," said Mr. Walker.

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PASADENA—The Penticton, B.C., Feast of Tabernacles site is still open for transfers, according to the Festival Office.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—A few transfers are still needed to fill the Festival site in Lonauli, India. The site is the five-star *Fariyas Holiday Resort* in the Sahyadri Hills, 100 kilometers (about 60 miles) southeast of Bombay, India.

The cost is \$25 a day for each adult, including meals. Brethren

who are interested should immediately give an international Festival application to their pastor for forwarding to the Australian Office.

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PASADENA—More than 11,000 U.S. members—or 17 percent of the total—completed all 32 lessons of the Bible Correspondence Course during the past year. About 10,000 are now studying the course.

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PASADENA—Statisticians in Media Production Services report that there are 90,562 Church members in 125 countries and territories, or one in every 56,000 people on earth.

In the United States, the 65,062

members represent one in every 3,770 people. Member growth each year during the past 54 years averaged 17 percent in the United States and 18 percent worldwide.

Half of all U.S. members have been baptized in the past 10 years.

The member who has been baptized the longest is **Honor Wolverton**, who attends the Vancouver, Wash., church. She is the widow of **Basil Wolverton**, author of *The Bible Story*. Mrs. Wolverton was baptized more than 60 years ago.

Other longtime members include **Ena Gladys Sanner** from Salem, Ore., 58 years; **Blanche Burleson** from Albany, Ore., 55 years; **Alta Combs** from Albany, 54 years; **Bertha May Rothery** from Portland, Ore., East, 54 years; **E.H.** and

Edytha McBride from Amarillo, Tex., 53 years; **Emma Yoder** from Salem, 53 years; **Lurena Kantorik** from Medford, Ore., 53 years; and evangelist **Harold Jackson** from Pasadena, 52 years.

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PASADENA—The Church received the 10 millionth U.S. television response May 31, according to Media Production Services (MPS).

This number includes 1.8 million letters and 8.2 million telephone calls. The one million mark was reached in 1974. "If current trends continue, the Work will pass the 20 million mark in less than five years," said **Wayne Pyle**, MPS report coordinator.

Festival speakers announced

PASADENA—Church Administration released the following list of traveling speakers assigned from headquarters for the Feast.

Anchorage, Alaska: Don Lawson; **Big Sandy:** Robert Dick and Richard Ames; **Biloxi, Miss.:** Melvin Dahlgren and Ray Wright; **Chattanooga, Tenn.:** Ray Wright and Russell Duke.

Corpus Christi, Tex.: Larry Omasta and Melvin Dahlgren; **Dayton, Ohio:** Kyriacos Stavrinides and Gregory Sargent; **Eugene, Ore.:** Frederick Kellers and Norman Smith.

Jekyll Island, Ga.: Bob League and David Albert; **Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii:** Richard Thompson and David Wainwright; **Mount Pocono, Pa.:** Mark Kaplan and Gary Antion.

Norfolk, Va.: Dean Wilson and Mark Kaplan; **Palm Springs, Calif.:** Gregory Albrecht and Joseph Tkach Jr.; **Pasadena:** Joseph Tkach Jr. and Kyriacos Stavrinides; **Pensacola, Fla.:** Larry Salyer.

Rapid City, S.D.: Joseph Locke and Robert Dick; **Redding, Calif.:** James Peoples and Gregory Albrecht; **St. Petersburg, Fla.:** David Albert and Bob League.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y.: Gary Antion and Dean Wilson; **Spokane, Wash.:** Norman Smith and Frederick Kellers; **Tucson, Ariz.:** Richard Ames and James Peoples; **Tulsa, Okla.:** Russell Duke and Joseph Locke; **Vail, Colo.:** Michael Feazell.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.: Gregory Sargent and Larry Omasta.

Canada

Halifax, N.S.: Roderick Meredith; **Niagara Falls, N.Y.:** Lynn Torrance; **Penticton, B.C.:** Clint Zimmerman; **Regina, Sask.:** Roderick Meredith; **Sherbrooke, Que.:** Dibar Apartian and George Meeker; **Victoria, B.C.:** Clint Zimmerman.

Caribbean

Paradise Island, Bahamas: Harold Jackson and Edward Faulk; **Christ Church, Barbados:** Thomas Oakley; **Hamilton, Bermuda:** Lloyd Garrett; **Roseau, Dominica:** Garvin Greene.

Grand Anse Beach, Grenada: Chuck Zimmerman; **Georgetown, Guyana:** Timothy Snyder; **Montego Bay, Jamaica:** James Friddle; **Castries, St. Lucia:** Nelson Haas;

Crown Point, Tobago: Randy Schreiber.

Other international

Guest speakers at some international sites are being assigned by regional directors and are not listed here. Some speakers listed below will not speak at every site in a particular country.

