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Mr. Tkach attends gala event, meets Washington brethren

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"The Kennedy Center Honors were quite emotional. It was the last year for the Reagans to be there as President and First Lady," said Richard Frankel, pastor of the Washington, D.C., North and South churches.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach attended the 1988 Kennedy Center Honors, the nation's highest artistic distinction, Dec. 4.

The evening of music, dance, theater and film honored choreographer Alvin Alley, comedian George Burns, actress Myrna Loy, violinist Alexander Schneider and theatrical producer Roger L. Stevens.

This was Mr. Tkach's first trip in the British Aerospace Corp. (BAC) 1-11 jet. Touching down at Washington's National Airport Dec. 2, Mr. Tkach and his traveling party were met by Mr. Frankel.

The next day Mr. Tkach attended morning Sabbath services at the Washington South congregation. During announcements he gave news about the BAC 1-11, how the telecast is put together and re-

sponses received in the Mail Processing Center.

The sermon was given by evangelist Richard Ames, a *World Tomorrow* presenter and registrar and director of admissions at Pasadena Ambassador College.

After services Mr. Tkach met most of the Washington South brethren.

In the afternoon evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, gave the sermon at the Washington North church.

Evangelist David Albert, a *World Tomorrow* presenter and director of career counseling at Pasadena Ambassador College, gave the afternoon sermon at a District 22 talent show and family weekend in Poolesville, Md.

That evening Mr. Tkach was host at a dinner for his traveling group, ministers, their wives and the BAC 1-11 flight crew.

Before retiring for the evening, Mr. Tkach took up a challenge: ice-skating at a rink in front of the hotel.

"I fell several times, but I thought I did pretty well, consider-

ing that I haven't had a pair of skates on in at least 50 years," said Mr. Tkach.

"Some of the youngsters challenged me to get out there. I survived but I almost broke my neck!"

Sunday morning, Dec. 4, the group toured area sites, after which Mr. Tkach, Mr. Neff, Wayne Shilkret, director of Performing Arts for the Ambassador Foundation, and Arthur Neff of Rand McNally & Co. attended a reception for the Kennedy Center honorees in the East Room of the White House. President and Mrs. Reagan were hosts at the reception.

Mr. Tkach and those with him then rendezvoused at the Kennedy Center with Dr. Albert and his wife, Simone; Mr. Ames and his wife, Kathryn; evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director, and his wife, Shirley; Mr. Neff's wife, Maxine; Arthur Neff's wife, Marvine; and Mr. Frankel and his wife, Joyce.

The Kennedy Center celebration was taped by CBS-TV for a two-hour special to be broadcast Dec. 30. At the end of the performance, the combined choruses of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard joined the honorees and other celebrities onstage to sing "Auld Lang Syne."



PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME—President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan greet Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach Dec. 4 at a White House reception before the 1988 Kennedy Center Honors. [Photo by Pete Souza, courtesy of the White House]

Mr. Frankel said the audience was surprised by the appearance of President-elect George Bush.

"So here's a hand, my trusted friend, and take a cup of kindness yet for auld lang syne," said Mr. Bush to President Reagan.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the house," Mr. Frankel said.

Afterward Mr. Tkach and his party congratulated Mr. Burns and attended a dinner. They left the next morning for the seven-hour flight to Burbank, Calif., stopping for fuel in Louisville, Ky.

Serving as Mr. Tkach's flight crew were Captain Jack Cogburn,

co-captain Laird Cogburn, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich, steward Jay Brothers and chef Terry Wiclawski. Administrative projects coordinator Michael Rasmussen, the Alberts, Ames, Apartians, Neffs and Mr. Shilkret also accompanied the pastor general.

"It certainly was an enjoyable opportunity and privilege to fly with Mr. Tkach in the new jet—new to us, anyway," said Mr. Neff, the Church treasurer. "It is more comfortable than the G-III, because it has more room even with more people aboard."

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

I am pleased to announce an important decision about the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

As you all know, since becoming pastor general I have set the telecast as an important priority in the Work's commission to teach the

Gospel to all nations.

I believe that these efforts have resulted in a telecast that stands head and shoulders above all other broadcasts of its kind, even apart from the fact that it—and it alone—preaches the truth of God to the world.

One of the reasons for its success, apart from its message, has been the use of multiple presenters. In this multipresenter approach, the various talents of numerous people have been called upon, and the strengths of each man tapped, to produce the best possible broadcast product.

We have also found that having three presenters causes the listening audience to focus upon the message instead of the messenger—upon what is said instead upon who said it. This is a far superior approach, because instead of tuning in to hear a personality, they tune in to hear the truth of God.

Not surprisingly, although our (See PERSONAL, page 3)

Ambassador students in Sri Lanka, Thailand Projects: a firsthand look

By David Bensinger

PASADENA—Ambassador Foundation and Ambassador College officials visited foundation projects in Sri Lanka and Thailand in December.

Leaving Pasadena Nov. 28 were Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation for international affairs; his assistant, Jim Little; evangelist Donald Ward, vice chancellor of Ambassador College; Ellen Escat, administrative assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach; and Linda Peoples, wife of James Peoples, operation manager of Computer Information Systems, Purchasing and Travel.

Sri Lankan project

They arrived in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Nov. 30, and attended the graduation ceremony for 67 students Dec. 1 at Waterfield Institute

in Nuwara Eliya. The party arrived at Waterfield after a 45-minute helicopter flight to Nuwara Eliya, at 6,200 feet in the country's central mountains.

Mr. Locke and Sri Lankan cabinet official Gamini Dissanayake, minister of land, land development and Mahaweli development, spoke to the graduates before Dr. Ward delivered the graduation address.

The group met with David Baker, director of Waterfield Institute, and his wife, Dorrie, and the nine Ambassador College students teaching there: Anita Bourelle, Michael Caudle, Chip DeVilbiss, Alisa Ferdig, Scott Hall, Steve Madden, David Sorensen, Tony Stith and Jennifer VanDyke.

After the graduation ceremonies a luncheon took place with Mr. Dis-

sanayake. Then the traveling group went by helicopter to tour the new Ambassador Foundation sponsored school at Kotmale near the Mahaweli Dam project (*Worldwide News*, Nov. 14). The school will open in January.

"The word *Mahaweli* means Big Sandy in Sinhalese," one of the Sri Lankan languages, Mr. Locke said, noting the similarity to the name of the location of the Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy, Tex.

"I was very impressed with Kotmale," Mr. Locke said. "It is a complete city. It has a whole sports complex, Olympic-size swimming pool, badminton courts, racquetball courts, saunas, a club house, kitchen and laundry facilities and dormitories," he said.

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Mr. Tkach Visits Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaysia

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach left Pasadena Dec. 13 for a 13-day trip to the Manila, Cebu and Davao, Philippines; Hong Kong; and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; churches. Mr. Tkach was greeted in the Philippines by Rodney Matthews, regional director, and his wife, Ruth.

Mr. Tkach spoke to more than 2,000 brethren from 29 churches in Manila Dec. 18.

He continued on to Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur, where he was welcomed by Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director, and his wife, Evelyn.

Mr. Tkach and his party, aboard the British Aerospace Corp. (BAC) 1-11 jet, returned to Pasadena Dec. 26. In-depth coverage of Mr. Tkach's trip is scheduled for the Jan. 9 *Worldwide News*.



GRADUATION ADDRESS—Evangelist Donald Ward, vice chancellor of Ambassador College, gives the graduation address to 67 graduates and faculty, families and friends at Waterfield Institute in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, Dec. 1. [Photo by Tony Stith]

Year's end: flurry of diplomatic activity

PASADENA—As 1988 draws to a close, world events are moving at an almost dizzying pace. Within a space of two weeks in the first half of December these events took place:

- Negotiations broke down at a global trade conference at which the main protagonists, the United States and the European Community, exchanged verbal assaults.

- Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev hurled another political challenge at the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) by announcing a unilateral cutback in Soviet offensive military strength.

- The United States reversed a 13-year-long position and agreed to open talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Let's look at these events in detail.

In Montreal, Que., representatives of 96 countries assembled Dec. 5 for a meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade organization. GATT is the main instrument in post-World War II world trade liberalization.

I attended the Montreal meeting, where I was joined in the pressroom by John Adams, pastor of the Montreal English and Magog, Que., churches.

From the first day it was obvious that this gathering was headed for trouble, threatening to turn GATT into GDTT—the General Disagreement on Tariffs and Trade. It was becoming the “get” conference; there wasn't a lot of give.

The talks collapsed because the United States and the European Community locked horns over the issue of agricultural subsidies. The Americans came to Montreal determined to eliminate by a future date all so-called “trade distorting” subsidies. The EC offered only minor reductions.

The Community has a great

number of subsidies whereby farmers are guaranteed high prices for their products. This practice preserves jobs in agriculture, but also restricts cheaper imports while generating huge domestic surpluses.

Often these surpluses are dumped on world markets at low prices, taking markets away from producers elsewhere, such as those in the United States, Canada and Australia.

Sometimes these bounties are disposed of internally, and in a ridiculous manner. One Canadian official told me that some stocks of the EC's wine lake are being distilled into boiler fuel for generating plants—at \$70 a ton. “Imagine paying \$70 a ton for Cabernet Sauvignon,” he said, wistfully.

The Community is confronted with a dilemma, however. Elimination of supports risks political and social disruption. Europe has more than 11 million farmers, many working small, high-cost plots. By contrast, the United States (which also has subsidies and support plans) has 2.5 million farmers.

At Montreal the United States charged the EC with a “failure of political will.” The EC, in turn, accused the United States of being uncompromising and unrealistic.

In the press conferences we attended, Mr. Adams and I were surprised at the unusually blunt—sometimes nasty—tone of the transatlantic sparring.

Another thing impressed us at Montreal. While the EC's 12 countries were represented individually, the EC Commission conducted negotiations on behalf of all 12.

