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PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

A man asked me, "Will there ever be a time in this age when the Church will have peace from its enemies and detractors?"

I had to tell him that God has not promised His Church this kind of peace.

God does grant us great peace if we love His law. But He has also promised us persecution and trouble from those who have set themselves to oppose His Church.

Notice what Jesus said in John 15:20-21: "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me."

Jesus indeed was lied about. His teachings were twisted to sound as if they were dangerous and blasphemous. He was "counted among the transgressors." He was despised and rejected of men.

It should come as no surprise then, that His followers would be treated in a similar manner. As Paul wrote to Timothy, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Timothy 3:12).

Through the ages, some of the enemies of the Church of God have been people who were never part of it. Others, however, have been people who were once members.

In this age, some of these be-

came enemies of God's Church because their personal doctrinal or administrative ideas were not accepted by Mr. Herbert Armstrong. Others have become enemies because they felt they were not treated as they perhaps should have been.

We are warned in Hebrews 12:14-15, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." And certainly, God did not give this warning for no reason.

A root of bitterness often begins so small—perhaps a misunderstanding, a supposed or real injustice, hasty words, a lack of consideration—yet unless it is brought under control as Jesus taught, it grows strong, stifling the Holy Spirit within us and causing us to lose sight of the love, the patience, the forgive-

ness, the mercy, the humility and the faith of Jesus Christ.

The peace of mind that comes from casting all our burdens upon Him is lost.

Instead, the bitterness causes the once faithful individual to resort to his or her own methods of solving problems—lashing out, getting back, tearing down, accusing, faultfinding, being dishonest or biased with facts—all in an effort to hurt or discredit the source (as the critic sees it) of problems, or to justify one's own actions or ideas.

What approach should we take with such individuals? God instructs us not to have spiritual fellowship with them or otherwise commiserate with them. But we are also to pray for their repentance and return to the Body of Christ.

We are not to treat them like enemies in the way the world treats its enemies, even though they have made themselves enemies.

God says our attitude toward our enemies is important. It should be our hope that they will change and come under the grace of God.

Jesus said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you,

Ambassador College Starts 1988-89 School Year

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach was host at the Ambassador College freshman reception in Big Sandy Aug. 16. Mr. Tkach flew to the campus in the Church's Gulfstream III jet and attended the reception and a dance in the evening.

The next day he spoke to students and attended a faculty luncheon before returning to Pasadena.

Aug. 25 Mr. Tkach is scheduled to attend the freshman reception at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Classes start in Big Sandy Aug. 22, and in Pasadena Aug. 29. In-depth coverage of the start of the school year is scheduled for the Sept. 5 *Worldwide News*.

Imperial high school and elementary school begin classes in Pasadena Aug. 29.

do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45).

Paul showed us that putting these individuals out of fellowship with the Church is done to show them love.

It is God's way of helping them come to understand that unless they repent and allow themselves to be led by His Spirit they will later be cut off from fellowship with Him at the judgment—permanently.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some (See PERSONAL, page 7)

College makes changes in administrative staff

PASADENA—"We are streamlining the administrative structure of both colleges," said evangelist Donald Ward, vice chancellor of Ambassador College.

Dr. Ward announced that William Stenger, Pasadena registrar for 15 years, is now dean of instruction. "In recent years Pasadena has not had a dean of instruction. Dr. Stenger is already making a significant contribution in his new assignment."

Other administrative changes for both college campuses are as follows.

Evangelist Richard Ames, director of admissions, now serves as registrar. Associate registrar is Nina Rogers, who served as associate registrar in Big Sandy.

Gary Shaffer, manager of the Big Sandy campus bookstore, will now serve as associate registrar there. Brenda Germano is manager of the bookstore.

According to Dr. Stenger, additions to the full-time faculty include Roy Thompson, who will teach gymnastics, and Charles Wakefield, who will teach introduction to (See CHANGES, page 4)

Auditorium: best-kept secret

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—One of the best-kept secrets of the southern California arts scene may be the concert hall Yugoslavian pianist Ivo Pogorelich calls "fabulous, the best that money can buy," a venue comparable in its perfection only to the august Carnegie Hall.

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"Horizon has an international reputation in its coverage of the performing arts," said Wayne Shilkret, director of Performing Arts for the Ambassador Foundation.

This performing arts treasure is Pasadena's Ambassador Auditorium, an intimate, twelve-hundred-seat space where the acoustics are unrivaled and the guest performers are among the greatest the world has to offer. Von Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic have raised batons and instruments here, and it was here that Horowitz chose to come when he returned to touring twelve years ago.

The Ambassador Auditorium cuts a distinctive profile among

American performing-arts venues both by virtue of the sterling caliber of the artists it presents and its origins in a vision of global harmony that is both inspired and inspiring.

The auditorium operates under the aegis of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, which, along with Ambassador College, is an arm of the Worldwide Church of God. The foundation was formed to promote excellence and global understanding through a diverse array of international cultural, humanitarian and educational projects.

"The church's involvement in the Ambassador's multiple concert series," explains Wayne Shilkret, director of performing arts, "is to demonstrate quality and excellence. It has nothing to do with proselytizing. It's not to bring people into the church—that's not the goal at all. It's simply to demonstrate excellence and quality."

A cursory glance of the Ambassador's 1987-88 season is enough to affirm that Shilkret and his small staff have more than fulfilled the Foundation's goals of quality and excellence. A variety of series have been developed to meet wide-range audience tastes in the culturally sophisticated area.

While 75 to 80 percent of its con-

certs are presented in the auditorium on the lake, the Ambassador also presents performances in Los Angeles's six-thousand-seat Shrine Auditorium (where they've never played to an empty seat). The Kirov Ballet and Nureyev are among artists who have given dazzling Ambassador-sponsored performances at the Shrine. The ongoing Pops Series and the Ballet Series are staged in Pasadena's three-thousand-seat Civic Auditorium.

One of the most demanding—and exciting—parts of his job is anticipating and meeting changing performing arts tastes, says Shilkret. "We're constantly thinking about that. Sometimes we drop series; sometimes we add series."

Selecting the performers who grace the Ambassador's stage is, according to Shilkret, "easy. It's just the very best."

And that, in a nutshell, is the secret waiting for southern California concert goers—the best you can hear anywhere, in unequalled surroundings. The parking is plentiful and free, the selection of nearby restaurants superb. From beginning to end, the Ambassador is a concert goer's dream. As Shilkret himself says, "It's really quite extraordinary. You have to come here."

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Britain contests European megabloc

PASADENA—Global trade patterns suggest three possible economic megablocs in the coming years.

The first of these economic superpowers is the European Community. EC officials will concern themselves over the next four years with implementing successive phases of their 1992 internal market unification plan.

As the EC schedule progresses, other European countries that are concerned about being left on the outside may make overtures about membership. Austria already has.

But the view from Brussels is that few, if any, additional full members can be accommodated over the next four years while the EC is engaged in its reorganization.

The second megabloc is North America. The proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the United States and Canada is in part a reaction to Europe's 1992 drive, as well as to protectionist rumblings inside the U.S. Congress.

In a possibly more restrictive global market, Americans want to preserve their biggest market of all, Canada, while Canadians must assure themselves that they will be exempt from U.S. trade legislation.

Some experts hope that the FTA concept can be expanded into a Western Hemisphere economic zone to include Mexico and other countries of Latin America.

Latin fears of U.S. domination probably preclude this. With Spain and Portugal now in the European Community, watch for greater European inroads in Latin America.

The third bloc is centered in the

Asia-Pacific region. Here the Japanese are assuming the role as economic and political leader. The dynamic but smaller economies of Asia are beginning to crouch behind the shield of Japan's growing presence in the global trade arena.

Throughout Asia, Tokyo is "speaking softly but carrying a big stick"—of yen. The message is: We will help you with investments and aid if you get your houses in order.

Some Asian officials, observed the Aug. 6 *Los Angeles Times*, "worry what will happen if the U.S.-Canadian free trade agreement takes effect next year and the European Communities achieves full integration in 1992. They are encouraged that Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita emerged during the June economic summit in Toronto as a spokesman for much of Asia."

"Japan is now trying to lead some kind of Asia-Pacific grouping," one Asian diplomat said. "They have realized that the way to great-power status is through Asia."

It is in Europe that economic reorganization has achieved the greatest results so far. But not everybody is pleased about which direction Europe appears headed.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher attempted to squelch what she called "airy-fairy and absurd" talk about unification extending beyond the economic sphere into the political arena.

Mrs. Thatcher is opposed to proposals for a common European currency and a European Central Bank. These necessitate, in her view, a further erosion of sover-

eignty to a centralized authority.

Interviewed on BBC radio July 27 the prime minister revealed, according to a *Daily Telegraph* report, "her deep and passionate hostility to the idea of submerging Britain's national identity within a wider European federation."

"Few realize," Mr. Owen wrote, "that the EEC has in the past two years laid down common standards from which none of the Twelve can deviate without being taken to the European Court—for veterinary controls, cosmetics, pesticides, cranes, the quality of water . . . toy

Danes will say "enough is enough," and will get off the EC train (if they can't derail it). But other nations are eager to jump aboard.

According to William Pfaff, "the Europe that Mrs. Thatcher fears may eventually come—or it may not . . . If Britain doesn't want to belong, it will be free to opt out."

