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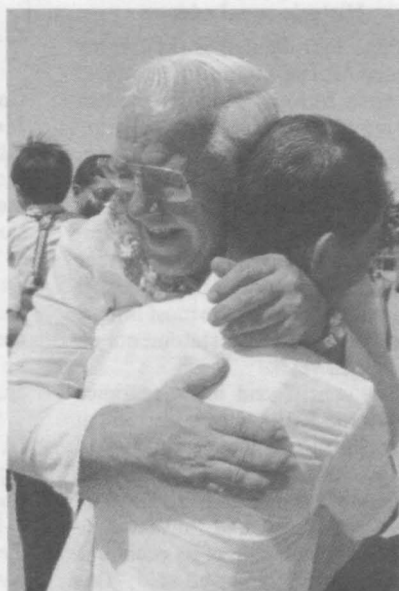
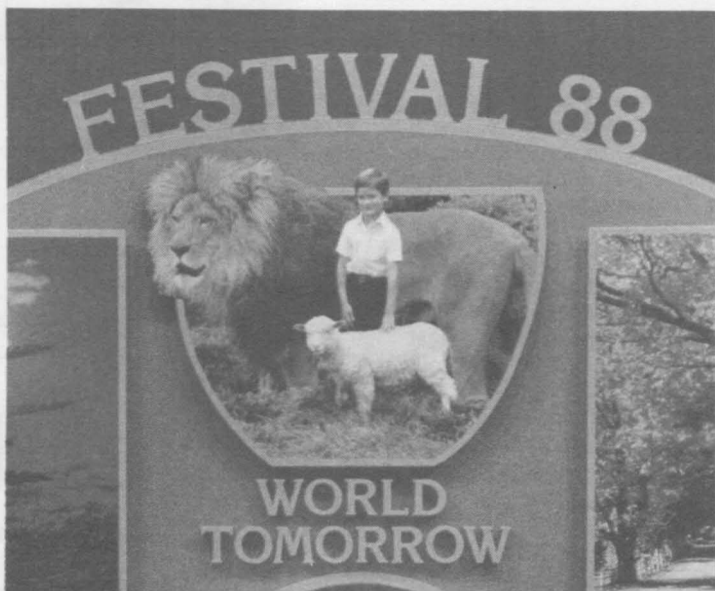
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You shall rejoice in your feast



FAMILY FESTIVAL—Led by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's satellite message (top, center) on the first day of the Feast, brethren (clockwise from top right) embrace evangelist Dean Blackwell in the Philippines; attend a medieval banquet in Trabolgan, Ireland; enter a balloon race in

Rotorua, New Zealand; engage in a "tug of peace" in Caloundra, Australia; perform in Bonndorf, West Germany; and sing in choirs such as in Korolevu, Fiji. [Photos by Mike Bedford, Jerome Manriquez, Barry Stahl, Greg S. Smith, Clive Baker, Thomas Erz and Alexandra Engle]

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Love and Christian friendship prevailed among the 144,944 brethren attending the Feast of Tabernacles at 100 sites worldwide.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's opening night message was sent to disabled brethren and shut-ins who couldn't attend the Festival.

"When we videotaped Mr. Tkach for the opening night message, he wanted audiocassettes sent to all the people not going to the Feast," said Linda Scobee, assistant to Larry Omasta, producer of *The World Tomorrow*.

They were given instructions to play the tapes in their homes Sept. 25, she said.

Church pastors in the United States and Canada and regional offices contacted the Radio Production Department for tapes. About 2,000 tapes were sent out worldwide.

This year the Church spent \$958,000 to help 2,826 widows, elderly and needy members in the United States attend the Feast.

"This was more than we have spent at any other Feast," said Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States.

In 1987 the Church provided \$881,417 for 2,579 needy members; in 1986, \$788,302 for 2,277 members; in 1985, \$735,539 for 2,081 members; in 1984, \$736,744 for 2,099 members; in 1983, \$694,557 for 2,064 members; and in 1982, \$595,771 for 1,847 members.

"We give them money to cover their expenses for travel, accommodations and food," said Mr. Tkach Jr. "Some people save a little money themselves, but we give them the majority."

These funds are in addition to assistance offered by regional offices to needy non-U.S. members.

Funds donated

The Vail, Colo., *Daily* reported Oct. 1 that Feastgoers contributed \$3,203 when a condominium burned down in west Vail.

"Visitors practice what they preach," the article said. (See article, page 9.)

During services coordinator Douglas Horchak, pastor of the Denver, Colo., North and South churches, said boxes were located near the exits if brethren wished to contribute a dollar or two.

A check was presented to the Vail Resort Association (VRA), which distributed the money to four non-member girls who lost belongings.

An article in the Tucson, Ariz., *Citizen* centered on the four children of Thomas and Diana Fitzpatrick—Ryan, Timothy, Daniel and Kevin. Mr. Fitzpatrick pastors the Suffolk, N.Y., church.

"The children showed a remarkable grasp of the Church's teachings and explained them in an understandable manner," said Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs.

Media coverage

The Church received positive media coverage at several Festival sites.

Mr. Snyder said press kits were (See FEAST, page 12)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

I trust each of you had a refreshing and revitalizing Feast of Tabernacles!

I greatly appreciate the letters and cards many of you have sent, and I especially want to thank you for the generous Holy Day offerings that were given during the Feast.

The generosity of God's peo-

ple is truly inspiring, as well as the desire He has placed within us through His Spirit to grow in love into one body as His family.

In my live satellite transmission on the first Holy Day, I said to all the Feastgoers, "I will emphasize the family until it becomes a reality."

How can this great desire on our part of truly becoming one as God's family become a reality? Merely saying "we are one fam-

ily" does not make it so. This concept of family, which is conceived in the mind, has to be developed into maturity in the heart.

This world is full of iniquity. Consequently, as Jesus warned this end-time society, the love of many does wax cold—even in the Church. Relationships become shallow, only skin deep.

I believe most do love one another in their minds; but how many allow that love to descend deep into the recesses of their hearts? Love may be lodged in the seat of intellect, but not always in the feeling and emotion of the heart.

Righteous actions, like sinful

ones, begin in the mind. But thoughts do not become actions unless they are entertained with emotions, feelings, desires and passion. Sin must remain just a passing thought. But righteousness must proceed beyond the thought stage, all the way to action.

Christ was tempted in all points as we are. Thoughts entered His mind. But thoughts of sin found no place to lodge. They were never entertained nor fed with emotion or feeling. Consequently, they never became reality.

In contrast, speaking to Israel in Isaiah 49:14-16 (keep in mind (See PERSONAL, page 6)

Eastern Europe: communist rollback?

PASADENA—"The political structure of Europe—East and West—will . . . emerge as the central issue of the '90s." So predicted former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, in a Sept. 19 *Newsweek* article.

Well put. The Western half of the Continent is coalescing into one giant economic unit. We've continued to report on the 1992 plan to create a single market for upward of 325 million people within the 12-nation European Community.

At the same time, however, there is widespread economic stagnation, coupled with growing political unrest, throughout Eastern Europe.

In Poland the once repressed Solidarity labor force is reasserting itself. Further south, Yugoslavia is crippled by a weak central government and a 217 percent annual inflation rate. It is in increased danger of disintegration, or domination by Serbia, the largest component of this multiethnic conglomeration.

The biggest question of all is what happens to the Soviet Union. The fires of ethnic nationalism are burning bright, and not just among the Armenians in the Caucasus.

In quest of support for his *perestroika* reforms, General Secretary (now also President) Mikhail Gorbachev has permitted the resurgence of regional and ethnic expressions. But revived national euphoria is threatening to get out of hand, especially in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which were independent before World War II.

All three republics have popular front movements that espouse nationalist causes stopping just short—for now—of demands for independence.

One of Eastern Europe's leading political dissidents, Yugoslavia's Milovan Djilas, goes so far as to say

about demands for change in the tumultuous region: "I am convinced that we are witnessing the last stages of communism throughout the world and that Yugoslavia will be the first European nation to divest itself of the system."

What would replace communism? A more normal system, claim opponents of the Eastern regimes, much like the rest of Europe—pluralistic, social democracies. Many in Eastern Europe want to hitch their stars to the rising European Community.

Historic papal address

Pope John Paul II is thoroughly versed in the changing political scene in Europe. This was evident during his latest international trip.

I was present in Strasbourg, France, Oct. 11, when the pope made his first pastoral visit to eastern France, and addressed the European Parliament, the legislature of the European Community. It amounted to one of the most important Vatican policy statements on Europe in years.

The pontiff said his appearance before the Parliament occurred "at a special moment in the history of this Continent." He added that the Parliament and other institutions of the Community had "invested so much in the domain of its economic cooperation." Now, he said "this part of Europe [should] be more and more intensely involved in the search for her . . . spiritual cohesion."

Pope John Paul II, furthermore, encouraged the delegates not to limit their unification efforts to Western Europe. "The integrated Europe of tomorrow" he told them, should be "opened towards the East of the Continent," for Europe to "enlarge the dimensions given to

her by geography."

The pope added that, coming from Eastern Europe, he knew the "aspirations of the Slavic peoples, that other 'lung' of our same European homeland."

After the pope's message, Olivier

power in the world in the times of decolonialisation. . .

"We should encourage anything that loosens Russia's bonds on the Europeans. . . but we should not take too much regard of the problems of Mr. Gorbachev himself. . . We



Carion, pastor of the churches in Metz and Colmar, France, and I, talked with Otto von Habsburg, a member of the European Parliament. I asked him for his impressions of the speech.

The two most important points, Dr. Habsburg said, were, first, that the pope addressed the spiritual dimension of Europe and second, that he spoke of the need to reach out eastward.

Sunday, Oct. 16, an article about Dr. Habsburg and his views of European trends appeared in Britain's *Sunday Telegraph*.

Dr. Habsburg told the *Telegraph's* Peter Millar: "We have taken a decision in principle in the European Community that we are not Europe. We are just the starting point of Europe. . . For me Europe goes all the way to the natural borders of Russia, which do not include the Baltic states and several other areas.

"Mr. Gorbachev himself begins to speak of this 'European house,' about which I have very strong reservations for the simple reason that Russia is the last big colonial

should look instead at our relations with the particular country, such as Poland or Estonia. Everywhere you feel it rising, this nationality tension."

Reassertion of church's role

In the combined pressroom of the

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Religion, morality ebb in Western Europeans

HOOGEVEEN, Netherlands—The religious landscape in Western Europe is fading. Morality is on the wane. This column examines the religious scene in the Netherlands—and then, briefly, the general picture dominating the West.

After 40 years of personal acquaintance with Holland, American William Z. Shetter wrote *The Netherlands in Perspective*.

On religion he wrote of the Jewish community: "Jewish religious life today has to contend with the same secularizing tendencies other churches do, the drift away from any strong commitment to a religious organization" (page 173).

Sociologists call the entire area from Stockholm, Sweden, to London, "the North German plain of irreligion." The Netherlands are decidedly part of that plain. Secularity has been growing especially since World War II.

Mr. Shetter continued: "The trend away from commitment to religion and church membership has affected every western society, but there is some justification for claiming that the changes have nowhere been more dramatic than in the Netherlands" (pages 174 and 175).

The Roman Catholic Church has suffered enormous losses in Holland. Mr. Shetter reported: "The decline in both church attendance and belief in God has been much more severe among Catholics—the latter dropping in a dozen years by an astonishing 24 percent. Attendance at mass was surveyed again in 1984 and found to have continued its sharp decline" (page 175).

A Sept. 22 snippet from the *Yorkshire Post* in England said, "Eighteen Roman Catholic Churches in Amsterdam are to be demolished over the next seven years because of a sharp drop in the number of believers."

Summing up the Dutch religious scene, Mr. Shetter wrote, "In terms of a general attitude, the past decades show a clear erosion of support for institutions on a religious or even ideological basis" (page 184).

Skip across the English Channel to Great Britain. The picture is little different. A new edition of the *U.K. Christian Handbook* was pub-

lished. Jonathan Petre reviewed it for the Oct. 10 *Daily Telegraph*. He began: "Christian Churches in Britain have lost nearly 900,000 members in the last eight years. The total membership, now under seven million, is expected to slip to 6.1 million by the year 2000."

The pope from Poland is highly attuned to the religious landscape in Western Europe. He characterized Europe as being "deaf to God." And he meant west of the Iron Curtain. Much of Eastern Europe is alight with religious fervor.

The Daily Telegraph picked up a Reuter report from Strasbourg, France, Oct. 10. It said: "The Pope launched an attack on moral decline and the pursuit of material wealth in Europe yesterday, saying Roman Catholic teachings had been rejected in the name of liberty. 'In Europe, a Christian continent, the sense of morality is weakening,' he told 50,000 people at a mass in Strasbourg on the second day of his tour of eastern France."

Even the more fundamentalist United States has not fully escaped these trends. The *Los Angeles Times* said July 23 that "more Americans have excluded church-going from their lives today than a decade ago, according to a Gallup poll released last week. The study found that 44 percent of American adults have no ties to a church or synagogue—up from 41 percent ten years ago."

In terms of the Church's commission, *The Netherlands in Perspective* offers this observation: "The Dutch have an expression 'Where the blood can't run it will creep': at the same time as religion seems to have lost its central place in the society, its penetration into nooks and crannies of the society is more and more visible. Discourse about religion is still an accepted part of Dutch social life—whether for or against it—and it still has a 'presence' in an increasingly secularizing country" (page 176).

This is encouraging to God's Church. Europe desperately needs the true Gospel. True, the barriers are enormous, but God can batter them down. Pray for the commission in Europe.



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

A wonderful people

I was assigned this year to speak at all five Feast sites in the Philippines. What a privilege.

I hope that what I said was inspiring to the members, for I know for certain that they inspired me.

My wife, Shirley, and I looked forward to our trip for months. We had heard so much about the warmth and dedication of the Philippine members to God's Work, and we found out for ourselves what wonderful people they are. They exude God's Spirit.

We must have shook hands with most of the members in the Philippines. It was a real treat for us. The brethren gave us some beautiful brass coconut-shaped bookends and a book on the Philippines.

Rewarding trip

Meeting the Filipino brethren was especially rewarding for me because I could stand toe to toe with them and look them squarely in the eye! I'm only 5 feet 6 inches tall.

On our way to the Philippines we stopped in Hawaii and visited with pastor David Fraser and his wife, Katharine. I spoke to the brethren in Honolulu on Trumpets.

From there we went to Tokyo, Japan, where I gave a Sabbath Bible study to nine members at the New Otani Hotel.

Then it was down to the Philippines. The Philippines is stiflingly humid—for Americans from dry

Southern California, especially!

The air is full of diesel fumes from the jeepneys. When the U.S. Army left jeeps behind after World War II the Filipinos painted them, added ornaments and turned them into a form of mass transit.

I rode in a jeepney and also a tricycle (motorcycle with a sidecar). It was an interesting experience, and I recommend it to anyone visiting the Philippines.

I gave the sermon in the Quezon City church on Atonement and in Manila on the Sabbath. We flew to Baguio to begin the Feast.

Baguio is set amidst pine trees in the mountains five hours by car north of Manila. It was much cooler and less humid there.

We were comfortable, but the Filipinos wore sweaters and jackets and had their babies all wrapped up. Feeling hot or cold is relative to what you are accustomed to.

Camp John Hays is in Baguio. It is a popular rest and recreation area for armed forces personnel. It is home to the Lone Star Restaurant, a favorite of evangelist Dean Blackwell, a native Texan.