One French GATT spokesman said that his country and the other 11 EC members were “in solidarity” with the EC negotiating position. This deference on the part of the French to Brussels, Belgium, officialdom was most remarkable.

Some hold out little hope of a

United States-EC compromise when GATT negotiations resume next April. President-elect George Bush said Dec. 14 that “we're not anticipating any trade war,” but it is obvious that the United States will be playing hardball.

Gorbachev peace offensive

While the GATT talks were tak-



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

ing place, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited New York City. At the United Nations he announced a plan to unilaterally cut Soviet military forces in Europe.

Mr. Gorbachev's extending of the olive branch was well received, although it put the U.S. government, in transition, on the spot.

The speech, wrote Andrew Rosenthal in the Dec. 11 *New York Times*, was “a brilliant stroke of public relations and of diplomatic one-upmanship.” Mr. Gorbachev said he would cut the number of Soviet tanks in Europe in half and reduce Soviet armed forces by about 10 percent, with remaining units placed in a defensive rather than offensive posture.

With frictions developing between America and the European Community the temptation will be great for Western Europeans to see the Soviet bloc, more benign than before, as offering an alternative to trade and good relations.

Even the tragic events surrounding the calamitous earthquake in Soviet Armenia factor into the warming East-West relationship.

first I feared that the thrill of this new relationship would soon die out. And yet, several months have passed since she first entered my life, and I am still helplessly in love.

Each time I see her she is more fascinating, and each time she finds a new way to capture my heart and attention—a shy glance, a quick smile or a gesture.

Now in her boldness, she offers a touch with her soft little hand, a hug and occasional kiss on the cheek.



SHARON FAULKNER, NEWEST LOVE Oh, stop my fluttering heart. I would gladly give her anything she would ask at such moments.

It's possible that our relationship is just a figment of my innermost mind, as she has never spoken to me of her love. And yet, when I look at that pretty sweet face, so soft to my touch, that happy smile on those lovely lips, and when I gaze down into her shining eyes, I know, I know in my heart that she is thinking words not yet formed—“I love you, Opa.”

If you haven't guessed who my newest love is, let me introduce her to all my friends. Sharon Audrey-Ann Faulkner, born July 15, 1988, to Nathan and Melody. First granddaughter of the growing Faulkner family.

Under the policy of *glasnost*, Moscow admitted the full extent of the natural disaster. As a result, asymptomatic Western world responded quickly with relief assistance.

U.S. Mideast about-face

Only days after it heard Mr. Gorbachev, the General Assembly convened its annual debate on

Palestine. The location was switched to Geneva, Switzerland, because the United States refused a visa to PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Mr. Arafat's appearance in Geneva produced the most stunning December surprise yet. In his speech the PLO leader inched closer to meeting U.S. conditions regarding recognition of Israel and renunciation of terrorism.

After the Dec. 13 speech, the United States was still unsatisfied. Diplomatic negotiations followed. Both the United States and the PLO came under heavy pressure from Western and Arab capitals.

In a press conference the next day, Mr. Arafat budged just enough to win U.S. approval. Washington then announced it would engage in “substantive negotiations.”

In Israel, gloomy officials felt more isolated than ever. Fears grew of a right-wing backlash among Israelis who reject accommodation with the Palestinians.

The events of the first two weeks of December should show us how rapidly world conditions can change. More than ever, we must watch conditions in Europe and the Middle East in 1989.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Scottish sovereignty: possible only in EEC?

EDINBURGH, Scotland—To get in Dutch (disfavor) with a Scotsman, just use England as a synonym for Britain. I've made this mistake. Profuse apologies put me back in good graces north of the border.

Britain is composed of England, Scotland and Wales. (The United Kingdom is these three countries plus Northern Ireland.) The Act of Union (1707) joined England and Scotland as one political entity. But the Scots have maintained a measure of independence.

As *The Economist* pointed out April 25, 1987: “The Scots are different from the English. They have their own legal and educational systems, their own established Church [the Church of Scotland], Scottish Banks use their own notes. Their shops are allowed to trade on Sundays . . .”

“They are administered separately, through the Scottish Office, with its own mini-departments of agriculture, industry and so on. They are culturally different.”

And like the Welsh and the Northern Irish, the Scots are not always pleased with edicts from London.

The Economist continued: “Above all, they are brought up to see themselves as under England's thumb. It takes little to arouse in the Scots this sense of national oppression.”

The new poll tax is a case in point. Britain decided to replace its system of rates (property taxes) with a poll tax. The rub is that the system is to be tried out in Scotland first. Many Scots feel they are being used as guinea pigs to remove errors from this highly unpopular measure.

In Britain, when a member of Parliament dies, a special by-election is conducted to fill the seat in Whitehall. One such election occurred in the Govan district of Scotland. The Labor Party took this seat in the 1987 general election by 19,000 votes.

But in the by-election, the Scottish National Party (SNP), dormant for a decade, took this safe Labor seat.

Jim Sillars stood on a platform of Scottish independence, but within the European Economic Community (EEC). That is, under this

scheme Scotland would take her place as a relatively small independent state in the EEC like Denmark and Eire (Irish Republic).

This relatively new idea finds little favor in England. An independent Scotland would deeply hurt the prestige and power of Britain.

Even the Queen, reported the Nov. 23 Glasgow, Scotland, *Herald*, is said to be worried about “what is considered to be a dangerous revival of independence fervour in her beloved Scotland.”

I visited Scotland for a two-day firsthand assessment of Scottish conditions and feelings.

I talked to people who had canvassed a certain amount of informed opinion. Bill Clark, political writer for the Glasgow *Herald*, was most gracious. As well as giving me three hours of his time, he opened the newspaper's library for my use. Back in Edinburgh I talked to staff on the more conservative *Scotsman*.

People readily volunteered information. It is no trouble to get a Scotsman to talk about his beloved country.

In general, nationalistic feelings are strong. Almost no one is impressed with the British government.

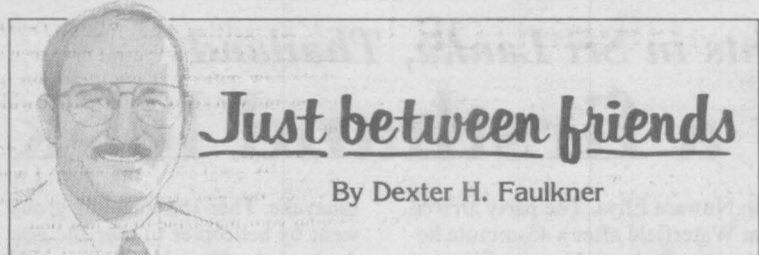
To a man, no one was fully happy with being governed from London. But this has been true since the Act of Union. Nationalistic feelings have ebbed and flowed for 300 years.

The danger lies in the emergence of the European Economic Community. A different dimension has been introduced. Scottish independence would have been highly impractical, if not almost impossible, in pre-EEC days.

Maybe it will become feasible with the full backing of the EEC. Even then the difficulties would by no means disappear.

The Conservative government holds only 10 of the 72 Scottish seats in Parliament. If they lost most of those at the next general election (maybe 1992) but still retained power, then a Scottish independence movement would have to be taken seriously.

The next major elections will be fought next June for seats in the European Parliament. That will show whether this independence movement is real.



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Love at first sight

I have never believed anyone could fall in love at first sight, but recently, and most unexpectedly, it happened to me.

From the very first moment I saw this young lady, it was as though her eyes pierced my chest and entered my heart. What else could it be but true love?

Now she should have known that

she loved to flirt with me day and night.

Each mood followed the other in lighthearted succession like water babbling in a mountain brook. And each was definitely effective. I was helpless in the presence of her charms. I reacted to each in exactly the behavior she expected. I felt like a young man again.

Each time I see her she is more fascinating, and each time she finds a new way to capture my heart and attention.

I was a contented, happily married man of 30 years. But she was, oh, so beautiful and, oh, how she knew it. She used her beauty to overpower me.

I tried my best to ignore the strong feelings she stirred in me each time I saw her, but with each day that passed, I knew I was becoming a prisoner to her charms.

I was under her irresistible spell. She had me right where she wanted me. I was like clay in her hands.

She had many alluring moods: She was happy, sad, coy, sweet, cute, enticing, pouty, foxy, serious, funny, inviting and so pleasing. And

I tried to appear cool and reserved about our relationship, but that was clearly a cover-up. Even my close friends and relatives saw through it instantly.

The wife of my youth also became aware of this new object of my affections. I was surprised to find she was more tolerant than I would have ever dreamed.

She even appeared to share my excitement over this new love of my life. Surprisingly, I might say, it immediately gave our marriage new depth and meaning.

I have to ask myself, Where will it all lead? It's very hard to say yet. At

Placement program makes employers aware of college

PASADENA—"May is almost half a year from now, but the Ambassador College classes of 1989 are beginning to ask questions about employment after graduation," said Jeb Egbert, assistant director of Career Services for the college.

Many colleges and universities have established reputations in the corporate world and regularly match graduates with potential employers, and Ambassador College is on its way to doing the same with a job recruiting and placement program, according to Mr. Egbert.

The program will make employers aware of Ambassador graduates and Ambassador graduates aware of employers.

Nov. 2, Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach sent letters to 956 corporations in the United States to introduce Ambassador College to corporate America.

"College graduates are easy to find," the letter began. "But finding a college graduate who can really be an asset to your company is a different story."

To date almost 3 percent have responded, "which is good for direct mail," said Mr. Egbert. Responses are still coming in.

A glossy full-color brochure with a cover letter and a business card from Career Services will be

sent in the spring as a follow-up to Mr. Tkach's letter.

Necessary job skills

The May-June issue of *Trainer's Workshop* magazine lists characteristics of the ideal job candidate for the 21st century. "Reading the traits makes one wonder if the author was specifically thinking about those who successfully complete the Ambassador College programs," Mr. Egbert said.

Some of the characteristics include computer literacy, a general rather than specific education, flexibility, creativity and communication and people skills.

