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Take calling seriously, says Mr. Tkach in Boise

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"We have to stir up the Holy Spirit within us and not take our calling for granted. True love for one another is a tool that makes us like Christ."

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach explained this key to battling a Laodicean attitude to 701 brethren assembled in Boise, Idaho, April 8. Some traveled up to 500 miles (800 kilometers) to hear him.

Mr. Tkach exhorted brethren to avoid the lifeless existence of the Laodicean attitude by becoming excited and motivated participants in God's Work, and not merely spectators.

The day before, Mr. Tkach and his traveling party were greeted by Lawson Tuck, trip coordinator and pastor of the Baker and Ontario, Ore., and Boise churches, his wife, Joan, and their two children; and Gene Watkins, Boise, Baker and Ontario associate pastor, and his wife, Barbara.

Sabbath services were conducted in the Capital High School auditorium. Brethren represented churches in Blackfoot, Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho; Baker and Ontario, Ore.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Kelly, Wyo.; and Battle Mountain, Nev.

A combined choir performed "The Lord Is My Shepherd," a medley of pages 19 and 20 in the

Church hymnal. Directed by Frederick Whitlark, the choir was accompanied by Denise Crabtree on piano, and Dorothy Tish and Karla Rust on violins.

Painting depicts pioneers

On behalf of the brethren, Mr. Tuck presented Mr. Tkach with an original oil painting titled "Pioneering the Way," painted by Tom Mansanarez of the Kelly church.

The painting depicts a wagon master leading a train of pioneers along the Oregon Trail to what they considered to be the promised land.

Mr. Tuck told Mr. Tkach: "The old Oregon Trail is a symbol of pioneers and pioneering. People traveled through a treacherous and difficult wilderness en route to the promised land of Oregon.

"In like manner, God is using you to lead us, who are pioneers of a new way of life until we get to the world tomorrow."

The gift "both reflects this pioneering era and what God is doing through you and His Church today."

Exuding warmth, dedication

After Mr. Tkach's sermon, most of the brethren met the pastor general in a receiving line that lasted an hour and 40 minutes.

"Mr. Tkach exudes a warmth and (See BOISE, page 3)



SIGNS OF WARMTH—Brethren give Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach a send-off at the Boise, Idaho, airport April 9. Mr. Tkach spoke to 701 brethren there April 8. [Photo by Lee Glover]

Address to Pasadena audience

Senator believes in service

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—Strom Thurmond, the senior senator from South Carolina, addressed Ambassador College students, Church employees, Imperial School students and community guests in the Ambassador Auditorium March 30.

Sen. Thurmond, 86, first elected to the Senate 35 years ago as a write-in candidate, was in Los An-

geles for a series of speaking engagements and a meeting with former President Ronald Reagan.

A public servant

Sen. Thurmond told the audience that the greatest satisfaction he gets out of being a senator is helping people.

"There's so much good in the world you can do to help people," he said, "especially the disadvantaged people, the poor people, people who can't help themselves . . .

"I wish every public servant realized that he's there to give and not to get . . . and I believe your school here stands for that principle, too."

Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, gave Sen. Thurmond a

campus tour before his speech. The senator told Mr. Hulme he was impressed by the quality and character of the campus.

The senator asked why Ambassador College is different.

"I told him that God's Spirit is at work in the lives of people here," Mr. Hulme said.

After the tour Sen. Thurmond met Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

"The senator told Mr. Tkach that he appreciated the values that Ambassador College stood for and outlined several moral issues that he plans to address through legislation, including new action on illegal drugs," Mr. Hulme said.

Auditorium address

"I have been riding over your campus this morning," Sen. Thurmond said. "I'm deeply impressed. The cleanliness of it, the values you instill here in this school, and every-

German telecast goes national

By Frankie Weinberger

BONN, West Germany—The German-language *World Tomorrow* (*Die Welt von Morgen*) received its first large-scale airing March 21 at 6:30 a.m. on Tele-5.

Based in Munich, West Germany, the national cable network can be received by six million people over cable and terrestrial frequencies.

The title of the program was "The Quiet Crisis." Gathering at the Bonn Office for the event were about 25 people, including John Karlson, regional director; David Gunn of the British Office; a volunteer phone crew; and office employees.

Some apprehension

Although excitement was high,

there was apprehension. The telecast was not yet listed in television schedules.

Morning television is new in Europe, and Europeans are not accustomed to ordering by telephone. The group hoped for one call.

Seconds after the phone number was given the phones began to ring. In all, the office received 35 calls, most of which came in within 10 minutes after the program ended. Two written requests were also sent in.

Milestone for Work in Germany

"Overall, this must be one of the most important events in the history of the Work in German-speaking areas," said Mr. Gunn. "There is no other religious programming in Germany apart from a church service or two on Sunday and a five-minute devotional on Saturday night."

Six telephone stations were built in the mail processing room to receive the calls. They are divided by soundproof panels, and the telephones are equipped with headphones to make it easier to write request cards.

Meinrad Eckert, a graphic artist for the Bonn Office, designed the area.

The phone system, Service 130, is the European equivalent of toll-free numbers in the United States, although callers pay the same rate for the calls as they would for local calls. The German Office pays the remaining fees.

Telephone operators attended a training session in February, led by Mark Schnee, director of mail processing in the German Office.

March 28 Tele-5 inadvertently

repeated the program. The office received 23 calls. Response to the April 4 telecast, "Talking to Your Teenagers," was 66 calls.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

All of us here at headquarters are pleased and excited about the completion of a five-year plan for the Work.

It is a plan that will be fully updated each year. It contains options that will help us take into account as many factors as possible in our decision-making processes as the Work soon moves into the last decade of the century.

This plan, of course, must be one that will enable us to follow Jesus Christ as He leads us. We must walk by faith in God, recognizing our commission as He has revealed it, and striving to fulfill that commission as wise and responsible stewards of the calling and resources He gives us.

Planning, or thinking ahead, is such a vital aspect of getting any job done. In God's Work, we have the blessing of being able to combine planning with faith in

the Source of our strength and ability to complete the task.

I want to share parts of the five-year plan with you in this letter to help you focus more deeply upon the Work God has called us to do.

Mission statements

The plan is based upon the commission God has given His Church. We have stated the commission this way:

The commission of God's Church is a single commission having two aspects—preaching the Gospel and caring for the Church. These two facets do not stand independently apart, but are equally important, mutually interdependent aspects harmoniously combined one with the other in balance as the pastor general deems appropriate to the circumstances.

• Matthew 28:19-20 (New King James throughout): "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of (See PERSONAL, page 4)



SENATORIAL VISIT—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets Sen. Strom Thurmond (left) in the Ambassador Auditorium March 30. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

thing I've seen about it is just uplifting and wholesome, and I congratulate you on having the opportunity to attend an institution of this kind."

In his address Sen. Thurmond commented on world and national issues.

About job training he said: "People ought to be willing to work, if (See SENATOR, page 3)

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Soviet elections help refashion Europe

PASADENA—Europe, especially Eastern Europe, is in the midst of profound political change. This transformation is occurring at a juncture in the post-World War II history of the Continent.

In the March 20 "Worldwatch" we examined the evolving situation in Poland and Hungary. The latest example of a political redirection has taken place in the very citadel of communism, the Soviet Union.

Sunday, March 26, voters throughout the Soviet Union participated in the first freely contested election in roughly seven decades. The results were a shocker.

About 85 percent of eligible voters trooped to the polls, enthusiastically taking advantage of this chance to let their voices be heard.

Even though most of the candidates running for the new Congress of People's Deputies were Communist Party members, many voters were given the option of choosing between old-line officially approved candidates or newer, reform-oriented challengers.

From all appearances, the voters sent about a quarter of the party's preferred candidates down to defeat, including many ranking regional officials, mayors and military commanders. Voters in Estonia even drummed up the courage to oust the republic's KGB chief. The

KGB is the Soviet secret police and intelligence agency.

Some candidates lost even though they ran unopposed. This was because, according to election procedure, voters were instructed to cross out the name of the candidate they didn't want, whether he (or she) was running against anyone.

Any winner, opposed or not, had to win 50 percent of the vote. One unopposed candidate was so unpopular he had his name crossed off 85 percent of the ballots. New elections will decide such open seats.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev expressed satisfaction with the result. He claimed it reflected popular endorsement of *perestroika*, his program of political, economic and social reforms. But some observers feel he will be pressured to reform faster and more thoroughly than he had planned.

American newsmen excited

American reporters on the scene were excited over an election that seemed more lively than many in their own country.

In the March 28 Los Angeles Times, Michael Parks wrote that "the party's hold on political power was not directly at stake . . . but never in its 71 years in power has the party's leadership been so broadly and sharply challenged at home."

Writing in the April 10 *Time*, Walter Isaacson added that "the Soviet people now know what it is like not to fear. They have learned the joys (and, yes, the frustrations) of a feisty press . . . They have watched candidates debate on television and be asked whether they believe in God . . .

thirds of the contested seats.

In the Ukraine five regional party secretaries were sent packing. Perhaps it is no coincidence that Ukrainians have been exposed to more truth concerning the horrors that occurred on their soil between the two world wars. At that time millions of Ukrainians perished in

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



"Any notion that the election was totally controlled by the Communist bureaucracy was dispelled by the startling list of losers . . .

"Valeri Terekhov, a member of Leningrad's Democratic Union, an opposition group, noted, 'Gorbachev opened a volcano, and I don't think he realized the lava was so deep.'"

Other journalists concentrated on the impact of the election in non-Russian areas. For example, in the politically aroused Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, candidates backed by the nationalist Popular Front groups won two

Soviet dictator Josef Stalin's campaign to wipe out private farming and impose state-controlled collective agriculture.

Gorbachev's challenge to NATO

Undaunted, or perhaps even partially buoyed, by the election, President Gorbachev embarked on an-

other international trip.