"One might think of those who would like to opt in . . . What about the other half of Europe? What if the 140 million people of Eastern and Central Europe were to achieve that union with democratic Western Europe which most of them dearly would want? . . . What if their Europe were added to 'Europe'?"

Finally, *Journal of Commerce* correspondent Bruce Barnard notes the "ironic historical twist" of Western European countries surrendering their sovereignty while the Eastern European nations demand more freedom from Moscow and greater contacts with the EC.

"A United States of (Western) Europe and an independent Eastern Europe appear as dots on the horizon," wrote Mr. Barnard. "But powerful pressures are building up to turn the dream into reality as the 20th century draws to a close."

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



Mrs. Thatcher directed her criticism against EC Commission President Jacques Delors, who predicted that within 10 years, 80 percent of economic and social policies would be decided by the Community and not the national parliaments.

Mrs. Thatcher said she could see no circumstances in which she would hand over the vast majority of economic and social decisions to Europe.

It's rather late, however, to stop the unification steamroller. Most Europeans—not just the British—don't comprehend that the 12 national governments are increasingly only repackaging or rubber-stamping EC laws for their own populations.

The growing web of EC legislation, wrote Richard Owen in *The Times* of London, Feb. 27, "affects almost everything we eat, use at home, make in factories, or drive."

the world tomorrow—billions of perfect, powerful, Spirit-born members of His own Family, enjoying endless happiness and achievement and ruling the universe.

Another thing about our children. As parents in God's Church we often are so involved in praying for pressing needs of the Work, family and job that we tend to forget those broader matters that need our prayers just as urgently.

From time to time we need to focus our prayers on long-term concerns and character qualities of our little children and teenagers. Christ certainly set us this example in Matthew 19:13.

Here are some key factors we ought to consider when praying for our children:

First of all picture your children five, 10 and 15 years from now.

Pray for good strong character qualities in your children. Ask God to provide for situations and insights that will fashion these characteristics daily. Pray that they don't live accidental, but organized, godly lives.

Also pray for wisdom for yourself—to advise and encourage, not dictate. No matter what choice they make in years to come, ask that God's will be done.

Pray especially that through your example God might call your children to conversion when and as He sees fit.

Pray for your child's future spouse. Ask God's hand to be involved in the selection. He answers this prayer of parents, I know.

In this degenerate age of disease and illness, pray for your children's health physically and mentally.

Pray for others' children, especially those pretteens and teens who attend Church. They need our prayers because they are bombarded daily with peer pressure and Satan's devices to pull them away from God's truth.

As parents we should consider not so much what the child is today as what he or she may become tomorrow. Parenting is not easy. Work at it. Pray about your children. The rewards will be great.

safety, life insurance, car exhausts, transport of dangerous chemicals . . . lead-free petrol, mobile telephones, educational qualifications, lawnmower noise, and insurance regulations . . . All have to be adopted as national law in all 12 states."

One gets the impression that sometime in the future, the British, and perhaps the equally reluctant

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Looking at America: what the public wants

BOREHAMWOOD, England—How does an American keep up with affairs stateside when he lives across the Atlantic? It isn't easy, but the *International Herald Tribune* is no end of help.

The *Tribune* is a fairly compact newspaper with a selection of articles from the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times*. Many a Yank abroad breakfasts with the *Tribune*.

A book review in the June 30 edition about *What Americans Really Think and Why Our Politicians Pay No Attention*, caught my eye.

In the book author Barry Sussman compiles an American consensus on beliefs, goals and concerns.

Mr. Sussman labels these goals the "Public Agenda."

- Give us a decent, stable economy
- There shall be no more Vietnams
- The nation shall have a strong military defense
- There shall be a reduction in nuclear weaponry
- Don't trifle with the Social Security system or Medicare
- Give the poor a fair chance at joining the mainstream of America
- Let government spend what it takes to reduce crime and illegal drug usage
- Restore cleanliness to the nation's air and water
- Strive for fairness and equity in government and taxation
- And above all one main request: Give us a decent, stable economy

Beautiful goals, but they are fraught with contradictory dilemmas. How is America going to possess a strong, stable economy while throwing money at crime and drug abuse, supporting Social Security and Medicare, cleaning up the environment and at the same time giving the poor a fair chance? The U.S. economy cannot begin to fund these laudable goals.

It's the old "have your cake and eat it too" syndrome. American

wants are nothing less than utopian in this nonutopian world.

Americans want a strong defense along with a reduction in nuclear weapons and no more Vietnams. That is far different from President John F. Kennedy's "fight any foe" speech to police this planet.

Military might is based on nuclear weapons. How can a nation reduce its dependence on atomic hardware and maintain a strong defense?

Also inherent in this list is the naive belief that a nation can spend its way out of modern megaproblems. America has already tried that one on, and it didn't fit.

Nonetheless, one of the great character traits of Americans is their optimism—their belief that wrongs can be put right—that they can have both guns and butter.

First came President Theodore Roosevelt's Square Deal in the early part of this century. Every American, if he or she worked hard enough, was entitled to a generous share of an economic pie that was growing larger by the day.

Then Franklin Roosevelt encouraged the impoverished America of the '30s with the New Deal. This was followed by Harry Truman's Fair Deal and Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. Today we're a little short of convenient catch phrases.

It is only human to want things to be right. We cannot fully accept the world the way it is. We ache for utopian conditions. We complain about faults in the system. But the world goes about it in exactly the wrong way.

A June 25 *Times* article on the drought-causing greenhouse effect reported that "the cause gets back to the very essence of economy, energy use, agriculture and the whole world's way of life."

God's law is traveling down one road, and this world is traveling down another, altogether different, road. That's the nub of the problem. Even secular observers now recognize the culprit is this world's questionable way of life.

Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner



Pray for the children

"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deuteronomy 11:18-21, New International Version).

Obviously, God considers teaching your children a vitally important parental responsibility. If a child is taught the proper way of life from the time he is young, he will not cast aside that training as he grows up (Proverbs 22:6).

Over the years my family has found it rewarding to discuss God's Word after a meal. In this relaxed environment many of today's problems and joys can be shared and lessons learned.

Especially emphasize to your children this overall principle: Obedience to God and His laws produces happiness and blessings. Disobedience and rebellion bring unhappiness and punishment.

By making sure your children understand that the only way to be truly happy is by pleasing and glorifying God, you will develop their sense of morality.

When you tell your children what the Bible says, make sure you tell them *exactly* what the Bible says. Don't fictionalize about the biblical characters just to hold their interest. Give them a realistic, mature, serious view of God's Word.

It's better not to depend on storybooks *about* the Bible—use the Bible itself. Other sources, with the exception of the Church's own *Bible Story* and Youth Educational



Set a regular time for teaching your children about the Bible, and stick to it. If family discussions are interesting, the children will look forward to Bible study time.

Keep sessions short enough so your children don't get tired. Some parents have turned their children against God's Church by forcing them to endure long lecture periods.

As children mature into adolescents and teenagers, you can introduce them to more complicated concepts and encourage them to begin to study the Bible on their own.

Studying the Bible as a family group will strengthen the unit that physically pictures God's goal for

38 youths tour Soviet Union, find Russians warm, open

By Victor Kubik

ANOKA, Minn.—Thirty-eight Church youths from the United States along with six chaperons traveled to three cities in the Soviet Union June 25 to July 3.

Victor Kubik pastors the Minneapolis North and St. Cloud, Minn., churches.

They were accompanied by evangelist Richard Ames and his wife, Kathryn, Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis North and St. Cloud, Minn., churches, and his wife, Beverly, Simone Lovett, an Ambassador College senior, and 1988 graduate Aaron Eagle.

This Youth Opportunities United (YOU) trip coincided with

several events in the Soviet Union. U.S. President Ronald Reagan journeyed to Moscow just weeks before. The Communist Party conducted its 19th party conference—the first since 1941—while the YOU toured. Also, the Russians were commemorating the millennium of Christianity within their territories.

On this trip Church youths not only toured Leningrad and Moscow as they had two years before, but also visited Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine.

Since the 1986 trip there have been noticeable changes in Soviet life. Through the government's encouragement of *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (restructuring), a new spirit of hope fills Soviet

citizens.

Official government tour guides openly expressed their personal feelings about the future, including honest appraisals about the government and state of the economy.

The trip overlapped two Sabbaths on which Mr. Ames and Mr. Kubik presented Bible studies about the Soviet Union in history and prophecy and how people will ultimately live in peace.

In all three cities students were given general city tours plus extra excursions to famous sites. Favorite stops were Red Square and V.I. Lenin's tomb, where his body is displayed in a glass casket.

In Moscow students toured the State Art Museum, Gorky Park, saw a circus and enjoyed a nationally renowned radio and television orchestra. There was also time to ride what many consider the finest subway in the world.

After Moscow the group flew to Kiev, an old city that reached its zenith in the 11th and 12th centuries, when it was larger than either London or Paris. Here they viewed St. Sophia's Cathedral, built in the 11th century by Yaroslav the Wise, whose daughter Anna married Henry I of France.

Also, we saw the memorial at Babi Yar erected to the victims of the Nazi occupation in World War II, and a war memorial overlooking

the Dnieper River, which honored hundreds of thousands who died during the Nazi invasion.