On the second day we drove five hours to Manila with Paul Kieffer, director of Ministerial Services in the Philippines, and his wife, Monica. We were hoping to see some of the country, but it was raining so hard that we only saw the road.

We'll certainly be praying more diligently for the Kieffers and re-

gional director Rodney Matthews and his family. Mr. Matthews was quite ill before the Feast. He suffers from asthma, and the pollution in Manila aggravates the problem.

From Manila we flew to Tacloban. We barely made it into the airport when it started pouring down rain.

The hall was right on the beach, and it was air conditioned—one whole side opened up. While I was speaking a bird dived toward me.

Our next stop was Cagayan de Oro. While I was speaking it started to rain so hard that I stopped speaking for a few minutes until I could be heard. The water started dripping on my head, so the lectern was moved so I wouldn't be electrocuted.

Next we flew to Cebu. The first event was a ministers banquet.

I started getting a sore throat two days earlier, so we prayed that I could last one more day. To save my voice I asked the men to introduce themselves and give some background. It was quite interesting.

Shirley and I arrived exhausted but thankful to have kept the Feast in the Philippines and met the Philippine brethren.

In this issue

As in past years the first issue after the Feast contains reports from sites around the world.

We also have an article about how brethren are faring in Jamaica after Hurricane Gilbert struck on the Feast of Trumpets. Please continue to pray for our brethren there. Some difficult times are in store for them in the weeks and months ahead as food shortages take their toll and prices rise.

In some ways the Feast is work time for Editorial staff members. It is the one main time of the year that we leave Pasadena and rub shoulders with members around the world. Getting to know you better helps us to serve you better in producing the Church's publications.

You shall be a special treasure to Me above all people

Unity, blessings flow at U.S. Festival sites

PASADENA—"This Feast was a significant spiritual milestone for many," said Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration for the United States.

"From the reports we have received our people experienced the unity and blessings that come from growing in grace and knowledge," Mr. Tkach Jr. said.

Many brethren came to Pasadena for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to headquarters. About 400 or 500 Feastgoers were from Southern California, with the rest transferring from throughout the United States and around the world.

Some said that the Pasadena campus is even more beautiful in real life than in the pictures they've seen.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach met Feastgoers after services at the *succah* (booth) in front of the Ambassador Auditorium, sometimes staying until dark.

Shining lights

Residents of the cities where the Feast took place took note of the examples set by the brethren.

"I wish every American could be here at the Dells when you Church people are here," said a waitress in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., where 7,784 brethren kept the Feast. "They could see firsthand what a right example of living you are setting."

Proclamations from the mayors' offices in Norfolk, Va., and Saratoga Springs, N.Y., declared Sept. 25 "Worldwide Church of God Day." Proclamations were also made in Anchorage, Alaska, and St. Petersburg, Fla.

The mayor of Pensacola, Fla., welcomed the Church and flipped a switch that illuminated Pensacola's blinking light on a world map above the stage, according to Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, Festival coordinator. A boy and girl flipped another switch, which turned on lights that burned steadily for the Feast sites around the world.

Several newly baptized members in Saratoga Springs said they were warmly welcomed as members of the family at their first Feast, making it a memorable occasion.

God's protection

"A few days before the Feast, Hurricane Gilbert caused havoc in the northern part of Mexico and some parts of south Texas," said evangelist Burk McNair, Feast coordinator in Corpus Christi, Tex.

"By Feast time the weather was nearly perfect and remained that way throughout the Feast," Mr. McNair said. "We are greatly thankful for God's looking out for our needs and for making the weather pleasant."

A shrimp boat rammed into the side of the excursion boat during a singles outing. "Thankfully, no one was hurt critically," Mr. McNair said. One person went to the hospital, but was released. A few others had scratches and cuts from broken glass.

In Redding, Calif., Vice President George Bush almost came to the auditorium grounds for a speech rally on the Last Great Day, according to Lawrence Neff, Feast coordinator.

After negotiations the rally for Mr. Bush was moved to a park.

"The weathermen on the eve of our family day predicted severe rain over the state of Wisconsin," said Joel Lillengreen, coordinator at the Wisconsin Dells site.

"After sunny skies emerged by noon, the news media stated that weathermen were perplexed by the sudden change," he said.

Honoring senior citizens

Althea Jones, 101, of Richmond, Va., along with 500 other seniors,



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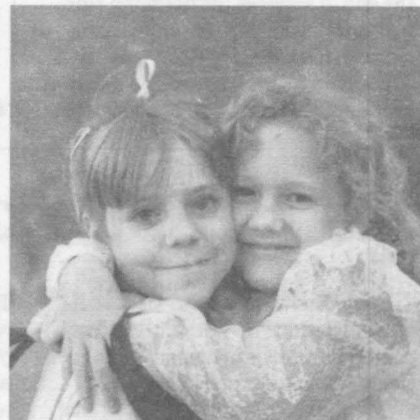
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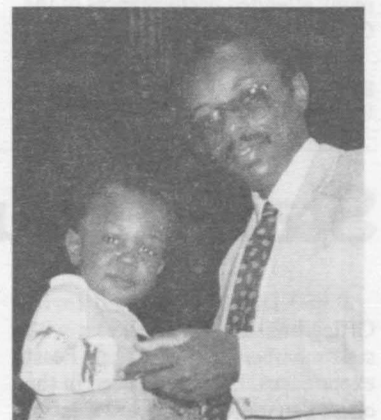
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.



Tucson, Ariz.



Rapid City, S.D.



Pensacola, Fla.

attended the senior citizens luncheon in Norfolk. "The senior citizens club room saw a lot of use and was appreciated by many," said Feast coordinator Robert Jones.

Mr. Tkach Jr. was host to 500 people at the senior citizens banquet in Palm Springs, Calif., a first-time Feast site, according to Robin Web-

ber, Feast coordinator. Ross Jutsum, director of the Music Department at Pasadena Ambassador College, provided musical entertainment and led a sing-along.

Twenty Church youths helped serve lunch to 469 seniors at the senior citizens luncheon in Rapid City, S.D., according to Daniel

Bierer, Feast coordinator.

"Mrs. Ethel Collins of Jacksonville, Fla., won the prize at the senior citizens luncheon for being the oldest lady," said James Chapman, Feast coordinator in Jekyll Island, Ga. Mrs. Collins, 94, was baptized in 1940.

"An elegant seniors luncheon was held in the Ramada Renaissance banquet hall at Saratoga Springs," said Walter Neufeld, Feast coordinator. Three hundred seniors were joined by ministers and their wives.

Ray Schellenger, 99, was the oldest person attending the senior citizens banquet in Corpus Christi. Mr. Schellenger and his wife, Lenora, 95, have been married 74 years.

Family day

Rather than provide one large activity for everyone, individual families in Pensacola "had the opportunity to plan their own family get-togethers," Mr. Fuessel said.

"They felt this permitted them to tailor their day to their own individual family's specific interests," Mr. Fuessel said. "They really appreciated" (See U.S. SITES, page 12)

Difficult time ahead for Jamaicans

By Thomas C. Hanson

KINGSTON, Jamaica—"The next several months will be very difficult for brethren here in the aftermath of Hurricane Gilbert," said pastor Charles Fleming.

No members were hurt when the Western Hemisphere's worst hurricane of the century ripped the length of Jamaica on the Feast of Trumpets. Some are without electricity or water in their homes, though some receive power from portable and standby generators.

[In Mexico no members suffered injuries or property damage to their homes, according to Thomas Turk, manager of the Church's Mexico City Office. However, Sabbath services were canceled Sept. 17 in Monterrey, which experienced heavy flooding. Some members traveling to the Feast had to alter travel plans because of washed-out bridges.]

Jamaica's agriculture was heavily damaged and food shortages could develop in the months ahead when the fruit from fallen trees is gone, Mr. Fleming said.

Mike Jones, a member employed in the food industry, might lose his job if his ailing parent company sells off his firm.

Eleven nights after the storm some members were sobered at the many closed restaurants and long lines at the few that were open.

"The brethren here are in good spirits and are very positive, so please let our wider family know that they should not worry too

much," Mr. Fleming said. "However, please continue to pray for us."

Mr. Fleming credited the government and utilities for their relief efforts and restoring power to residents. About 40 percent of the electricity in Kingston is restored, the government said.

Church assistance

Seventeen hundred pounds of food from the Miami, Fla., church arrived before the Feast. Food was divided into family parcels and distributed at services Friday during the Feast and again on the Last Great Day.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, made available \$10,000 from third tithe funds for relief efforts. An application form was given to brethren who needed assistance.

"Brethren are encouraged by the quick help given by headquarters. They were comforted to know someone cares," Mr. Fleming said. "Even those brethren without needs were impressed."

Church members elsewhere should not attempt to ship food to brethren in Jamaica because there is no guarantee that members would receive these shipments, according to evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director.

Mr. Bass traveled to Miami, Fla., in October to make arrangements for food to be purchased wholesale, and with the help of Ron Davis, a

member who is a freight forwarder, to be shipped in bulk to Jamaica.

In the days and weeks after the storm brethren were busy repairing roofs and cleaning up water-soaked homes and possessions.

Ian Lawrence, a member from Christiana, was without water. However, since water problems are typical in his area, residents keep 55-gallon drums of water, and he was prepared.

Hurricane warnings

"The first I heard about the hurricane was on the Saturday evening news," two days before it hit, Mr. Fleming said. Sunday weather reports said the hurricane's eye would pass over the south part of the island, but actually the eye passed through the center or north part of the island.

Mr. Fleming lost about 40 percent of his roof during the hurricane. Many of the contents of the house were soaked. Ten years of sermon notes stayed dry. Mr. Fleming joked that if his notes had gotten wet brethren would get "watered-down sermons."

Though services were canceled on Trumpets, Hurricane Gilbert was a Feast of Trumpets sermon, a foretaste of the Day of the Lord, Mr. Fleming said.

"Although this hurricane spells disaster for Jamaica, it is not a total disaster," Mr. Fleming said. "Our brethren are really helping each other. Where the love of God is it cannot be a total disaster."

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Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the Lord your God

Cooperation prevails in Canada

VANCOUVER, B.C.—About 15,000 people attended the five English-speaking Feast sites administered by the Canadian Office.

"This year Victoria [B.C.] expanded to allow all who wished to transfer in," said evangelist Colin Adair, regional director. "As a result we had over 3,000 brethren from all parts of North America visit British Columbia's capital city. The transfers actually exceeded those assigned to the site."

Media coverage was minimal this year. "Even though we were a very large group in Victoria, there were no apparent press or television inquiries made."

"Short articles appeared in Niagara Falls, Regina, Penticton and Halifax newspapers," Mr. Adair said.

Feastgoers in Halifax, N.S., a new site this year, took tall ship cruises in Halifax Harbor, and many attended performances of the Great Circus of China.

In Penticton, B.C., a broomball game took place between the ministers and Church youths.

Sept. 28 a restaurateur noticed his restaurant was empty of Church people, so he got into his car and went to other restaurants to see if they were busy. They weren't. Reportedly the man went to his house and got out his Bible to see if there was some kind of a rapture indicated during the Feast. Brethren weren't in the restaurants because they were attending scheduled activities.

At Niagara Falls, Linda Sackrider, a member from Wolverine, Mich., lost her wedding rings between services on the Sabbath.

Mrs. Sackrider helped another occupant out of the car at the convention center and then the car was parked. She later noticed the rings, which had been her mother's, were missing.

During services security personnel looked for the rings and found the gold band in the parking lot. By the end of services the diamond ring had not turned up, so Gary King, pastor of the Hamilton and St. Catherines, Ont., churches, asked everyone leaving by the exit where

Mrs. Sackrider came in to look around on the ground as they went to the parking lot.

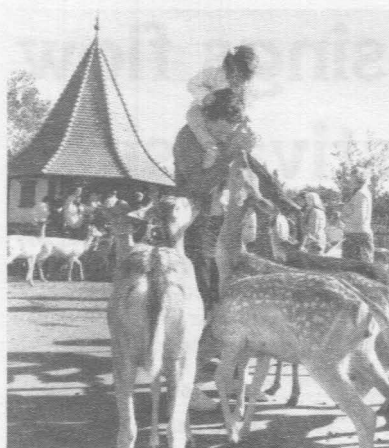
Still no ring was found. Then a man suggested checking the tire treads of the car, and a search revealed the ring protruding from the tread—undamaged.

"Everyone commented on the smooth running of the Feast. The brethren's cooperative attitude made it the easiest Feast to administer yet in Niagara Falls," said Neil Earle, site coordinator.

One member there commented, "Mr. [Joseph] Tkach's emphasis on family is paying off in cooperation."

Evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College, and Robert Morton, pastor of the Brampton, Ont., church, were guest speakers in Regina, Sask.

Halifax, N.S.	1,568
Niagara Falls, N.Y.	5,800
Penticton, B.C.	2,427
Regina, Sask.	1,503
Victoria, B.C.	3,675



Niagara Falls, N.Y.



Regina, Sask.



Victoria, B.C.



Penticton, B.C.

Staff recounts Feast experiences

PASADENA—The Editorial Office buzzes after the Feast with staff members telling of their Feast experiences. If you had been in the office you might have heard some of the following stories.

Ed and Sheila Graham attended the Feast in Tucson, Ariz., with several members of their family, including their granddaughter, Marissa Smith, and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith. Mr. Smith is pastor of the Phoenix, Ariz., West church.

Steve Buchanan, Festival coordinator, leased Old Tucson, a Western-style amusement park, exclusively for Feastgoers.

"While we waited with Marissa in line for one of the activities, I looked around at the Church brethren walking by," Mrs. Graham said. "How would the regulars at the park view us? To the casual observer we looked about like any other crowd."

"Later, as we sat watching a rodeo, Marissa, 11, discovered she

didn't have her purse. We left the rodeo to retrace her steps. The purse had all the money her parents had given her for Feast gifts. I tried to encourage her—and myself.

"You shouldn't have been careless, I told her, but your purse is probably right where you left it, because these are God's people. They live by God's Ten Commandments. Sure enough, the purse was where she had put it down while waiting in line earlier.

"We learned later that an expen-

sive ring had also been left untouched at one of the gift shops where a customer inadvertently left it. The shopkeeper was amazed. The custodial crew also noticed minimal cleanup that day.

"Maybe our people looked much like any other group to them, but before the afternoon was over, the Old Tucson staff knew better. Even though they weren't aware of it, they had experienced a bit of what the world tomorrow will be like."

Norman Shoaf, *Good News* managing editor, and his wife, Pamela, were overwhelmed with the hospitality of Australian brethren, "who made us feel warmly welcomed ev-

erywhere we went.

"We spent one evening in Caloundra at the holiday unit of Sarah Miller, from Sydney. The guests, all Australians, delighted us by explaining many terms and phrases that would help us sound Australian when we spoke.

"They told us about Aussie rules (Australian football), Tassy (pronounced Tazzy, short for Tasmania, Sarah's home state), 'getting on the frog and toad' (getting on the road) and the merits of different Australian beers.

"Sarah had been a student at 'Uni' or university. They said if my wife and I wanted to be romantic, we could use no more romantic terms than possum (for my wife) and munchkin (for me)."

Maryann Pirog, secretary to Dexter Faulkner, talked about a medieval banquet in Trabolgan, Ireland, to which the Belfast, Northern Ireland, brethren were hosts. Maurice McCabe coordinated the banquet.

"The brethren worked the whole year in planning and preparing for the banquet," she said. "The countless hours of hard work that went into the evening were evident.