Ambassador students are becoming more computer literate because of emphasis on this area within the curriculum and the use of computers in many areas of on-campus employment. The two- and four-year programs give students a broad liberal arts education. "This is the type of education future employers will be seeking," Mr. Egbert said.

"Perhaps the greatest benefit of the Ambassador education is the development of people and communication skills. Very few colleges and universities come to mind that require such a vigorous public speaking program, yet this ability to communicate will be a

critical asset to job hunters now and into the next decade," Mr. Egbert said.

Mr. Tkach wrote in his letter to American corporations: "We don't apologize for our stress on the development of personal character and integrity. After all, those are the characteristics which made companies like yours successful."

For years the majority of Ambassador graduates had little trouble finding post-graduate employment—they were hired directly into God's Work.

This trend has diminished in the past few years, requiring that more graduates seek employment from the corporate community.

Ambassador College's Career Services program is interested in developing and maintaining relationships with businesses around the world who may desire to hire individuals with the same integrity, honesty and work ethic that they see in Church members working for them.

One objective of the program is to have international businesses seek Ambassador graduates for employment opportunities.

To help plan this program, a questionnaire was sent to about 2,500 Ambassador College alumni, requesting information about where they are employed, annual income and whether they felt an Ambassador College education helped them in obtaining employment. About 2,500 additional questionnaires will be mailed.

Another questionnaire was sent to Church youths, asking about their goals and what they expect from college. More than 2,000

replies were received.

How you can help

Many members hold responsible positions in the corporate world or may know of businesses that may want to hire employees with the

characteristics that Ambassador College emphasizes—characteristics described as ideal for the employee of the 1990s and beyond.

If you are in such a situation, please take a few moments to fill out the form below.

The information you provide on this form may prove helpful to graduates from Ambassador College in their quest to find employment. If you feel that your employer would be interested in hiring a full-time employee from Ambassador College's 1989 graduating class, please fill out this survey and send it to:

Career Services
Ambassador College
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91123

Your name _____

Your address _____

Your phone number (optional) _____

Business name _____

Person to contact _____

Business address _____

Business phone number _____

Nature of business _____

Nature of job available (job description) _____

Qualifications needed by applicant _____

Any other pertinent information _____

PERSONAL

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multipresenter approach has been a key to the program's success, it was this very approach that caused some to doubt the telecast would succeed as well as it had with Mr. Armstrong. I believed at the time that God was leading me to make a proper decision, and I believe that He has backed up that decision with His blessing.

Still, it has concerned me for some time that even having three presenters might not be the

ideal. I have been concerned that the work load would fall suddenly upon just two men should the third become ill or incapacitated in some way.

Although we could put another man into the lineup at the time of such an emergency, it would be on short notice, and such an approach does not reflect sound planning or thoughtful preparedness. There is no question that three presenters is an absolute minimum, and in no case should we permit the program to be limited to only two.

I have also been somewhat concerned about the great work load put upon each man because of his bearing his telecast responsibilities in addition to other duties. I have also wished that the telecasters might be able to do more on-location research and shooting. This, of course, takes time out of their regular schedule.

Finally, I have hoped that any telecaster might be freed to take a small hiatus from his duties to "recharge his creative batteries" should this seem prudent.

Therefore I have decided to appoint Ronald D. Kelly as a fourth presenter for the *World Tomorrow* telecast. Mr. Kelly is a longtime minister and evangelist, teacher and in July was appointed booklet editor. He is well qualified by reason of ability, knowledge and experience to shoulder this new responsibility (see article page 4). I have great confidence in him.

Mr. Kelly will begin his training immediately, and it will not be long before we begin seeing him on the screen in regular rotation with the other three presenters.

I am excited about this important change in the number of presenters. And I believe that this change has God's inspiration and blessing just like the original decision did. Please pray for Mr. Kelly in his new responsibilities, and continue to pray for me in all the decisions I must make.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

The Worldwide News welcomes your comments. Letters for this column should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

'News of the Work'

Thank you for the *News of the Work* letter. It fills the need that many co-workers must have—to know the pulse and progress of the most important enterprise on the face of the earth today... Thank you for bringing myself and others in for a closer look.

Hamilton, Ont.

I just received Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach's monthly newsletter with the supplement called *News of the Work*. It is nice to have information about Church activities around the world, know just how involved and diversified the Work really is, and realize just how important it is and how little time is left.

Prince George, B.C.

I am praying for some real increase in interest from the co-workers with the advent of the *News of the Work*—another door opening. Every *Worldwide News* brings news of something or person I have been praying about. God surely does hear our prayers.

The Dalles, Ore.

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Everyone can't be wrong?

Thank you for a copy of *Seven Keys to Understanding the Bible*, which I received this morning. It threw more light and gives more inspiration on how to study the Bible.

All the guidelines on the last page are excellent. However, on the matter of celebrating Christmas, Easter, etc., that they are but pagan holidays, I do not quite agree with you.

Over 90 percent of churches all over the world celebrate Christmas and Easter on the same days. Any true Christian knows the significance of both days... For these reasons your outright

condemnation of these two days as pagan holidays is not correct. From 90 to 95 percent of the world's Christians cannot be wrong at the same time.

France

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Many prisoners write to the Church to express their gratitude for the literature. Several mentioned that the material in the Church's magazines and booklets has changed their lives and given them hope while in prison. Here are some of their comments:

I am writing from death row here at Parchman to say to you that the Worldwide Church of God... has changed many, many lost souls here on death row with your broadcast and beautiful illustrated magazine of hope and peace.

And I, along with 48 others, would like to say... thanks for the helping hand to Christ. I myself have not passed up the opportunity to receive your Bible-helping booklets and *The Plain Truth*.

Parchman, Miss.

Brothers and sisters at the Worldwide Church of God, you have been so faithful in taking your precious time to have sent me a copy of your latest *Plain Truth* magazine.

What can I say that would enlighten your hearts as you did mine, in receiving the magazine? *The Plain Truth* magazine is a great encouragement to me in the Word of God and in helping me get a better insight of the world.

Lancaster, Pa.

I write you personally to thank you for helping to bring into my life the books and Bible study I've received.

Currently I'm imprisoned in New York serving 15 years to life. I've learned drinking and driving don't go together.

All these years of misconceptions in my beliefs are perplexing to say the least. My whole life has changed since reading your first booklet, *Where Is the True Church?* Well, now I have all the time in the world to study your

lessons and booklets.

Ossining, N.Y.

After getting the *Plain Truth* magazine for the past year, I have seen a whole new outlook at my life. I am in prison, but will keep your magazine with me.

I do enjoy reading it and, yes, I do agree with what you write about. I was looking for new friends, and I have found your magazine to be just that.

Huntsville, Tex.

I have been a reader of *The Plain Truth* off and on for many years and also have read many of the booklets and pamphlets that your organization has published. I have also studied the Bible Course.

It would be hard to tell you in such a short letter all that it has meant for me to receive *The Plain Truth*; but in short, it has [given] me a much deeper understanding of God's purpose for me personally and mankind as a whole, and just how He is bringing that purpose to pass. It really has made a difference in my life.

It is unfortunate that I was not raised and nurtured in the knowledge I have gained these past few years... perhaps I would not have ended up where I am now, in prison. But I do have great hope for my future, partly because of what I have learned from *The Plain Truth*.

Thanks to all of you who make such a magazine possible; and thank God, without whose help it would be impossible.

Hillsboro, Ill.

I am honored to receive *The Plain Truth*. I can't thank you enough for a priceless magazine. I have been incarcerated for about a year and was once bitter due to lack of knowledge...

I am determined to make a future for myself by studying the right knowledge. I realize I had the wrong views of life. I tried to live for everyone but God.

Now I don't have the false glory of pleasure, but I can state I have peace of mind in a bad situation. Without right thinking, living and knowledge, a person will forever be incarcerated mentally, which is far worse than physical incarceration.

Because of my experiences, I am now seeking all the knowledge, wisdom and understanding I can get.

Lebanon, Ohio

Television program serves as 'shop window of the Work'

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—"The viewers expect us to have quality ideas, quality things to say, beautiful film footage, lovely editing, great music, good introductions, fine closes, wonderful brochures, but they don't just come out of thin air," said evangelist David Albert, a *World Tomorrow* presenter.

Where do they come from? Since 1968 *The World Tomorrow* has been produced at the television studio on the Ambassador College campus.

According to Larry Omasta, producer of the telecast and operation manager of Television/Radio Production, "The challenge is to allow the presenters [Dr. Albert, Richard Ames and David Hulme] and writing staff flexibility and individuality and at the same time preserve the thread of consistency and continuity in each program."

To produce the telecast in English, French, German and Italian, along with other Church productions, Mr. Omasta directs a staff of 58 full-time employees, including writers, directors, editors, graphic designers and audio technicians.

Writing the script

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach requests that various subjects be covered on the telecast, and approves topics generated by staff members.

"We're hard pressed to keep coming up with good ideas, sparkling, neat ideas. What ideas do you have in your head that you'd like to tell 1.245 million people? Quick! Tell me! I want the ideas," Dr. Albert said.

John Halford and Keith Stump, assisted by Tina Kuo, are scriptwriters.

The presenters often write parts or all of their scripts. "Even when they don't write the material, they are intimately involved in every program they do from the earliest stages—from the outline through the preliminary scripts to the final product. It's a team effort," said Mr. Stump.

Said Mr. Halford: "When I'm working on the script I have to think . . . this may be what the presenter wants to say, but what's it going to look like?" Mr. Halford also serves as associate producer for other department projects, including Festival productions.

"There's a big difference between writing an article and writing a TV script because a picture is worth a thousand words," Mr. Halford said.

Some words cannot be portrayed in pictures and "you have to change the idea."

"I have likened the *World Tomorrow* program to being the shop window of the Work. People see what we have in the store and it helps them decide whether to go in and look," said Mr. Halford.