Next stop was Leningrad. Formerly called St. Petersburg and Petrograd, this was the capital of Russia from 1712 till 1917. For some this was their favorite city on the tour—a city with picturesque canals and magnificent buildings dating back to the czars. From here the trip concluded with a train ride to Helsinki, Finland, and the flight back to the United States.

What did the youths learn?

Many myths about Russian people were dispelled on this 12-day tour. Church youths found the Russians warm, generous, curious and friendly. They found that they like Americans.

There were several encounters with Russian citizens. In Leningrad the group met with Russian students. One of the group met with friends of his family in Moscow. After the travel with YOU, Mr. Kubik met with his aunts, uncles and cousins for four days near Kharkow in the Ukraine.



SUMMER COMMENCEMENT—Husband, Neil, and son, Nathaniel, share the joy of Janyth Matkin, right, after she received her associate of arts degree at graduation exercises Aug. 10. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Q&A from the Pastor General's Report

Does Matthew 23:7-10, in principle, apply to the practice in God's Church today of referring to ministers as Mr.? Isn't Mr. just an abbreviation of the word Master, which Jesus was saying we shouldn't use in reference to men?

Jesus was speaking of an attitude of vanity and preeminence that had taken hold of the religious leaders of the day—the attitude of calling special attention to one's presumed greater righteousness or one's supposed spiritual superiority. Any title used in such a manner is wrong.

This is why in the Church of God the custom is to refer to ministers in the same way as everyone else. The ecclesiastical titles Father, Rabbi, Reverend, His Eminence and others are not used. Instead, ministers are referred to by the simple address of Mr. (or its foreign equivalent in other languages), followed by their last name, which is the min-

imum standard of courtesy in Western society.

Whatever the etymological roots of the word Mr., it has no religious or class significance in the Western world today. It is common in Western society to address young boys as Master, as in Master John, or Master William.

Girls and unmarried women are addressed commonly as Miss. Married women are addressed as Mrs. Growing in acceptance for women, whether married or unmarried, is the general title, Ms. And men are commonly addressed as Mr.

Often, Mr. and Mrs. are used merely to differentiate between husband and wife.

None of these titles are understood today to have any religious significance. They are not reserved for ministers. They are not reserved for government officials, or for business executives, or for judges. Quite unlike the titles Rabbi or Reverend, the title Mr. has no special significance except as a very general term of formality or respect.

Therefore, use of the title Mr. in addressing ministers is a fitting and appropriate custom in God's Church, but is not a matter of doctrine. Though the relationship between a minister and a congregation is essentially a formal one, formality can be broken on appropriate occasions.

For example, in the case of a long-time friend or business associate becoming ordained, members with a prior relationship to the new elder may certainly call him by his first name in private gatherings, but in the larger social settings of Church services or Spokesman Club meetings it is appropriate to address him as Mr. and his wife as Mrs.

The Bible tells us that ministers are over us in the Lord and should be esteemed very highly because of the work they are doing (I Thessalonians 5:12-13). They are counted worthy of double honor (I Timothy 5:17). How much more, then, the minimum standard of courtesy?

However, of course, using the term Mr. for ministers in no way implies or should be made to imply that ministers are better than members.

Use of the term Mr., like Mrs. and Miss, is only an appropriate and courteous way of showing customary and common respect when addressing anyone in the English language.

Pediatrician calls it two miracles

Karen: the 'miracle baby'

By Mary Williams

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Karen's middle name is Janene. Janene means "God's gracious gift."

Russ and Mary Williams attend the North Hollywood, Calif., church.

Karen was given to us twice: first on Father's Day in 1987 when she was born, and again on the Sabbath, May 7, 1988, after her heart stopped three times.

On that day, her body was cold, her lips were purple and her skin was discolored. She was swollen and had a half dozen tubes and wires attached to her. She did not look at all like our baby.

On that day we cried and our pediatrician was crying with us, certain that Karen would soon be gone. She had been brought by ambulance from our pediatrician's office to Huntington Hospital in Pasadena the day before.

She was now listed as "critical, no improvement." An infection attacked her red blood cells, depriving her vital organs of oxygen and devastating her body. Her heart rate, which was monitored on a computer screen, was twice as fast as it should have been.

My husband, Russ, and I were with her in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at about 7 a.m., May 7, as we watched Karen's heart rate drop.

We thought that was a sign of some improvement until we realized it was dropping too fast. Karen's eyes had a faraway look as she gazed up at the ceiling and her first cardiac arrest began. We were sent to a small waiting room while a specialist revived her with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a drug to stimulate her heart.

Twenty minutes later Karen had a second cardiac arrest from which she was also revived. However, the specialist told us that he was certain

she could not survive a third cardiac arrest.

I could not believe all of this was happening. I asked our pediatrician if Karen was going to die, and she didn't answer me. Her silence sent an unforgettable message as I finally began to grieve for my baby girl.

A trial I thought I could not endure suddenly came upon me. My husband asked, if I had my choice, would I have taken Karen for just 10 months or would I have chosen to not have her at all?

Of course, I chose to have her, even if only for 10 short months. She had brought so much love and joy to everyone, especially to our three older children, ages 6, 9 and 12. Everyone loved her.

John Ritenbaugh, our pastor, anointed Karen for her heart, and we waited. We were now at peace with the situation and therefore ready when the third cardiac arrest came at about 3 p.m. that Sabbath afternoon.

Meanwhile, unknown to us, Louis Fakhouri, a local church elder in our congregation, was preaching a split sermon that he had planned several months earlier.

The subject was trials, and he based what he said on the story of his own son who was miraculously healed of a spinal injury in 1979 that should have left him a quadriplegic.

At the very time of Mr. Fakhouri's split sermon we were saying good-bye to Karen. We reached the point of being willing to give her up, but then in God's mercy, this terrible loss was not required of us.

The specialist had told us that Karen had a 1 percent chance of survival, but in looking back on it, we could see that he really felt she had no chance. He just couldn't bring himself to take all hope away from us as parents. He later called her survival an act of God.

He had called a neurologist in for a second opinion, probably to verify

his opinion that Karen was brain dead. Instead, before the sun set on that Sabbath, the neurologist was getting some response from her, despite the fact that she was on a respirator and not conscious.

The next day was Mother's Day. The same neurologist came back and checked Karen. "She looks great!" he said, speaking in relative terms, but we understood what he meant. He was getting more response from her than he did the day before.

From that time on I was encouraged that Karen was going to make it. We had some setbacks. Her kidneys seemed to shut down one night, but the next morning I saw urine gush past the catheter that was in her. The only other major procedure that was performed was a tap to remove fluid that accumulated around her heart.

After 10 days Karen came off the respirator. The first blood check taken to see if the oxygen and carbon dioxide exchange was functioning normally showed remarkable results.

"That's incredible! I've never seen anything like it in an ICU [intensive care unit]," I heard the nurses and therapist say.

After 3½ weeks in the hospital, we brought Karen home. Her chart had listed 23 medical problems, dating from May 6 to May 11, filling one whole side and half the back of this particular form in her file. All of those medical problems were healed by God.

Our pediatrician said that there were "two miracles" (her choice of words) involved: one, that Karen was alive, and two, that she would be a "normal child" (no brain or organ damage).

Whether two miracles or one complete healing, Karen is alive and well today because God gave her back to us. She is "God's gracious gift."

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Incoming freshmen awarded scholarships to Ambassador

PASADENA—Ten incoming freshmen to Ambassador College were awarded one-year, full-tuition scholarships as recipients of the Chancellor's Scholarships, according to evangelist Donald Ward, vice chancellor.

The scholarships are awarded to high school graduates from the 1987-88 school year on the basis of academic achievement and character. Although the number of recipients may vary, usually five freshmen from each campus are chosen by the admissions committee, according to Dr. Ward.

Some students earned a grade point average (GPA) higher than 4.0 from taking honors classes.

This year's recipients are William Crow, from Katy, Tex., Michael Hatmaker, Munster, Ind., Lisa Jones, Clarksville, Ind., Lisa

Kissel, Walkersville, Md., and Sara Lamb, Columbus, Ohio, who will attend Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Recipients who will attend Ambassador College in Big Sandy are Robin Branam, Gladewater, Tex., Noah Fiedler, Temperance, Mich., Wendy Kendall, Winston-Salem, N.C., Anthony Owens, Rossville, Ga., and Janet Pachinger, Oberlin, Ohio.

Pasadena profiles

William Crow, who graduated with a 4.59 GPA, was president of his high school's National Honor Society and vice president of the senior class. William was active in athletics and was a member of a foreign language club.

In Church activities he participated in talent contests, attended

the Summer Educational Program (SEP) and was a member of the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Council.

Michael Hatmaker, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA, was active in YOU track, basketball and volleyball. He was a member of the church band. He attended the SEP and twice served as an officer of the Youth Council. Michael programs software and worked as the assistant manager of a computer store for two years.

Lisa Jones, who earned a 4.28 GPA, was captain of her school's volleyball team and cheerleading squad, and participated on the track team. She wrote for the high school newspaper, participated in band and was a member of the National Honor Society. She also was an officer on the Youth Council and attended the SEP.

Lisa Kissel, who earned a 4.0 GPA, participated in varsity track and volleyball and wrote for the school magazine. She was an officer in a foreign language club and a member of the National Honor Society. In YOU she participated in volleyball and served as captain of the cheerleading squad. Lisa also participates in choir and attended the SEP.