"We were led to our castle—converted meeting hall—by our king and queen on horseback. During the course of the evening we, the lords and ladies, were entertained by Irish dancers, musicians and, of course, jokers."

Typesetter Maria Stahl and her photographer husband, Barry, attended the Feast in Ireland. "My mother was sort of eavesdropping" on the conversation of two boys about 4 years old, Mrs. Stahl said.

"After a lull in the conversation one turned to the other and said: 'So, you have four sisters. Do you like all of them?'"

Researcher Marjorie Desgrosseillers, who attended in Eugene, Ore., said: "We were driving to Church on the morning of the first day, and we happened upon an accident.

"The drivers got out of their cars, walked up to one another and instead of screaming and yelling at one another, they shook hands! They were Church members, each from a different state, and had never even met each other.

"We got a real chuckle out of that, but what an example! I can just imagine what the parting comments would have been: 'Nice to run into you, hope to do it again sometime.'"

Diverse backgrounds mix freely in Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Six Feast sites were administered from the office here: Durban, George and Sonesta, South Africa; Mutare, Zimbabwe; Lusaka, Zambia; and Black River, Mauritius.

Durban had the largest attendance with 1,813 on the first Holy Day, filling the hall. "We are planning to add an additional Festival site for 1989," said evangelist Leslie

McCullough, regional director for southern Africa.

A pioneering start was made in signing for the deaf at Durban. Qualified signers passed their first exams earlier this year, enabling them to provide sign language for deaf brethren for the first time, said John White, coordinator.

The attendance at George continued to increase during the Feast,

and was 717 at the highest. Sickness at the beginning of the Feast prevented quite a number from attending for a day or two.

The ruling Nationalist Party conducted a conference in George during the same period. On a number of occasions cabinet ministers, including President P.W. Botha, shook hands with and spoke to Church members. "Virtually all had heard about the *Plain Truth* magazine," said coordinator Andre van Belkum.

Mixed-race brethren attended in Sonesta, where the hall was filled to capacity with 278 Feastgoers. "This may present problems for next Feast since the coloured [mixed-race] brethren are very limited in finances and generally cannot afford to travel to the other Feast areas," said Mr. McCullough.

"This is the only reason for a separate Festival location for them," he added. Others transfer to Sonesta for the coastal beauty.

In Zimbabwe bush fires in the surrounding mountains created smoke and haze in the valley, causing some sickness.

"Everyone commented that this year more than ever before, there was far more Philadelphian love and concern expressed, as members wholeheartedly put sermons into practice," said coordinator William Bentley.

"Brethren of all races from Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa, Canada and the United States shared meals and inspiring discussion in tents and around camp fires," he added.

One hundred thirty-one kept the



Black River, Mauritius



Lusaka, Zambia



Sonesta, South Africa



Mutare, Zimbabwe

Durban, South Africa	1,813
George, South Africa	717
Sonesta, South Africa	278
Black River, Mauritius	143
Lusaka, Zambia	131
Mutare, Zimbabwe	449

It shall be a statute forever in your generations

French Feastgoers share blessings

PASADENA—Six Festival sites administered by the French Office here were hosts to 3,680 brethren.

"At this Feast we did realize the importance of being one family as we really shared—more than ever before—all of our blessings," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director.

Two evangelists visited the Port d'Albret, France, site: Mr. Apartian and Ronald Kelly, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*.

For the first time brethren who do not speak French were given translation earphones so everyone could be in one hall, according to Festival coordinator Jean Carion.

A wedding and four baptisms took place at the Kinshasa, Zaire, site. "Despite local conditions, brethren were blessed to be able to gather in one place to hear God's

word," Mr. Apartian said, quoting Bernard Andrist, Festival coordinator there.

In Tartane, Martinique, tropical storm Isaac headed toward the island but inexplicably veered south and lost strength.

Summerlike weather and trees changing colors for autumn were the fare in Sherbrooke, Que., where about 1,400 brethren formed a human corridor to welcome Mr. Apartian and his wife, Shirley, at the site after they spent part of the Feast in Port d'Albret.

Single men issued a dinner invitation to every widow at the site.

Tropical thunderstorms interrupted the video projections in Cap-Haitien, Haiti. Clothing, notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers, erasers and umbrellas from Montreal, Que., brethren were distributed.

Cyrille Richard from Montreal and Wesley Webster from New Jersey were visiting ministers.

"Everything was quiet and calm despite the political situation there," said Mr. Apartian.

Gilbert, Helen and Isaac, three tropical storms, were headed for Guadeloupe, but changed directions and left the Feast site in St. Francois with sunny weather marked by only a few showers.

Cap-Haitien, Haiti	71
Kinshasa, Zaire	235
Port d'Albret, France	1,380
St. Francois, Guadeloupe	275
Sherbrooke, Que.	1,394
Tartane, Martinique	325



Cap-Haitien, Haiti



St. Francois, Guadeloupe



Port d'Albret, France

Members feast together in Italy

CASTELVECCHIO-PASCOLI, Italy—Breathtaking views over the mountains surrounding this Festival site provided a backdrop for 594 brethren, many of whom transferred from the United States, Canada and other parts of Europe.

Il Ciocco, a mountain resort in central Italy where services took place, provided a common dining hall overlooking an expansive valley and a pleasant location for hours of fellowship, according to evangelist Carn Catherwood, Italian regional director.

Festival sermons stressed the seriousness of our times prophetically, the need for closer relationships as brethren and the importance of strengthening our relationship with God.

Seven new members were baptized Oct. 2, bringing the number of Church members in Italy to about 100.

"Brethren were unusually responsive to sermons, and except for

a few illnesses, problems were almost nonexistent," Mr. Catherwood said.

Many members from other countries purposely sought out Italian brethren, so fellowship between

members in Italy and the transfers "was warm and frequent," he added.

Castelvecchio-Pascoli, Italy 594



Castelvecchio-Pascoli, Italy

Germany: Feast has positive effect

BONNDORF, West Germany—Set in the Black Forest region, Bonndorf was host to 1,077 brethren, while 306 met in Brno, Czechoslovakia, the lone site in Eastern Europe.

"Bonndorf's size gives it a real family atmosphere," said John Karlson, regional director.

Four days of stormy winds, including a severe thunderstorm, preceded the Feast. Winds stilled by sunset, Sept. 25, when the Feast started, and the first four days were sunny and mild. Rain and fog that later set in didn't hinder activities.

A welcome evening with the theme "The Black Forest Greets You" featured an area marching band and a folkloric dance group.

The Bodensee Symphony Orchestra performed in a concert jointly arranged by the Church and the city of Bonndorf for the sixth consecutive year.

Members signed a greeting card for Frank Schnee, former regional director, and his wife, Esther. The Schnees returned to the United States this summer after 26 years of directing the Work in German-speaking areas and kept the Feast in Palm Springs, Calif.

Brethren welcomed the two Polish members, Marcin Jarczyk and Wiktor Przybyla, and their children, as well as visiting speakers Leroy Neff, James Reyer, James Peoples and Paul Kroll.

Jasmine Allaoua from Hamburg, West Germany, had her luggage stolen just before the Feast. During

the first Holy Day police contacted her to say they had found her luggage, which was thrown into a lake along with items stolen during other robberies. Her casual clothes were missing, but her Sabbath wear was recovered.

This year marked the 11th year of the Feast in Czechoslovakia. Brethren from 11 nations met with members from the East bloc in Brno.

Feastgoers stayed in the Hotel Voronez, where services took place, and experienced a taste of Czechoslovakian music, dance, food and culture through a wide variety of activities. Family day activities were set up like a Czechoslovakian festival. A whole sheep was roasted,

and brethren danced in the grass.

Many brethren expressed how they especially enjoyed the Festival entertainment film and other presentations from headquarters.

Despite initial worries that East German brethren would not be granted permission to travel to Czechoslovakia, all were present when the Feast opened.

Jaroslav Macourek, director of the Cedok Congress Tourism Section, said the Festival had a tremendously positive effect on all those who worked with what he called "our festival."

Bonndorf, West Germany	1,077
Brno, Czechoslovakia	306



Brno, Czechoslovakia



Hooegeveen, Netherlands

548 at 'cozy' Dutch site experience scenic beauty

HOOEGVEEN, Netherlands—Five hundred forty-eight brethren gathered here for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Thomas Lapacka, assistant director of Media Purchasing, called the Dutch Feast site "cozy, warm and friendly."

"The song 'Getting to Know You' from the musical *The King and I* was put into practice here," according to David Lyon, a local church elder from Edinburgh, Scotland.

The second night of the Feast started off with a square dance. Other activities included a formal

dance, a concert by The Deep River Quartet and scenic tours of the area.

"The Feast is very well located in a very beautiful area of the Netherlands," said John Ross Schroeder, British regional editor of *The Plain Truth*.

Corrie Smit, a member who attends the De Bilt, Netherlands, church, described the Feast as "a Feast of corrective lessons, which makes me roll up my sleeves and get straight into action."

Hooegeveen, Netherlands 548

You shall dwell in booths for seven days

Attendance up 5 percent at sites in British region

BOREHAMWOOD, England—From Bredsten, Denmark, to Blantyre, Malawi, attendance was up almost 5 percent, reported evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East. In Africa alone, attendance was up 21 percent over last year.

Although the Feast could not be conducted in Uganda, audio tapes were provided for Ugandan members unable to travel to Kenya. Despite improvements, the situation was considered too dangerous for a minister to visit. "Please remember our scattered brethren in your

prayers," said Mr. Brown.

Festival coordinators from all sites reported smooth organization and benign weather, he continued. Four guest speakers were evangelists Donald Ward, Gerald Waterhouse, Richard Rice and Dennis Luker.

Satellite transmissions were received without any problems, and tapes were speedily dubbed and distributed for viewing in those European sites that didn't receive them directly.

Malta was used as a site for the first time since 1983, and brethren returned home with praise for the organization of the site and beautiful weather.

"Overall, many comments were received about the increase in love and Christian fellowship among the brethren and the inspiring spiritual food presented by the ministry, especially the guest speakers," Mr. Brown said.

"It has become a cliché to use a cliché, but the verdict was that this really was the best Feast ever!" he added. "And 1989 will really have to be exceptional to do better."

Bournemouth, England, was a



Kenya



Bournemouth, England



Okada Estate, Nigeria



Bredsten, Denmark



Bournemouth, England

Bournemouth, England	1,213
Douglas, Isle of Man	419
Paignton, England	916
Scarborough, England	1,267
Sliema, Malta	382
Bredsten, Denmark	277
Trabolgan, Irish Republic	445
Winneba, Ghana	460
Mombasa, Kenya	141
Naro Moru, Kenya	140
Blantyre, Malawi	203
Okada Estate, Nigeria	782

new site, "and proved to be very successful," said Festival coordinator David House. "Brethren were able to enjoy one of Britain's premier seaside resorts and the surrounding areas, such as . . . the

most beautiful natural harbors."

Elizabeth van Exter, 78, a member from Bristol, England, fell and broke her thigh bone. Surgery was required. She was inundated with visitors of differing nationalities, an

unusual occurrence for the hospital. She is recovering well.

On the Isle of Man, the borough of Douglas was host to a civic reception, which consisted of a buffet and (See BRITISH, page 12)

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that all people everywhere who become converted become spiritual Israel, the Word describes the depths of His emotional bond with His people: "But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.' 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me'" (New International Version throughout).

The love Christ has for His people comes from the profound depths of His heart. That is the kind of love, the love of God, that makes the concept of the family relationship a reality.

A linen waistband, or belt, is used as an illustration of the love God has for His children in Jeremiah 13:11. As the New International Version reads, "For as a belt is bound around a man's waist, so I bound the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to me."

That kind of love is far more than just good intentions, or good thoughts. For the concept of one family to become a reality, members must be bound to one another in the bonds of their hearts, not just in their passing thoughts.

Jesus loved His family in a most profound way. The deep emotions He felt when He came to Jerusalem, symbolic of the heart of His family, are described in Luke 19:41-42: "As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, 'If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.'"

And while weeping from the heart He cried, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under

her wings, but you were not willing'" (Matthew 23:37).

In a family, even when there is a transgression, real love covers multitudes of sins—both real and imagined. Love that comes from the heart overcomes all obstacles. A concept of family becomes a reality when the family members love from the heart and forgive from the heart.

We must stir up the Spirit of God that often lies dormant within us to lead us to have the deep emotions and feelings that move righteous thoughts and ideas into righteous actions and living—actions and living upon which, according to Jesus, hang all the law and the prophets!

We must give place to such thinking, allowing such thoughts to be entertained at length, to dwell on them, consider them and meditate on them until they become part of us, and in zeal flow out from us in wise, sound and mature action! In this way, the mental concept of one family will become living reality.

Such thinking, led by God's Spirit, will lead us to take care in what we say about one another, to be sure that our statements are made in love. It will lead us to consider our actions, whether they are done in love or in selfish ambition or conceit.

It will lead us to consider whether we have truly done all that is reasonable for us to do to help a brother or sister in need. It will lead us to make Christianity a way of life, not just a system of beliefs or a dearly held creed.

Such thinking leaves no room for prejudice, whether racial, national, regional, lingual or according to gender, social status, accent or occupation. A family that has no prejudice has no limits.

Jesus told His family: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another" (John 13:34-35). This kind of love is not just a show. It is not

just works of charity. It is love that comes from the depths of the mind and heart.

It is love that is motivated deep in the recesses of mature and sound feeling, emotion and reason led by the Spirit of God. No platitudes of "be ye warmed and filled" here. Rather, it is the true love of God, generated from the Holy Spirit of power, love and a sound mind, and translated into action (Romans 5:5).

From a kind word, an encouraging note, a thoughtful gesture, an ear to listen, or an expression of appreciation, to making a sacrifice of time, energy or convenience, love is a way of life.

And it is a way of life that is not out for recognition. It does what it does because it feels it. And it feels it because it believes in it, and is led by the Spirit that comes from the God who is love.

It is not foolish or frivolous. It is not unwise, unsound or unbalanced. It does not impose itself upon others. It does not look down on others or make others feel inferior. It carefully considers the feelings, needs and privacy of others. In short, it cares, and it shares. Indeed, love is light in a dark world.

Jesus added, "If you love me, keep my commandments." His commandments guide us in the way of love. They show us how He, who is love, views life and relationships. To meditate on His commandments is to meditate on how to put love into action.

Then He spoke of the ultimate in love: "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Jesus Himself did just that, both in life and in death. The apostle Paul, in the 12th chapter of Romans, urges Christians to be living sacrifices; in effect, to lay down our lives for one another in service born of love.

The family of God is not just a passing thought, a mere concept, or an empty slogan. As Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only

he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). We can't just talk the talk. We have to walk the walk.

Now to update you on a few things regarding the *World Tomorrow* program: Now that we are several programs into the season, we have decided to make certain changes in the new format.

Although the programs have been of excellent caliber and have received a high-quality response, the new formula (removal of the mid-program literature offer and use of commercial ads in place of the presenter's description for *The Plain Truth*) has not proven to be as effective in total level of response as we had hoped. As a result, we have made certain adjustments that should improve the level of motivation to respond.

First, we, in most instances, will be returning to the mid-program literature offer. We feel that offering the literature in the middle of the program provides a needed mental break, as well as more effectively orienting the viewer to the value and ease of obtaining the material offered.

Second, the presenter will go into greater detail about the *Plain Truth* magazine to give those who request a subscription a better picture of what to expect. After much discussion and analysis, we feel that a personal description by the presenter will be in the long run more effective than the commercial presentations.