"Most people turn on their television sets to be entertained or to put themselves into a make-believe dream world," said Mr. Omasta. "Today's viewers have come to expect programming that is glitzy, fast paced and action packed."

"For example, in the States, the average news story lasts about 45 seconds, and the average length of a camera shot on network TV is 3.5 seconds.

"Critics will tell you that the phrase 'serious television' is a contradiction in terms. Most television programming is trivial by nature.

"So our challenge," Mr. Omasta continued, "is to educate an audience about God's truths and still be visually interesting enough to keep the viewer tuned in to our program as we discuss one subject for 30 minutes.

"We cannot lose sight of the fact that we have become a visually oriented society. It has been said that 'pictures move people and that moving pictures move them even more.'

"That's why we design into every script as much visual impact as possible—such as interviews, graphics and video segments with music and sound effects," said Mr. Omasta.

Weeks before a preliminary script is due Mr. Halford or Mr. Stump meets with the presenter to discuss ideas and approaches.

Mr. Stump said: "It is essential to keep in mind for whom you are writing. The way you might express yourself in writing a script for one person might not fit the style and personality of another presenter.

"You have to hear the presenter in the back of your mind speaking the words as you're typing them out."

Telecast review

Telecast review and planning



RICHARD AMES

meetings take place weekly and have three main parts, according to Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Production Services (MPS). MPS includes Editorial Services, Mail Processing, Television/Radio Production, Media Planning & Promotion and Printing Services.

The first part includes comments about the previous week's telecast.

"Often we comment about the broadcaster's intensity, his naturalness, his voice and gestures," Mr. Schnippert said. Graphics and other elements are also analyzed.

Second, future scripts are evaluated. "We focus in on structure, logical flow, organization," Mr. Schnippert said.

"Actual wording is given close scrutiny, often with much time being devoted to the construction of a single paragraph or thought," Mr. Schnippert said.

In the third part of the meeting the group goes over one or more outlines for not-yet-written scripts.

"It is remarkable the degree to which 12 to 14 different people can . . . make suggestions and arrive at conclusions that are largely a consensus of the group. The unity of God's Spirit is evident," Mr. Schnippert said.

The presenters "are able to speak powerfully and knowledgeably on a wide range of subjects and yet still give the same underlying message program after program," Mr. Omasta said. "This shows the viewer that the message does not come from a television personality, but rather from the servants of God—each drawing their authority from the pages of the Bible."

Dr. Albert said, "Each of the speakers . . . has his own areas of strength and interest and focus and direction, and I think that's one of the benefits of having several speakers."

In November, television production added a rehearsal to the taping

schedule.

According to Mr. Omasta, "A day or two before a taping the presenter can read the script via the prompting system [a moving script that can be read while the presenter looks directly at the camera] with the producer, writer and one of the four associate directors."

Taping the presenters

"You're too dark on this one shoulder . . . too light on this, you've got a hair that's blowing . . . too much light on your forehead . . . different camera angle . . . stop . . . change the lights."

Dr. Albert said the taping sessions are grueling at times. "You're relating to machinery . . . And yet you're supposed to do it with warmth.

"Maybe I will learn, sometime, to smile at the [prompting system]. Mr. Ames has a little technique. He just writes it right into the script: *Smile.*"



DAVID HULME

Mr. Ames said he likes to have his wife, Kathryn, in the studio while he is taping. "She helps me think in terms of speaking to an individual person."

"Still," he said, "there is an awareness that you are speaking to more than one million people. It is an awesome responsibility, and that



TELECAST PRODUCER—Larry Omasta, operation manager of Television/Radio Production and *World Tomorrow* producer, works closely with scriptwriters and presenters. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

can be frightening. Without God's help we couldn't do it."

Said Dr. Albert: "It's amazing how just 12 to 15 minutes of taping just takes the energy right out of you. It's the most physically, emotionally demanding speaking situa-

program."

Mr. Hulme said: "As soon as I know the topic, I start thinking about it and how it should be presented.

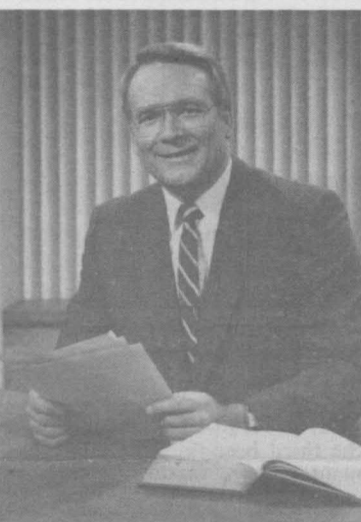
"It has forced me to put myself into the shoes of the public more than ever before. I have emphasized talking to the broadest number of people in language they can understand.

"Taping sessions for me are an exhilarating and fulfilling experience, and I appreciate the dedication of the team at TV that I work with."

Mr. Hulme feels one of the greatest rewards of doing the telecast is that "from a media purchasing point of view the progress of the program over the past three years has made it possible to maintain and improve airing times as well as breaking new ground in Europe."

Dr. Albert said that the taping is "done in a spirit of warmth and good humor overall. The people are wonderful in the studio—the cameramen, the sound men interject a lot of warmth and humor."

Mr. Ames said: "There are always the foibles, faux pas, bloopers and mistakes of presenters that people don't see. These require repeated takes and try the patience of the production crew, but they are supportive and have a good sense of humor."



DAVID ALBERT

tion I've ever faced."

Dr. Albert said his greatest thrill is going to the WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] area and seeing responses come in.

"That's when the whole process seems to come alive—when you get the feedback, which is a long time from when you make the

New telecast presenter named

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—When Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach realized that evangelist Ronald Kelly needed to leave the weekly *World Tomorrow* telecast review meeting Dec. 12 to teach a class, he interrupted the meeting to read a letter.

The letter announced Mr. Kelly's appointment as the fourth presenter for the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

"It was an announcement out of the clear, blue sky—a total surprise," said Mr. Kelly.

Within minutes he was in front of his freshman Bible class. "I told them the news because I was still in a state of shock and excitement and didn't know how the hour would proceed. So, they were the first to know," he said.

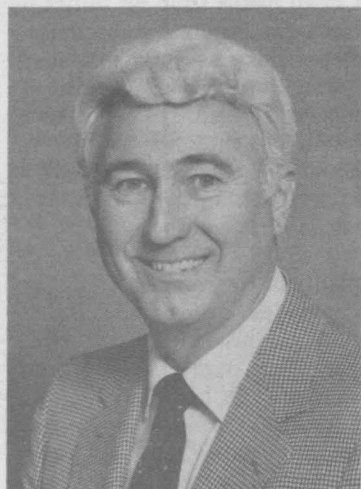
Audition tapes

In late 1985, shortly before his death, Herbert W. Armstrong asked the Television Department to make telecast audition tapes of several men, including Mr. Kelly. Mr. Armstrong viewed the tapes along with Mr. Tkach, but made no decisions regarding the future of the program. After Mr. Armstrong's death, Mr. Tkach selected David Albert, Richard Ames and David Hulme as presenters.

Two years ago, when comment-

ing on a Bible study Mr. Kelly gave the evening before, Mr. Tkach said that someday perhaps Mr. Kelly would be seen on *The World Tomorrow*.

"I thought that sometime I might do a segment or an interview on the



RONALD KELLY

program—not present it!" Mr. Kelly said.

Mr. Kelly will begin practice sessions at the television studio using existing telecast scripts to become familiar with the equipment and processes. When his first program is taped Jan. 20, it will be after hours of preparation. The telecast, on child rearing, is scheduled to air

March 4 and 5.

"Of course I am concerned about ability and the way I will come across," Mr. Kelly said. "When you see yourself on tape, you groan. The camera and the tape are cruel, so I have some apprehension, but it is such an exciting opportunity. I look forward to it."

Mr. Kelly added that the success of any venture is based on God's help and intervention "and the effectual, fervent prayers of thousands of God's people would be appreciated."

Personal history

Mr. Kelly, 50, graduated from Ambassador College in 1960 and married Norva Lee Pyle three months later. The couple have four daughters (three of whom are married), one son and one granddaughter.

He was ordained a local elder in 1960, raised to pastor in 1964 and raised to evangelist in 1976. Mr. Kelly spent several years in the field ministry and has also served as deputy chancellor and dean of students for Big Sandy Ambassador College.

The evangelist is now a faculty member at Pasadena Ambassador College and a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*. His main responsibility is editor of the Church's booklets and brochures.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Your job description ensures God's Work done effectively

By Robert J. Millman and Douglas E. Smith

Being a part of God's Work is, in an important way, like holding a job.

Anyone who has ever held a job knows that, to work effectively, an employee must know exactly what his employer expects of him. He must have a clear job description.

Robert J. Millman pastors the Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alta., churches. Douglas E. Smith pastors the Edmonton, Alta., North and South churches.

Faced with the dilemma of not knowing what his specific contribution is supposed to be, an employee will probably give up in sheer frustration.

How about you? Do you know what contribution Jesus Christ expects of you as an employee in His Father's business (Luke 2:49)? If not, you may someday be tempted to quit, unsure that there ever was a meaningful responsibility for you in the Work of God!

But there is.

You are a co-worker in the commission Jesus has given His Church, the commission we call the Work. If you are confused about exactly what your job requirements are in God's Work, read on. Here is a job description explaining four basic job requirements Jesus Christ has for every one of us.

(1) Be an ambassador for Christ

The apostle Paul told the church at Corinth that "we are ambassadors for Christ" (II Corinthians 5:20, New King James' throughout).

As advance representatives of God's way of life, we have an important responsibility to set the right example of Christian conduct in a decidedly unchristian society.

Our lives should be a reflection of how all mankind will be taught to live when Jesus establishes His government. We should show in our conduct, speech, habits, character, attitude, dress and reputation how citizens of His Kingdom will be required to conduct themselves.

People notice! As you set the example, others should be moved to ask about what motivates you—they should be attracted toward the good news of the government you represent (I Peter 3:15).