Sara Lamb, who graduated with a 4.32 GPA, participated in varsity track and volleyball in high school, and was features editor of her school

newspaper. She served on the Youth Council and participated in YOU basketball, track and volleyball.

Nondiscriminatory Policy to Students

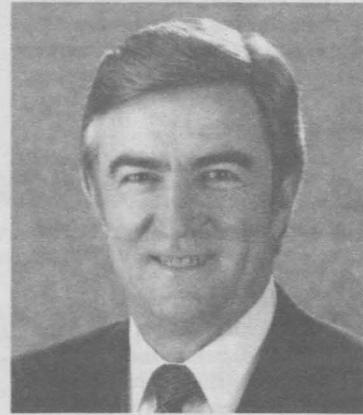
Ambassador College admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational programs, and athletics and other school administered programs.

Changes

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computer information systems.

New part-time faculty members are Deborah Barr, comparative word processing; Elizabeth Russell, intermediate business applications programming; Paul Sullivan, cycling;



DONALD WARD

evangelist Leon Walker, epistles of Paul; and Roger Widmer, fundamentals of speech laboratory.

Michael Feazell, personal assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, will teach a theology course for the spring semester, Dr. Stenger said.

Additionally, "there has been a realignment of teaching assignments because of transfers and new hires," Dr. Stenger said.

"Our principal focus is on the improvement of instruction," said Dr. Ward. "We want students to become active learners and participants in the classroom."

"Many students in the world today tend to sit through classes as inactive sponges. Then, when a test is announced, they crash and cram all

night for the test," Dr. Ward said. "Plans call for more short tests and written work during class. This will serve to keep the students in the active mode in and out of class."

New full-time faculty members in Big Sandy include Andrew Burnett, who will teach team sports and conditioning; Joseph Campbell, conditioning, weight training and individual sports; Thomas Delamater, mass communications; Peter Nathan (formerly regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific), speech; Sarah Baker, information keyboarding and comparative word processing; and Randal Urwiller, freshman English composition.

Mr. Delamater will also serve as adviser to the *Portfolio*, the student newspaper, and Mr. Nathan will assist with Ambassador Clubs.

Richard Paige transferred from Pasadena to teach western civilization and ancient Israel. He replaces Clifford Anderson, who is retiring for health reasons.

John Bearse, a graduate assistant in audiovisual, is now media services librarian. Wesley Weatherman has been hired as a graduate assistant in the computer information systems area. He will teach microcomputer applications in business.

New part-time faculty members are Melodee Overton, graduate assistant in home economics, and Donald Miller, lecturer in business.

"We are very encouraged about the opportunities we all have here this fall. We have been blessed with a number of very fine people joining the staff. We are looking forward to the new student population, and we know we are going to have an excellent college year," said Michael Germano, Big Sandy dean of faculty.

Jobs, scholarships, grants

College offers sources of aid

PASADENA—Ambassador College offers a variety of scholarships and financial aid to help qualified students meet their expenses, according to the Financial Aid Office. These include:

Student employment: The main source of financial aid is on-campus employment. Most student jobs average between 15 and 20 hours a week. Hourly wages are determined by the student employment office and vary according to class standing (freshman, sophomore, junior and senior). When extra funds are available, bonuses are awarded annually to students with outstanding work records.

Students who work the standard number of hours, and who come to college with the amount of money stipulated in the college catalog, typically need little outside financial assistance.

International grants: Disbursements are awarded twice annually to international students according to need (incoming students are not eligible). Deserving students are awarded grants following an application to the financial aid officer. The amount of aid varies according to need.

Restricted funds: Disbursements are awarded twice annually to U.S. citizens according to need. Students apply to the financial aid officer for grants (incoming students are not eligible).

Regional scholarships: These scholarships, available to incoming freshmen only, are awarded to international students recommended by their regional directors. Applications for this one-year, full-tuition scholarship are made through church pastors of the Worldwide Church of God. Selection is based on achievement and need.

Extracurricular awards: Scholarships are awarded to the editor of the college newspaper, the *Portfolio*, the manager of the campus ra-

two foreign languages. She participated in YOU basketball, volleyball and cheerleading and was a member of the Youth Council. She attended the SEP both as a camper and as a high school worker.

Big Sandy profiles

Robin Branam, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA, was a member of the National Honor Society and a foreign language club, and worked for her high school newspaper. She participated in YOU track and cheerleading and served on the Youth Council. Robin has attended the SEPs in both Big Sandy and Orr, Minn.

Noah Fiedler, who earned a 3.78 GPA, participated in varsity basketball and track. He studied foreign language for four years, and was a member of the National Honor Society and the jazz band. He also represented his school at the Michigan Boys' State. Noah participated in YOU sports, was a member of the Youth Council and attended the SEP both as a camper and as a high school worker.

Wendy Kendall, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA, was a member of the National Honor Society and the high school band. She also studied

Janet Pachinger, who graduated with a 3.82 GPA, participated in track and volleyball. She also played several instruments in the high school band and sang in the chorale. She was a member of the National Honor Society, senior class secretary and an assistant editor of her school yearbook.

In YOU Janet participated in

track, volleyball, cheerleading and

talent contests, and served on the

Youth Council.

some students additional sources of income may be necessary while at Ambassador. Support can come from family and friends, savings or financial aid from other sources such as local or state scholarships. A number of banks, insurance companies and finance corporations may lend funds to parents for educational purposes. Canadian students may apply for Canadian student loans.

Chancellor's scholarships are also available. (See article, this page.)

Ambassador College does not participate in financial aid programs offered by the United States government (such as the G.I. Bill, Pell Grants, Federal Insured Student Loans, national Deferred Student Loans, College Work Study) or by state governments (such as California state scholarships).

Some students apply to Ambassador College already having a federal government loan. These students should address their situation carefully as repayment schedules cannot be met from income earned at Ambassador.

The estimated expense for one year of undergraduate study at Ambassador College is \$4,600 for a single student living on campus and \$1,700, plus living expenses, for a married student. Incoming freshmen are required to have a minimum of \$3,200 on hand when they arrive for registration.

The Financial Aid offices in Pasadena and Big Sandy will respond to inquiries about student financial matters by mail, telephone or personal conference. Questions to the Pasadena campus can be mailed to the Financial Aid Office, Ambassador College, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or telephone 818-304-6008.

Questions to the Big Sandy campus can be mailed to the Financial Aid Office, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, or telephone 214-636-4311.

Work requests resumes from computer experts

PASADENA—Computer Information Systems (CIS) is making some long-term staffing plans. The Personnel Department would like to hear from systems analysts and programer analysts who meet the following qualifications.

At least seven years programing or analysis experience on IBM mainframes with MVS and VM; at least four years experience developing terminal-based, on-line, real-time systems; at least one year of microcomputer MS-DOS experience, including familiarity with word processing, spread sheets and data bases; strong verbal and written skills; and U.S. citizenship or a

permanent U.S. work permit.

Experience in the following areas would be helpful: IBM System/370 assembly language; MVS JCL; the "C" programing language; CASE tools; relational data bases on microcomputers or mainframes; SQL; and data dictionary systems.

Applicants must be willing and able to relocate to the Los Angeles area. CIS is not offering employment at this time, but would like to hear from those who are interested and meet the requirements. Please send a resume and cover letter to Joe Slevin, Personnel Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Certain classes are required for students who desire to serve on international projects. From those classes the college administration and the president of the Ambassador Foundation select a limited number of students for the projects.

The Ambassador Foundation also funds scholarships for incoming students from underdeveloped countries. The Admissions Office determines the need of accepted students and recommends the amount of aid to be given by the foundation.

Other sources of assistance: For



A history of keeping the Feast

By Hugh Mauck

The Feast of Tabernacles is so important to God that it was one of the first commandments He gave to the children of Israel when He brought them out of slavery in Egypt and made them His nation (Leviticus 23:34).

Hugh Mauck supervises the periodicals section of the Mail Processing Center.

But Israel did not properly keep the Feast after the time of Joshua (Nehemiah 8:17).

It was one of the first commandments God gave the Jews when He began to bring them out of slavery after 70 years in Babylon, to reestablish them as His nation in Jerusalem (Nehemiah 8:14, 18).

But after the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, the Jews didn't really observe the Feast as God required.

Keeping the Feast of Tabernacles was one of the first spiritual lessons God taught Herbert W. Armstrong. And when Christ returns and sets up the Kingdom of God, He will once again teach keeping the Feast of Tabernacles, along with God's other commandments, as a requirement for any people who would receive blessings and understanding:

"And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon

them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague . . . This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zechariah 14:17-19).

Even so, some in the early days of the Millennium will not keep the Feast until they see the results of having no rain.

But the Church and people of God do keep it, and will do so forever.

In the early days of this age of the Church, only two people—Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong—kept the Feast. But eventually millions will, then the whole world will come to worship God by keeping the Feast of Tabernacles.

A tiny beginning

In a letter Mr. Armstrong wrote to the Church in April, 1964, he recalled: "God first revealed the truth about His Holy Days and festivals to Mrs. Armstrong and me way back in 1927. Until 1934—seven years—do you know how big the attendance was? It was exactly two. Not two hundred, or two thousand—just two people—Mrs. Armstrong and me."