The mid-program literature offer resumed on the last program in October. The commercials will continue appearing throughout November. We plan to continue using the commercials as stand alone ads apart from the program itself.

Finally, a special announcement! As you know, I had asked the Church some months ago to pray that God would lead us in making the right decision regarding whether to sell the Work's G-III aircraft and purchase a used Boeing 727.

My desire was to free up several million dollars by selling the more expensive G-III, while continuing to meet the Work's needs with a lesser expensive aircraft. Several promising 727s became available, but none worked out. Shortly before the Feast of Tabernacles, however, another type of aircraft came to our attention—a British-made craft called British Aerospace Co. One-Eleven, or BAC One-Eleven, the 400 Series. This plane was designed as a medium range, smaller airliner with a sturdy build capable of handling gravel runways if necessary.

It has a range of 3,000 miles, slightly less than either the G-III or a 727, but sufficient for international use. It is about the same width, but somewhat shorter than a 727. Its operation costs are about the same as the G-III, slightly more for fuel consumption and slightly less for maintenance and repairs. It has identical engines as the G-III.

The particular plane we have purchased is in top condition. It has 13,000 hours on a 60,000-hour airframe. (We fly about 300 to 350 hours a year.) It is fully up to date on all maintenance checks, and its interior is in very good condition, and requires no modification.

But the best part is the price. The least expensive 727 we found was in the neighborhood of \$6 million to \$7 million. The BAC One-Eleven was \$3.4 million. The G-III will sell for between \$12 million and \$13 million. So you can see the immediate benefit to God's Work of exchanging aircraft.

Also, the BAC One-Eleven has room for all our necessary television equipment and personnel, as well as any additional necessary personnel. The G-III, as many of you know, was extremely limited in seating and storage capacity.

So thank you again, everyone, for your prayers for every aspect of God's Work! God does hear them, and we can rejoice in the direction and guidance He gives us.

You shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing

Friendships renewed in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines—"Peace and harmony characterized the Feast of Tabernacles at the five Philippine sites," said Rodney Matthews, regional director.

Of the 5,221 in attendance, 100 were international transfers.

Guest speakers were Dexter H. Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, and Pasadena-based evangelist Dean Blackwell.

Mr. Faulkner told Feastgoers in Cebu, "If members let down in their prayers, problems occur at headquarters."

This was the Blackwells' first visit to the Philippines since Mr. Blackwell conducted a Ministerial Education Program here in 1985. "Many old friendships were renewed. Mr. Blackwell's sermons on prophecy were very helpful and enlightening," Mr. Matthews said.

Many expressed appreciation for Mr. Faulkner's sermon on praying for God's Work and those involved in it.

The new Feast site at Tacloban proved to be popular with brethren, according to Mr. Matthews. Some international guests remarked that its tropical setting on the beach of Leyte Gulf, close to U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's return landing site during World War II, seemed to suggest a perfect millennial setting.

The convention center management in Tacloban did not take the Church's word seriously when told that 800 would attend the Feast. Based on experience with other religious groups they expected about half that number.

"As usual, hall managers com-

mented favorably on the efforts of the early crews to clean up the halls," Mr. Matthews said. In Baguio, hall personnel joked that it "was about time" they returned to clean up the hall.

After cleaning and repainting part of the hall in Cagayan de Oro, Church members were asked whether they could conduct another convention in the spring.

For the first time about 200 non-English-speaking members in Cagayan de Oro listened to translations into Cebuano over headphones donated by the German Office.

In Baguio, members who became ill received get-well cards from the Baguio church. Members who attend the host church donated money for the project.

Widows and brethren in need were treated to dinner by a group of members who were blessed this year.

At the Cagayan de Oro Feast site the 300 members from the Kiara church, considered to be the poorest church in the Philippines, saved money by bringing with them rice, vegetables, live chickens and firewood.

In Cebu, Pedro Ortiguero, the most senior minister in the Philippines, entered a hospital with chest pains during the Feast. Members sent him flowers, cards and fruit. He recovered quickly and was able to attend services on the Last Great Day.

A prospective member was surprised when she met relatives attending the Feast. She did not expect that she would meet relatives in the Church. She said it was like

a family reunion to her.

Disabled members, senior citizens and those hard of hearing were seated close to the stage so they could fellowship with the ministers, especially those from Pasadena.

In Manila some singles provided an escort service for senior citizens.

Baguio, Philippines	1,608
Cagayan de Oro, Philippines	1,163
Cebu, Philippines	663
Manila, Philippines	1,019
Tacloban, Philippines	768



Manila, Philippines



Baguio, Philippines



Tacloban, Philippines

Thai Feastgoers immersed in 'totally different culture'

PASADENA—"The Thai people were so hospitable and set an excellent example," said John Halford, coordinator of the Chiang Mai, Thailand, Festival site, host to 330 brethren.

"The Thais seem to serve people with pleasure, not out of a sense of obligation," he said. "They see serving as having intrinsic worth, while others may serve just to get a tip."

Activities in Thailand centered on touring, including places where

members viewed silk manufacturing and teak carving. In Bangkok, about 370 miles south, the group saw the royal villa, where development projects show how the king and queen help the country's poor.

A stop at the Grand Palace offered a private tour, "a very exclusive tour," of places where the public is not invited.

PhraThesopon, abbot of Wat Po, the largest monastery in Thailand, greeted the group as friends, according to Mr. Halford.

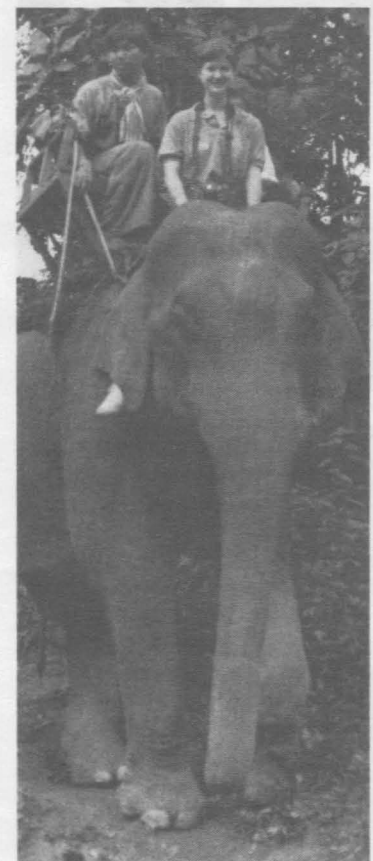
"Everyone seemed to agree that the Feast in Thailand is an unusually rewarding experience," he added, "because we keep the Feast against the backdrop of a totally different culture, and people find that educational."

About 17 brethren who live in Thailand attended the Festival. Thi Moo of Thailand and Kim Meyerderks from Pasadena performed "The Lion Shall Lie Down With the Lamb," a "nice East-meets-West event," said Mr. Halford.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor, was a guest speaker for the first half of the Feast.

Mr. Halford said the site received a videotape of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's satellite message on the sixth day of the Feast. He explained: "It went at the speed of light by satellite from America to Australia, in an airplane from Australia to Bangkok, in a Thai bus from Bangkok to Chiang Mai, and by three-wheeled taxi from the bus station to our hotel!"

Chiang Mai, Thailand 330



Chiang Mai, Thailand

Hurricanes threaten, isles rejoice

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Nine Caribbean sites welcomed 3,626 brethren for the Feast of Tabernacles, according to evangelist Stan Bass, regional director.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's first day satellite message was received in all scheduled sites except Jamaica, where a videotape was played on the second day of the Feast. Hurricane Gilbert damaged the satellite dish at the Jamaica Conference Center. The videotape came from the manager of the Church's advertising agency in Jamaica, who received and taped the sermon from his home satellite dish.

The satellite transmission was received at one unscheduled Feast site, Grenada, after the manager of Discovery Television there said he could capture the satellite signal and make it available to the Church.

"Not only did we receive the satellite transmission," Mr. Bass said, "but so did anyone else who was watching television in Grenada, since the station played the program over its antenna system."

Said Festival coordinator Clifton Charles, "Receiving the live satellite transmission was an unexpected treat."

Mr. Bass and Mr. Charles were interviewed on Grenada television.

Jamaican brethren rejoiced at the Feast in spite of the ravages of Hurricane Gilbert, which hit the island on the Feast of Trumpets. Because the site at Montego Bay was damaged the Feast was moved to Kingston and closed to international transfers.

Services were conducted on only six of the eight days because of a shortage of ministers. One day was community cleanup day, during which eight work parties helped

other brethren and organizations by repairing roofs, cleaning water-soaked homes and clearing yards of fallen trees. The activity caused many to think of the time when waste cities will be rebuilt (Amos 9:14).

Authorities at the Jamaican Association of the Deaf said, "God Himself sent you."

About 190 transfers unable to keep the Feast in Jamaica kept the Feast in the Bahamas. Brethren there enjoyed a picturesque moonlight dinner cruise.

During family fun day a 5-year-old girl was missing for more than an hour, but after much prayer and diligent search she was reunited with her mother, a new member.

Brethren to the north in Bermuda enjoyed an evening boat cruise.

In Guyana, pastor Paul Krautmann sent food and clothes by aircraft to isolated brethren in the interior who were unable to attend the Feast. Mr. Krautmann and Timo-

thy Snyder, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., West church, visited brethren in one village.

Visiting members were generous to Guyana members with clothing, food and excess second tithes.

At the Store Bay, Tobago, site, visitors enjoyed the warmth and friendliness of the area brethren.

Tropical storm Isaac threatened the Barbados Feast site, but no activities were significantly affected. "It was very heartening to observe the free interaction and serving between the local and visiting brethren," said Victor Simpson, Feast coordinator.

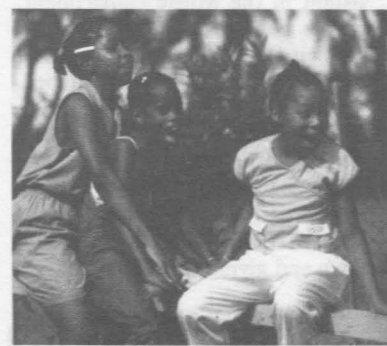
The hurricane passed close to Grenada causing heavy showers for two days, but none of the activities were adversely affected.

Brethren keeping the Feast in Roseau, Dominica, were treated to Dominican night, which featured Dominican food.

Castries, St. Lucia	151
Christ Church, Barbados	567
Georgetown, Guyana	266
Hamilton, Bermuda	263
Kingston, Jamaica	549
Paradise Island, Bahamas	778
Roseau, Dominica	111
St. George's, Grenada	322
Store Bay, Tobago	619



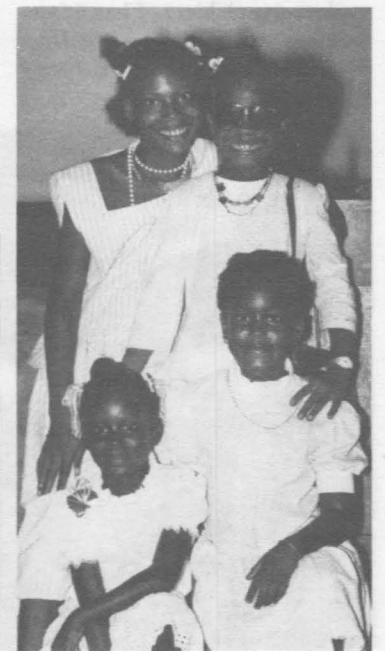
Tartane, Martinique



Christ Church, Barbados



Hamilton, Bermuda



Kingston, Jamaica

Learn to . . . carefully observe all the words of this law

Hospitality greets visitors in Australian, Asian areas

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—More than 7,000 people kept the Feast at the 13 sites administered by the regional office here. There were five sites in Asia, one in the Pacific islands and seven in Australia.

Festival coordinators commented on the warmth and friendliness among the brethren, said Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director. One coordinator commented that visitors from overseas "were swamped by the abundance of hospitality they received."

Australia

"The largest number of visitors yet attended this site, and everyone blended together well," said Robert Regazzoli, Perth Festival coordinator.

The mayors of Caloundra and Ulladulla officially welcomed brethren to the Feast. Both areas received positive media coverage. Visitors to the Caloundra site included a member from the Ivory Coast.

The mayor of Coffs Harbour gave a welcoming address at the opening service. An area television crew filmed the service and gave a positive report.

In Melbourne the proprietor where the over-50s luncheon took place "was so impressed by the attitude and example of the young people who were serving that he offered part-time work to any of them who would want it," said William Bradford, Melbourne coordinator.

Barbecue lunches or dinners and river cruises took place at several of the Australian sites.

In Hobart singles participated in a car rally.

Asia

Britto Anthony, who has lived in a home for the disabled in south India all of his life, attended the Feast for the first time this year in Lonauli. Mr. Anthony cannot walk, and this was his first time to leave the home for any reason.

Family day activities on the beach in Ahungalla, Sri Lanka, featured elephant rides and a "tug of peace" with elephants. Brethren at the site stayed in two hotels. Fifty-five brethren toured the Ambassador Foundation project in Nuwara Eliya after the Feast.

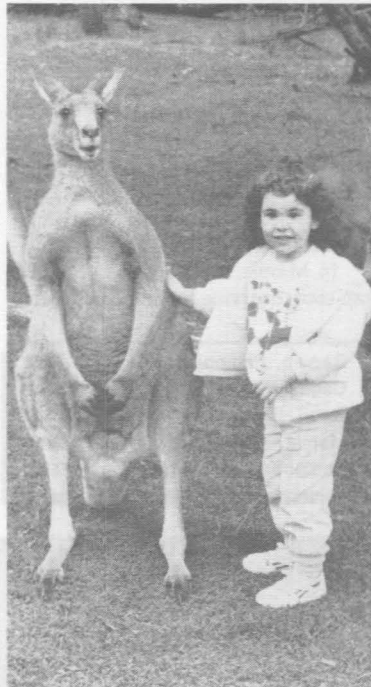
Half of those attending the Feast in Singapore were visitors. About 20 countries were represented. Visitors saw area talent and culture at an evening featuring Chinese, Malay and Filipino dances and music.

The Feast in Honiara, Solomon Islands, featured an island feast and entertainment night with area food, traditional dress and entertainment.

Because of slowness of mail from Burma, information for the two sites in that country is not available. The current political problems there may slow down mail even further.

Caloundra, Australia	1,092
Coffs Harbour, Australia	1,566
Gosford, Australia	830
Hobart, Australia	370
Melbourne, Australia	935
Perth, Australia	652
Ulladulla, Australia	619
Ahungalla, Sri Lanka	136
Honiara, Solomon Islands	41
Kya In, Burma	80*
Sa Khan Gyi, Burma	40*
Lonauli, India	260
Singapore	628

*Estimated attendance



Melbourne, Australia



Perth, Australia



Singapore



Gosford, Australia



Hobart, Australia



Lonauli, India

Courtesy appreciated in New Zealand region

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—Two sites were added in this region this year: Port Vila, Vanuatu, and Christchurch, New Zealand. Christchurch was a site from 1976 to 1980. Brethren from Vanuatu traveled to Fiji in past years. Attendance in Vanuatu included 37 area brethren and 18 overseas visitors.

Festival services and activities in Vanuatu were conducted in three languages: English, French and Pidgin, according to evangelist Raymond McNair, regional director.

A letter from the manager of the Ashleigh Court Motel in Christchurch said: "We want to compliment your church on the type and character of those who stayed with us. They were a real pleasure to take care of. They were all courteous, pleasant and appreciative and no skylarking and noise. They will be

welcome back any time."