That doesn't mean you should proselyte, but if you are truly living God's way of life, questions will naturally come. When they do, you should be able to give a clear, balanced explanation of your beliefs and way of life.

If diligent, daily Bible study is part of your way of life, you will have the answers to basic questions, along with the wisdom and discretion needed to handle questions you cannot or feel you should not answer. Paul gave specific instructions to the church at Colosse as to how they should conduct themselves toward nonchristians (Colossians 4:5-6).

Of course, Jesus does not expect you to try to cram His religion down the throats of others. We cannot call anyone to this way of life—that's God the Father's prerogative.

But God the Father can use our example to challenge others and stimulate curiosity. In a society troubled by divorce, juvenile delinquency, mental instability and every other kind of social evil, you can stand as a pillar of stability and happiness through the power of His Holy Spirit.

(2) Pray for the Work

One of the greatest hindrances to God's Work today is the neglect of prayer on the part of God's people.

Do you believe that your prayers make an important contribution?



James 5:16 tells us, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Imprisoned in Rome, Paul reminded his brethren and co-workers to pray for the work he and his assistants were doing. He asked them to "continue earnestly in prayer" that God might open a door for the preaching of the Gospel—that is, that God would provide an opportunity for the Gospel to be preached (Colossians 4:2-4).

Our prayers are the most powerful testimony of where our hearts really lie—of how much we care about the rest of humanity and the warning message that must be given to them. Jesus is even now preparing responsibilities and offices for us in His soon-coming Kingdom (John 14:1-3). If we can't find it in our hearts to care for humanity today, how can He allow us to rule humanity in the world tomorrow?

Do you offer detailed, explicit, specific, heartfelt prayers for God's Work?

Your prayers, along with those of all God's people, come up before God's throne like a cloud of sweet incense (Revelation 8:3-4). They should be beaten fine just as incense had to be (Leviticus 16:12). That means you should care enough to go into detail, knowing enough about God's Work to pray specifically for many of its facets. Reading the Work's publications can give you a more complete picture of what is going on.

(3) Give financial support

We cannot sell the truth of God—Jesus has directed that the truth is to be given free (Proverbs 23:23, Matthew 10:8). Even so, it still costs money to preach it.

Giving offerings to be used as God directs has been man's obligation and privilege since creation (Genesis 4:3-4).

In the time of Moses, God directed that His tithe be given to the tribe of Levi for their service to Him (Numbers 18:21).

Shortly before the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70, Paul ex-

plained this to the Hebrews at Jerusalem. Then followed the collapse of the Levitical priesthood and its administration of sacrifice and worship.

Paul noted that Abraham paid his tithes to Jesus Christ long before the Levitical system was instituted (Hebrews 7:1-10, Genesis 14:20). God's tithe now goes to those who do His Work today—His Church, the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23).

Perhaps you think your contributions to the Work are small and don't make much difference. But what if the widow mentioned in Luke 21:3-4 had adopted that attitude?

The story of that widow's two mites (worth about half a cent), which Christ said were worth more than all the offerings of the wealthy, has been heard around the world for the past two millennia! What powerful testimony to her devotion, and the respect Christ had for her contribution.

God can put all of our small offerings together and make them accomplish a big job—sending the witness to all the world by way of broadcast media and the printed page.

As you know, the first and third tithes are used directly in fulfilling the commission to the Church. God

calls the first and third tithes holy—that is—they belong to Him.

The first tithe is used to buy media time on television and buy paper to print all the Church's publications.

The third tithe is used to help the Levite (ministers), the fatherless and widows (Deuteronomy 14:28-29). The Church administers the third tithe to care for the widows, the elderly and pay a portion of the ministers' salaries.

Don't think God doesn't notice. Some have contemptuously referred to prayer and tithing as the pray and pay approach—an insignificant, unimportant gesture.

But ponder the story of Cornelius, the first uncircumcised gentile baptized into the Church of God. An angel was sent to tell him of Jesus Christ's personal concern for him and to explain to him why he was chosen for this honor: "Cornelius! . . . Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:3-4).

(4) Have an attitude of service

There are always opportunities to serve, for those who are willing.

Throughout history, people from all walks of life, including kings, prophets, soldiers, priests, widows and prisoners have been given the opportunity to contribute toward God's purpose. Why? Because they were looking for one!

Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25:34-36. Acts of kindness toward our fellow human beings are considered acts of kindness toward Jesus Christ Himself. Our

charity should extend to all who need it, in our neighborhoods or elsewhere along our paths of life, but it should especially be directed toward those who are fellow family members in the Body of Christ.

Our great service to all humanity is, of course, to preach the Gospel—to satisfy the spiritual hunger and thirst from which this world is dying. That is a first-line responsibility.

But did you know that visiting the sick, writing a note of encouragement or sending flowers is also helping in the Work? "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble" (James 1:27).

What about lending a sympathetic ear, or encouraging someone who is depressed? "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24). Any contribution to the upbuilding and strengthening of Christ's chosen brethren is a contribution to their eternal spiritual character.

"But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (I John 3:17).

As times become tougher, helping each other will become even more important than it is now.

How well are you fulfilling your basic job description? Are you contributing your best efforts to ensure that the Body of Christ continues to grow, and that the Work of God is done effectively?

Projects

(Continued from page 1)

A two-week Sri Lankan Summer Educational Program (SEP) that began Dec. 11 took place at Kottmale. The SEP was given full use of the facility.

Some youths from India attended the camp. Several Sri Lankan and Indian Church youths will attend school at Waterfield Institute.

Dec. 2, Mr. Locke, Mr. Little and Mr. Baker spent all day in Nuwara Eliya revamping the Ambassador College curriculum to train students to serve in Sri Lanka.

While in Sri Lanka, the group also visited the foundation's educational project in Mount Lavinia.

On to Thailand

After the Sabbath, Dec. 3, the

group flew to Bangkok, Thailand, where they met with Jeff Caudle, project director, and his wife, Lisa, and the seven Ambassador College students and graduates who teach English there: David Bauman, Susan Cathers, Betsy Docken, Susan Forester, Glen Leslie, Bill Marsh and Sheldon Sitter.

The traveling group visited the schools where the students and graduates teach.

At the request of Queen Sirikit's private secretary, Tan-Puying Suprapada Kasemsant, Mr. Locke; Sawat Yingyuad, an assistant to Mr. Locke who teaches Thai at Ambassador College; Dr. Pisit of Chiang Mai University; the Caudles; and Mr. Little; visited the Mae Tam agricultural educational project in northern Thailand. The foundation will send an Ambassador College student to work on the project.

Dr. Pisit, an agricultural specialist, will send a graduate student to serve on the project.

Dr. Ward, who returned to Pasadena Dec. 7, said, "I've just been on one of the most motivating and inspiring experiences of my life."

Dr. Ward commented on the trip, his first to the projects, to the Pasadena faculty and student body Dec. 13. He said he was impressed with the job the Ambassador College students are doing on the projects.

"I saw firsthand what Ambassador College students can do with three years of Ambassador College training—the impact they can have on the lives of people about their age," Dr. Ward said.

"You can build an Ambassador College anywhere, and you only have to have very minimal facilities."



SRI LANKAN SCHOOL—Waterfield students gather for a group photo with Waterfield administrators and officials of the Ambassador Foundation and Ambassador College, Dec. 1. [Photo by Tony Stith]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ACQUISTO, Joseph and Roslyn (Ramos), of Providence, R.I., boy, Aaron Edward, Nov. 15, 11:12 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

AUSMA, Robert and Cindy (Antie), of Surrey, B.C., girl, Tammy Marie, July 7, 1:56 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

BARTON, David and Kaylene (Wright), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Aaron Reginald Edwin, Nov. 15, 7:55 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BEEKSMA, Paul and Christine (Reyer), of Washburn, Wis., boy, Zachary Gene, Nov. 16, 2:28 a.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

BEIDELMAN, James and Rebecca (Burnhauser), of Bethlehem, Pa., boy, Elias James, Oct. 14, 5:48 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BERRIE, Robert and Jeanine (Broughman), of Pasadena, girl, Gwendolyn Chantal, Nov. 20, 2:29 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

BOUCHER, Michael and Laura (Trotti), of Montreal, Que., boy, Zachary Isaac, Sept. 27, 4 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

BOYLL, David and Debbie (Martinez), of Pasadena, boy, Jordan David Joseph, Nov. 5, 6:42 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

BREIDENTHAL, George and Laurie (Fletcher), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, Charles Walter Dale, Oct. 31, 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BROWN, Larry and Gail (Wilson), of Batesville, Ark., boy, Casey Gerald, Aug. 27, 8:25 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BURGESS, Jarrel and Ronda (Dute), of Kent, Wash., girl, Jetaime Janae, Aug. 22, 1:50 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CHASE, Bill and Denea (Kent), of El Paso, Tex., boy, Marshall Bradley, Oct. 31, 3:45 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

CHISM, Jerry and Patricia (Owings), of Chesterfield, Ill., girl, Stephanie Kay, Oct. 21, 5:45 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

COLLINS, Martin and Susan (Rittenbaugh), of Pasadena, boy, Christopher Martin, Nov. 18, 3:08 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CONNER, Bill and Gail (Hylton), of Roanoke, Va., boy, Andrew Danial, Oct. 25, 9:05 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

CUPLER, John and Rosie (Bender), of Cumberland, Md., boy, Zachary Andrew, Nov. 17, 7:53 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DANN, Emory and Karen (Irwin), of Santa Rosa, Calif., girl, Alissa Jeanette, Nov. 23, 8:39 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

DILK, Wally and Gloria (Gaspar), of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Philip Edward, Oct. 23, 1:35 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DROWN, Graydon and Robyn (Lewis), of Sacramento, Calif., girl, Nadia Katarina, Oct. 19, 9:25 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 girls.