The *World Tomorrow* broadcast officially began the first week in January, 1934, and the *Plain Truth* magazine began publication the first week in February that significant year.

That was the first year members

of the Church began keeping the Holy Days with Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. Some 21 members met on the annual Sabbaths at the Jeans schoolhouse about 12 miles west of Eugene, Ore.

Of course the commandment to keep the Feast of Tabernacles includes keeping all seven of the annual Holy Days and taking the Passover.

Mr. Armstrong wrote in an April, 1934, Church bulletin of observing the solemn and sacred Passover Thursday, March 29, of that year.

The following March he wrote instructions for keeping the seven days of Unleavened Bread with the two Holy Days.

The Church kept the Holy Days during the Feast of Tabernacles through the years 1935 to 1944 in a little church building on West Eighth Street in Eugene.

Festival sites added

The Feast was conducted in Belknap Springs, Ore., from 1945 to 1951. The year 1948 was the first time Ambassador College students attended. There were seven of them, and attendance was about 75.

By 1950 full-time attendance was around 100, and in 1951, Mr. Armstrong wrote, "We were uncomfortably overcrowded at Belknap Springs with about 150."

In 1952 the Feast of Tabernacles took place at Seigler Springs, Calif. He wrote, "We outgrew that springs resort that first year,

with 450 in attendance."

In 1953 the Festival was moved to what is now the college library in Big Sandy, with an attendance of about 650 who observed the entire eight days.

In 1954 the Festival brought an attendance of about 1,050. In 1955 it went up to 1,500, then in 1956 to 2,100, and we outgrew the tabernacle. The 1957 Festival saw 500 more having to stand or sit outside, with an attendance of 2,750.

In 1958 the Church constructed what is now the field house in Big Sandy and 4,035 people attended, which was almost capacity. Then in 1959 the field house was increased in size, and 5,511 people attended. In 1960 attendance reached 7,025, at which time the Church outgrew the tabernacle.

In 1961 God opened Squaw Valley, Calif., to the Church, with an attendance of 3,491 in Squaw Valley and 6,300 in Big Sandy, making total attendance 9,791.

It was this year the Feast became large enough to require a Feast Coordinating Office in Pasadena.

The year 1962 brought 7,737 trying to jam into the tabernacle at Big Sandy, and 5,123 at Squaw Valley for a total just short of 13,000.

With the Church outgrowing both locations, God opened up Jekyll Island, Ga., in 1963, with 4,789 attending. With 5,374 at Squaw Valley and 6,750 in Big Sandy, attendance reached a total just short of 17,000.

Steady growth continues

A fourth festival site had to be added in 1966. Mount Pocono, Pa., was selected.

In the meantime the Feast of Tabernacles began to be conducted in England. Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse wrote that 28 attended in 1957 (May-June, 1972, *Good News*).

The Church opened its Australian Office in December, 1959, and the Church was established in January, 1960. That same year 104 people kept the first Feast of Tabernacles south of the equator.

The Church in South Africa was established March 23, 1963, in Johannesburg, and 93 people kept the Feast of Tabernacles there.

The year 1969 saw the first Festival site established in Canada with an attendance of 6,642. That year Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., was added to the United States sites with 7,602. And that was the second year the Feast took place in Hawaii, with 127 attending.

By 1979 Feast attendance had grown to 79,272 in the United States and Canada alone, with an average growth rate during the 40 years from 1934 to 1973 of 23.1 percent each year.

As time passed, more sites were added around the world, and attendance continued to increase steadily.

The 62nd Feast

This year's Feast of Tabernacles will mark the 62nd time God's Feast of Tabernacles has been kept in this age, beginning with the Armstrongs in the fall of 1927.

This year about 150,000 people will keep the Festival at 100 sites around the world.

And this is only the beginning of what will soon be!

YOU Conducts U.S. Photo Contest

PASADENA—Kevin Tessier, 18, of Exeter, R.I., took the best overall color photograph in the 1988 U.S. Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national photography contest.

Jeremy Hopkinson, 17, of Pasadena, took the best overall

black and white photograph.

"The categories this year were clarified, and overall we had better compliance to the requirements, and fewer entries were disqualified this year than in the past," said Greg S. Smith, manager of Photography Services and one of the

photo contest judges.

Two or three photographers submitted exceptional work. "It's good to see some people taking photography seriously," said Mr. Smith.

Other judges were Sheila Graham, *Worldwide News* senior editor; Monte Wolverton, art director for *The Plain Truth*; Randall Cole, *Plain Truth* graphics editor; Michael Hale, art director for *Youth 88*; and Warren Watson, senior photographer.

Winners will receive plaques.

First and second places in each category are as follows.

Color

Human interest: Bob Hunter, 17, Oglesby, Ill.; Cherie Strain, 16, Tyler, Tex.

Action: Karen Aversa, 18, Thorofare, N.J.; Rachelle Pennington, 18, Lonoke, Ark.

Architecture or landscape: David Smith, 15, Tyler, Tex.; Sheila Hanaway, 15, Temple Terrace, Fla.

Family life: Jennifer Midkiff, 15, Hurricane, W.Va.; Shawn Cortelyou, 16, La Harpe, Ill.

Humor: Stacey Pittman, 16, Gladewater, Tex.; Andy Snyder, 15, Oneida, Ill.

Still life: Kevin Tessier; Scott Winnall, 17, Bridgewater, Mass.

Nature: Jennifer Smith, 18, San Antonio, Tex.; Jeanine Riggs, 17, Waco, Tex.

Portrait: Kevin Tessier, Stacey Pittman.

Black and white

Human Interest: Shawn Cortelyou, Kevin Tessier.

Humor: Kevin Tessier, Shawn Cortelyou.

Still life: Kevin Tessier, Daniel Eubanks.

Nature: Daniel Eubanks, Kevin Tessier.

Portrait: Kevin Tessier, Daniel Eubanks.



BEST OVERALL BLACK & WHITE

JEREMY HOPKINSON



BEST OVERALL COLOR

KEVIN TESSIER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BLEDSOE, Denby Jr. and Theresa (Hutchison) of Chillicothe, Ohio, girl, Alyssa Marie, June 9, 3:36 a.m., 5 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BOEDEKER, Russell and Susan (Fell), of Westchester, N.Y., boy, David Roy, July 14, 6:35 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BUCHANAN, David and Rose (Green), of Austin, Tex., boy, Preston Scott, July 7, 1:12 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

CAMPBELL, Daniel and Rose (Green), of Jacksonville, Fla., girl, Helana Danielle, July 2, 12:52 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

CASE, Eric and Nancy (Monson), of Big Sandy, boy, Michael Erven, July 5, 2:52 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

CLACK, Archie and Margaret (Oliver), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Crystal Nicole, June 20, 11:51 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

COVERT, John and Daphne (Boeber), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Brittny Nicole, July 8, 9:29 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CURTIS, Jay and Jelena (Jones), of Okeechobee, Fla., boy, Christopher Thomas, March 9, 1:17 a.m., 10 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DAVIS, Darrel and Trudi (Stephens), of Fort Worth, Tex., boy, Joey Wayne, March 25, 4:32 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

EMISON, John and Barbara, of Knoxville, Tenn., twin boys, John Avery Jr. and Wesley Alexander, May 2, 8:13 and 8:15 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces and 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FELBER, Josef and Beatrice (Imholz), of Zurich, Switzerland, girl, Damaris Jacqueline, July 12, first child.

GARLAND, Paul and Heather (Sanford), of Hamilton, New Zealand, boy, Gareth, June 5, 4:49 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys.

GNAJE, Robert and Deanna (Dowd), of Rochester, N.Y., boy, Andrew Robert, Feb. 28, 9:23 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

GRAHAM, Kenneth II and Susan (Tomich), of Las Cruces, N.M., girl, Lauren Kimberly, July 17, 2:45 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

GROSSE, Mark and Betty (Hengster), of Regina, Sask., boy, Matthew Frederick Richard, July 7, 12:47 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HASPAS, Jim and Karen (Skinkle), of Muskegon, Mich., boy, David Joseph, July 11, 12:30 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 boys.

HENDRICKSON, John and Pam (Dilley), of Austin, Tex., girl, Anna Christena, July 1, 1:05 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HEROLD, Derek and Denise (Branch), of Geelong, Australia, boy, Karl Henry Edward, July 17, 6:40 a.m., 10 pounds 4% ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

HUFF, Michael and Rose (Johnson), of Pasadena, Calif., Alexi Joy, May 30, 5:47 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

KASWAGA, Ben and Martha (Liguguda), of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, boy, Nisile Lutusyo, June 18, 12:15 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

KEELE, Dale and Betty-Ann (Wall), of Saskatoon, Sask., girl, Heather Leah, June 24, 4:45 a.m., 7 pounds 1% ounce, first child.