In Christchurch boys helped mothers and small children from their cars to the hall, and the girls helped with typing announcements and serving in hospitality rooms.

"Rain on the family afternoon at the latter end of the day and showers on the last two days did not bother anyone," said Neville Fraser, Festival coordinator for the Rotorua, New Zealand, site. Mr. Fraser also commented on "a total lack of serious illness or accident."

Rain one night helped to keep the dust down on the dirt roads, including one at the front of the tabernacle ground, according to Toluta'u Ha'angana, Festival coordinator in Tonga.

In Fiji God intervened in the life of Erica Stafford of Spokane, Wash. She was nearly paralyzed after inhaling contaminated air while scuba

diving off the Korolevu reef. Brethren prayed for her healing and she recovered.

Fijian brethren suffered financial difficulties because of political unrest in the country, and visiting members donated to enable everyone to attend all paid functions, according to Festival coordinator Epeli Kanaimawi. Visiting brethren also paid for a barbecue dinner for all of the area brethren. The Fijian brethren reciprocated with an hour of songs and dances.

In Vanuatu brethren gave polished shells and woven baskets to visitors and their children.

"Several of the hotel staff liked us so much they requested *Plain Truth* subscriptions, and a couple were noticed 'stowing away' in the back of the hall during the family Feast video," said coordinator Rex Morgan.

Special music at the Port Vila site was provided by a group of French-speaking prospective members who were attending services for the first time.

During the Feast Mr. Morgan conducted a visit with a couple who spoke only Pidgin—no English and no French. The couple also cannot read or write. They learned about the Church through other members on their island of Tanna, where a small group fellowships on the Sabbath, and they traveled to Port Vila for the Feast at their own expense, Mr. McNair said.

Christchurch, New Zealand	505
Rotorua, New Zealand	735
Mu'a, Tonga	45
Korolevu, Fiji	235
Port Vila, Vanuatu	55

Feastgoers tour Jordan's sites

PASADENA—Nine countries were represented in Amman, the lone site in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Desert heat-haze "prevented the modern-day children of Israel from viewing the Promised Land from Mt. Nebo," said coordinator Richard Frankel.

Church members lost a wheelchair basketball game against the physically handicapped from the Jordan Sports Federation.

Tours were conducted to Ambassador Foundation projects and Petra, "a rose-red city half as old as time," Mr. Frankel remarked. A new law bans tourist jeeps from Pe-

tra, so everyone rode horses.

A Church member who fell from her horse when it slipped struck her head on a rock. "Miraculously she suffered only a cracked rib and sprained ankle, necessitating only two days of observation in an Amman hospital," said the coordinator.

Lennox Arthur from Washington, D.C., spent a day in Jordan's largest refugee camp (Balata) and was conferred the title of an honorary Palestinian.

On behalf of the Ambassador Foundation, pianist Paul Heisler, an Ambassador College graduate assistant in the Music Department, gave a benefit concert for the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped. Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda attended the performance at the Royal Cultural Center in Amman.

Throughout the Festival youths were organized to take care of the needs of senior citizens, checking on them and giving them gifts.



Amman, Jordan



Mu'a, Tonga



Ulladulla, Australia



Rotorua, New Zealand



Port Vila, Vanuatu

I must by all means keep this coming feast

Spanish sites promote fellowship

PASADENA—Ten Spanish-language Feast sites were hosts to 4,587 brethren. English translations were provided in Mexico, Argentina, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

In areas where English-speaking members attended, activities were designed to provide them with a taste of the regional culture and promote fellowship between Spanish- and English-speaking brethren.

At least two sites (Mexico and Costa Rica) experienced difficulties from the aftereffects of Hurricane Gilbert.

"In spite of these unforeseen adversities the members pulled together in an inspiring outpouring of cooperation and concern," said evangelist Leon Walker, regional director.

Aggravated by the effects of Hurricane Gilbert, the heaviest rainy season of the century hit Costa Rica before the Feast, according to coordinator Mauricio Perez.

Because of a mudslide, the highway leading to the town of San Isidro, the planned Feast site, was closed to traffic. With only three days remaining until the start of the Feast, arrangements were made to conduct the Feast in San Jose, the capital city.

Heavy rains caused severe road damage from Puerto Vallarta to the Feast site in Acapulco, Mexico, making it difficult for some brethren driving to the Feast, according to coordinator Thomas Turk.

One bridge was washed out. Some members paid townspeople to pick up their cars and carry them across the river, Mr. Turk said.

Translations at services alternated between English and Spanish. Arrangements were made for English-speaking families to get together with Mexican families for lunch or dinner with the aid of interpreters.

Brethren from 10 countries attended the Feast in Mar Del Plata, Argentina. Ten people were baptized—seven from Argentina and three from Uruguay, according to coordinator Alberto Sousa.

Senior citizens related past experiences and enjoyed tea and pastries at an event conducted for them.

Activities in Humacao, Puerto Rico, included a hospitality afternoon with Puerto Rican dishes and tropical fruits.

Leocadia Alvarez was healed overnight after being anointed. Mrs. Alvarez suffered since May from a spasm that left her almost paralyzed.

Brethren from Wichita, Kan.,

improvised a choir under the direction of Ronald Woodbridge.

The Feast in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, began with two earthquakes registering 4.1 on the Richter scale, according to coordinator Reginald Killingley.

A visiting member from Washington, D.C., Larry Armes, sponsored a "once-in-a-lifetime" fishing trip for a dozen, mostly Venezuelan, men, according to Mr. Killingley.

English translations were available for the first time in Venezuela, thanks to visiting New York member Francisco Chavez.

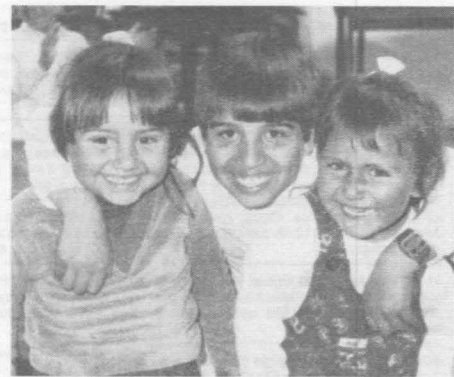
Other firsts for the Venezuelan site were receiving a videotape of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's first-day message and live piano accompaniment. Special music was performed at each service.

In Maitencillo, Chile, 329 attended the Feast. "Fourteen Bolivian brethren were the center of attention with their enthusiasm and dedication," said coordinator Mario Seiglie. Two of them traveled more than 3,000 miles crossing the Andes Mountains and the Atacama Desert.

Groups of members served meals in the dining hall, which was also used for services.

Ten percent of the 269 brethren who attended the Feast in Huaraz, Peru, were prospective members, according to coordinator Wilfredo Saenz. The members appreciated the three Peruvian families who visited the site from the United States and the United Kingdom.

In Cullera, Spain, all the sermonettes and sermons were given by two ministers—Pedro Rufian, a native of Spain, and Fernando Barriga,



Mar Del Plata, Argentina



Cullera, Spain



Acapulco, Mexico

pastor of the Pasadena Spanish congregation.

Translations were provided into English and French. Portuguese brethren from Portugal, the Azores and Canada attended the Feast in Spain.

Fernando and Joaquina Morell of Alicante, Spain, attended their ninth Feast in Cullera, Spain, despite their age and a crippling stroke 13 years ago that left Mrs. Morell paralyzed in her right side. Mr. Morell, 82, and his wife, 80, have been married for 57 years.

Brethren in Guatemala City,

Guatemala, were dedicated to serving one another during the Feast. Many invited brethren who didn't have much money to eat out. Others served by providing transportation for those without vehicles.

The young people helped take care of children of married couples who were serving.

For the first time brethren in Colombia gathered by the Caribbean Sea to keep the Feast in Santa Marta. Rugged geography and great distances make it difficult for people of the interior to travel to the Caribbean coast, according to coordinator Eduardo Hernandez, so many of the brethren had not seen the sea before.

Visiting brethren were overwhelmed by the kindness and concern shown by the Colombian brethren, according to Mr. Hernandez. The most common expression was: "People are so friendly here!"

Church matriarch dies

PASADENA—Mabel Dena Lisman, 94, died Sept. 17 at home while listening to Auditorium P.M. Sabbath services through a telephone hookup.

During services Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach announced that she was bedridden and experiencing difficulty in breathing. He asked brethren to pray for her and referred to her as "one of our matriarchs."

When Mrs. Lisman died, her daughter, Loma Clayson, called the Auditorium, and Mr. Tkach made the announcement at the end of services.

"God heard our prayers and delivered her from her pain," he said. "We're going to miss her. I've known Mrs. Lisman for many, many years as many of you have."

Mrs. Lisman, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease for the last 10 years, was born July 4, 1894, in San Pedro, Calif. She and her husband, Hal, who served on the board of trustees for Ambassador College, learned of the Church through the *World Tomorrow* broadcast.

Mrs. Lisman "understood numbers of these truths before she became a baptized member," said evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, editor of *The Plain Truth*. "She had already heard and understood the identity of Israel before coming into contact with this Work."

The Lisman family were baptized in 1948, and they moved onto the Ambassador College campus in 1952.

Mr. Lisman was an optometrist and served many students and brethren. The Lisman family paid the down payment on the house that is now Herbert W. Armstrong Memorial Hall, enabling the college to purchase the building. They used their home as a women's residence, and lived there until Mr. Lisman's death in 1961.

"In the early days of the college, the Lisman family did much of the entertainment of the students in their home," said Mrs. Clayson.

"Students today will never know what it meant for some of us in the early '50s to have around the campus people like Mrs. Lisman," said

evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director.

"She was then one of three important women on the campus. First there was Mrs. Loma Armstrong, always smiling and ready to counsel with the students. Then there was Annie Mann, the ever-busy and ever-working housemother and, finally, there was Mrs. Lisman, whom some of us called Aunt Mabel. She was generous, hospitable, always positive and cheerful.

"Mrs. Lisman, like the other two ladies, was not just a member of God's Church—she was an institu-



MABEL LISMAN

tion," Mr. Apartian said.

"There are people whose function it is to be vigorous Church members—helpful, thoughtful, socially conscious," said Dr. Hoeh, describing Mrs. Lisman.

When Mr. Lisman died Mrs. Lisman moved into college-owned apartments, where she lived until she died. She is survived by her daughter and one son, Van, both Church members; six grandchildren, including Ray Lisman, pastor of the Chico, Eureka and Redding, Calif., churches; and Marsha Stewart, whose husband, Jerry, is a local church elder in Sherman, Tex.; 14 great-grandchildren, including Scott and Susan Stewart, both Church members; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Robin Webber, pastor of the Pasadena Imperial P.M. church.

Brethren contribute aid to fire victims in Vail

By John Calhoun

VAIL, Colo.—Help thy neighbor.

Members of the Worldwide Church of God, who spent the last week in Vail for their annual convention, did just that Friday.

This article appeared in the Oct. 1 issue of the Vail, Colo., Daily and is excerpted by permission.

After reading about the plight of the West Vail residents who lost everything they owned in a fire Wednesday, church members dug deep into their pockets—very deep.

Doug Horchak, a church pastor from Denver, presented officials at the Vail Resort Association with a check for \$3,203. He told the VRA to give the money to Gena Buerman, Jill Schroeder, Mary Schroeder and Jerry Glissman, the four victims of the fire. The four were not available for comment.

On Wednesday their condominium in the Vail das Schoene Plaza over Ace Hardware was completely destroyed. There was no one home at the time of the fire and the cause is still not known.

"Many of the members were aware of what took place," Horchak said. "Everyone decided to give a dollar or two."

Apparently, when 2,500 people decide to give a dollar or two it adds up quickly.

"It was a whole lot more than I expected," he said.

Horchak said that he made a two minute announcement about the

plight of the four people in West Vail and then told members that there would be a cardboard box by the exit. It filled up quickly. He said Vail has done much for the Church of God members.

"This is a small community," he said. "When you read something like that, it's sort of a personal thing."

Acapulco, Mexico	2,037
Cullera, Spain	124
Guatemala City, Guatemala	484
Huaraz, Peru	269
Humacao, Puerto Rico	381
Maitencillo, Chile	329
Mar Del Plata, Argentina	368
Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela	146
San Jose, Costa Rica	134
Santa Marta, Colombia	315

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BIRTHS

ANDRADE, Stanley and Karen (Jones), of Washington, D.C., boy, Stanley Benjamin George II, Sept. 13, 8:29 a.m., 9 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ANNEAR, David and Deborah (Thoen), of Whitewater, Wis., boy, Joshua David, Aug. 22, 1:31 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

ANTOINE, Bill and Jana (Burroughs), of Memphis, Tenn., boy, Gerald Allen, July 4, 6:23 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

ARNOLD, Stephen and Becky (Hardiman), of Alvin, Tex., girl, Linda Michelle, June 22, 8:39 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

ASHBY, Andrew and Eugenia (Chandler), of Denver, Colo., boy, William Joseph, June 5, 9:19 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

BENTON, John and Katherine (Bonsall), of Dodge City, Kan., twin boys, David Wayne and Wesley Lynn, Aug. 16, 8:39 and 9:41 a.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces and 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

BERENDT, David and Delores (Klassen), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Brenen Christopher, Aug. 28, 12:02 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

BERTAGNOLLI, T. Roy and Wendy (Michelsen), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Scott Michelsen, Aug. 26, 10:47 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BETTENCOURT, Manuel and Karla (Villiers), of Medford, Ore., boy, Seth Leo, Sept. 16, 6:24 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

BLALOCK, Joseph and Stephanie (Hurley), of Chattanooga, Tenn., boy, Joseph Scott, Aug. 30, 10 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BOCCHICCHIO, Severino and Rosalba (Monti), of Montreal, Que., girl, Michelle, Aug. 14, 12:58 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

BRAUGHLER, Denver and Michele (Croft), of Arlington, Va., boy, Jordan Wayne, July 30, 3:22 p.m., 4 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BRENDEL, Ronald and Becky (Edwards), of Rome, Ga., girl, Tegan Rebecca, Aug. 10, 11:44 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 girls.

BULLARD, Ronald and Lisa (Smith), of Jacksonville, Ark., girl, Tiffany Kaye, Sept. 21, 3:41 a.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

BURGESS, Eddie and Yvonne (Killian), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Thadeus Nathaniel, July 21, 8:23 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

BUTLER, Stephen and Carrie (Whipple), of Durhamville, N.Y., girl, Emily Mae, Aug. 29, 6:40 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CALDWELL, Larry and Shirley (Hulse), of Fort Smith, Ark., girl, Josie Danielle, July 19, 4:47 a.m., 7 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

CLARK, Mark and Lisa (Kiewer), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Nicole Candace, July 30, 2 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

COLLENDER, Jacoby and Sylvia (Pridgen), of Moultrie, Ga., girl, Dava Adrielie, Sept. 1, 9:47 p.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CRAFT, Kevin and Jennifer (Vandegriff), of Colorado Springs, Colo., girl, Leslie Michelle, Sept. 10, 4:26 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

CRIBBS, James and Sherry (Williams) of St. Petersburg, Fla., boy, Joseph Samuel, July 4, 5:58 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

CUVELIER, Dave and Melinda (Howard), of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, girl, Lauren Paige, July 3, 2:08 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

DEL BARTO, Christopher and Teresa (Newby), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Kayla Christine, Sept. 30, 9:23 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 girls.