The main stop was Cuba. But on his way back home, Mr. Gorbachev stopped in London. There he told Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher that he was curtailing the production of weapons-grade uranium for the balance of the year.

Once again, the dynamic Soviet leader jumped out in front with another peace proposal. Collectively, his policies toward arms reductions have placed enormous external pressure on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

NATO was established four decades ago to preclude a Soviet military thrust into Western Europe. With the perception of that threat diminishing, the rationale behind NATO's existence is being increasingly questioned.

At a ceremony April 4 marking the 40th anniversary of the Atlantic Charter, NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner sounded rather defensive. Mr. Woerner called for "active cooperation" with the Warsaw Pact nations.

In his address Mr. Woerner declared: "We will strive to build a

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Moving? Count the cost

The job market was depressed, the local economy slow and the husband of a large family was having trouble finding work.

He and his wife owned a house, but because of being out of work they had gotten behind on their mortgage payments, utilities and property taxes.

A relative living on the West Coast told him that work was available there.

Seeing this as practically a promise of employment, he decided to move his family to the area. He informed his pastor he was moving, but failed to follow the pastor's advice to weigh the advantages and disadvantages.

Once moved and settled, the family was hit by two problems. First, they expected to be immediately eligible for welfare assistance. But they were turned down, because they still owned the house. (They had simply abandoned the property when they moved.)

Second, he couldn't get a job on the West Coast because he had no particular job skills. He tried to run his own business, but found he couldn't compete in the manual labor market because of the large number of workers willing to work for less.

After welfare turned them down, the family grew desperate and came to the Church for assistance. Instead of telling their story truthfully, however, they told the minister they lost their house, when actually they had abandoned it.

At considerable expense the Church helped them get into an apartment and assisted them with food costs. The cost of living, especially housing, was far higher and the job market for his skills didn't get any better.

So the Church helped them move back to their former area, where they were faced with the unpaid bills they left behind. The cost to the Church ran into several thousand dollars.

Several factors contributed to this family's problems. (1) The man didn't have adequate job skills or experience, (2) the family had unrealistic expectations about conditions on the West Coast, (3) they were trying to escape their problems rather than face them, (4) they had not seriously sought wise counsel and (5) they had not been completely honest with the ministry.

Distress of moving

From personal experience I can tell you that a move can be expensive, time-consuming and difficult. This is true even if you have a guaranteed job in the new area and your employer is paying most of the moving expenses.

When individuals move without carefully weighing the factors involved, without the proper resources or a job lined up, they are not only acting irresponsibly but may also be courting a severe trial.

Statistics show that most families will move several times. In the United States the average family moves every four or five years.

Many times moving takes people hundreds or thousands of miles from friends and extended family members. Children grow up with little or no contact with grandparents and cousins.

So here are several things to consider when moving from one area to another.

Moving to escape

• Why do you want to move? Some move in an attempt to run away from problems.

Pasadena or Big Sandy are often destinations for people who move for unsound reasons. Some might feel they will be more spiritual if they live in Pasadena, or that their problems will be solved by living near the Ambassador College campuses.

Brethren may not realize their problems must be dealt with, overcome or solved wherever they are.

Moving away does not solve basic character flaws, personality problems or bad habits.

• Do you have a job in the new area? If unemployed, consider the job market in the new area. The grass always seems greener elsewhere, but is it really?

• Have you fully analyzed family and social factors? Experience often shows that individuals who move to unfamiliar areas, far away from relatives and friends, wind up returning to their former areas.

• Count the cost before any major decision.

Some fail to consider how they will be supported in the new area, or expect that other members or the Church will offer assistance.

Moving costs will include transportation of family and household goods, temporary living expenses while finding a place to live and until the first paycheck, first and last month's rent or deposits for housing and utilities.

Husbands, talk it over with your wife and children. Be realistic. Having these figures etched into your mind will enable you to sort out job possibilities more wisely.

• A Christian should be a light and an example in a dark world by not imposing on other brethren. II Corinthians 11:9, II Thessalonians 3:10-13 and other scriptures show that the apostle Paul tried never to be a burden to other brethren.

An unwise decision to move when one cannot financially handle it, resulting in living out of a car or relying on others for weeks or months, is not a Christian example.

"In all that you do . . . be blameless and innocent, faultless children of God in a crooked and perverse generation where you shine like stars in a dark world" (Philippians 2:14-15, Moffatt).

• Seek wise counsel. Brethren, we should always seek guidance before making any decision to move.

"When no one is consulted, plans are foiled: when many are consulted, they succeed" (Proverbs 15:22, Moffatt).

Counsel doesn't always have to come from a minister, but if you've made mistakes, God's ministry can guide you. Be honest with them. If you approach a minister in a right attitude, willing to recognize errors and put your life back on an even keel, I can assure you a favorable response.

If you are planning to move, I hope it will be a successful one.

Abuse, neglect drive youths to city streets

BOREHAMWOOD, England—One hundred thousand youths in Western Europe live their lives on the streets. Many are runaways from home.

This is the age of moral orphans. These runaway teens—there are 100 million worldwide—are at the mercy of unscrupulous adults who exploit them. The numbers vary from country to country.

In England and Wales somewhere between 13,000 and 15,000 run away each year. West Germany has about 20,000 under age 16.

Each year the day-and-night center for teens in Copenhagen, Denmark, deals with 1,500 runaways. Every nation in Western Europe has regrettable numbers of children who couldn't tolerate home life.

Misery at home

In most runaway cases the situation at home was intolerable. Disinterested parents. Sexual abuse. No one at home. Mental torture. One father would not let his son sleep. He woke him up every few minutes.

But we also must recognize certain cases of prodigal children. Here the parents have done their best, but their children have rejected solid parental values and adopted rebellious, self-destructive life-styles.

In those cases father and mother do not share the guilt of son or daughter (Ezekiel 18:20).

However, our primary focus is on children exploited by adults. First by their parents—and second by adults at the runaway hangouts. The sex industry is merciless.

Depraved porn addicts prey on the lives of runaways in nearly every large European city. Gitta Sereny wrote in *The Invisible Children*: "Almost every child I spoke to had at some time been asked to pose for pornographic pictures or to take part in porno-movies" (page xv).

European child-protection laws have merely driven the problems underground.

The runaway is hungry. The runaway is homeless. The runaway feels fragile and insecure. He or she does not have sufficient strength to refuse these illicit offers.

Girl runaways outnumber boys

by something like two to one. Pimps prey on these poor girls. They fall into prostitution—and the pimp takes the profits.

The law often cannot convict these people because the young girl becomes emotionally dependent on her pimp.

He performs a crude parental function. He is her only security.

Consider the testimony of a West Berlin, West Germany, police official: "Here it is almost impossible to convict a pimp . . . because it is almost impossible to get any girl to testify."

The statistics are frightening. According to the May 1, 1987, *Daily Mirror*, "Each year [in Britain] 5,000 to 8,000 runaways aged between 13 and 16 turn to prostitution to stop them from starving." Surely the numbers are worse two years later.

God-given responsibility

The psychological and emotional damage is incalculable. The welfare of any society demands that it protect its most precious national resource—the next generation. But many parents are not taking seriously enough their God-given responsibility toward their children.

Just one example from Scandinavia. Journalist Keld Broksoe wrote in Denmark's *Politiken Weekly*: "The aspect of a wife at home is disappearing. Out of all the women with small children, the part [proportion] of the housewife has fallen by 58 percent within 20 years, and today only 8 percent are left."

Society is forced to take measures to offset irresponsible parenthood.

For instance in Britain organizations such as Childline and The Children's Society seek to help abused children and runaways. Children there can telephone skilled counselors for help and advice.

And Switzerland has a fairly effective system of adopting unfortunates even across national borders.

We can be thankful for the help there is available. But our nations are under a serious moral indictment for letting such things happen within our borders.

Reunion: Class of 1973 has highest number of ministers

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—With misty eyes, Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States, expressed appreciation to ministers and wives—many of them former classmates—attending a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet March 14.

Session 12 of the Refreshing Program coincided with a partial reunion of Ambassador College's class of 1973, which has the Church's largest number of ordained ministers.

Twenty-seven graduates of that class, representing the college's Pasadena, Big Sandy and former Bricket Wood, England, campuses,

attended the Refreshing Program.

"The reunion wasn't really an official class event," according to Ralph Lucia from Church Administration. "It catered mostly to those in on the Refreshing Program."

Alumni brunch

Mr. Tkach Jr. and his wife, Tamara, were hosts at a brunch at their home March 12 for more than 100 alumni, ministers and wives and graduates from Pasadena and nearby areas.

The brunch featured entertainment by past and present Young Ambassadors directed by Ross Jutsum, director of the Music Department at Pasadena Ambassador

College.

An 8-mm. movie made by students in Big Sandy was shown, in addition to a slide show of ministers and wives who sent in wedding photographs.

Class act

At the March 14 brunch at Mr. Tkach Jr.'s home, the Ink Spots, a singing trio from the class of 1973, staged a performance. The Ink Spots are Marc Segall, Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., pastor, who was called "the spot that lost his ink"; Arnold Hampton, Chicago, Ill., Southside pastor; and Philip Perkins from the Church's Corporate Graphics Department, who substituted for another of the original members.



CLASS OF '73—Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration for the United States, is host to a brunch at his home March 12 for ministers, wives and other graduates of the Ambassador College class of 1973. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Ron Barksdale, a 1973 graduate and member who attends the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church, played the piano.

Other performances were given by graduate Wendy Pack, wife of William Pack, pastor of the Hagerstown and Cumberland, Md., churches; Ronata Gray, wife of David Gray, an assistant pastor in the Fort Collins, Colo., Scottsbluff, Neb., and Wheatland, Wyo., churches; Teddi Treybig, wife of David Treybig, Chillicothe and Portsmouth, Ohio, pastor; and Terry Finch, an Ambassador College music instructor and wife of Hal Finch from the Photo Services Department.