DULKIS, Raymond and Darlene (Morgan), of Union, N.J., boy, Michael Stephen, Nov. 1, 11:09 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GOLDEN, Steve and Karen (Stabe), of Pasadena, girl, Stephanie Leigh, Oct. 28, 12:53 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HUNT, Ken and Sheri (Wiggins), of Brantford, Ont., boy, Joshua James, Oct. 9, 3:35 p.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, first child.

KANGAS, John and Janelle (Schmidt), of Hinsdale, Ill., girl, Beverly Diane, Nov. 17, 12 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

KRUSE, Mark and Sue (Van Matre), of Reno, Nev., boy, Steven Charles, Sept. 10, 9:10 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

KUHN, Henry and Nancy (Norcross), of Suffolk, N.Y., boy, Matthew Lawrence, Nov. 4, 7:57 p.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounce, first child.

MARQUEZ, Miguel and Terry (Pridgen), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Sergio Andres, Nov. 10, 6:45 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 5 boys, 2 girls.

MARTIN, David and Cindy (Black), of Big Sandy, girl, Brittany Renee, Nov. 29, 9:53 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

McDUFFIE, George and Cindy (Barfield), of Florence, S.C., girl, Rachel Ashley, Aug. 1, 4:28 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MORGAN, David and Tanya (Pierce), of North Platte, Neb., boy, Miles David, Nov. 9, 5:55 p.m., 8 pounds 3 3/4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MORGAN, Fred and Salema (Williams), of Brooklyn, N.Y., girl, Rachel Victoria, Aug. 13, 8:42 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

MORRISON, Peter and Rose-Marie (Rousseau), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Joel Edward, Nov. 11, 8:35 a.m., 4.04 kilograms, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MUSSER, Mark and Cynthia (Roeder), of Appleton, Wis., boy, Ryan David, Oct. 7, 11:50 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys.

NEWSOM, Mark and Kerry (Trimble), of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Stuart Bradley, Sept. 3, 12:06 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

PALMER, Randy and Michelle (Meal), of Cleveland, Ohio, boy, Jason Randall, Oct. 27, 4:09 p.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

RUFFNER, Joseph and Juanita (Wilson), of North Bend, Ore., boy, Wade Cameron, Oct. 18, 2:39 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 5 boys, 2 girls.

SCHERICH, Fran and Sharon (Sexton), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Tamara Ruth, Nov. 21, 3:36 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

SHALLENBERGER, Rick and Cheryl (Cambell), of Pasadena, girl, Kayla Grace, Nov. 23, 5 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

URBANEK, Richard and Leona (Buchstaber), of Rockford, Ill., girl, Stephanie Rayline, Nov. 26, 8:19 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

VANHOOZER, Alvin Jr. and Jeanne (Wolford), of Bluefield, W.Va., boy, Brady Alvin, Nov. 1, 12:32 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ray and Kathy Franco of Portland, Ore., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelli Rae to Joseph A. Brandenberger, son of Emmanuel and Anne Marie Brandenberger of Fort Wayne, Ind. An April 2 wedding in Oregon is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Spangler of Littleton, Colo., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Shelly Rae to Timothy Michael Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wells Jr. of Arvada, Colo. A March 18 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. GARY GOEBEL
Donna Marie Brandt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brandt of Tecumseh, Ont., and Gary Regis Goebel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Regis Goebel of Essex, Ont., were united in marriage Aug. 28 at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by George Lee, Windsor, Ont., pastor. Charmaine Chauvin was maid of honor, and Darwin Brandt, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple live in Essex.



MR. AND MRS. S. R. DUTTERA
Stephen R. Duttera, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Duttera, and Joann M. Hoke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hoke, were married Sept. 4 in Lancaster, Pa. The ceremony was performed by John Foster, Lancaster pastor.



MR. AND MRS. KIM HODGES
Yvonne Fairweather, daughter of Franceta Fairweather of Manchester, England, and Kim Wayne Hodges, son of Alice Robinson of Orlando, Fla., were united in marriage June 19 in Marietta, Ga. Hasadore Hall, Marietta associate pastor, performed the ceremony. Mordalia Palmer, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Barry C. Hodges, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Atlanta, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. RANDY ZACHARIAS
Julie Ann Carlson and Randy Lawrence Zacharias were united in marriage June 5 at the home of the bride's parents in Duluth, Minn. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Lawrence Zacharias, a Winnipeg, Man., minister. Jean Carlson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Roger Zacharias, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. R. ZACHARIAS
The parents of Virmell Campbell would like to announce the marriage of their daughter to Robert Lee Zacharias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zacharias of Winnipeg, Man. The ceremony was performed Sept. 18 by the groom's father, a Winnipeg minister. Cheryl Shallenberger, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Randy Zacharias, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Winnipeg.

Kumasí, Ghana. The ceremony was performed by Eke Udeagha, Kumasi assistant pastor. Augustina Mensah Bediako, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Charles Ocran was best man. The couple live in Accra, Ghana.



MR. AND MRS. UDO KERRUTT
Udo Kerrutt and Marina Wendt were united in marriage Sept. 17. The ceremony was performed by Grant Sprong, Hamburg, West Germany, pastor. The couple live near Hamburg.



MR. AND MRS. ROGER ZACHARIAS
Michelle Marie Duchene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Duchene Sr. of Windsor, Ont., and Roger Dwight Zacharias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zacharias of Winnipeg, Man., were united in marriage May 15 in Pasadena. The groom's father, a Winnipeg minister, performed the ceremony. Jodi Franke was maid of honor, and Randal Kelly was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Pasadena.



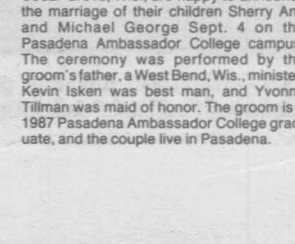
MR. AND MRS. LEONARD AKPELU
Shirley Bowers, daughter of Evelyn Bowers of St. Louis, Mo., and Leonard Akpelu, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Akpelu of Iwo State, Nigeria, were united in marriage Sept. 3 in St. Louis. James Lee, St. Louis South pastor, performed the ceremony. Terri Bowers was maid of honor, and Alton Gatlin was best man. The couple live in Atlanta, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL AKPELU
The children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blackwell are happy to announce their parents' 25th wedding anniversary, which took place Dec. 14.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL ISKEN
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tillman of Livermore, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. George Isken of Cedar Grove, Wis., are happy to announce the marriage of their children Sherry Ann and Michael George Sept. 4 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a West Bend, Wis., minister. Kevin Isken was best man, and Yvonne Tillman was maid of honor. The groom is a 1987 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, and the couple live in Pasadena.



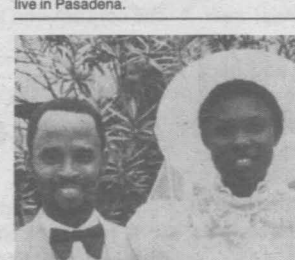
MR. AND MRS. BRUNO ROY
Dina Cyr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heliodore Cyr of Caplan, Que., and Bruno Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Louis Roy of Robertville, N.B., were united in marriage July 31. The ceremony was performed by Daniel Samson, Bathurst, Campbellton and Edmunston, N.B., pastor.



MR. AND MRS. M. WILLIAMS
Sandra Ann Lopus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Lopus of Richmond, Ohio, and Michael Dean Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams of Midland, Tex., were united in marriage in Wheeling, W.Va., Sept. 18. The ceremony was performed by Keith Walden, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla., pastor. Dara Davis, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mitchel Williams, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Alexandria, Va.



MR. AND MRS. M. ROGALSKI JR.
Mary Faith Bonilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bonilla of Pasadena, and Michael Paul Rogalski Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rogalski of Pennsylvania, were united in marriage Nov. 13 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Robin Webber, Pasadena Imperial P.M. pastor. The couple live in Pasadena.



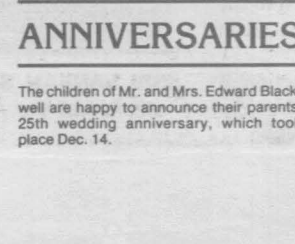
MR. AND MRS. EMELE KALU
Anthonia Chiatogu Ejobu of Owerri, Nigeria, and Emele Kalu were united in marriage Sept. 18. The ceremony was performed by Lateef Edalere, Owerri pastor. Evelyn Anyadike was maid of honor, and Sunday Fagbemi was best man. The couple live in Lagos.



MR. AND MRS. C.A. SCHULTZ
Lawana Jackson and C.A. Schultz and Shannon Jackson and Michael Lampley were united in marriage in a mother-daughter double ceremony June 5. John Calourek, Tupelo and Columbus, Miss., pastor, performed the ceremony. The couples were attendants to each other in the exchanging of the rings.

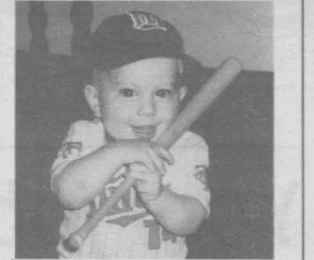


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We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Adam Wayne Nehk, son of Jerry and Ann Nehk of Fargo, N.D.

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MR. AND MRS. CARL ANDERSON
Carl and Jo Anderson of Seattle, Wash., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Oct. 17. They have been Church members since 1961. Mr. Anderson is a local church elder, and Mrs. Anderson is a deaconess. The Andersons have a daughter, Lynn, and a son, Bruce.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. JAMES LEE
James Benton "J.B." and Annabelle Lee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 30. Mrs. Lee was baptized in 1947, and Mr. Lee was baptized in 1954. The couple attend the Salem, Ore., church. They have nine children, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Family members marked the occasion with a family reunion.