DUNCAN, Hal and Priscilla (Lackey), of Pikeville, Ky., boy, Shane Alexander Hal, Sept. 6, 11:15 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys, 4 girls.

ENGI, Des and Dorothy (Hutchison), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Brett Jonathan, Aug. 1, 2:38 p.m., 7 pound 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

FERGUSON, Ben and Debbie (Thorn), of Escondido, Calif., girl, Gillian Dani, Aug. 19, 1:10 a.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

FLORES, Michael and Alma (Herrera), of Salinas, Calif., girl, Roseanna, June 10, 11:45 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

FOUGNIES, Jay and Cindy (Gardner), of Evansville, Ind., boy, Zachary Scott, Aug. 20, 2:49 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

GASTON, Ritchie and Rachel (Kuipers), of Pasadena, boy, Matthew Ian, Sept. 29, 11:22 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GONZALES, Oscar and Carmina (Argallon), of Quezon City, Philippines, girl, Julie Lois, June 19, 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

GUTJAHR, Don and Julie (Hopkins), of Austin, Tex., boy, Jeffrey Ryan, Oct. 4, 3:06 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HAMMONDS, Billy and Juli (Ferrell), of Houston, Tex., girl, Meagan Lynn, Sept. 1, 5:14 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

HARRISON, Doug and Connie (Campbell), of Houston, Tex., girl, Shannon Rene, Sept. 7, 10:13 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

HAYES, Terry and Doyala (Turner), of Bowling Green, Ky., girl, Amber Dawn, July 11, 1:07 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

HEBERT, Lynn and Sherry (Nehk), of Pasadena, boy, David Francois, Sept. 11, 7:05 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

HODGE, Glen and Sue (Bosschart), of El Paso, Tex., boy, Shawn Ray, Sept. 29, 1:30 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

HOLLAND, David and Marnie (McNamara), of Gippsland, Australia, boy, Caleb David Aaron, Aug. 15, 6:07 p.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

HUDSON, Tim and Michelle (Quesinberry), of Lexington, Ky., boy, Chandler Van, Sept. 14, 3:41 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

JEFFRIES, Joey and Pam (Allen), of Lafayette, Ind., twin boy and girl, Jerrod Allen and Jaclyn Anne, July 25, 10:26 and 10:27 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces and 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KISSMAN, Shawn and Michele (Burnham), of Colorado Springs, Colo., girl, Sasha Michele, Sept. 12, 12:48 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

MARTIN, Melvin and Esther (Burkhart), of Kitchener, Ont., girl, Rebecca Ann, Aug. 28, 3:06 a.m., 6 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

MASSEY, Terry and Margie (Edmiston), of Tucson, Ariz., girl, Kelly Elizabeth, Aug. 11, 4:45 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

McHUGH, Daniel C. and Sharon E. (Yeo), of Calgary, Alta., boy, David Jonathan, Sept. 4, 10:27 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

McKEOWN, Thomas and Susan (Doerr), of Big Sandy, girl, Mary Elizabeth, Aug. 9, 8:22 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MYERS, Robert and Esther (Roller), of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Andrew Josiah, Aug. 22, 11:40 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

NELSON, Curtis and Theresa (Boedeker), of Seattle, Wash., girl, Ashley Brittan, Sept. 18, 11:56 a.m., 5 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

NOE, Larry and Debbie (Wonderly), of Pilot Rock, Ore., boy, Jeff Bryan, Aug. 25, 8:57 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ORDUNO, Pedro and Consuelo (Valadez), of San Antonio, Tex., girl, Claudia Elizabeth, June 8, 11:29 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PEARSON, David and Jeanette (Minehan), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Robert Charles, Aug. 25, 1 a.m., 9 pounds, first child.

PENNINGTON, David and Rita (Gordon), of Bloomington, Ind., boy, Gordon David, Sept. 9, 10 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 5 boys.

QUINN, Sean and Annette (Medlin), of Adelaide, Australia, girl, Sarah Kate, Sept. 8, 7:14 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RHODES, Steve and Kim (Lee), of Moberly, Mo., boy, Brandon Keith, Aug. 16, 6 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys.

SAMACO, Joaquin-Wilque S. and Nimfa (Cornique), of Iligan, Philippines, girl, Christine-Pearl C., Aug. 22, 8:15 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

SASH, John and Debra (Mayhew), of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., boy, Joseph Thomas, Sept. 6, 4:20 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SCHILLER, Daniel and Laura (Anderson), of Ann Arbor, Mich., boy, Mikel David, Aug. 17, 1:24 a.m., 8 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, first child.

SCHNEIDER, Mark and Susan (Cardice), of Omaha, Neb., girl, Amanda Danielle, Aug. 9, 8:31 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

SCOTT, Dennis and Regina (Burns), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Robin Marie, Aug. 7, 6:50 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

SEWELL, Lowell and Tracy (Garrett), of Mount Sterling, Ky., boy, Brian Thomas, Sept. 13, 8:26 a.m., 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

SHANK, Ronald and Marcia (Smith), of Cleveland, Ohio, boy, Clinton Ronald, July 22, 7:20 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

SHEPHERD, Robert and Julie (Wallis), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Ambre Sherree, March 17, 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

SOUDER, Scott and Mary (Wimmer), of Oakland, Calif., boy, Jonathan Zachariah, July 9, 2:20 p.m., 5 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

SPARKS, Paul and Carolyn (Pascoe), of Tauranga, New Zealand, boy, Andrew Joseph, Aug. 13, 8 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

SPENCER, Darrell and Margaret (Alleyne), of Rochester, N.Y., girl, Corinne Olivia, Aug. 30, 9:17 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

STANKOVIC, Nick and Ada (Spitale), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Alesha Lavinia, June 23, 11:57 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

STEAGALL, Philip and D. Karla (McNair), of Tucson, Ariz., boy, Garrett Carl, June 15, 9:03 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

STRAHL, Michael and Jenifer (VanWinkle), of Evansville, Ind., boy, Caleb Nathaniel, Aug. 11, 1:32 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

STRATTON, Buzz and Tammy (Parrish), of Tacoma, Wash., twin boys, Kevin Andrew and David Kyle, Aug. 9, 12:03 and 12:49 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces and 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 5 boys, 3 girls.

SWEAZY, Michael and Cynthia (Pellow), of Lake Park, Fla., girl, Suzanne Marie, July 9, 2:20 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

TEGLOVIC, Richard and Janet (Glen), of Chico, Calif., girl, Jill Leanne, Aug. 24, 11:33 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

THOMPSON, Erik and Daphne (Clark), of Albany, Australia, boy, Luke William, Aug. 28, 11:20 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

TRAHAN, Dale and Michelle (Gerten), of Hoffman Estates, Ill., boy, Andrew Dale, June 18, 10:43 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

URQUHART, Steven and Janine (Kennedy), of Concord, N.H., boy, Kyle David, Aug. 10, 10:49 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

VERA, Julio and Margaret (Whiteside), of Gothenburg, Sweden, girl, Elisa Natalia, Aug. 3, 2:44 a.m., 3.23 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WALLACE, Hanson and Gloria (Calhoun), of North Lauderdale, Fla., boy, Audy Edmond, Aug. 16, 12:50 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WENGER, Samuel and Elisabeth (Schnee- belli), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Gabi, Sept. 13, 2.26 kilograms, now 2 girls.

WORLAND, Daniel and Joanne (Childs), of Stockton, Calif., girl, Candace Dawn, June

1, 7:19 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

WROZEK, Terry and Angela (King), of Toledo, Ohio, boy, Michael Philip, July 31, 5:42 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ZACHARIAS, Dave and Cindy (Dexter), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Matthew Dexter, July 25, 10 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ZEMAN, Zeljko and Delma (Hewitt), of Wollongong, Australia, girl, Ana Renata, July 11, 10:48 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ZUCHOWSKI, Paul and Mary (Cook), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Jonathan David, June 23, 5:10 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Chapman of Pasadena are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Ben Brunner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brunner of Brooksville, Fla. A Dec. 4 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Juan Colon of Barranquitas, Puerto Rico, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Ada to Hector Diaz, son of Deyanira Diaz Vinasco of San Antonio, Tex. A Nov. 27 wedding in Puerto Rico is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Woelfle of Morton, Ill., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Jill Lorraine to Richard Channing "Chan" Lipscomb Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard "Dick" Lipscomb of Savannah, Ga. A Jan. 1 wedding in Peoria, Ill., is planned.

Elva Maria Alvarez and Bradley Ryan Stainforth of San Jose, Calif., are happy to announce their engagement. A Jan. 7 wedding in San Jose is planned.

Tom Casper of Bethlehem, Pa., and Loretta Deabenderfer, also of Bethlehem, are pleased to announce their engagement. A Dec. 24 wedding is planned.

Graeme Hemphill and Jan Dowell of Melbourne, Australia, are pleased to announce their engagement. A December wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Snuffer of Monrovia, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Arlene to Raymond Leonard Rex, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rex of Bonaparte, Iowa. A November wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pottak of Montville, Conn., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Lynn to Glen Wilson of Manhattan, N.Y. A Nov. 13 wedding in Groton, Conn., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Britz of Regina, Sask., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Michel-Anne to David John Pyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pyle of Regina. A November wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Castillo of Diamond Bar, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Peggy Ginette to Anton Rols Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Earl Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES SMITH
Linotte Dubois and Charles Smith were united in marriage June 19 in Boston, Mass. The ceremony was performed by David Register, pastor of the Boston and Worcester, Mass., churches. Gerald Edouard was maid of honor, and Juan Williams was best man. The couple reside in Kansas City, Kan.



MR. AND MRS. M. FENCHEL
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jolley are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa Elisabeth Hinkle to Matthew Charles Fenchel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fenchel. The ceremony was performed Aug. 14 by Gilbert Gunderson, a local church elder in Tacoma, Wash. Jill Eastman was maid of honor, and John Fantress was best man. The couple both 1988 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates, reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT CURRY
Jennifer Lee Bittner, daughter of Robert

and Judith Bittner of Westmont, N.J., and Robert E. Curry, son of Helen Curry of Philadelphia, Pa., were united in marriage Dec. 20, 1987, in Haddonfield, N.J. The ceremony was performed by Arthur Dyer, pastor of the Vinaland, N.J., and Philadelphia churches. Stacey Anne Bittner, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Gerald Dunn was best man. The couple reside in Pennsauken, N.J.



MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY DOWD
Kerri Jean Miles, daughter of Roger Miles and Beverly Meyer of Seattle, Wash., and Jeffrey Scott Dowd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Dowd of Hamilton, Ohio, were united in marriage Aug. 21 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Ronald Kelly, a Plain Truth senior writer. Laurie Gibson was matron of honor, and Fred Stevens was best man. The couple, 1988 graduates of Pasadena Ambassador College, reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. WALTER BURTON
Mr. and Mrs. Judge Allen of Detroit, Mich., are pleased to announce the marriage of their sister Elza Bowers to Walter Burton of Chicago, Ill. The ceremony was performed March 13 by Eugene Noel, pastor of the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches. Mary De Pass was matron of honor, and Art De Pass was best man. The couple reside in Milwaukee.



MR. AND MRS. LANCE MCCOY
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dickinson of Big Sandy are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Charlene Ruth to Lance McCoy, son of Jerry and Mary Lou McCoy of Pasadena, Tex. The ceremony was performed June 4 in Big Sandy by Kenneth Treymb, pastor of the Picayune, Miss., and Hammond, La., churches. The couple reside in Pasadena, where they both teach in the Houston, Tex., school district.



MR. AND MRS. R. TUTTLE JR.
Loretta Yvonne Blomstedt, daughter of Marvin and Cindy Blomstedt of Sherman, Tex., and Robert Young Tuttle Jr., son of Robert and Doris Tuttle of Viola, Idaho, were united in marriage July 3. Douglas Horchak, pastor of the Denver, Colo., North and South churches, performed the ceremony. Lorinda Blomstedt, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Thomas Toman was best man. The couple reside in Denver.

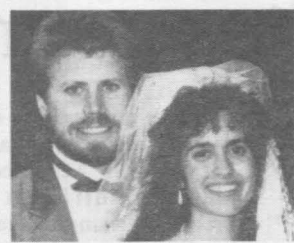


MR. AND MRS. JAMES FRUGIA JR.
James P. Frugia Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Frugia Sr., and Kristine Dailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Dailey, were united in marriage Sept. 4 in Corona, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Warren Waian, assistant pastor of the Garden Grove and Santa Ana, Calif., churches. Susan Blazek, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Ray Frugia, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in San Bernardino, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL MAYBURY
Dorice Ann Mc Hugh, daughter of Shirley Kersey and Theodore Kersey, and Daniel Malcolm Maybury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maybury, were united in marriage Aug. 21. The ceremony was performed by Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches. Janet Kersey, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Daniel Beilstein was best man. The couple reside in Cortland, N.Y.

Shafer were united in marriage May 1 in Lewisburg, W.Va. The ceremony was performed by Bruce Tyler, now pastor of the Canberra and Wollongong, Australia, churches. Hilda Fitzwater, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Gerald Dunn was best man. The couple reside in Renick, W.Va.



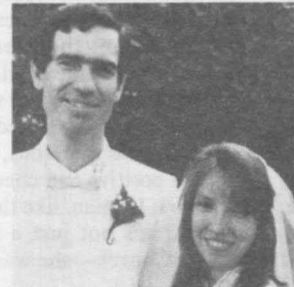
MR. AND MRS. M. HOFFMAN
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scheifele of Toronto, Ont., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lynda Joy to Michael Hoffman, son of Kay Hoffman of Phoenix, Ariz. The ceremony was performed Aug. 8 in Toronto by Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States. Jeff Smith was best man, and Cheryl Riesenfeld was matron of honor. The couple reside in Phoenix.



MR. AND MRS. G. KENNERLY
Debra Lynn Herman of Union, N.J., and Garnett Kennerly of Bethlehem, Pa., were united in marriage April 16. The ceremony was performed by Roy Holladay, pastor of the St. Petersburg, Fla., church. Loretta Deabenderfer was maid of honor, and Tom Casper was best man. The couple reside in Allentown, Pa.



MR. AND MRS. NEAL SWISHER
Rhonda West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd West, and Neal Swisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Swisher, were united in marriage Sept. 17 in Chadron, Neb. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Johannsen, a Rapid City, S.D., local church elder. Sandra West, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Dominic Quartullo was best man. The couple reside in Big Sandy.



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW FERRARA
Ruth Hofer of Calgary, Alta., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hofer of Regina, Sask., and Andrew Ferrara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Ferrara of Calgary, were united in marriage July 10. The ceremony was performed by Donald Hildebrand, assistant pastor of the Calgary South church. Joyce Hofer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Victor Francis was best man. The couple reside in Calgary.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN SNYDER III
Terri Lynn Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gay of Canton, Ohio, and John Luther Snyder III, son of Helen Snyder of Big Sandy and John L. Snyder Jr. of Bay City, Tex., were united in marriage Sept. 4 in Canton. The ceremony was performed by Vincent Panella, pastor of the Canton church. Robin Gay, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Greg Robertson was best man. The couple reside in Toledo.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL ACKLEY
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Falk of Abrams, Wis., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Tammie Ann Soik to Michael Evan Ackley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ackley of Peoria, Ill. The ceremony was performed July 17 in Green Bay, Wis., by William Miller.

pastor of the Salmon Arm and Kamloops, B.C., churches. Melania Majerech, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Bruce Perry was best man. The couple reside in Edmonton.