KREYER, Michael and Kimberly (Hollis), of Carrollton, Ga., girl, Naomi Leighanne, July 22, 1:52 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LAHL, Rory and Lisa (Kale), of Lenoir, N.C., girl, Melanie LeeAnn, May 31, 9:53 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

LANDESS, Tom and Michelle (Mack), of Soldotna, Alaska, girl, Leslie Elaine, July 13, 4:28 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

MacPHERSON, Kevin and Betty (Gormley), of Orwell Cove, P.E.I., boy, David William, July 21, 5:10 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

MARKHAM, David and Debbie (Smotherman), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Jessica Rae, April 24, 1:27 a.m., 4 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MC COY, Michael and Tammy (Fultz), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Alisha Kiley, July 11, 5:28 p.m., 7 pounds 2% ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MILLER, Les and Mary Ann (Kerby), of Canton, Ohio, boy, Zachariah Lee, July 10, 11:50 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

MORGAN, Ron and Anne (Hooper), of Sydney, Australia, girl, Laura Anne, July 9, 2:55 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

NEWBACHER, Gary and Joyce (Smith), of Lakewood, Ohio, girl, Audrey Lisbeth, July 14, 9:49 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

PARKER, Thomas and Rebecca (Dayhoff), of Fort Myers, Fla., girl, Lydia Michelle, June 3, 8:43 p.m., 7 pounds 4% ounces, first child.

PAYNE, Rick and Marsha (Taylor), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Cortney Leigh, May 10, 11:36 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 girls.

PETERSON, Scott and Shari (Mavins), of Roanoke, Va., girl, Amanda Mae, July 12, 10:25 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

RUPP, Carl and Gail (Bernazza), of Union, N.J., boy, Carl Anthony, July 17, 8 pounds 4% ounces, now 3 boys.

SCHERP, Matthew and Tammy (Emmons), of Hartford, Conn., boy, David Matthew, May 30, 12:35 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

STONE, Paul and Alma (Albertsen), of Big Sandy, boy, Michael William, July 26, 5:45 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SYLAART, Fred and Charlene (Wicks), of Vancouver, Wash., girl, Makayla Elaine, July 8, 5:44 p.m., 6 pounds 7% ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WAGNER, Gregory and Kelly (Harper), of Cocoa, Fla., girl, Amy Nicole, July 21, 8:35 p.m.

a.m., 7 pounds 10% ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILSON, Robert and Melissa (Annis), of Casper, Wyo., boy, Curtis Robert, Feb. 23, 8:50 a.m., 5 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

in marriage Sept. 20, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Pieter Michielis, pastor of the Grande Prairie, Alta., church. Suzanne Guerin was maid of honor, and Bill Wiebe was best man. The couple reside in Grande Prairie.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hose of Sydney, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Louise to Geoffrey Lowe, son of Naomi Parker and the late Lance Lowe.

Doris Richardson of Auburn, Wash., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Sandra Jo to Donald Glenn Kunkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Kunkle of Shelton, Wash. A February wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillies McDavid of Red Deer, Alta., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Heather to Trevor Stevenson. A September wedding in Red Deer is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. JEFF CAUDLE

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roe of Big Sandy are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa Kathleen to Jeff Caudle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Caudle of Houston, Tex. The ceremony was performed July 10 in Big Sandy by evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*. The bride's attendants were Roxanne Dowd and Janet Black, and the groom's attendants were Bob and Mike Caudle, brothers of the groom. The couple reside in Bangkok, Thailand.



MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN CURTIS

Rebecca L. Hopper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hopper of Tipp City, Ohio, and Stephen B. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Curtis of Dayton, Ohio, were united in marriage Dec. 19, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Carroll Bryant, associate pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and P.M., churches. Teri Marsh was maid of honor, and Bill Marsh was best man. The couple reside in Nashville.



MR. AND MRS. H. NOBLES JR.

Deanna L. Fulps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fulps of Stuart, Fla., and Harold W. "Woody" Nobles Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nobles of Danville, Ga., were united in marriage May 28 in Danville. The ceremony was performed by David Mills, pastor of the Macon and Dublin, Ga., churches. Donna Fulps was maid of honor, and Paul Roeder was best man.



MR. AND MRS. T. CORSIGLIA

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holliday of St. Anne, Ill., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Cassandra "Candy" Nedean to Thomas R. Corsiglia. The ceremony was performed May 1 by Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Hammond, Ind., church. Ardyth Johnston was matron of honor, and Leonard Thibodeau was best man. The couple reside in Winnipeg.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL MOY

Annie Quek of Singapore and Michael Gene Moy were united in marriage Oct. 4, 1987, in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by Warren Zehring, assistant pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church. Marjorie Moy was maid of honor, and Nicholas Peck was best man. The couple reside in Sale, Australia.



MR. AND MRS. GILBERT GOUR

Mary Driedger and Gilbert Gour were united

in marriage Sept. 20, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Pieter Michielis, pastor of the Grande Prairie, Alta., church. Suzanne Guerin was maid of honor, and Bill Wiebe was best man. The couple reside in Grande Prairie.

Charles Amy of Eunice, La., and Randall White, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. White of Preston, Miss., were united in marriage Feb. 13. The ceremony was performed by John Ogwyn, pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches. Bridesmaids were Alliz and Channet Amy, and the groom's attendants were Don and Kenneth White. The couple reside in Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bonner

Jan Schubert and Neil Bonner were united in marriage May 29 in Cleveland, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by Guy Engelbart, now pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches. Kevin O'Halloran was best man, and Julie Smith was matron of honor. The couple reside in Reston, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Styer

Cathy Benayce, daughter of Ruby Skinner of Alexandria, Tenn., and Michael Lee Styer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lee Styer of Burns, Tenn., were united in marriage Nov. 28 in Nashville. The ceremony was performed by Paul Kurts, associate pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches. Cindy Washer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Tony Styer, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Curtis

Rebecca L. Hopper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hopper of Tipp City, Ohio, and Stephen B. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Curtis of Burns, Tenn., were united in marriage Nov. 28 in Nashville. The ceremony was performed by Carroll Bryant, associate pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and P.M., churches. Teri Marsh was maid of honor, and Bill Marsh was best man. The couple reside in West Milton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rupp

Tina Kyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kyle of Youngstown, Ohio, and Dan Rupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rupp of Indiana, Pa., were united in marriage June 26. George Affeldt, pastor of the Indiana and Huntingdon, Pa., churches, performed the ceremony. Beth Wolfe was maid of honor, and John Rupp, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Punxsutawney, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiebe

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Chastka of Winnipeg, Man., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Charleen to Clarence Wiebe, son of Anna Wiebe of Calgary, Alta. The ceremony was performed June 26 by Lyle Greaves, associate pastor of the Winnipeg East and West churches. Ardyth Johnston was matron of honor, and Leonard Thibodeau was best man. The couple reside in Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. David Francis

David Andrew Francis and Frances Helen Martin were united in marriage March 20. The ceremony was performed by Colin Wilkins, pastor of the Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Irvine, Scotland, churches.

Peter Edwards was best man, and the bride's attendants were Richard Martin and Eve Martin. The couple reside in Aylesbury, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kranich

Robert W. Kranich, a deacon in the Anchorage, Alaska, church, and his wife, Sandra,

celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 11. They have two children, Susan Kossey and David, who is a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Donoghue

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Cramer of Ballarat, Aus-

tralia, are delighted to announce the mar-

riage of their daughter Del Elizabeth to

Michael Jonathan Donoghue of Morell,

Australia. The ceremony was performed

June 12 by Kenneth Lewis, pastor of the

Morell church. Carol Crombie was matron

of honor, and Nicholas Peck was best man.

The couple reside in Sale, Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Houston

John and Zora Houston celebrated their

35th wedding anniversary May 25. They

attend the Pasadena Auditorium P.M.

church and have been members for 22

years. The Houstons live in Monrovia, Calif.

They have three children and one grand-

child.

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men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).

How did Jesus think of His enemies? "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" (I Peter 2:21-23).

As disciples and servants of Jesus, can we do any less? We are to have the same attitude of forgiveness that He did. Yet He instructs us that we are not to be partakers of the attitudes and ways of enemies. We are not to have spiritual fellowship with them or in any way aid or contribute to their misguided efforts.

We need to see them for what they are—rebels against Jesus Christ, presumptuously taking it upon themselves to gainsay and bring railing accusations against His Church. But our attitudes must be like Christ's—praying in love for their repentance.

True Christians must be well aware of Satan's devices and not deceived by them, staying completely clear of them as God's Word instructs, yet having the same mind that was in Jesus—of mercy and forgiveness in our attitudes and thinking toward those who have allowed themselves to become Satan's instruments.

It is sad that some of those who have gone out of the Church of God are now its enemies. They desperately want the Church to conform to their views. Most of them also want personal recognition as leaders of God's people.

And because the Church does not accept their interpretation of

Scripture they accuse us of being unwilling to change, citing Mr. Armstrong's desire to change when shown to be wrong.

On the other hand, they also accuse the Church of heresy because it has been led by God to make certain changes. Their attitude is described in Numbers 16:3: "And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto

them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?"

Paul prophesied in Acts 20:29-30 that grievous wolves would arise to try to divide and destroy God's heritage, His little ones. This was the case in Ephesus,

and has been the case even today.

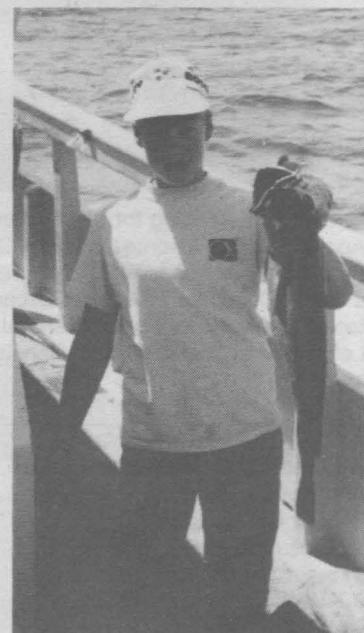
Christ's true ministers must stand in the breach, as faithful servants, setting the godly example in word and deed of unity, edifying the Body of Christ, that none be led astray by the deceitful craftiness of the enemies of God (Ephesians 4:11-16).