Considerate supervisor

Offering a banquet toast Mr. Segall said: "One man has turned out to be one of the most thoughtful and considerate and loving supervisors we could have ever dreamed possible. And we want him to know tonight, in front of our classmates and ministers and friends, that we're very proud and grateful to have him as our boss. Mr. Tkach Jr., we love you and appreciate you."

Thanks for Your Help

PASADENA—The *Worldwide News* staff would like to thank everyone who responded to our request for suggestions on ways to improve the paper. We received a variety of good ideas and met to discuss how some of them might be implemented.

Elections

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new Europe embedded in the community of free democracies in which military forces play no role other than guaranteeing the sovereignty of states."

As the passing of a significant 40-year milestone attests, changes are under way in Europe that will ultimately lead to an astounding political restructuring. Yet many Americans, Canadians, Australians and others are only vaguely aware of Europe's undercurrents of change.

"Few seem to grasp," wrote William Pfaff in the March 18-19 *International Herald Tribune*, "that the political character of the Europe (or Japan) that will exist a decade from now is a matter of fundamental concern to America..."

"The United States has been in Western Europe, militarily, economically and politically, for 40 years because the Soviet army has been in Eastern Europe and East Germany. If the Soviet Union changes, the American situation is changed... If Eastern Europe changes, all of Europe is changed."

Boise

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an uncompromising dedication that really stirs us all to redouble the commitment to our calling," said Mr. Tuck.

"I was overwhelmed by how quickly he drew the crowd right to him," said Bill Bryce, assistant pastor of the Salt Lake City church. "He strengthened our foundation and our hope."

Mr. Tkach was then host to a meeting for ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses at the Red Lion Hotel.

He gave the group news of the Work since becoming pastor general and talked about planning efficiently for its future.

More than 70 attended a buffet afterward. Special mentions were given to Mr. Bryce and his wife, Bertha, who celebrated their 39th anniversary, and to Philip Wilson, a deacon in Kelly, and his wife, Karen, for their 22nd anniversary.

The next morning the pastor general boarded the British Aerospace Corp. (BAC) 111 jet for Pasadena. More than 200 brethren were at the airport, many with banners, to wave good-bye to the pastor general and his traveling group as they left.

Accompanying Mr. Tkach were his administrative assistant Ellen Escat, administrative projects coordinator Michael Rasmussen and his wife, Juli, and Julie Stocker, administrative assistant to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

Serving as Mr. Tkach's BAC 1-11 flight crew were Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich, flight engineer Dean Mohr, steward Jay Brothers and chef Ter-

"His visit couldn't have come at a better time—before Passover," said Mark Henson, a member from Blackfoot. "We are personally grateful to him for coming."

Haitian army mutinies; brethren safe, protected

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Brethren in Haiti are safe and positive after a coup by two army battalions against the Haitian government in early April.

So said evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director, after phone contacts with Joseph Franklin in Haiti April 7 and 10.

Rebel troops surrendered to the Presidential Guards after intense fighting in Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince.

"The victory temporarily boosted the... government of Haiti's military president, Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril, who survived an attempted coup d'etat last Sunday [April 2], only to become embroiled in turmoil when two of the army's three combat units mutinied and tried to force his resignation," said the *Los Angeles Times* April 9.

At least 35 soldiers and five civilians died in the fighting, according to Haitian Red Cross officials.

Mr. Apartian said brethren didn't go out of their homes when

soldiers were in the area.

Mr. Apartian said Federal Express packages containing labels for mailing Church publications and letters have been delayed for two weeks. The post office is holding letters.

"Nothing gets in and nothing gets out," he said. "The only communication is by phone. Things seem to be quiet but uneasy."

"Right now, the brethren in Haiti would appreciate that we pray for them, that they could have the physical peace we have in America," the regional director said.

Colombian Feast offers coastal scenery, castle

PASADENA—The Spanish Office announced details for the 1989 Feast of Tabernacles in Santa Marta, Colombia.

Fair weather, blue skies and tropical beaches will provide the setting for the Feast in Santa Marta.

A variety of sporting activities, including boating, swimming, waterskiing, scuba diving, horseback riding and tennis, will be available.

Near the site are a colonial cathedral, a gold museum, a castle, an art museum, a sea museum, a national park and the Sierra Nevadas—the highest coastal mountains in the world.

Prices for hotel accommodations

begin at \$20 a day for single occupancy and \$27 a day for double occupancy. Daily food costs for each person range from \$10 to \$20.

Prices for a luxury hotel, including all meals, range from \$327 to \$550 a person for 10 days and nine nights.

Services will be in Spanish with English translations. About 300 transfers will be accepted.

International travelers can fly to Barranquilla, 1½ hours from Santa Marta by bus or taxi, or to Bogota, one hour from the site by air.

Car rental is not necessary. Additional information will be provided after transfer is approved.

Senator

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they're able to work... I think one of the finest things we could do is to train people on welfare so they can get off of welfare so they can get jobs and hold jobs."

About crime he said: "It just hurts me to think that our streets are not safe like other countries. It just hurts me to feel we've got so much crime here."

Sen. Thurmond then answered questions for about 15 minutes.

Asked to compare President George Bush to former President Reagan, he said: "I think Mr. Reagan made one of the best Presidents we've had in the 35 years I've been in the Senate. He stood for family values. I think he was a good role model for the young people. Mrs. Reagan did a good job with drugs."

"And I think Mr. Bush is going to make a good President... His heart is right."

Sen. Thurmond told Mr. Hulme that he wished all students were as alert and informed as the Ambassador College students.

Guests for a buffet luncheon afterward in the lower lobby of the Auditorium included Church and college officials, Mike Antonovich, a Los Angeles County supervisor, Jess Hughston, deputy mayor of Pasadena, and education and business leaders from Pasadena.

Report from the Treasurer's Office

Gray Neff

PASADENA—The income for March continued to be less than last year. This is the third month in a row with negative figures. March was not quite as bad as the previous two months, with 1.3 percent less than last year. This brought the year-to-date figure to 4.9 percent less than the same period a year ago.

We are looking forward to the Spring Holy Day Offerings to see if this trend will be turned around. Last year the spring offerings were about 11 percent more than the previous year. This means that offerings will have to be very good to exceed those above-normal amounts.

Many people have mentioned their grave concern over this year's low response. Some employees have even requested to have their salaries cut to help out. Others have sent in extra offerings. I know that those who really have their hearts in the Work will do what they can do to take care of the need. Thank you for doing your part.

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Foundation shows God's way

PASADENA—Evangelist David Hulme, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, gave an update in the March 28 Pastor General's Report of the projects and activities, besides the performing arts, the Ambassador Foundation is involved in.

To demonstrate God's way

The primary activity of the Ambassador Foundation is to provide the Worldwide Church of God with opportunities to demonstrate God's way of life in an appropriate fashion.

While the foundation is incorporated as a religious organization, its philosophy enables the Church to provide service in areas where churches would not be accepted because of their missionary goals.

With this primary activity in mind, we have developed a strategy to educate the public about the Worldwide Church of God. The foundation serves to strongly and positively link the Church to activities that can be appreciated by others not interested in a

purely religious message.

For example, when we helped produce the KCET public television version of *A Raisin in the Sun*, we also sponsored the reception for the actors and community leaders.

This way we were able to reinforce the Church's involvement. I briefly addressed the group during the evening and presented key messages about our stance. This in turn prompted several questions about the foundation and the Church.

The same situation occurred last summer when Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approved the placement of a half-page advertisement in the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times* welcoming the Dance Theatre of Harlem back from the Soviet Union.

The ad appeared in the Sept. 5, 1988, *Worldwide News*. The text specifically mentioned that the Ambassador Foundation is sponsored by the Worldwide Church of God.

As a result of that ad, we received several calls and letters asking for additional information about the

foundation and the Church. This despite the lack of a telephone number or return address.

Many commented that they thought it was an interesting and appropriate idea for a church to sponsor such activities.

In addition to positively heightening the profile of the Church, the foundation also provides other services.

Beneficial grants

For example, selected grants have been made to local colleges that can reciprocate by providing specialized training for teachers at Imperial Schools.

Grants made to mental health programs are in the process of providing educational opportunities for Ambassador students involved in Jordanian projects.

We continue to look for projects that go beyond the Los Angeles area in both impact and potential benefit to the Church.

The foundation, however, does not have unlimited funds for grants and donations. In a cooperative ef-

fort we have been able to provide service efficiently by utilizing in-kind resources.

One example of this is the *Los Angeles World Affairs Journal*, which is typeset and produced by Publishing Services. By working with Barry Gridley's team in Publishing, the *Journal* can be published 10 times a year at a lower cost

play when we sponsor a special event.

Two summers ago we were host to a reception and dinner for the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) ambassadors. Ambassador College Food Service, together with the Auditorium staff, provided an excellent dinner that brought many positive comments.

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than if we paid to have the typesetting and prepress work done elsewhere.

The result is that the foundation again receives positive mention monthly in print. Mr. Tkach was recognized at a World Affairs meeting a few months ago for making this service possible.

Special campus events

In-kind resources also come into

Just before the dinner the ASEAN chairman walked out into the Auditorium mall. When he returned he said that he'd wanted to experience the beautiful setting, which he said "promotes deep thinking and meditation. It is a breath of fresh air in this urban setting."

In this regard the campus Landscape Department is to be congratulated. (See GOD'S WAY, page 5)

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the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

● Mark 16:15-16: "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.'"

● John 21:15: "Feed My lambs."

● Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

In light of our commission, we have set down general or fundamental goals for each of the three arms of the Church—(1) the Church itself, (2) Ambassador College and (3) Ambassador Foundation.