DR. AND MRS. PIERRE BACHAND
Mr. and Mrs. David Smith of St. John's, Nfld., are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Carmel Rose to Pierre Jean Bachand, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lucien Bachand of Asbestos, Que. The ceremony was performed Aug. 7 by Terrence Roth, pastor of the St. John's and Corner Brook, Nfld., churches. The bride's attendants were Karen Dixon, sister of the bride, Doreen Hollett and Vanessa George. Andre Bachand, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Asbestos.



MR. AND MRS. R. SNELLGROVE
Ann M. Kofol and Reginald M. Snellgrove were united in marriage Jan. 10 in Henderson, Nev. Evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the Garden Grove and Santa Ana, Calif., churches, performed the ceremony. Cecile Kofol was maid of honor, and Michael Snellgrove was best man. The couple reside in Seattle, Wash.



MR. AND MRS. R. SANDSMARK
Louisa Anne Marshall, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip Marshall of Granville, Mass., and Rodger Sandmark of Chichester, N.H., were united in marriage Feb. 21. Kenneth Williams, pastor of the Concord, N.H., and Montpelier, Vt., churches, performed the ceremony. Patricia Scheaffel was maid of honor, and Phil Bell was best man. The couple reside in Chichester.



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pastor of the Green Bay and Appleton, Wis., churches. Paula Soik, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and John Hillstrand was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. DEAN O'CONNOR

Dean Raymond O'Connor and Dawn Adelle Fricke were united in marriage June 12. The ceremony was performed by Daniel Fricke, father of the bride and pastor of the Lafayette and Terre Haute, Ind., churches. Lisa Fricke was maid of honor, and Carl O'Connor was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. CURTIS VERDUN

Janet Simpson and Curtis Verdun were united in marriage April 30 in Baton Rouge, La. The ceremony was performed by John Ogwyn, pastor of the Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., churches. Ina Meyers was matron of honor, and Harris Verdun, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Prairieville, La.



MR. AND MRS. BYRON T. STEWART

DeAnn K. Wendt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wendt of Pasadena, and Byron T. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Newman of Wishram, Wash., were united in marriage July 10 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Robin Webber, pastor of the Pasadena Imperial P.M. church. Joyce Hedlund, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor, and Wayne Ellsworth was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



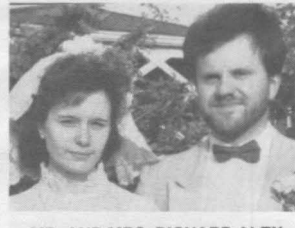
MR. AND MRS. CURTIS B. PRICE

Shelia Ann Maddux and Curtis B. Price were united in marriage Feb. 7. Evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the Garden Grove and Santa Ana, Calif., churches, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Fountain Valley, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. CARL DeJOHN

Mary Petersen and Carl DeJohn were married in Niagara Falls, N.Y., May 1. The ceremony was performed by John Larkin, pastor of the Buffalo, N.Y., North church. Joanne Petersen, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, and Al DeGregorio was best man. The couple reside in Niagara Falls.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD ALEX

Richard Alex and Doris Cole were united in marriage June 12 in Grand Island, N.Y. John Larkin, pastor of the Buffalo, N.Y., North church, performed the ceremony. Kelley Grandusky was the maid of honor, and Michael Alex, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Niagara Falls, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. A. MILOSZEWSKI

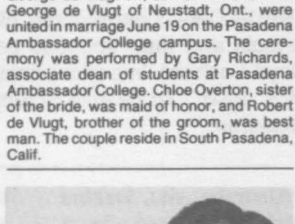
Alex Miloszewski and Amber Davis were

united in marriage Aug. 18 in Lancaster, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by John Larkin, pastor of the Buffalo, N.Y., North church. Nathan Miloszewski, son of the groom, was best man, and Ginger Davis, daughter of the bride, was maid of honor. The couple reside in Sanborn, N.Y.



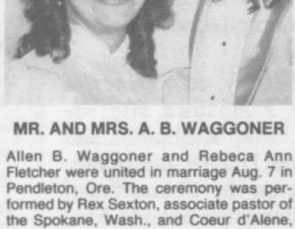
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE de VLUGT

Miriam Carroll Overton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John H. Overton of Hammond, La., and George de Vlugt Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George de Vlugt of Neustadt, Ont., were united in marriage June 19 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Gary Richards, associate dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College. Chloee Overton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Robert de Vlugt, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in South Pasadena, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. A. B. WAGGONER

Allen B. Waggoner and Rebecca Ann Fletcher were united in marriage Aug. 7 in Pendleton, Ore. The ceremony was performed by Rex Sexton, associate pastor of the Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, churches. Bryan Waggoner, father of the groom, was best man, and Renee Fletcher, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. JONATHAN McNAIR

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Allgeyer of Long Island, N.Y., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Christy to Jonathan McNair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNair. The ceremony was performed April 10 by the groom's father, pastor of the Helena, Butte and Great Falls, Mont., churches. Julia Fenton was maid of honor, and Bruce Sexton was best man. The couple reside in Knoxville, Tenn.



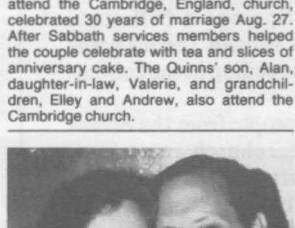
MR. AND MRS. PETER QUINN

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Quinn, members who attend the Cambridge, England, church, celebrated 30 years of marriage Aug. 27. After Sabbath services members helped the couple celebrate with tea and slices of anniversary cake. The Quinns' son, Alan, daughter-in-law, Valerie, and grandchildren, Elley and Andrew, also attend the Cambridge church.



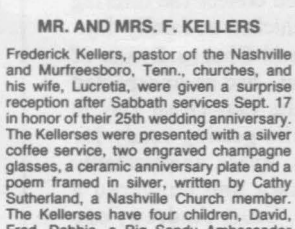
MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY HITCHIN

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hitchin celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 23. Mr. Hitchin was baptized in October, 1970, and Mrs. Hitchin was baptized in July, 1972. The couple have three daughters, two of whom are Church members, and one son, also a member. Mr. and Mrs. Hitchin attend the St. Petersburg, Fla., church.



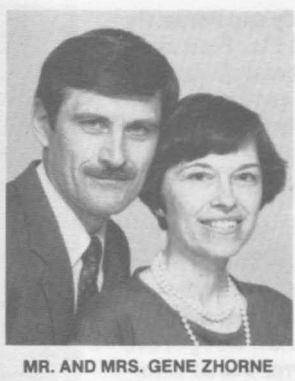
MR. AND MRS. F. KELLERS

Frederick Kellers, pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches, and his wife, Lucretia, were given a surprise reception after Sabbath services Sept. 17 in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. The Kellers were presented with a silver coffee service, two engraved champagne glasses, a ceramic anniversary plate and a poem framed in silver, written by Cathy Sutherland, a Nashville Church member. The Kellers have four children, David, Fred, Debbie, a Big Sandy Ambassador College sophomore, and Melissa.



MR. AND MRS. ROSS LEE

The children of Ross and Joan Lee of Toronto, Ont., are pleased to announce the 30th wedding anniversary of their parents Sept. 20. The Lees have three daughters, Karen, Susanne and Audra, and two sons, Paul and Jim.



MR. AND MRS. GENE ZHORNE

Gene and Connie Zhorne of Waterloo, Iowa, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary after Sabbath services Aug. 27. Brethren gave the Zhornes a cake and other gifts. Mr. Zhorne is a Waterloo local church elder. The Zhornes have two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Wendy and Scott and Jillian; another son, Matthew; and one grandson, Jeremy.



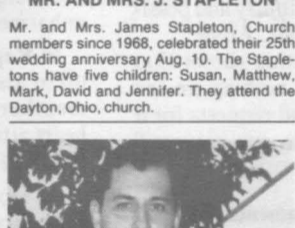
MR. AND MRS. FRED BAUER

Fred and Ruby Bauer of Minneapolis, Minn., were honored July 12 at their home with an open house and luncheon for their 40th wedding anniversary. More than 200 friends and relatives attended. Their children, Ruth Matthews, Mark, David, John and Philip, and their families, were hosts for the event. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have been Church members since 1963.



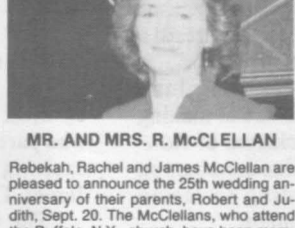
MR. AND MRS. J. STAPLETON

Mr. and Mrs. James Stapleton, Church members since 1966, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 10. The Stapletons have five children: Susan, Matthew, Mark, David and Jennifer. They attend the Dayton, Ohio, church.



MR. AND MRS. A. RAWLINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rawlings of Barnsley, England, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 24. Mr. Rawlings has been a Church member since 1975, and brethren joined in the celebration by toasting the couple and sending flowers to Mrs. Rawlings.



MR. AND MRS. R. McCLELLAN

Rebekah, Rachel and James McClellan are pleased to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents, Robert and Judith, Sept. 20. The McClellans, who attend the Buffalo, N.Y., church, have been members for 20 years. Rebekah and Rachel are attending college, and James is in second grade.



MR. AND MRS. ERNEST CARDY

Ernest and Isabel Cardy, members who attend the Watford, England, church, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 23 with a reception attended by 250 Church members. The Cardys have been Church members for 30 years.



MR. AND MRS. DAVE WILLIAMSON

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Birdsall, members who attend the Penticoct, B.C., church, celebrated a double 50th wedding anniversary after Sabbath services July 30. The Penticoct church gave an afternoon tea in their honor with two white and gold cakes. After the tea, the couples were presented with roses. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have a daughter and son-in-law who attend the Penticoct church.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN BROWN

The children of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Brooklyn, N.Y., would like to announce the 35th wedding anniversary of their parents. The Browns have been Church members since 1962. Mr. Brown is a Brooklyn North local church elder.



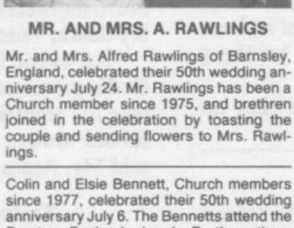
MR. AND MRS. L. SCHREIBER

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schreiber celebrated a combined wedding anniversary and family reunion Aug. 20 and 21 in Reno, Nev. It was the Schreibers' 45th anniversary and the first time in 12 years the family was together. Seventeen were present, including the couple's three children and their families: Randal and Kay Schreiber; John and Terry Beaver; and John and Linda Orchard. Mrs. Schreiber's sister, Nancy Sass, and her husband, Nick, also attended. The Schreibers have been Church members since 1960. Mr. Schreiber is a pastor-rank minister.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN LANG

Mr. and Mrs. John Lang of Scott City, Kan., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 7. The Scott City church honored them with a surprise reception and presented them with a plant after Sabbath services Aug. 6. The Langs have been Church members since 1958.



MR. AND MRS. SANTO ROSSI

Mr. and Mrs. Santo Rossi, members who attend the Santa Rosa, Calif., church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 25. After services brethren honored them with cake and punch and gave them a set of engraved gold-rimmed wine glasses and a bottle of wine. Their son, Gary, also a member, displayed photographs detailing the lives of his parents. The Rossis have been Church members since 1965.



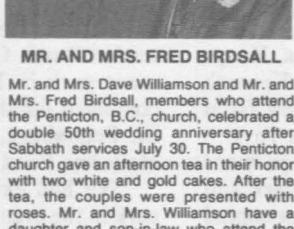
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MR. AND MRS. THEODORE GALL

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore "Ted" Gall were honored by the Kingsport, Tenn., church at Sabbath services Aug. 20 for their 60th wedding anniversary. The Galls were presented with an anniversary clock. They have been Church members since 1966. The couple have a son, Arthur, who is also a Church member.



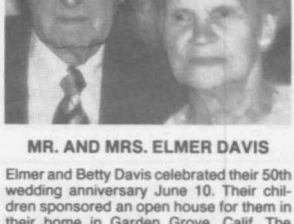
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MR. AND MRS. MARVIN BORDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Borden were honored by the Kenosha, Wis., church on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Borden are longtime Church members, and Mr. Borden has served as a deacon since 1985.



MR. AND MRS. ELMER DAVIS

Elmer and Betty Davis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 10. Their children sponsored an open house for them in their home in Garden Grove, Calif. The Davises have been Church members since 1961. They have four children, David, Joyce Hill and Jacquelyn Bartell, all Church members, and Donald. Ten of their 15 grandchildren attend Sabbath services, and five of them are baptized. The Davises also have four great-granddaughters who attend services.



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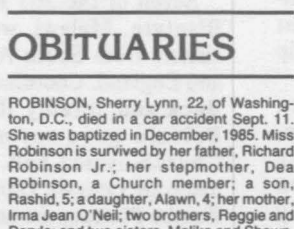
MR. AND MRS. GORDON MILLER

Gordon and Helen Miller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 4. They were honored by the Belle Vernon, Pa., church with flowers, cake and punch after Sabbath services. The Millers were baptized in 1964, and Mr. Miller was ordained a deacon in 1975. The couple have two sons, Bill and David, both members, and three grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. THEODORE GALL

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore "Ted" Gall were honored by the Kingsport, Tenn., church at Sabbath services Aug. 20 for their 60th wedding anniversary. The Galls were presented with an anniversary clock. They have been Church members since 1966. The couple have a son, Arthur, who is also a Church member.



MR. AND MRS. FRED BIRDSALL

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Birdsall, members who attend the Penticoct, B.C., church, celebrated a double 50th wedding anniversary after Sabbath services July 30. The Penticoct church gave an afternoon tea in their honor with two white and gold cakes. After the tea, the couples were presented with roses. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have a daughter and son-in-law who attend the Penticoct church.

High, assistant pastor of the Washington, D.C., North and South churches.

SMITH, John Ernest "Ernie," 77, of Hulett, Wyo., died Aug. 17 after a lengthy illness. He and his wife, Doris, were baptized in 1982. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, one brother, one sister and several nieces and nephews. Douglas Johannsen, a Rapid City, S.D., local church elder, conducted funeral services.

BROWN, Valera, 71, of Ruffsdale, Pa., died Aug. 22. She has been a Church member since 1965. Mrs. Brown is survived by three generations of her family that attend Church services: her daughter, Joyce Sethman, four grandchildren and one great-grandson. She is also survived by her son, David, and another granddaughter. Funeral services were conducted by Tom Smith, pastor of the Belle Vernon and Washington, Pa., churches.

LACY, Eula, 67, of Denniston, Ky., died Sept. 12 after a brief illness. She was baptized in March, 1975. Mrs. Lacy is survived by her husband, Adrian, three daughters, one son, two grandchildren and one sister. Funeral services were conducted by David Havir, pastor of the Lexington and Mount Sterling, Ky., churches.

HUMMEL, Joette, 39, of LeClair, Iowa, died Aug. 25 of complications from a liver malady. She was baptized in 1971. Mrs. Hummel is survived by her husband, Myron; two daughters, Cassandra, 13, and Candace, 8; a son, Donald, 15; her parents, LeRoy and Bea Hirsch; two sisters, Barbara Day and Kathy Conard; and one brother, Edward Hirsch. Funeral services were conducted by John Knaack, pastor of the Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa, churches.

SOVA, Ollie W., 90, of Hagerman, Idaho, died Sept. 11. He has been a Church member since 1964. Mr. Sovo is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nellie; two daughters, Marie Baucum and LaVada Roufs; three sons, Craig, Bruce and Donald; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Wilbur Berg, pastor of the Twin Falls and Blackfoot, Idaho, churches, conducted funeral services.