MR. AND MRS. JESSE CALDWELL
Jesse "Jake" and Ellen Caldwell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 18. Fort Smith, Ark., brethren honored the couple with a reception Nov. 19. The Caldwells were also honored by their children with an open house. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were baptized in 1972. They have five children, 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. CARL KOPS
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kops were honored by Wentzville, Mo., brethren after Sabbath services Sept. 3 with a surprise 50th wedding anniversary reception. The Kopses were married Sept. 4, 1933, and they were baptized in 1956. The couple have a son, Don; a daughter, LaVerne Boeshans; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

MARQUARDSEN, Myrtle K., 82, of Glyn-don, Minn., died Nov. 8 after a long bout with cancer. Mrs. Marquardsen, a Church member for 20 years, is survived by a brother, Vernon Eckhart; a son, Melvin; two daughters, Dorothy Beall and Evelyn Marquardsen; and two grandchildren, Ken and Donna Beall. Her son, daughters and granddaughter are Church members.

DANIELS, Joy Ann, 46, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Oct. 13 of cancer. Mrs. Daniels, a Church member since 1970, is survived by her husband, William, also a Church member; five daughters; six sons; two sons-in-law; and one granddaughter.

STARR, Arnold "Loren," 62, of Rochester, Wash., died Nov. 5 after heart surgery. Mr. Starr, a Church member since 1974, is survived by his wife, Joan, three sons and two daughters.

BURT, Hazel Yvonne, 58, of Waco, Tex., died Nov. 9 of cancer and multiple sclerosis. Mrs. Burt, a Church member since 1959, was a deaconess. She is survived by her husband, Clinton, a Waco local church elder; two sons, Glenn and Kelly Burt; a daughter, Vickie; an aunt, Mrs. Paul Du-dake; and five grandchildren.

WADSWORTH, Kenneth H., 81, of Pierson, Mich., died Nov. 5 after a short illness. Mr. Wadsworth, a Church member since 1976, has no survivors.

HILGENBERG, Clem E., 63, of Carthage, Mo., died Sept. 23. He was baptized in 1959 and ordained a deacon in 1968. Mr. Hilgen-berg is survived by his wife, Rosetta; two sons, Gene and Joseph; three daughters, Sandra Brenner, Rebecca Pendergraft and Melissa Christal; and 10 grandchildren.

LONGSTRETH, Richard D. Sr., 84, of Rose-burg, Ore., died Nov. 12. Mr. Longstreth has been a Church member since 1984.

GRAFF, Adele, 73, of Elizabeth, N.J., died Nov. 1 after a short bout with cancer. Mrs. Graff, a Church member since 1962, was the widow of Harry Graff, also a Church member.

PEERLESS, Eva Margaret, 81, of Revel-stoke, B.C., died Nov. 6. Mrs. Peerless, a Church member since 1967, is survived by two sons, Bill and Russell; and two daughters, Nancy Graham and Margery Shalley.

McCREIGHT, Mildred, 77, of Starkville, Miss., died Nov. 8. She was baptized in 1965 and is survived by two brothers, a nephew and a niece.

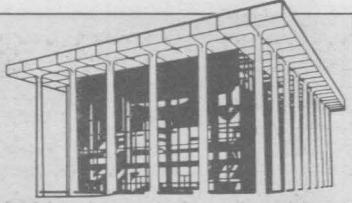
STANFORD EDWARD HEWITT
HEWITT, Stanford Edward, 20, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Oct. 23 from injuries sustained when he was attacked. Mr. Hewitt is survived by his parents, Stanford C. and Sarah; a brother, Terrance; his paternal grandpar-ents, Stanford A. and Rose; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

POHLE, Agnes, 85, of Kansas City, Kan., died Aug. 7. She has been a Church member since 1958.

LUTZ, Rawson, D., 85, of Berryton, Kan., died Oct. 19. Mr. Lutz has been a Church member since 1958. His wife, Helen, died in 1982.

Onstage at Ambassador

Ambassador International Cultural Foundation



Moscow music exceeds mere notes and chords

By Michael Hale

PASADENA—My favorite concerts are those with the big symphony orchestras.

Michael Hale, art director of Youth 88, has appeared in various Church musical productions.

How do you put into words what happens when an assembly of more than 100 world-class musicians completely envelops an audience in its work of art?

You don't so much hear this music as experience it. The experience seems more of feelings and emotions than mere notes and chords, more of empathy than mere entertainment.

Just such a performance was given Nov. 3 by the State Symphony Orchestra of the U.S.S.R. under its music director Yevgeny Svetlanov.

This special event from Moscow was the first concert in the Great Orchestras of the World series, which the Ambassador Foundation stages this season at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

And special it was.

This concert had it all—a fabulous orchestra, an astonishing violin soloist and an outstanding conductor.

In reviewing the concert, the Nov. 5 Los Angeles Times termed the orchestra "virtually a perfect musical instrument, both artistically and mechanically."

The memorable evening began with a soothing performance of Mussorgsky's *Overture to Khovanshchina* arranged by Dmitri Shostakovich. The program notes revealed the author's intent to depict Moscow at sunrise.

Next, Andrei Korsakov, the featured soloist on violin, stepped onstage to amaze us with what ranged from sweet mellow tones to blazing speed and an intensity that had many of us wanting to cheer before we had the chance to. The work was Tchaikovsky's *Concerto in D Major for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 35*.

I wondered how a human being could play so swiftly and yet so beautifully. Immersed in such pleasure, intermission came too quickly.

But perhaps the best was yet to come.

Conductor Svetlanov firmly led the massive Soviet orchestra



YEVGENY SVETLANOV

through a thrilling Rachmaninoff *Symphony No. 1 in D Minor, Opus 13*.

Rachmaninoff's work was of a darker and richer color, often furiously paced—swelling again and again and crashing like waves of the sea. When Svetlanov signaled "give me more," the result was almost deafening.

The second and third movements afforded us lightly swirling violins and impressive woodwinds. At times during the fourth movement the orchestra became like a huge, timpani drum and gigantic bass viol beating as one.

The standing ovation was long and heartfelt. Most of us don't speak Russian so it would have to suffice to show our appreciation to 108 Muscovites who had so lovingly immersed us in the work of three Russian composers.

My wife, Janet, and I walked past other smiling concert patrons en route to our car. We discussed leaving our car radio off for a day or two. We had just been to the top of the mountain and didn't want to come back down for a while.

Balancing on waves: Surfer wins title event

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.—Surfer David Erickson, 18, must make the most of his time because he has less of it than those he competes against.

Because many surfing tournaments he competes in are conducted on Saturdays and Sundays, David sometimes has less days to score points.

David won the men's 4A division title at the National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA)

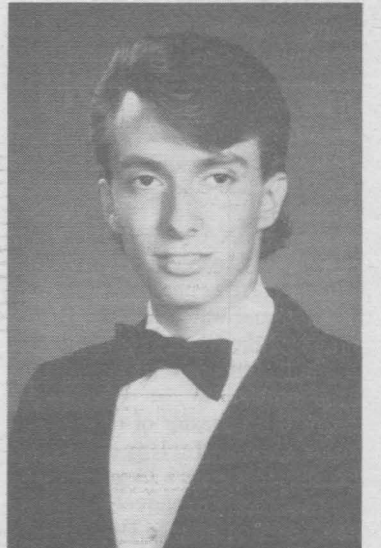
championship Aug. 11 at the Huntington Beach Pier.

About 900 surfers competed in the combined scholastic and amateur event. Andy Verdone, Huntington Beach High School surfing coach, said that the NSSA championship helps give the sport a positive image.

"It's great to have a school-based forum like this for surfing," said Mr. Verdone. "We stress aca- (See SURFER, page 8)



HONOR GRADUATES—Katrina Rae Kurtz, who attends Sabbath services in Denver, Colo., was co-valedictorian of Chatfield Senior High School's class of 1988, and Richard Roper, who attends the New Orleans, La., church, was valedictorian of the 1988 graduating class at River Oaks Academy.



PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)



Auditorium P.M.

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—The Auditorium P.M. church is really two churches in one—the Ambassador College students (including married students and their families) and the rest of the congregation.

The students are classified as a separate congregation for counseling purposes, but they meet with Auditorium P.M. brethren for services and members from all Pasadena congregations for weekly Bible studies.

More than 75 percent of the non-student members work for Ambassador College or the Church, "so there is very little turnover in membership," said John Kennedy, an assistant pastor.

"That is demonstrated by the congregation's three Graduate Clubs and one Spokesman Club." Other congregations would have more Spokesman Clubs than Graduate Clubs.

"Because most of the congregation lives near the campus, and many members are employed by the Work, brethren here don't face the same kinds of problems others do such as unemployment and problems with keeping the Sabbath," Mr. Kennedy said. "The high cost of living in Southern California does make life difficult for some."

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach is pastor of the church. He

often gives the announcements and delivers offertories on Holy Days.

Associate pastors are evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of



MR. & MRS. HAROLD JACKSON

Church Administration for international areas, and Joseph Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States. Mr. Kennedy and James Stokes are assistant pastors, and Jeffrey Broadnax is a ministerial trainee.

Fifty-two ministers attend Auditorium P.M. services, including 13 evangelists, so brethren hear a variety of speakers. Evangelists David Albert, Richard Ames, David Hulme and Ronald Kelly,

the four presenters for the *World Tomorrow* program, attend Auditorium P.M. services.

The Auditorium P.M. church was the first congregation established in Pasadena, and the fourth in this era of the Church. Services were first conducted in 1947 when Ambassador College began operation. The location for services changed several times until the Auditorium opened in 1974.

Auditorium P.M.'s longest-time



PEARL HIGGINBOTHAM

Church member is evangelist Harold Jackson, who works in Church Administration. Mr. Jackson was baptized in 1936. The old-



SERVICE WITH A SMILE—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and his son, Joseph Jr., along with evangelists Dibar Apartian (back left) and Dean Blackwell, serve food at the Auditorium P.M. annual pancake breakfast. [Photo by John Kennedy]

est member in the congregation is Pearl Higginbotham, 86, who has been a member since 1960.

Each year the Auditorium P.M. ministry serves 900 to 1,000 brethren at a pancake breakfast, which traditionally includes a performance by the Young Ambassadors and games for the children. The congregation is the hub of activity in the Church's biggest annual fund raiser, the Rose Parade. About 1,350 volunteers from area churches combine to raise \$50,000 to \$70,000 each year.