The Church

The goals for the Church are stated in this way:

"To proclaim the Gospel of the coming Kingdom of God to all nations, to preach the Word of God and expound the doctrines of the Church, to develop and maintain a qualified ministry, to establish and support local congregations, to teach and spiritually nurture the members of the Church together with the co-workers and all who desire the truth of God and to provide assistance for the Church needy."

Ambassador College

The general goals for Ambassador College are these:

"To further the goals and support the needs of the Worldwide Church of God through a God-centered, biblically based liberal arts institution of higher learning which: promotes character development; educates qualified students in how to live and how to earn a living; trains competent ministers for the Church, employees for the Work and leaders for the local congregations; and serves as a clear example of true spiritual, moral and cultural values."

Ambassador Foundation

The general goals of Amba-

sador Foundation are these:

"To further the goals of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College by serving humanity through selected charitable projects worldwide and to promote excellence and foster international understanding via cultural, humanitarian and educational projects worldwide, basing its activities on the simple

relative value of various programs within each operation and department.

The second way the five-year plan aids that process is in the higher level of communication that it promotes between operations and between departments. When all areas of the Work are working together for the same goals, each can see more clearly

God can and does help us in all situations, but He also teaches us to plan ahead and to grow in wisdom so that we will be prepared for what the future might bring.

philosophy of give."

How God works

Now of course, in fulfilling our commission, we are limited to the amount of financial support that God makes available to us. If we simply had unlimited funds, think of what we could do. But that is not how God works.

We are to use what He gives us in the most effective manner we know how. We must avoid waste. We must use our heads. And in so doing, we must constantly look to God in faith both to supply our needs and to lead us where He wants us to go.

Our goal cannot be just to put out as many *Plain Truths* as we possibly can, without thoughtful planning about what level we can afford, what level we can support and what level we can maintain.

Likewise, our goal cannot be just to get on as many stations as we possibly can, without careful thought, planning and evaluation as to which stations are most effective, which are being watched and producing fruit, which are a duplication of effort, which are a wise use of God's money and which should be dropped to use the money elsewhere.

If we are to be faithful stewards, we must be continually thinking, analyzing, planning ahead and acting to prune where pruning should be done, and to plant where planting should be done—all within the framework of what we can afford.

The five-year plan is a valuable tool to ensure that process for two reasons. One is that it helps the operation managers and me focus on the basic, fundamental purpose and commission of the Church. This helps us put into correct perspective the

how it fits into an overall picture.

In this way, each operation manager is in a position to understand how a cutback in one area may make growth possible in another area that will be of greater benefit to the overall purposes of the Work.

Even now, we are again carefully analyzing U.S. and Canadian television coverage to trim unproductive stations and unnecessary double-coverage stations.

Some stations may be nice to have, especially if they are in an area where we have a local congregation, but we simply cannot justify continued expense for unproductive stations when the same money can be better used in other, productive, ways.

(By the way, if at any future

The five-year plan contains options that will help us take into account as many factors as possible in our decision-making processes as the Work soon moves into the last decade of the century.

time an unproductive station is dropped in your local area, Church Administration will arrange for your pastor, as it has for others, to receive videocassettes of the program to play for the congregation.)

Plan ahead

The time to prepare for hard times is during good times. Periods of low income for the Work are not the times to have to realize that we are carrying unnecessary stations or that we are not as trim as we ought to be. We need to be continually looking for

ways to be more productive and more efficient.

Our current income dip would be even more difficult for us if we hadn't already been putting into effect cost-saving measures planned last year.

But even so, brethren, a sustained income dip will of necessity produce severe cutbacks in what we are able to accomplish. Let's continue to pray earnestly that God will bring us out of this slump, even as we continue to look for ways to be more efficient.

By planning ahead we can avoid many of the problems of crisis management. That is not to say we'll never have a crisis. I'm sure we'll have our share.

But if we can plan ahead before a crisis, to be better prepared and ready to act when it comes, we will not have to make critical decisions under pressure without the time to properly think them through.

God can and does help us in all situations, but He also teaches us to plan ahead and to grow in wisdom so that we will be prepared for what the future might bring.

Major breakthrough

By the way, you probably noticed in this issue that we are now airing on WNBC in New York. This is a major breakthrough for the Work.

WNBC is one of seven solely owned and operated stations be-

longing to the National Broadcasting Co. This station accepted the program as "nonpaid" religion because *The World Tomorrow* is in a unique category of religious programming, as they view it.

This is a significant decision by NBC's top management, and we can pray that it will lead to other opportunities as God sees fit.

By the time most of you read this "Personal," the Holy Days will probably be over. As Passover will still be fresh on our minds, I hope all of us will be

striving to be sure that our conduct is befitting of those whose lives are devoted, through God's calling, to living as His faithful children.

The Passover symbols must be more than mere symbols—they must be symbolic of the reality of Jesus Christ living in us through the Holy Spirit.

If we are indeed fully committed to the life to which God has called us and equipped us, there will be fruit of His Spirit being borne in our lives.

Thank you, dear brethren, for your sacrifice and devotion in Jesus' brotherhood to God's Work. Let's see that all our conduct reflects our fidelity to the great God who has called us and given us everything necessary to enable us to be changed into a new creation at the return of our Savior—a new creation that will be fully prepared to live forever in righteousness in His divine family.

P.S. Brethren, as I write this "Personal," I do not yet have the Holy Day offering figures, but I do hope that all of us were as generous as possible. These offerings will be vital in determining plans for the remainder of the year. They will need to be significantly higher than last year's total, and last year's total itself was high.

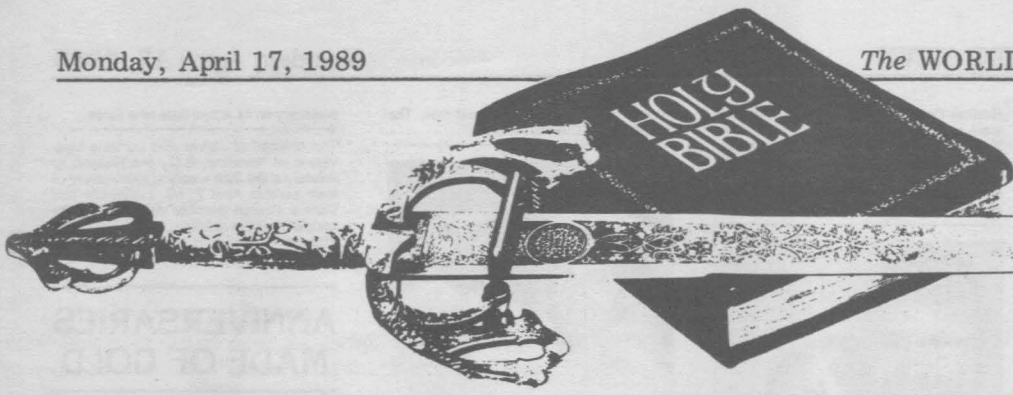
There is no question that unless the total income picture reverses by the end of April, we will have to reduce programs and face layoffs. Let's pray earnestly that God will help us see our needs as He does and that He will provide for them.

At this point normal reserves have disappeared to take up the slack, and we have now begun to dip into the reserves from the sale of the G-III aircraft.

How thankful we can be that God provided those funds just at the time they were needed. But they will not last long, either, unless the income soon makes an upward turn or serious budgetary measures are put into effect.

I know many are unemployed, or ill or otherwise unable to give offerings in a financial sense. But all of us can pray.

God will provide our needs as we rely on Him, and as we each perform our labor of love as He gives us the ability, whether in prayer for one another and for the Work; whether in service and practical love for one another; or in tithes and offerings.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

What you can do to help youths get a good education at school

By Donald L. Ward and William L. Johnson

During the past several years American schools have been battered by controversy and crisis. If any one thing caused the renewed concerns of the 1980s, it was the revelation in 1975 that scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for college admission had steadily slipped for more than a decade.

This article is the second in a series. The first appeared Feb. 15, 1988. Donald L. Ward is president of Ambassador College. William L. Johnson is chairman of the Mathematics Department at Ambassador College in Big Sandy.

Other pieces of what seemed to be a jigsaw puzzle began to fall into place. Across the country angry parents sued school districts for granting high school diplomas to their functionally illiterate children. The diploma had become merely a certificate of attendance for many students and no longer represented a specific level of achievement.

By 1981, when President Ronald Reagan appointed the National Commission on Excellence in Education, at least two dozen committees and task forces were already studying the condition of American schools.

The findings showed lax school discipline, social promotion and widespread decline in critical reading and careful writing. Absenteeism, once considered intolerable, was now accepted.

Since the mid-1980s many states have addressed educational reform, focusing largely on teacher pay and high school graduation requirements. There is a real effort to strengthen public education.

Here lies an obvious question. Can children receive good education in public schools? Most certainly they can. But parents must be actively involved in their children's education. Parents and children need to be aware of what it takes to succeed or fail in the public schools.

Elementary school

The course of study in elementary school is essentially the same for all children. The main job of the elementary teacher is to teach basic skills and instill good work habits.

Concerned parents of elementary pupils should monitor their children's school performance. Look for social adjustment, balance and academic diligence. Attend open houses at school, and get to know your children's teachers.

Compliment good points in your children's schools and send teachers thank-you notes expressing your appreciation for their efforts. Most teachers feel overworked, underpaid and taken for granted.

Perhaps so little attention is paid to elementary schools because of general agreement that the major problems of the schools begin after the sixth grade. After all, the elementary schools offer a fairly common curriculum, and they are not plagued by absenteeism and disciplinary problems.

The seventh and eighth grades,

however, are critical times in a child's academic development. Through the more leisurely and innocent elementary period, a child has several years to learn the basics in reading, writing and mathematics.

If a child was not motivated academically in the early grades and did not master the basics, many of the deficiencies can be made up in the seventh and eighth grades. The child could then be placed in the college-bound high school program. His or her academic success will continue to build.