BUFF, Alma Mae, 69, of Flat River, Mo., died Aug. 14 after a long bout with cancer. She was baptized in 1979. Mrs. Buff is survived by one brother, one sister, one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.

HAMLIN, Roy, 73, of Toronto, Ont., died Aug. 23 after suffering from severe arthritis for many years. His condition worsened after a fall six months ago. He was baptized in 1961. Mr. Hamlin is survived by his wife, Laina, also a Church member, and a son, Robert. Funeral services were conducted by Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto Central, East and West churches.

RUPP, William Clair, 78, of Dayton, Pa., died Sept. 14 in an accident at his home. He was baptized in March, 1961. Mr. Rupp is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary; 11 children, Shirley Henn, John, Betty Suchock, Helen Salato, Harry, Marlene Cowell, Esther Hedgepeth, Joe, Dan, Janice Lewis and Martha; and 13 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by George Affeldt, pastor of the Huntingdon and Indiana, Pa., churches.



JEAN OLIVE HANSON

HANSON, Jean Olive, 63, of Moorhead, Minn., died Sept. 3 of lung and brain cancer. She was baptized in October, 1979. Mrs. Hanson is survived by her husband, Ansel, also a Church member; one daughter and son-in-law, Leslie Jean and Thomas Quigley; one granddaughter, Corey Quigley; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Valerie Hanson; and one sister and brother-in-law, Lillian and Donald Melvey; who are Church members. Michael Blackwell, pastor of the Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., churches, officiated at private funeral services.

HERD, Wislie, 69, of Cambridge, Md., died Aug. 12. She has been a Church member for two years. Mrs. Herd is survived by her son, Mike, a Church member, and her daughter, Bonnie Kelly. Robert Flores, pastor of the Seaford and Wilmington, Del., churches, conducted funeral services.

HOFER, Sarah, 84, of Winnipeg, Man., died April 16 after a brief illness. She has been a Church member for 20 years. Mrs. Hofer is survived by one sister, five sons and four daughters-in-law, six daughters and seven sons-in-law, 76 grandchildren and 78 great-grandchildren. Thirty-five of her children and grandchildren are Church members. Cecil Maranville, pastor of the Thunder Bay, Ont., and Winnipeg North, East and West churches, conducted funeral services.

WALTERMATE, Dwyer Clyde Sr., 68, of Kansas City, Mo., died May 13 of a heart attack while at work. He has been a Church member since July, 1986. Mr. Waltermate is survived by his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Dolores Grabie and Ruth; two sons, Dwayne and Clyde II, both Church members; a sister, Ruby Hager; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rowlen Tucker, pastor of the Kansas City North and St. Joseph, Mo., churches.

LANEY, John, 64, of Land O'Lakes, Fla., died Aug. 30 of an apparent heart attack. He was baptized in 1976. Mr. Laney is survived by his wife, Mary, also a Church member; his mother, four sisters; a son, Johnny; two daughters, Kathy and Glenda Tipton; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

COLCLOUGH, William, 93, of Dublin, Ireland, died Sept. 3 after a struggle with cancer. Funeral arrangements were made by his family.

STEUTELINGS, Jean Louis, 28, of Zwolle, Netherlands, died Oct. 8. He and his wife of one year, Johanna, left services after the Last Great Day, Oct. 4, when an oncoming car smashed into theirs. Both were injured, and Mr. Steutelings did not come out of a coma before his death. He was baptized in 1982. Bram de Bree, Dutch regional director, conducted a memorial service in the Sophia Hospital, so Mrs. Steutelings could attend the service. She is recovering from the loss of her left eye, facial fractures and internal injuries.

OBITUARIES

ROBINSON, Sherry Lynn, 22, of Washington, D.C., died in a car accident Sept. 11. She was baptized in December, 1985. Miss Robinson is survived by her father, Richard Robinson Jr.; her stepmother, Dea Robinson, a Church member; a son, Rashid, 5; a daughter, Alawn, 4; her mother, Irma Jean O'Neil, two brothers, Reggie and Daryl; and two sisters, Malika and Shawan. Funeral services were conducted by Willard

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UPDATE

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The office here announced new assignments for the following ministers.

John Borax, pastor, Cornwall, Ont., and Plattsburgh, N.Y.; **Carl Burns**, assistant pastor, Winnipeg, Man., North; **Alvin Nordstrom**, associate pastor, Calgary, Alta., North; and **Philip Shields**, associate pastor, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches.

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PASADENA—The Mail Processing Center (MPC) received 532,000 pieces of mail and 70,700

Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) calls during the Festival break Sept. 21 through Oct. 9.

Employees in Pasadena and Big Sandy processed 153,836 letters, cards and WATS calls, 13 percent more than last year.

About one third of MPC employees remained in Pasadena during the Feast to handle incoming mail and calls.

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PASADENA—During the Feast 1,500 volunteers answered more than 21,000 calls at the

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sent to media representatives at all U.S. and Canadian sites. "Our coverage was basically 100 percent," said Mr. Snyder.

Regional offices received a copy of the standard press release, and regional directors added appropriate alterations relevant to their areas. The press sheets were also translated into various languages.

"We received several proclamations across the United States," said Mr. Snyder. "In many areas the first day of the Feast was declared Worldwide Church of God Day."

On opening night in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Mayor Ellsworth Jones and his wife gave Feast coordinator Walter Neufeld a key to the city mounted on a wooden frame and noting appreciation to the Church. A proclamation named Sept. 25 as Worldwide Church of God Day.

Joe Dalton, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, "adopted a tradition of walking along Broad-

way Avenue, the main thoroughfare, after services until he saw a family," said Mr. Neufeld.

"He asked if they were attending the Worldwide Church of God convention. If they said yes he would surprise them by giving them a dinner out. If brethren were eating in a restaurant, Mr. Dalton would sometimes pick up the tab for the entire group."

The Sept. 28 issue of the Coffs Harbour *Advocate* in Australia reported on the reunion of Albert Jones of the Everett, Wash., church, with his brother, Bob, in Australia. The brothers had not seen each other for almost 42 years.

"I came to the United States in 1947, and I heard Bob left England in 1955," Mr. Jones told *The Worldwide News*. "So I lost touch with him and didn't write."

"A few months ago, Mr. Carn Catherwood [Italian regional director] gave a sermon on reuniting the family. They played the tape here in Everett. I made some notes and decided to write my three brothers and sister in England."

"Mr. Catherwood said that no

tions.

Three widows unable to attend the Trabolgan, Ireland, site received cards, flowers and visits.

Feastgoers in Mombasa, Kenya, included 17 brethren from Tanzania and Uganda, and 17 from the United States and the United Kingdom. At Kenya Marineland "anyone brave enough was invited to handle snakes as well as a young crocodile," reported coordinator Owen Willis.

Jugglers, limbo dancers and acrobats provided entertainment during a sunset cruise. Brethren joined in for a sing-along and dance.

Elsewhere in Kenya, brethren at Naro Moru took part in novelty olympics, a hike up Mt. Kenya and a seven-kilometer (4.3 miles) race, which Isaac Kinugu won in a record time of 23 minutes, 33 seconds. Kenyan brethren entertained visitors with a show titled "A Day in the Life of a Kenyan," a lighthearted look at some aspects of Kenyan life, said Mr. Willis.

A Ghanaian cultural night at the Winneba, Ghana, site featured songs and dances by Ghanaian members and displays of national attire. Liberian and American visitors contributed acts reflecting their culture. Toys from British brethren were given to children.

Church youths spent a month before the Feast preparing the meeting hall, said coordinator Melvin Rhodes.

Seven of the 203 Feastgoers in Blantyre, Malawi, were overseas visitors from South Africa, Kenya and England. Coordinator Kenneth Buck and Jeremy Rapson from Britain gave sermons in the Church-owned hall. Trips were made to Lengwe Game Park and Zombe Plateau, the ancient capital of Malawi.

Pasadena, Big Sandy and Pensacola and St. Petersburg, Fla., Feast sites.

Operators in Pensacola and St. Petersburg also answered calls Sept. 25, the day before the Feast began.

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PASADENA—Some Feast cards were sent out without the text printed on the inside, according to **Herbert Vierra** of Corporate Graphics. "This error was an unfortunate oversight," he said.

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** would like to send a replacement to anyone whose card was flawed in some way.

To request a replacement card, call 1-800-423-4444 or write to the Mail Processing Center, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

"Thank you for your understanding, and please accept our apology," said Mr. Vierra.



IMPERIAL REUNION—Twenty-three alumni and faculty members from Imperial Schools and their spouses gather at the Feast in Vail, Colo., Sept. 29. Floyd Lochner, Imperial principal from 1954 to 1976, who lives in Oxford, Wis., said, "To be able to reminisce with friends is one of life's greatest pleasures."

matter how old you are—35, 55 or 75—to write. Well, I'm 77 so I wrote."

Mr. Jones said that after returning home after services one Sabbath, he received a phone call from Bob. "That started the ball rolling." Mr. Jones decided to attend the Feast in Coffs Harbour and see him.

Mr. Jones spent a week after the Feast with Bob in Alstonville, Australia.

Auto accident

Evangelist Richard Ames, his wife, Kathryn, Randall Holm, pastor of the Prescott and Verde Valley, Ariz., churches, his wife, Elizabeth, Ilene McCloskey, a deaconess and widow from Joplin, Mo., and Jessica Kauffman, a guest of the Holms, were spared serious injury in a two-car accident in Arizona Sept. 25.

"If it were not for God's protection, I think we would have had much more serious injury and possibly death," added Mr. Ames.

"An event like this shows that God's protection is nothing we can take for granted, and requests for it should always be in our prayers," said Mr. Ames.

Trying moments

A teenage girl attending the

Caloundra, Australia, site, Debbie Code, was seriously injured after a horse she was riding bolted and tossed her against a tree, reported Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director.

A visiting local church elder saw the incident and anointed her immediately. Debbie was taken by ambulance to a hospital, where she is still recovering.

William Bentley, coordinator of the Mutare, Zimbabwe, site, reported that Philip Kashumba and his family from Harare, Zimbabwe, were driving on the Chimanmani Road 1½ kilometers outside Mutare, when two children dashed across the road, one after the other.

The second, a 6-year-old girl, went under their car, screaming in pain. Police were on the spot, but pressed no charges, as the accident was "unavoidable."

The child was taken to a hospital, and a statement declared her to be unharmed except for bruises.

In Regina, Sask., a fund was set up to assist the widow of a Regina member who died Sept. 29 of a heart attack while playing golf during the Feast in Tulsa, Okla.

In Honiara, Solomon Islands, Isaac Jiru, 58, died Oct. 2. Mr. Jiru and his family traveled by boat from

the remote island of Ranongga, where Mr. Jiru was son of the village chief.

He had been ill for some time and felt he would probably die soon, according to Mr. Fahey. But he wanted to see his son, Derek, in Honiara and talk to a minister before he died.

So he made the long trip, consisting of an hourlong canoe trip to Gizo to catch a boat for the 17-hour trip to Honiara.

There, coordinator Robert Kelly visited with Mr. Jiru several times before he died. Mr. Jiru's family arranged for his body to be flown back for burial on Ranongga.

When Mr. Jiru began receiving *The Plain Truth* in the early 1960s, he packed up his family and left Pinenuna to start a new village called Peja Peja elsewhere on the island, said Mr. Fahey.

Here he waited several years for a visit and was baptized by William Sidney, pastor of the Brisbane North and Caboolture, Australia, churches.

Mr. Jiru's wife, Unita, son, Derek, and daughter, Dorothy, were baptized on later visits.

Mrs. Jiru told Mr. Kelly that now relatives would "bring enormous pressure on her and her children to revert back to their former religion."

But she and her family affirmed that they had found the truth and were deeply anchored in it.

Mr. Tkach encouraged Feastgoers on the first Holy Day by saying that although Satan may be on the job during the Feast, no one stands alone. "Remember the love and sacrifice that brought us here."

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formal dance, according to coordinator Robert Harrison. The mayor and mayoress attended.

High winds for the first three days in Paignton, England, gave way to sunny weather. For three days youths were official greeters, and a Youth Educational Services (YES) choir performed special music on youth day. "The general level of concern and attitude of service was wonderful to behold," said coordinator George Delap.

The Feast was conducted in Scarborough, England, where the city excelled itself in making the Church welcome at a civic reception, Mr. Brown said.

Feastgoers on Malta took a cruise around Malta and to the island of Gozo. On the Sabbaths buffet lunches were served on a terrace outside the auditorium.

After the death of longtime English member John Mudford, 73, "the outpouring of warmth, care and concern of the members in visiting the bereaved and sick was a delight," said coordinator David Stirk.

Brethren in Bredsten, Denmark, made use of the Vingstedcentre's 300-seat auditorium, 300-room hotel and 300-seat restaurant. "So, it is easy to meet people, and there truly is a feeling of family togetherness," said coordinator Peter Shenton. Five baptisms during the Feast brought Scandinavian membership to 97.

The annual Scandinavian Spokesman Club proved "an exceptional evening with five speakers and tabletops," Mr. Shenton added. Evangelist Ronald Kelly from Pasadena gave helpful evalua-

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ated being able to set aside the time for their own families and create a memorable occasion for them."

In Kauai, Hawaii, mainland members learned the art of making leis (wreaths or necklaces of flowers) from the Hawaiian members on family day, according to David Fraser, Feast coordinator.

About 3,500 brethren attended family day at Raccoon Mountain Park in Chattanooga, Tenn., according to Harold Rhodes, Feast coordinator. Mayor Gene Roberts and several city officials had dinner one evening with church pastors and their wives.

Three thousand brethren attended the family day in Dayton, Ohio, according to Ray Meyer, Feast coordinator. Games and events included a log-sawing contest, grass-ski racing, a family photo booth, entertainment for the senior citizens, canoe rides, tours of the Museum of Natural History and a planetarium show.

A chicken dinner, cooked and served mostly by the ministers and their wives, ended the family day activities in Tulsa, Okla., according to Earl Roemer, Feast coordinator.

More than 6,000 brethren attended Busch Gardens, an amusement park in Tampa, Fla., for a combined family and YOU day in St. Petersburg, according to Roy Holladay, Feast coordinator.

"We had exclusive use of the park in the evening," Mr. Holladay said.

The family day barbecue in Anchorage included native foods—moose, caribou, bison, salmon and halibut.

Special events

In Anchorage "the Great Alaskan Train Ride was heralded, by most of the over 300 brethren who participated, as by far the most exciting and unique event," said James Turner, Feast coordinator.

"The trip lasted over six hours and took us through some spectacular alpine areas up into the Chugash Mountains and back to Anchorage," he added.

Young and old enjoyed folk dancing, clogging and square dancing at a barn dance at Jekyll Island.

In Palm Springs a full-scale replica of a *succah* (booth) was hung from the ceiling in the convention center.

About 20 people from the Sacramento, Calif., church spent hundreds of hours constructing a 10-foot sculpture of a lion and a lamb for the Feast site in Redding.

Brethren in Redding rallied around the family of Herb Martin of Oakland, Calif., who died of a massive heart attack at a picnic.

In the Wisconsin Dells deaf members helped usher in the deaf section, helped collect the offering and cooked chicken on family day.

Richard and Sherry Evans of Lafayette, Ind., had an unexpected blessing on the Last Great Day in Dayton. While getting ready for services Mrs. Evans unexpectedly went into labor and delivered a healthy boy, Scott Andrew, one month premature.

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