God leads His Church. He has not raised up those who have gone out of His Church in rebel-

lion, attacking it in bitter accusation, as His instruments to teach His truth to His own people. He has called His own faithful, but human, ministers to teach, nurture, encourage, edify and to exhort and rebuke in love when necessary.

Thank you, brethren, for your faithful prayers and for putting your hearts into the calling God has given you.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



CATCH OF THE DAY—Brian Turner, 13, displays his catch on a Modesto and Stockton, Calif., fishing trip off the coast of Monterey, Calif., June 12.

24 fetch fresh fish

Twenty-four men and boys from the Modesto and Stockton, Calif., churches went deep-sea fishing off the coast of Monterey, Calif., June 12. The event was especially for fatherless boys.

The group had breakfast at 4 a.m. and met in Monterey at 6 a.m. They spent the morning on the boat and returned to shore at noon with 700 pounds of fish. Carolyn Burchett.

Early days rehearsed at Atlanta's 25th

A June 11 celebration marked the 25th anniversary of God's Church in Atlanta, Ga. One hundred ninety-seven people attended the first service May 25, 1963. More than 1,500 from seven area churches attended the anniversary celebration in Gainesville, Ga.

Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Atlanta West and Carrollton, Ga., churches, gave the sermon.

After a break for dinner, brethren returned to watch "Growing Into a Family," a one-hour video produced by Scott Kemp, a member who attends the Atlanta West

church, and narrated by Douglas McCoy, a Buford and Athens, Ga., local church elder.

The presentation included pictures from the early days of the congregation and reminiscences by

Tetons backdrop for camp

Brethren from the Blackfoot and Twin Falls, Idaho, churches participated in an annual camp-out on the Wilson ranch in the Grand Tetons near Jackson, Wyo., July 4.

Sabbath services, July 2, were conducted in a barn by Wilbur Berg, pastor of the two churches. After services a potluck was served.

Activities for the four-day weekend included swimming, fishing,

longtime members.

Ben Wilkinson was host for a talent show later that evening, and more than two hours of dancing concluded the activity. Richard Burkard.

horseshoes, hiking, hayrides, ball games and construction of a floating dock.

Also at the camp-out were nine Church youths from the Salt Lake City, Utah, church. Nathan Faulkner, a ministerial trainee in the Salt Lake City church, his wife, Melody, and three other couples accompanied the youths. Phyllis Taylor.



BARNYARD FLOCK—Wilbur Berg, pastor of the Twin Falls and Blackfoot, Idaho, churches, conducts Sabbath services in a barn July 2 during a camp-out for Church youths. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Children's Corner

Michael, the 'Can' Boy

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Michael," Frances Harris said quietly, "I appreciate your offer, but you can't push this big grocery cart—can you?"

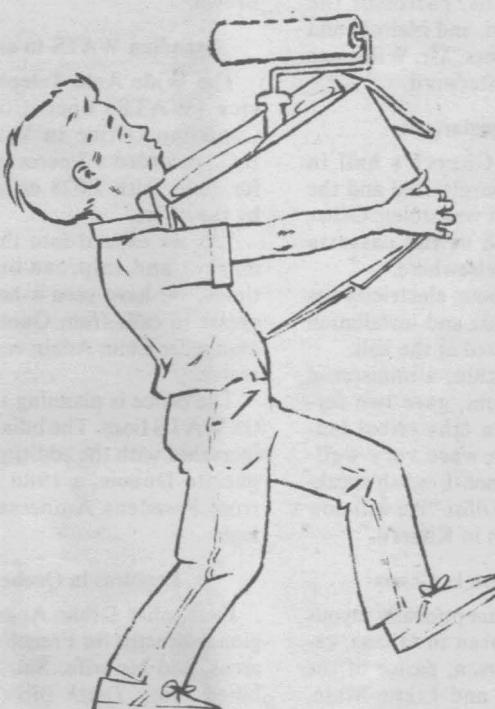
"Yes, I can, Mommy," Mike answered. "I'm 5½ years old, you know. I can do lots of things."

"Sometimes I forget that you're able to do so much," his mother said, smiling. "All right, then. Gina, hand Mike these cans of soup."

After a while the cart was so heavy it took all of Mike's strength to keep it moving. Mother helped only when Mike needed to guide the cart around corners. Three-year-old Gina helped put items in the cart.

After the Harrises got home and carried the sacks of food into the kitchen, Gina asked, "Mommy, may I help put things away?"

"No, honey," Mother answered, "you're too . . . I mean, yes, you may try. Here is the box of crackers. Can you reach up and put it on the counter



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

next to the bread box? I'll put it away later."

When Daddy drove into the driveway from work, Mike ran out to the car to greet him. "Hi, Daddy. Can I carry that box for you?"

"Hello, Mike," Dad answered. "Thanks, son, but it's too heavy."

"But I'm strong, Daddy," Mike protested, flexing his arm muscles. "I even pushed a heavy grocery cart today at the store—all by myself. I can carry the box."

"Well, son," Dad replied. "Perhaps you can. But if it feels too heavy, hand the box back to me. It has two large cans of paint in it—for painting the bedrooms and living room."

"I can carry it . . . see?" Mike bragged, as he struggled into the garage.

Later, when they entered the kitchen, Ivan Harris greeted his wife and daughter with hugs. Then he told them about Mike carrying the heavy paint cans for him. He added, "I'm

always glad when you children want to help."

As the Harris family ate dinner that evening, Dad passed the tuna casserole to Mike and said: "I understand, son, that this dish has cream of mushroom soup in it from cans in your grocery cart today. So, in a way, you helped with dinner. I'm glad you are a 'can' boy."

"But Daddy, the cart had more than just cans in it," said Mike.

"I know, but to me you're still a 'can' boy. There is a saying: 'Success comes in cans, failure in can'ts.' And because you think you can do a job, you will probably be successful at it."

"But, Daddy," Mike said, frowning. "I still don't know what you mean—that I'm a 'can' boy."

"Well," Dad answered. "I'll give you an example: If you eat all of your dinner, you'll be allowed to have apple pie for dessert. Can you eat it?"

Mike grinned. "Oh, I see," he answered. "Yes, sir, I can."

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

UPDATE

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Canadian Office announced the following ministerial transfers took place.

Royston Page to Vancouver, B.C., pastor; **Thomas Ecker** to Kamloops and Salmon Arm, B.C., pastor; **Rainer Salomaa** to Prince George, B.C., pastor; **Wilfred Wooster** to Westlock and Athabasca, Alta., pastor.

Robert Millman to Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alta., pastor; **Dennis Lawrence** to Peterborough, Ont., pastor; **Leo van Pelt** to Yorkton, Sask., pastor; **Jonathan Kurnik** to North Bay and Sudbury, Ont., pastor; **Kenneth Frank** to Kingston and Smiths Falls, Ont., pastor; **Robert Scott** to Edmonton, Alta., North, associate pastor.

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PASADENA—Worldwide *Plain Truth* subscription circulation reached a record 5,813,000 copies with the July issue, according to **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

This number is 281,000 higher than the count for the May-June issue. Including newsstand copies, worldwide *Plain Truth* circulation is 6,829,000.

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PASADENA—The Registrar's Office announced that 13 students met the requirements for graduation from Ambassador College.

Seven graduated with bachelor of arts degrees. They are Marjorie Ann Desgrosseilliers, Ronald Charles Desgrosseilliers, Ruth Devine, Andrew Donald Graham (with high distinction—grade point average [GPA] of 3.5 or better), Hamlyn Jailal (with distinction—GPA of 3.2 or better), Andrea Maehr (with high distinction) and Kim Kennard Webber.

Six students graduated with associate of arts degrees. They are Rebecca Jo Cloninger, Hasadore Scott Hall (with distinction), Wade Joseph Hoffman, Janyth Carole Matkin, Timothy L. Pebworth (with distinction) and Roderick Taylor.

Ten students participated in the summer commencement exercises Aug. 10 in the lower gardens.

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PASADENA—The Youth Opportunities United (YOU) office in Church Administration announced the results of the 1987-88 YOU golf tournament.

First place went to David Barnett, 15, of Chariton, Iowa. David Sills, 15, of Albany, Ore., placed second; and Seth Rehfuss, 14, of Brick, N.J., was third.

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PASADENA—Ambassador College was host to the opening ceremonies for the 62nd Annual National Public Parks Tennis Championships, July 31, according to **Keith Speaks**, circulation manager of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*).

Ambassador's tennis courts were used to conduct an instructional clinic for area youths. The remainder of the program consisted of a wheelchair match between two top-ranked U.S. women players.

Mr. Speaks, a member of the Pasadena Recreation & Parks Foundation, helped arrange the college's involvement with the event.

Pasadena Mayor William Thompson and other city officials spoke at the opening ceremonies, attended by city dignitaries, officials and community representatives. Evangelist **Donald Ward**, Ambassador College vice chancellor, also spoke.