Australia: Leon Walker, Ralph Helge, Keith Stump and David Roenspies; **Amman, Jordan:** Richard Frankel, Rowlen Tucker, Leroy Cole and David Mills; **Chiang Mai, Thailand:** John Halford, Fred Stevens, Steven Pelfrey and Herman Hoeh; **Ahungalla, Sri Lanka:** Herman Hoeh and John Bald; **Singapore:** Dean Blackwell and Arthur Docken.

Bonnardorf, West Germany: Leroy Neff, James Reyer, Paul Kroll and Alfred Mischnick; **Bredsten, Denmark:** Ronald Kelly and Richard Rice; **Brno, Czechoslovakia:** James Reyer and Leroy Neff; **Castelvecchio-Pascoli, Italy:** Gene Hogberg, Thomas Lapacka and Gerald Waterhouse.

France: Dibar Apartian and Ronald Kelly; **Hoogeveen, Netherlands:** Pieter Michielsen, Thomas Lapacka and Gene Hogberg; **Sliema, Malta:** Gerald Waterhouse; **United Kingdom:** Dennis Luker, Richard Rice, Donald Ward and Gerald Waterhouse.

Winneba, Ghana: Willard High; **South Africa:** George Patrickson and Steven Botha; **Acapulco, Mexico:** Bernard Schnippert; **Spanish areas:** Fernando Barriga, Larry Hinkle and Raul Ramos; **Fiji:** David Hulme; **Philippines:** Dexter Faulkner and Dean Blackwell; **New Zealand:** David Hulme.



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

PASADENA—In some areas of South Africa, "the situation is stabilizing, and in other areas it's deteriorating," said **Andre van Belkum**, pastor of the Cape Town, South Africa, church.

Speaking to Pasadena Auditorium P.M. brethren June 25, Mr. van Belkum said the situation in many areas is stabilizing, largely because of the state of emergency.

"When you don't have TV cameras covering rioting, the motivation to riot is greatly reduced."

"But it doesn't affect the members," he added. "They have a sense of urgency for God's Kingdom, they are positive, they understand God's plan and they see God richly blessing the Work in South Africa."

No members have been adversely affected by the political situation, although a member was threatened and asked to appear before a council related to the ANC (African National Congress).

"He was told in no uncertain terms that unless he participated in a demonstration, he would be necklaced [a gasoline-soaked tire is placed around the victim's neck and set aflame]," Mr. van Belkum explained. "He went along, and during the ensuing demonstration, he was able to slip

away without being observed.

"Please pray for our brethren in the predominantly black suburbs. They are under pressure constantly to join in with terrorist activities. It's not always easy for them. In many instances God has intervened and protected them. We do appreciate your concern worldwide."

Spanish minister

Pedro Rufian, a local elder in Santiago, Chile, and his wife, **Brigida**, will be transferred to Madrid, Spain, to serve brethren on the Iberian peninsula.

Mr. Rufian is a native of southern Spain.

Alvaro Palacio, a Colombian who attended Pasadena Ambassador College and now serves as a ministerial trainee in Bogota, Colombia, and his wife, **Laura**, will assist **Mario Seiglie** in Chile.

Madagascar

Thirteen people attended the second organized Sabbath service to be conducted in Madagascar June 18 in Antananarivo at the home of **Prosper Andriantasy**.

Visiting minister **Owen Willis**, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, spoke about the

basics of Christian life. The group usually receives tapes of Brussels, Belgium, Sabbath services.

June 19 the group gathered for its first social—a visit to the ancient palace of the kings and queens of Madagascar at Ambohimanga and a picnic.

Rigobert Rafiringason, one of the members there, told Mr. Willis at the end of his visit, "You understand our bad English, we understand your bad French, but we have the same Spirit and we are one big family."

Ministerial transfers

The Philippines Office announced the following ministerial transfers, which took place in May.

Jeremiah Ortiguero was transferred to pastor the Iloilo church; **Jose Luzuriaga** to Naga, Daet and Iriga; **Medardo Maninang** to Baguio and Lepanto; and **Romeo Pusta** to Zamboanga and Pagadian. **Jose Raduban** will pastor the Marikina church in addition to the Manila church.

Marcial Billacura, former pastor of the Zamboanga and Pagadian churches, was transferred for health reasons. He and his family are now in the Davao area, where Mr. Billacura will assist with the church as his health permits.

According to the French Office, **James Muir** will now pastor the Lille, France, church. The Lille church, formerly part of a three-church circuit pastored by **Jean Carion**, will now have weekly rather than bimonthly services.

Tony Gallagher will pastor the Lyon, France, church. The Rouen, France, church, pastored by **Gerard Claude**, will meet weekly instead of every other week. There will no longer be services in Caen, France.

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