But what about the child who leaves the junior high years weak academically?

High school

The solution to the problem of individual differences has been to establish different programs that depend on the students' abilities.

We asked 200 Big Sandy students what advice they would give prospective students. Their overwhelming response was for them to take college preparatory courses, particularly English, languages, math, science, computers, typing, geography and history.

Ability grouping, one common approach, divides children into classes based on ability, while having everyone learn the same subject matter.

Tracking, the second common approach, sorts students according to their apparent educational or occupational destinies. American high schools are usually divided into academic (college preparatory), vocational and general track programs.

About 35 percent are enrolled in the academic track, 25 percent in the vocational track and 40 percent in the general track.

Children in the academic track are considered college bound, and their high school courses prepare them for university entrance. A rigorous academic track would have four years of English, three years of mathematics, three years of science, three years of social studies and one year of computer science. Often two years of foreign language are included.

Children in the vocational track are trained for a specific occupation, while those in the general track receive an assortment of courses. Twenty-five percent of credits earned by general track high school students are in physical and health education, work experience outside the school, remedial English, remedial mathematics and personal service and development courses, such as training for adulthood.

If a student's academic record is weak through the seventh and eighth grades, school counselors will usually group the student in low-level high school classes or track him or her into general or vocational programs without consulting the parents. This is done because they feel the student will not be going on to college.

If the school counselor asks students about their choices, students will often choose the easiest classes and avoid the college prep courses. With only about half of the students in high schools really working and

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achieving, you can see why schools find it tempting to lower requirements and expand electives. This way the school doesn't need a formal policy of separating students, but can rely on the students to sort themselves.

should not be allowed to choose worthless courses.

College admissions

Most colleges have admissions standards including satisfactory scores on the SAT or the American College Test (ACT) and specified college preparatory courses.

Generally, before consideration for admission, applicants whose native language is not English must provide Test of English as a Second Language (TOESL) scores as well

as SAT and ACT scores. Parents should write for the entrance requirements of colleges their children plan to attend.

While standardized tests are not perfect instruments, they have numerous uses. Students who take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), the SAT or the ACT obtain a measure of their strengths relative to other students. The test scores can guide students toward specific study to improve areas of academic weakness.

The scores can also help the school in diagnosing educational problems and in prescribing remedies. If a student receives a low score of 350 on either or both parts of the SAT, or a poor score on the PSAT, parents and school officials should find out why and do something about it.

Other points to consider

Numerous parents have asked about home schooling. While in certain emergency situations a child might be educated at home, our experience at Ambassador College has shown that home-schooled stu-

Other points to consider

March when the *World Tomorrow* telecast began airing on WNBC in New York.

WNBC is one of seven stations owned by the National Broadcasting Co., which has a strict no "paid-religion" policy, according to Mr. Wright.

Said Thomas Lapacka, manager of Media Purchasing, "WNBC accepted the program not only because the telecast never solicits money from viewers, but even more

importantly, because its high production value fits their standard of quality."

'Significant decision'

"This is a significant decision by NBC's top management because it takes the *World Tomorrow* program out of the 'paid-religion' category," Mr. Wright said.

As a result, other television stations are now showing interest in the program.

we provided tickets to an organization specializing in rehabilitation, called Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training). ORT is an international organization with operations on five continents.

One of the leading members from the San Marino, Calif., chapter wrote: "You are to be congratulated for your service to our community. Your Pasadena campus is the show-place of our town, and your contribution to the art and music scene puts Pasadena on the map."

"One place we always take out-of-town visitors is your campus and auditorium. Your college attests to your priority of education."

WNBC airs World Tomorrow

By Wayne Pyle and Edwin Stepp

PASADENA—New York's largest television station with cable connections is once again airing the *World Tomorrow* telecast, according to Ray Wright, director of Media Planning & Promotion.

Wayne Pyle is a statistical analyst for Media Planning & Promotion, and Edwin Stepp is a media planner.

WWOR, which began airing the telecast April 1, is cabled to many parts of the nation and has the potential of reaching more than one third of all U.S. households.

Airing time is Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.

In October, 1987, WWOR canceled the telecast and adopted a new no-religion policy for the station.

Since that time, officials from BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), an advertising agency retained by the Church, have maintained contact with WWOR managers to persuade them to reconsider airing *The World Tomorrow*.

WNBC airs program

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God's way

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lated for its continued outstanding work.

Worthy requests

The final area is the performing arts. We have written of the benefits of this activity before, but there is one area that has really not been mentioned.

We often receive requests for free tickets from worthy organizations. We have expanded this program in recent months, and the fruits have been positive.

For example, a few months ago

dents are often weaker academically and do not have the academic background of those who attended public or private schools.

We do not imply that all who have participated in home schooling receive an inferior education. In some cases there are exceptional students, however, in our experience this has not often been the case.

We asked 200 Big Sandy students what advice they would give prospective students. Their overwhelming response was for them to take college preparatory courses, particularly English, languages, math, science, computers, typing, geography and history. Students said it was critical to know how to study and how to work hard. Good health and financial stability also rated high on the survey.

Finally, what admissions advice does the administration of Ambassador College give to prospective students? We stress balance and emphasize that selection is based upon evidence of intellectual promise and strong personal qualifications, including high moral and ethical character and good health. Preference is given to those who appear to share the ideals and objectives of Ambassador College.

The admissions committee looks closely at (1) character, (2) academics, (3) finances, (4) health, (5) personality, (6) church and community service and (7) skills and interests. Generally, if a student does not have a B average or better in high school, he or she would not be accepted.

God wants young people in His Church to be successful, healthy, wholesome and talented, ones who can be future leaders (Ezekiel 22:30). He wants them to live challenging, growth-oriented lives of abundance and well-being. He wants them to accomplish their hopes and dreams and to have successful careers.

As parents guide their children and value education, and as young people perform at their best level, then all of these things are possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AWOYEMI, A.O. and Florence, of Lagos, Nigeria, boy, Samuel Oluwatobi Adegboye Oalekan, Nov. 29, 1988, 12:15 a.m., 3.45 kilograms, now 2 boys.

BASTIDA, Marvin and Marjorie (Bausing), of Bacolod, Philippines, boy, Mark David Bausing, March 1, 4:25 p.m., now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BERGER, Jeffery and Cathy (Cressman), of Mesquite, Tex., boy, Cameron Keith, March 14, 7:12 a.m., 6 pounds 12½ ounces, now 2 boys.

BURNETT, Andy and Lisa (Salyer), of Big Sandy, girl, Stacey Michelle, Feb. 28, 3 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

CAPOZZOLO, John and Margaret (O'Donohue), of Union, N.J., girl, Adeline Jean, Feb. 2, 9:17 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

CHARLES, Thomas and Kathryn (Gaugler), of Selingsgrove, Pa., boy, Timothy Matthew, March 2, 7:11 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

CHRISTAL, Shannon and Melissa (Hilgenberg), of Columbia, Mo., boy, Dustin Clem, Feb. 12, 6:56 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

EDMISTON, Robert and Pamela (Locher), of Hagerstown, Md., girl, Amanda Grace, Feb. 23, 12:53 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FLORES, Daniel Jr. and Janie (Fraga), of Harlingen, Tex., boy, Shanay, March 3, 7:20 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FRIESEN, David and Joyce (Woeffle), of Winnipeg, Man., boy, Colin David, Feb. 26, 10:48 a.m., 6 pounds 12½ ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GILLHAM, Jeffrey and Bonnie (Morse), of Albany, N.Y., twin girl and boy, Leah Marie and Joshua Jon, March 20, 10:18 and 10:38 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces and 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

HANSHAW, Steven and Brenda (Miller), of Peoria, Ill., boy, Jeffrey James, Jan. 27, 9:01 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HEATH, Larry and Annie (Sypher), of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Larry, Oct. 22, 1988, 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

HORJUS, Arno and Estelle (Olivier), of Pretoria, South Africa, girl, Mandy, Jan. 1, 5:45 a.m., 2.97 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KLEINFELDT, Ron and Chris (Uhlig), of Westlock, Alta., boy, Kurt Ronald, March 15, 10:25 p.m., 10 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KNIGHT, Ian and Marina (Lategan), of Bloemfontein, South Africa, boy, Wesley Ian, Jan. 31, 4:10 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KOVANIS, George and Monica (Novak), of Glendora, Calif., boy, Justin Nicholas, Jan. 19, 6:31 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

LEWIS, Ivory and Lydia (Davis), of Chicago, Ill., girl, Lizzie Jean, Feb. 11, 5:53 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

McGEE, Gene and Cynthia (Krespan), of Gainesville, Fla., boy, Thomas Allen, March 20, 10:30 p.m., 7 pounds, 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

McKINNEY, Mark and Lisa (Griffith), of Pensacola, Fla., boy, Austin Colby, Dec. 15, 1988, 9:22 p.m., 5 pounds 1½ ounces, now 2 boys.

METCALF, Rick and Andrea (Avey), of Sacramento, Calif., boy, Tyler Matthew, March 9, 9:59 a.m., 6 pounds 12½ ounces, first child.