PASADENA—**Danelle Wendt** and **Timothy Trevino** will begin kindergarten at Imperial Schools this fall, making them the schools' first third-generation students.

Their grandmother, **Rosalie Black**, who is employed in the terminals section of Mail Processing, came to Imperial in 1959 and graduated in 1961.

Mrs. Black's daughter, **Kathleen Wendt**, attended Imperial from first grade until the school closed when she was in fourth grade. Another daughter, **Susan Trevino**, attended from first to fifth grade and returned to Imperial when it reopened in 1980. She graduated in 1981.

Mrs. Wendt's husband, **Philip**, and Mrs. Trevino's husband, **Tim**, also attended Imperial Schools. Danelle will be taught by **Carol Dean**, who was also Danelle's fa-

ther's first teacher.

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PASADENA—**Micheal Bennett**, managing editor of *Youth 88*, visited the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Orr, Minn., July 28 to Aug. 2.

Mr. Bennett addressed a group of about 30 campers who are interested in writing for *Youth 88*. "They were a pretty responsive group, and they gave me some good article ideas," Mr. Bennett said.

Mr. Bennett also went on a canoe trip with some of the campers. "I gained many insights into what teens from the United States and Canada think about the magazine and life in general," said Mr. Bennett.

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PASADENA—More than 2,000 disabled people receive the Church's publications on cassette tapes, according to **Garland Snuffer**, Radio Production supervisor.

Most of those who receive the tapes are blind or vision-impaired, but others with handicaps such as dyslexia or illiteracy also receive tapes.



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

PASADENA—Heavy storms off the west coast of Scotland hampered the beginning of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp on the shores of Loch Lomond July 18, the British Office reported.

As the storms swept across the site, three canvas tents used to house campers were destroyed and a tree blew down and hit a parked vehicle. No one was injured.

Heeding advance warnings of the storms, campers and staff huddled into a newly erected permanent storage facility and escaped harm.

The weather improved for the second and third weeks of camp.

African ministers meet

African ministers gave updates on their regions at a three-day conference in Borehamwood, England, July 26 to 28.

"All regions reported continuing growth," said evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

Meetings were conducted on evaluating manpower needs, computerization and methods used in business departments. In a question-and-answer session ministers discussed African issues.

West Africa trip

The British Office received the following report from Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Owerri and Enugu, Nigeria, churches.

May 8 a visiting tour of Nigeria, covering Bauchi, Gongola and Borno states, began. On the return journey I visited Plateau, Kaduna, Niger and Kwara states. The journey covered 4,420 kilometers (about 2,740 miles) and lasted 11 days.

Bible studies were conducted in the states with an attendance of between 13 and 25 people each. At Ashaka in Bauchi state, I was surprised to see 14 people waiting when I expected only five.

After counseling it was found that two were ready for baptism, but there was no water available.

In Yola, Gongola state, the only baptized member was so thrilled that he followed me and turned up

later in Jos and then Kaduna for the Bible studies in those areas.

In Kaduna 25 people turned up for a Bible study. After counseling two were ready for baptism—again no water. Plans are to baptize them at the Feast.

For the entire trip of 11 days the question-and-answer sessions lasted for between three and four hours each day, which is indicative of the need for more intensive coverage of these areas.

May witnessed an unusual upsurge in baptisms. Nine were baptized in Owerri, seven in Benin City and two in outlying areas.

Kenyan meet

The Nairobi, Kenya, church was host to a weekend for the Kibirichia, Kenya, Spokesman Club and scattered brethren June 25 and 26.

"This was a huge success, and there was much excitement, especially as some of the brethren had not seen one another for over a year and some of the scattered brethren had never attended a club before," said Owen Willis, pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, and Nairobi and Kibirichia churches. Mr. Willis was host at a social afterward.

Hall burglarized

In June the Church's hall in Kibirichia was burglarized and the sports equipment was stolen. Other equipment such as the cassette recorder is kept elsewhere.

On a positive note, electricity has reached Kibirichia and installation has been completed at the hall.

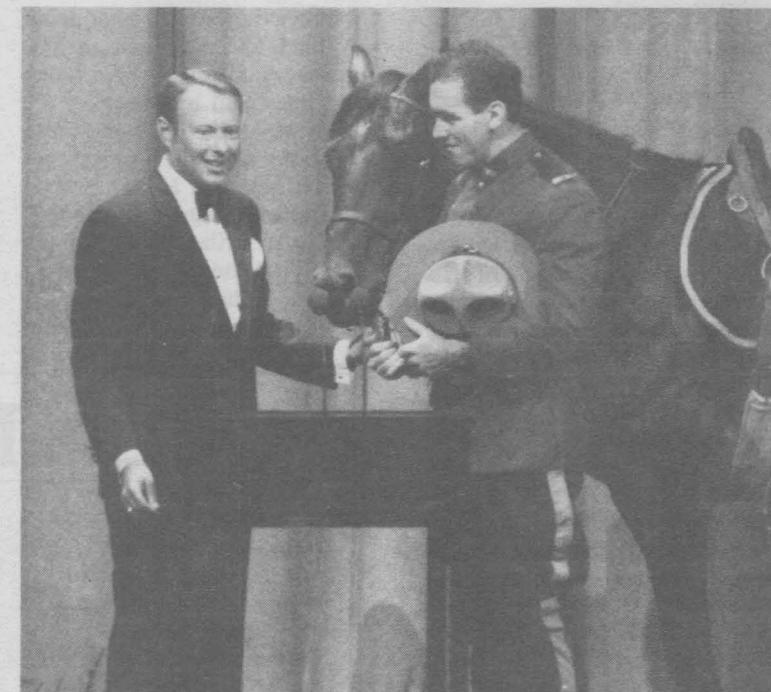
Abraham Mathiu, a ministerial trainee in Nairobi, gave two sermons in Kimeru (the tribal language), "which were very well-received by the non-English speakers," said Mr. Willis. "He will now speak more often in Kimeru."

Buses arrive in Ghana

May was an exceptionally joyous month for brethren in Ghana, reported Josef Forson, pastor of the Accra, Kumasi and Likpe-Mate, Ghana, churches.

Two new 26-seat Mercedes-Benz buses arrived. The buses were promised by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach to help the Ghanaian

ther's first teacher.



SURPRISE!—Taping for the Festival film in the Ambassador Auditorium Aug. 7 features a horse ridden by Charles Desgrosseilliers (right), a 1988 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate from Calgary, Alta., dressed as a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman. Mr. Desgrosseilliers introduced taped segments of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's trips to Canada. Left, master of ceremonies Dennis Van Deventer. [Photo by G.A. Bel-lucche Jr.]

brethren ride to services and to the Church-operated farm.

The brethren were overjoyed to see the new buses, since cost of transportation to and from services is one of the major problems they face," said Mr. Forson.

Minister leaves Israel

Raymond Clore, a local church elder who worked in the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem until June, his wife, Rhonda, and their family moved to Washington, D.C., after working in Jerusalem for the past four years.

Mr. Clore served the scattered members in Israel by conducting Bible studies in his home.

"We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Clore for their unselfish dedication to the needs of God's Work in the more isolated and dangerous parts of the world," said Mr. Brown. "We wish them well in their new assignment."

Pastor for Malta, Greece

Mr. Brown reported that James Henderson, manager of Computer Information Systems and the Mail Processing departments in the British Office, will pastor the churches in Malta and Greece beginning after the Feast.

Mr. Henderson is also assistant pastor of the Watford, England, church.

"David Stirk, who has pastored the two areas for the past eight years, finds his time fully taken up with the increasing work load in Africa and other areas," said Mr. Brown.

Canadian WATS to expand

The Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) operation in the Canadian Office in Vancouver, B.C., recorded a 7 percent increase for June, with 7,028 calls handled by the office.

"As we expand into the French market and improve our airing times, we have seen a healthy increase in calls from Quebec," said evangelist Colin Adair, regional director.

The office is planning to add extra WATS lines. The bilingual staff increased with the addition of Marquerite Dubois, a 1986 graduate from Pasadena Ambassador College.

Lectures in Quebec

Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas, and his wife, Shirley, combined *Plain Truth* Bible lectures with a church visit in Montreal, Que., July 7 to 11.

July 8 Mr. Apartian met with 23 French ministers and their wives from Quebec City, Trois-Rivieres,

Sherbrooke and Montreal, Que.

He gave them information from headquarters and answered questions. That evening he was host to a dinner for about 40 ministers, deacons and their spouses.

On the Sabbath, July 9, the regional director gave two sermons to 700 brethren. "It was just like a Holy Day—a taste of the Feast—meeting for morning and afternoon services."

July 10 he conducted public lectures for 144 people in north Montreal and 84 people in south Montreal.

Mr. Apartian's first lecture was about how the world will be in the future, explaining what science has predicted and what God says. At the close of his talk, he introduced seven ministers who helped talk to people afterward.

The evening lecture was titled "What Does the Gospel Teach?"

"I've observed after all these years that, usually, many are interested in the lectures but don't follow through with the Bible studies," said Mr. Apartian.

But 63 attended the first follow-up Bible study July 13, conducted by Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal French-speaking churches.

"About six were ready to be invited to services," Mr. Apartian said. "I don't know how many of the 63 are called, but it is very eye-opening to me."

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