Auditorium P.M. is host to the Ministerial Refreshing Program. On one Sabbath during each session members bring cookies and juice for a kaffeeklatsch, and members and ministers mingle and

get to know each other. The visiting ministers are introduced during afternoon services.

Other regular activities include a senior citizens Bible study every other week, two annual family outings to camp River Glen in the San Bernardino Mountains, an annual camping trip and potluck meals between services on Holy Days.

Auditorium P.M.

Members	906
Ambassador students	709
Ministers	52
Deacons	26
Deaconesses	11
Church youths	59
Pre-YOU children	140
Singles	223
Over 60s	131
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	3

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UPDATE

GREENSBORO, N.C.—The church here celebrated its 25th anniversary Nov. 19. Attendance was 880.

Bob League, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and Central churches, and Roger Foster, pastor of the Boca Raton, Fla., church, gave split sermons. Mr. League pastored the Greensboro church from 1974 to 1982, and Mr. Foster pastored the church from 1967 to 1972.

After services 11 Greensboro ministers, past and present, participated in a cake-cutting ceremony. That evening Dan Rogers, Greensboro pastor, was master of ceremonies for a slide show, which was followed by a banquet and dance at a hotel. ☆ ☆ ☆

PASADENA—Bill Quillen, pastor of the Las Vegas, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz., churches, received a plaque and watch for 25 years of service to the Church at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet Oct. 25.

John Bald, pastor of the Corpus Christi and Harlingen, Tex., churches, received a 25-year plaque and a watch at a banquet Dec. 13.

Their wives, Lois Quillen and Nancy Bald, also received watches. ☆ ☆ ☆

BIG SANDY—Joseph Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States, presented Wilmer Parrish



LONGTIME SERVICE—Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States, presents a 25-year plaque and watches to Wilmer Parrish and his wife, Esther, Dec. 3. [Photo by Ian Bearman]

with a plaque and watch for 25 years of service at Sabbath services Dec. 3. His wife, Esther, who has served in various capacities, also received a watch.

Dr. Parrish, though retired, is a safety and medical consultant for the Big Sandy campus. ☆ ☆ ☆

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—The last of 400,000 letters in a direct-mail campaign were mailed at the end of November.

"The response rate to previous letters has been around 10 percent," said evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director.

As in other mailings, 50 percent of the letters were in English, and 50 percent were in Afrikaans.

"An interesting aspect of the previous mailings has been the good response to the Afrikaans letter," Mr. McCullough said. "Even though we offer an English magazine to people whose home language is Afrikaans, the response to this letter has been just slightly less than that received by the English letter."

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Super Channel responses for October and November were well above average, according to evangelist Frank Brown, regional director.

"Moscow Looks West," presented by evangelist David Hulme, drew 447 responses, 162 more than the October average of 285.

"All the responses added together culminate in a grand total of 2,826, with the highest responses coming from the Netherlands, West Germany, Ireland and Greece," Mr. Brown said.

Controlling shares of Super Channel were obtained by an Italian family that plans to use the channel as a news and music station. "How this planned change in programming will affect the *World Tomorrow* program is not yet known, although our position at the moment is a posi-

tive one," the regional director said.

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PASADENA—Church members who are amateur radio operators and would like to join the Alpha Charlie radio net should look for the Alpha Charlie Net on 7228.5 kHz nightly at 0100 UTC.

The Alpha Charlie radio net is coordinated by Garland Snuffer, supervisor of the Church's Radio Production Department. There are more than 275 operators in the Church worldwide, Mr. Snuffer said.

"We welcome all Church hams—from novices to extra class operators," Mr. Snuffer said.

Each year amateur radio operators gather at various Feast sites. In 1988 five attended in Norfolk, Va.; nine were in Palm Springs, Calif.; 10 in Rapid City, S.D.; 15 in Redding, Calif.; 13 in Tucson, Ariz.; eight in Vail, Colo.; and 12 in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Operators also met in Australia.

For additional information, including other schedules, write to the Ambassador Amateur Radio Association, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.



PASTOR GENERAL SURVEYS WIND DAMAGE—Ronald Grassman (center), Landscape Department manager, and Ray Tucker (right), a landscaping supervisor, show Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach wind damage on the Ambassador College campus Dec. 8. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Software projects PT growth

PASADENA—The British and Australian offices use computer forecasting software called the Lighthouse Magazine Publishing Model to project *Plain Truth* circulations.

The Lighthouse model can project *Plain Truth* circulations up to five years in advance and quantities of subscribers who will renew or drop their *Plain Truth* subscriptions.

"The software tells us what the circulation is on a monthly basis, calculates renewals to send out and tells us about people who have dropped off," said Boyd Leeson, circulation manager for Church

publications, who has used Lighthouse in Pasadena for the past four years.

Lighthouse plots the domino effect if response to the telecast or direct mail is doubled or halved.

The British Office uses Lighthouse to project *Plain Truth* circulation in the United Kingdom, Scandinavia and other European countries.

Stephen Gent, circulation manager in the British Office, spent several weeks in Pasadena training on the system and is using it to forecast 1989 circulations, according to evangelist Frank Brown, British regional director.

"Lighthouse will enable the British Office to fine tune circulation levels established by headquarters, as well as provide important renewal information on subscribers from different sources such as Super Channel or newsstands," said Mr. Brown.

In Australia, regional director Robert Fahey observed that, on average, those who respond to advertisements in *Reader's Digest* "show greater long-term interest than those from ads in *New Idea*," a women's magazine.

"This is extremely valuable information when making judgments on where to spend advertising

money wisely," Mr. Fahey said.

Brian Gray from Pasadena installed Lighthouse in the Australian Office after the Feast of Tabernacles and spent several days with Robin Jackson, who will produce Australian Lighthouse projections.

"As we use it for a few more years, Lighthouse will become an extremely valuable tool for us in projecting our *PT* circulation and tying it into our budget," said Mr. Fahey.

Surfer

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demics at our school, and a lot of kids have learned that if they don't pass in school, they don't surf."

David, who received the most points overall in the junior division each season in 1986 and 1987, has won 32 trophies in the past five years.

David has attended Sabbath services all his life. He "drives himself to be the best and is constantly striving to do better," said his grandfather, Stan Norton, a deacon in the Santa Ana, Calif., church. He tries to not let reverse circumstances keep him down for long.

David attends the Santa Ana church with his mother, Loretta, and brother, Michael. He graduated from Huntington Beach High School in 1987.



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

PASADENA—The 25 *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) Bible lectures conducted in 1988 attracted 3,932 new people, reported Keith Speaks, *Pura Verdad* circulation manager.

"This is the highest *PV* Bible lecture attendance ever recorded in one year," said Mr. Speaks. The previous record was 3,767 in 1983.

The highest percentage of responses (17.6 percent) was received in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The highest number of new people (601) met in Lima, Peru.

Mr. Speaks said that plans are being made for 23 lectures next year.

"We will be inviting subscribers from smaller areas next year," he added.

Narrow escape in Peru

Mario Seiglie, pastor of the Santiago and Temuco, Chile, churches, sent the following letter to evangelist Leon Walker, Spanish regional director, Nov. 29.

"Greetings from sunny Chile. I have just returned from a trip to Bolivia and Peru and wanted to inform you of the increasingly alarming situation in Peru.

"Wilfredo Saenz [pastor of the Lima, Trujillo and Huaraz, Peru, churches] is taking the needed measures to ensure his safety, for on two occasions his life was threatened.

"The first time happened a month ago when he went to visit a prospective member on the jungle side of Huanacayo.

"He passed a tunnel which led to the jungle area, and he was about 30 miles from the prospective member's home, when he noticed everyone he passed in a car was looking surprised and frightened.

"After 15 miles of such stares, he decided to turn back. Just before entering the tunnel again, he felt an urge to stop and contemplate the vast greenery of the jungle which ended there.

Machine-gun fire

"He left the car idling and walked to the curb, when suddenly he heard machine-gun fire and people screaming inside the tunnel.

"He went immediately back into the jungle area, until he saw a convoy of trucks passing an hour later and joined them.

"He made it through the tunnel without a problem, but never found out if they were terrorists or bandoliers [bandits].

"Two weeks ago, just before my trip to Lima, Rosa [Mr. Saenz' wife] called me and mentioned Mr. Saenz would not be in for the weekend because there was a nationwide truck strike, and there were barricades between Trujillo (where Mr.

Saenz was) and Lima.

"If you tried to pass a barricade your car would be pelted with rocks, if not gunshot.

"So I went to Bolivia first, instead of Peru. Meanwhile, Mr. Saenz had gone cross-country part of the way to avoid the roadblocks and stayed in Huaraz for the Sabbath.

"A member who visited his hotel mentioned there were rumors that Huaraz would be invaded by terrorists for the first time. Mr. Saenz dismissed the rumors until a while later they heard machine-gun fire.

"He left the hotel shortly after, and with the truck strike over he returned to Lima, which was six hours away.

"On Sunday, dozens of terrorists entered Huaraz, took over the hotel where Mr. Saenz had been and raised the communist flag on the hotel's flagpole!

"Mr. Saenz will be curtailing his trips to only real emergencies. Slowly but inexorably the terrorists are coming closer to Lima.

"The minister and the brethren truly need our prayers in this country assailed by a threefold plague of hyperinflation, terrorism and drug traffic.

"The inflation rate for Peru this year hovers over 1,500 percent. There are shortages of most staple items, and there are long lines for bread.

"The wheat is sent by friendly nations, and Peru cannot even pay the shipping costs. Mr. Saenz will be giving third-tithe help to the brethren as it is needed.

"Right now the members are distressed, but they can count on the basic necessities. It is the future which is disquieting.

"Despite the problems, the members are of good cheer and very united as they all share 'the same afflictions' " (I Peter 5:9).

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