MEYER, Douglas and Becky (Hutchins), of Tampa, Fla., girl, Amy Lynn, March 6, 1:04 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

MILLER, Ronald and Bonnie (Stephens), of Midland, Mich., boy, David William, Feb. 19, 8:50 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

MORTIER, Donn and Alice (Burdick), of Appleton, Wis., girl, Sabrina Dawn, Jan. 16, 5:07 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

MOSHIER, James and Carolyn (Wuest), of Riverhead, N.Y., boy, Zachary William, Feb. 15, 8:10 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

OBRI, Enji Godwin and Agnes (Alicha), of Jos, Nigeria, girl, Mpiada Hope, Dec. 25, 1988, 7:47 a.m., 3.2 kilograms, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

PAZ, Felipe and Lilani (Lopez), of San Pedro, Belize, girl, Dora Valeriana, Oct. 13, 1988, 1:30 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

PEITZ, Gregory and Ruth (Peterson), of Chico, Calif., girl, Emily Elizabeth, March 19, 8 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

PENDRY, George and Rika (Nilson), of Clearwater, Fla., boy, David Lowell, March 7, 1:39 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

POORE, Faron and Shelly (Schrott), of Fairfield, Calif., girl, Jaime Colene, Jan. 25, 9:20 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

RILEY, Michael and Linda (Harvey), of Croydon, England, boy, Benjamin Joseph Michael, Feb. 9, 8:43 a.m., 11 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ROGERS, Dan and Barbara (Rand), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, Steven Earl Preston, Feb. 23, 12:50 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SANO, Nicholas and Tiffanie (Etheridge), of Nashua, N.H., boy, Robert Gerard, Feb. 27, 9:34 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SPICER, Leroy and Shirley (Lipse), of Tupelo, Miss., boy, Andrae Cortez, Feb. 17, 3:45 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

SWIHART, Michael and Kimberly (Bryant), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Joshua Michael, Feb. 19, 9:42 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TRUMBLE, Donald and Janice (Woods), of Cocoa, Fla., girl, Candace Dawn Marie, Jan. 28, 3:30 a.m., 7 pounds 4½ ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

WHITEHALL, Dennis and Donna (Williams), of Wenatchee, Wash., boy, Jared Leslie, Jan. 28, 10:53 a.m., 10 pounds, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Johnson of Tucson, Ariz., are delighted to announce the engagement of Mr. Johnson's daughter Mary Letitia to Timothy Scott Heine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heine of Hampshire, Ill. A July 23 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wolfe of Winnipeg, Man., are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Marge, to Vilus Simon Zyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vacys Zyle of Geelong, Australia. An April wedding in Australia is planned.

Melvin and Ilona Deraas of Duluth, Minn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Robin Louise to Timothy Christopher Clary, son of Sam and Carolyn Clary of Monroe, La. A July wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David House of Ilminster, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Simon Roberts, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts of Plymouth, England. A June 4 wedding is planned.

Muriel Brasher of Minot, N.D., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Patty to Hank Knowlen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell R. Knowlen Sr. of Rapid City, S.D. A May 6 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carlson of Modesto, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shawna Lee to Christopher Tyrone Collier, son of Evelina Goff of Fresno, Calif. An Aug. 20 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. PIETER KEYTER
Mr. and Mrs. A. Antoniaides of Estcourt, South Africa, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Angela to Pieter Keyter, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Keyter of Fochville, South Africa. The ceremony was performed Jan. 8 in Estcourt by John Bartholomew, Pretoria, South Africa, pastor. Alexa Curtis was maid of honor, and Mark Antoniaides was best man.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID GUERTZEN
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jantzen of Mill Bay, B.C., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Jan to David Guertzen of Victoria, B.C. The ceremony was performed Dec. 27, 1988, by William Rabey, Victoria pastor. Lucienne Michaud was maid of honor, and Ray McLellan was best man. The couple live in Victoria.



MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND REX
Mr. and Mrs. Garland W. Snuffer of Monrovia, Calif., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Linda Arlene to Raymond Leonard Rex, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Rex of Bonaparte, Iowa. The ceremony was performed Nov. 13, 1988, by Robin Webber, Pasadena Imperial P.M. pastor, on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The bride was attended by Cara Weed, and Mark Larsen was best man. The couple live in Bonaparte.



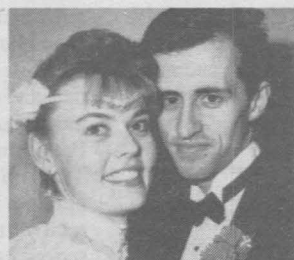
MR. AND MRS. RONALD E. RAUGHT
Tammy Carvantes, daughter of Judy Lemon of San Bernardino, Calif., and Ronald Raught, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Raught of Norco, Calif., were united in marriage Jan. 29. The ceremony was performed by Paul Troike, San Bernardino associate pastor. Cindy Gill was maid of honor, and Randy Raught was best man. The couple live in San Bernardino.



MR. AND MRS. RUBEN SAMSON
Bernadette G. Gopez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roberto N. Gopez, and Ruben F. Samson, son of Priscilla Samson of Calumpit, Philippines, were united in marriage Jan. 29 in Malolos, Philippines. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, pastor of the Malolos church. Claudette Gopez, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Julian Concepcion Jr. was best man. The couple live in Malolos.



MR. AND MRS. BRADLEY WEFLEN
Sarah Faith Buck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buck of Saskatoon, Sask., and Bradley Lorne Craig Weflen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Weflen, also of Saskatoon, were united in marriage Sept. 4, 1988, in Saskatoon. The ceremony was performed by Owen Murphy, Saskatoon pastor. Helene Friesen was maid of honor, and Jim Wayman was best man. The couple live in Saskatoon.



MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY ZAGIEL
Eileen Gwen Buck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buck of Saskatoon, Sask., and Anthony Andrew Zagiel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zagiel of Hudson Bay, Sask., were united in marriage Jan. 29 in Warman, Sask. The ceremony was performed by Maurice Yurkiw, North Battleford, Sask., pastor. Susan Buck, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Dan Whitome was best man. The couple live in Saskatoon.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES COKER III
Paula Oakes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Oakes of Waco, Tex., and James Franklin Coker III of Dallas, Tex., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Coker Jr. of Fayetteville, Ark., were united in marriage Dec. 17, 1988, in Dallas. Walter Johnson, Redding, Calif., associate pastor, performed the ceremony. Melodie Oakes Simon was maid of honor, and Michael Rucker-Whitite was best man. The couple live in Dallas.

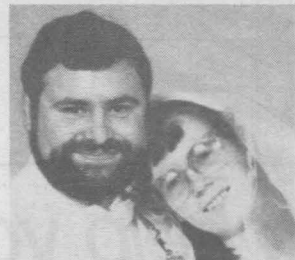


MR. AND MRS. RANDALL DWILLIS
Teri Lee Marsh, daughter of Shirley A. Marsh of Dayton, Ohio, and Randall William Dwillis, son of Mrs. John Gossella of Dayton, Ohio, were united in marriage Sept. 3, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Carroll Bryant, Dayton associate pastor. Rebecca Curtis was maid of honor, and Ron Stanley was best man. The couple live in Dayton.



MR. AND MRS. BRUCE COLE
Sally Jeannine Gaudry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Gaudry of Sydney, Australia, and Bruce Richard Gordon Cole, son of Mrs.

Gordon Cole of Auckland, New Zealand, were united in marriage Dec. 4, 1988, in Sydney. The ceremony was performed by John McLean, Newcastle, Australia, associate pastor. Sue Gaudry was maid of honor, and Craig Brown was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL MARSH
Melody Lorraine Hatch of Clarksville, Md., daughter of Gene and Dorothy Hatch of Meridian, Idaho, and Paul Ernest Marsh, son of Ethel Marsh and the late Ernest Marsh of Baltimore, Md., were united in marriage Feb. 19. The ceremony was performed by Lloyd Garrett, Baltimore East and West associate pastor. Suzette Chance was matron of honor, and Jeffrey Johnson was best man. The couple live in Baltimore.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL ANDERSON
Alyssa Ann Olinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Olinger of Pasadena, and Paul Raymond Anderson of Cloverdale, B.C., were united in marriage Sept. 18, 1988, in Pasadena. Evangelist Dean Blackwell, who works in Church Administration, performed the ceremony. Dawn Faulkner was maid of honor, and Tony VanDoorn was best man. The couple live in Langley, B.C.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID J. BAXTER
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gage of Portland, Ore., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Desiree Ann to David Joseph Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Baxter of Vancouver, Wash. The ceremony was performed Feb. 5 by Bryan Hoyt, Portland East pastor. Rene Grant, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Travis Argue was best man. The couple live in Vancouver.



MR. AND MRS. JOEL LANCASTER
Terri Lynn Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Royce Phillips of Samson, Ala., and Joel Edward Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Lancaster Sr. of Rutherford, N.C., were united in marriage Dec. 18, 1988, in DeFuniak Springs, Fla. Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel, Geneva, Ala., pastor, performed the ceremony. Patricia Waterhouse was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live near Enterprise, Ala.

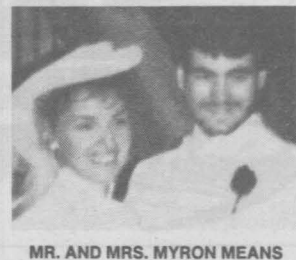


MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL LOPER
Celeste Yorke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yorke of Reseda, Calif., and Michael Loper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loper of Reno, Nev., were united in marriage Nov. 6, 1988. James Frittle, Reseda pastor, performed the ceremony. Tina Shoemaker was maid of honor, and Sheldon Monson was best man. The couple live in Palmdale, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM GREEN III
Lynn Patricia Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns of Toronto, Ont., and William Edward Green III, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Green of Castalia, Ohio, were united in marriage Sept. 4, 1988. Neil Earle, Toronto pastor, performed the ceremony. Jennifer Burns, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mark Green,

brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Columbus, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. MYRON MEANS
Patricia McGhee and Myron Means were united in marriage June 26, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Charles Zimmerman, Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Ark., pastor. Rhonda Wood was matron of honor, Pam Beaver was maid of honor, and John Broadrick was best man. The couple live in Van Buren, Ark.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY JONES JR.
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shepard of Durham, N.C., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Marie Lynn Shepard to Jerry Wayne Jones Jr., son of Vay Jean Jones of Big Sandy. The ceremony was performed Dec. 26, 1988, in Wake Forest, N.C., by Donald Mason, Raleigh, N.C., pastor. Maria Shepard, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and David Jones, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Hillsborough, N.C.



MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL EWIN
Russell John Ewin and Melinda Frances Godfrey were united in marriage April 17, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Terence Villiers, Sydney, Australia, North pastor. The bride's attendants were her sister-in-law, Linda Godfrey, Paula Morrison and her niece, Amber Murphy. Glenn and David Ewin, brothers of the groom, were groomsmen.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. BEVAN WITTWER
Bevan and Yvonne Wittwer of Perth, Australia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 28. The Wittwers have been Church members for 22 years. They have three children, Roxanne, Stephen and Louise. Roxanne is a sophomore at Big Sandy Ambassador College.



MR. AND MRS. ROY DOZIER
Roy and Dolores Dozier celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary April 3. The Doziers, Church members since 1963, have two daughters, Denise and Theresa. Denise's husband, Samuel Butler, is associate pastor for the churches in Alaska. Theresa's husband, Steven Pelfrey, is associate pastor of the Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill., churches. The Doziers have three grandchildren, Nicole and Joffre Butler and Elizabeth Pelfrey.



MR. AND MRS. L. McCULLOUGH
Evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director for the Church in South Africa, and his wife, Marion, were honored March 3 with a wedding anniversary luncheon sponsored by the Cape Town, South Africa, Office. They have been married 37 years, but since they were married Feb. 29, they have only been able to celebrate their an-

niversary on its actual date nine times.

The children of James and Lorraine Ludvigson of Nanaimo, B.C., are pleased to announce the 20th wedding anniversary of their parents April 7. Mr. Ludvigson has been a Church member since 1974. The couple have five children, Tara, Paul, Peter, Tina and Tami.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. RALPH DRIVER
Ralph and Mildred Driver celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 26, 1988. The Drivers are members who attend the Buffalo, N.Y., South church. Their daughter and her family also attend. Buffalo South brethren surprised the Drivers with a cake, flowers and a gift after Sabbath services.

OBITUARIES

JOHNSON, Della Greta, 93, of Victoria, B.C., died Feb. 28. Mrs. Johnson, a Church member since 1971, is survived by 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

GREENE, Ethel, 92, of Philadelphia, Pa., died March 10 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Greene, a Church member since 1969, is survived by her daughter Clemie Gibson.

BRIDGES, Frank, 86, of Anneton, Ala., died Jan. 31 after a long bout with Parkinson's disease. Mr. Bridges, a Church member since 1961, is survived by his wife, Lama, and one son, Joe, both Church members, and many nieces and nephews.

SHELTON, Reba, 78, of Chester, Ill., died March 3. Mrs. Shelton, a Church member since 1976, is survived by her husband, Clarence, also a Church member.

COOK, Leah G., 87, of Spokane, Wash., died Feb. 13. Mrs. Cook, a Church member since 1976, is survived by 12 children, two of whom are Church members, 46 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and eight brothers and sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, James, one daughter, two grandchildren and four brothers and sisters.

KIERBOW, Lillie M., 88, of Minden, La., died Dec. 30, 1988, after a brief illness. Mrs. Kierbow, a Church member since 1968, is survived by one son, two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WEBB, Idris James, 77, of West Sunbury, Pa., died March 6 of a heart attack. Mr. Webb, a Church member for 12 years, is survived by his wife, Margaret, two daughters, four sons, 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

MULHALL, James Jr., 39, of Fayetteville, N.C., died Feb. 21 of lung and brain cancer. Mr. Mulhall is survived by his father, James F., a deacon in the Fayetteville church; his mother; a son, James, 16; two sisters, Iise Spaulding, a Church member, and Ingrid Truman; and a brother, Philip.



GERTRUDE KIND
KIND, Gertrude, 76, of La Minerva, Que., died Feb. 14 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Kind, a Church member since 1972, is survived by her husband of 49 years, Joseph, one daughter, five sons and 10 grandchildren.

ARNETT, Annabell Shipley, 86, of Johnson City, Tenn., died March 5 after a stroke. Mrs. Arnett, a Church member for 14 years, is survived by two brothers, Leslie and Oris Shipley, and several nieces and nephews.

JONES, Wendell B. Sr., 94, of Kingsport, Tenn., died Feb. 26 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Jones, a Church member for 25 years, was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, also a member. He is survived by two daughters, Nancy Vermillion and Sue Wolfe, both Church members; a son Wendell B. Jr.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

HARIELL, Leah Leone, 81, of Weiser, Idaho, died Feb. 6 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Hariell, a Church member since 1969, is survived by one son and three grandchildren.

HARIELL, Robert, 78, died Aug. 24, 1988, after a long illness. Mr. Hariell, a Church member since 1969, is survived by one son and three grandchildren.

WINTON, Ron, 38, of Martinez, Calif., died March 7 after a long battle with brain tumors. Mr. Winton is survived by his wife, Lee Ann; a son, Randall; a daughter, Teryl; his parents, Harold and Mary Winton; two brothers; and three sisters. His parents, his brother Mark and two sisters, Theresa Trump and Sandra Paradise, are all Church members.

BRIANT, Esther Edith "Janet", 62, of Martinez, Calif., died Feb. 25 after a long illness. Mrs. Briant, a Church member since 1967, is survived by her husband, Samuel J. Briant; her mother, Edith Gray; two daughters, Penny Troxell and April Lane; and four grandchildren.

Washington couple

Blind but not shortsighted

By Barri Armitage and Dorothy Johnson

WASHINGTON—Louis Williams, 50, and his wife, Shirley, are blind. Yet they are raising two daughters, Kimberly, 12, and Karla, 9, who have normal sight.

Barri Armitage is a deaconess in the Washington, D.C., North church. Dorothy Johnson, a Church member, is Shirley Williams' sister.

Louis Williams was born in Pace, Mich., with glaucoma and cataracts. He became blind in his right eye in spite of operations, but could perceive some light with his left.

At age 29, however, Mr. Williams injured his left eye and lost the little sight he had.

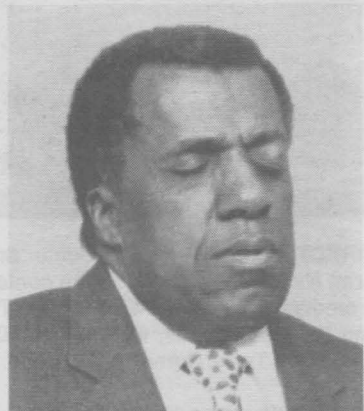
First contacts

Mr. Williams' first contact with the Church came in 1954 when he was 15. He and a friend at the Illinois School for the Blind listened to religious radio programs and asked God to show them the truth. Soon after, they tuned in to Herbert W. Armstrong.

In 1957 Mr. Williams attended his first Sabbath service, and he was

baptized in 1960.

Mrs. Williams, who was born blind, heard the broadcast in 1966. Her family told her to stop listening, but after a few months she tuned in again.



LOUIS WILLIAMS

She received her first *Plain Truth* in 1967, attended her first Sabbath service in August, 1969, and was baptized the next month.

She met Mr. Williams later that year at the Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Williams said, "She had a lot on the ball."

Mrs. Williams liked his intelligence, his sense of humor and his good manners. After dating for sev-

eral years, the two were married in September, 1973.

Everyday life

They have worked out many techniques for keeping house. "I tell by the smell if something is cooked enough," Mr. Williams said.

"I tell by the sound if I need to add more water to something simmering," he said. "We put braille labels on some of the groceries, but we know the herbs and spices by smell and the rice from the macaroni by how it sounds when we shake it. We also remember the sizes of boxes."

To organize his clothes Mr. Williams tries "to get certain type ties and suits that I can distinguish by the different materials."

Mrs. Williams avoids clothes that button in the back. She, too, buys colors in various materials so she can tell the difference.

To have or have not?

The Williamses were concerned that their children would be born blind, but doctors assured them that in their case this was unlikely.

"I did everything with Kimberly," said Mrs. Williams. "When Karla came along friends and family

wanted to do a lot, but they did leave changing diapers exclusively for me. I wish their help had come from the bottom up."

The Williamses walked by shifting their feet across the floor to avoid stepping on the children. Sometimes they used a playpen.

When the children were able to crawl, they wore tiny bells on their shoes to be heard.

Mr. Williams has worked with the Illinois and Maryland vending stand programs for the blind, as a cohost on a radio talk show and as an editor of tapes for radio broadcast series. In 1986 he started a telephone answering service for small businesses.

In June he plans to go to the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind in Washington for computer courses.

The Williamses are involved in the church area as well. Mr. Williams helped with the *Plain Truth* newsstand program. He sings in the choir and has taught himself to play the piano, organ and harmonica. He loves to cook, dance and roller-skate.

Mrs. Williams is a secretary for the U.S. Department of Justice. Since 1980 she has received two awards for excellence. She enjoys knitting, playing table games and listening to books on cassette tapes.

Dark gray clouds

Mr. Williams describes being blind as having a "gray sheet over your eyes or a big sea of dark gray clouds."

He views his blindness as a testimony to himself as well as to the brethren that people shouldn't be shortsighted in spiritual endeavors, but should get lost serving others in order to see where they are going.

"It would be nice if sighted brethren would not be afraid to meet and really get to know the blind brethren, so that testimony won't go in vain," Mr. Williams said.

"Being blind has helped me to not be so judgmental. It is a blessing not to see faces, color or whether the person is dressed fancy or not."

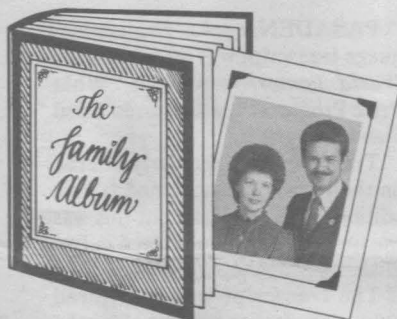
A frustration the couple experience is when "someone we haven't seen for a while taps us and expects us to know his voice," Mr. Williams said.

Mrs. Williams said: "It's rough asking people to do things. We try not to ask the same person too often."

They told of some helpful members in the congregation who read prayer requests so the couple can type them in braille, read books on tape, call to check on their needs and provide transportation.

Mrs. Williams said: "Blindness does have its limitations, but overall we're a normal family. I'm thankful to be happily married."

The first things the Williamses would like to do when they receive their sight are: look into the sky at the stars, take a ride in the country to see the flowers and plants, see the earth from the sky and watch a sunrise and sunset.



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)

Washington, D.C.

By Kerri Dowd and Barri Armitage

Hiking through the Shenandoah Valley, picnicking along the Potomac River and sailing in Chesapeake Bay are popular pastimes for Washington, D.C., brethren.

So are visits to the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials, the Washington Monument and other national landmarks.

Two congregations meet in the nation's capital. They include brethren from northern Virginia, southern Maryland and Washington.

Washington is "a city rich in culture—the prettiest city in the United States," said Richard Frankel, who pastors the Washington North and South churches. Mr. Frankel has served the area since 1981. He was assistant pastor in the area in 1968 and 1969.

Mr. Frankel is assisted by Willard High and four local church elders: Raymond Clore, Robert England, William Fairchild and Donald Lohr.

Government employees

Many of the brethren who attend the two churches are employed by the U.S. Government. "We have people working for the FBI [Federal Bureau of Investigation], CIA [Central Intelligence Agency], the Department of Agriculture, the State Department, the Pentagon, the Department of Health, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress and the U.S. Printing Office. One member is the secretary to the Ghanaian ambassador," said Mr. Frankel.

Mr. Clore is a scientific analyst in the Office of Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Export Control Policy. He

returned in July, 1988, from Israel, where he worked in the U.S. Consulate and attended to the needs of brethren in the area.

When Mr. Clore graduated from Ambassador College in 1976, he married Rhonda Peterson and worked six months in the Television Department before going to work for the Foreign Service of the U.S. State Department. He has since served in Haiti, Cameroon, Canada and Israel.

Few government employees face religious persecution. "The federal government always guarantees religious freedom. They are very fair," Mr. Frankel said.

Some brethren who don't work for the government are employed by industries that service the government. One member is a journalist for the *Washington Times*.

Many members are employed in white-collar professions. There are doctors, nurses and lawyers in the group.

The church has members from Australia, Canada, El Salvador, England, Eritrea, France, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, the Philippines, South Africa, South Korea and Trinidad.

"It is a multifaceted, transient group because of their involvement with the government. The government likes to transfer people around," said Mr. Frankel. "The people are generally well-educated."

One member, Frank Allen, is a retired major who builds model airplanes to scale. Mr. Allen, a deacon, also raises exotic birds, plays the trumpet and is in charge of the church's bowling league. "The man is invaluable," said Mr. Frankel.

"There is rich musical talent in the churches," which feature a 26-piece orchestra, a choir and a children's choir, said Mr. Frankel. "We also have a lot of instrumentalists and vocal soloists."

One member, Doris Lyles, runs a music school.

Because it is the nation's capital, the Washington churches receive a high volume of visitors, including Youth Opportunities United (YOU) groups and ministers from other churches around the country.

Washington is one of the few areas in the United States with a *Plain Truth* newsstand program, with stands at about 40 subway stations and government offices.

Brethren raise money for socials, square dances, an annual winter concert and other church activities by selling oranges and conducting sidewalk sales.

Singles activities

Every other year the congregations invite singles from the Eastern seaboard states to a weekend of activities. The next one is scheduled for Sept. 2 to 4, 1989. "About 500 to 550 attend," said Mr. Frankel.

"We have a very active singles club, and another thing they do annually is entertain and feed the se-



HORTICULTURAL HOBBYIST—Nellie Kellogg tends her plants in the greenhouse she designed along with her house in 1980. [Photo by Kevin Pierce]

nior citizens."

Two of those seniors are sisters, Lois Hampton, 75, and Carrie Yetter, 83. They both have apartments, but when visitors need a place to stay, one will move in with the other and give up an apartment for the guests.

"They are very hospitable," Mr. Frankel said. "They give everything they've got."

Because the two women travel frequently, brethren have affectionately nicknamed them "the go-go sisters."

Nellie Kellogg, 89, is the oldest member in the two churches. She attends the North church when she is able, but problems with circulation and equilibrium frequently keep her home.

Mrs. Kellogg lives in a house she designed in 1980 that is now worth more than \$1 million.

Mrs. Kellogg, who had designed three other houses, bought 29 acres with the help of her daughter Jeanne. The 5,000-square-foot house has six bedrooms, an indoor atrium and a greenhouse.

"It's better to plan ahead and think what a future buyer would want. Even though we only needed three bedrooms, we knew the extra rooms... would be useful when it was time to sell."

Mrs. Kellogg and her daughter moved into the house in 1983. Jeanne, a Church member since 1972, died of cancer in 1985.

Mrs. Kellogg speaks of her family as "average people who started off with nothing and worked toward a goal." Her philosophy is "stick with it."

Louis Williams, 50, was baptized in 1960. He is the longest-time member in the Washington churches. (see accompanying article).

The largest family group in the two areas is the Cooley clan, with 38 members. The family was featured in the Jan. 13, 1986, *Worldwide News*.

At that time Elsie Cooley, who lives in Meridian, Miss., was named as matriarch of the clan. Since then, her husband, Horace Sr., has been baptized.

The Washington churches are growing too. One congregation became two in December, 1987.

Washington, D.C.

Attendance	850
Local church elders	4
Deacons	11
Deaconesses	5
Teens	63
Children 12 and under	134
Singles	88
Over 60s	34
Spokesman Clubs	2
Graduate Clubs	1

WE ARE ONE FAMILY

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

PASADENA—Space is available for 30 Church members and ministers on the 1989 Israel tour. The three-week tour includes visits to Jerusalem, Jericho, the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee.

The tour will be led by **Richard Paige**, associate professor of history at Big Sandy Ambassador College, who teaches courses on the history of ancient Israel and biblical archaeology.

Those interested should call Mr. Paige at the Big Sandy campus, 1-214-636-4311.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The Ambassador Foundation helped sponsor a March 21 commemorative dinner and presentation for the United Nations Association of San Francisco.

The evening marked UN observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racism.

Evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs; his wife, **Robin**; and **Michael Snyder**, assistant director of Public Affairs; attended the event on behalf of Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**, **Brian Orchard**, pastor of the Oakland, Calif., church, and his wife, **Gillian**; **Keith Brittain**, San Francisco pastor, and his wife, **Marian**; and three area Church members also attended.

At a private reception before the presentation the group met a number of people, including **Elliot Richardson**, the evening's guest of honor and a former Cabinet secretary.

"We also spoke with **Pete McCloskey**, a former prominent congressman," said Mr. Hulme.

"As we talked, Mr. McCloskey made the interesting comment that in his opinion, the world was 'moving into an age of grave uncertainty,' and that the 'UN has an awesome agenda in front of it.'"

In addition to the Ambassador Foundation, other sponsors of the San Francisco event included Bank of America, Bechtel Corp. and Transamerica Corp.

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PASADENA—At a Ministerial Refreshing Program dinner March 28 **Joseph W. Tkach Jr.**, associate director of Church Administration for the United States, presented 25-year plaques to **Richard Pinelli**, pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., East church; **Frank Simkins**, a job analyst in the Personnel Department; and **Fred Bettes**, carpentry foreman.

Mr. Pinelli and his wife, **Mary**, received watches.

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PASADENA—Following are the 10 stations that drew the largest number of weekend responses to *The World Tomorrow* in 1988. They account for more than a fourth of weekend television calls.

WGN (cable), Chicago, Ill., 89,689 calls; WTBS-p.m. (cable), Atlanta, Ga., 89,403; KHJ, Los Angeles, 48,927; KTTV, Los Angeles, 43,846; WPIX (cable), New York, 42,002.

WNYW New York, 37,424; LIFETIME (cable), 35,551; WFAA, Dallas, Tex., 27,541; WTBS-a.m. (cable), Atlanta, 27,457; WPHL, Philadelphia, Pa., 19,816.

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PASADENA—**Ray Wright**, director of Media Planning & Promotion, traveled to Atlanta, Ga., March 15 to 17 for a series of meetings with officials of BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn),

an advertising agency retained by the Church.

Since Media Purchasing became part of Media Planning & Promotion in March, Mr. Wright visited BBDO to meet key individuals who service the Church's account.

Donald Mitchum, president and chief executive officer of BBDO Atlanta, stressed the importance to the Atlanta office of the Church's account.

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PASADENA—*La Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) circulation increased 56 percent in France in 1988. The number of subscribers rose from 45,000 at the end of 1987 to 70,000 at the end of 1988.

An ad in *Reader's Digest*, which generated 13,000 subscribers, and a direct-mail campaign, which drew 9,000, account for the majority of this increase.

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PASADENA—Advertisements placed in 26 versions of *Reader's Digest* in 22 countries produced 66,800 responses in 1988. The ads generated an average response of 0.72 percent.

The ads in 14 versions of the magazine were presented as a personal letter from Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**, while 10 ads were based on the television commercial about looking through a child's eyes.

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PASADENA—English-language advertisements that ran in Japanese periodicals in November and December produced 5,829 new *Plain Truth* subscribers in Japan.

English-language *Plain Truth* circulation in Japan is 10,652.

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PASADENA—"Easter—There's More to the Story," a *World Tomorrow* telecast pre-

sented by evangelist **Richard Ames**, which aired March 25 and 26, prompted 55,040 calls.

A special airing of "Keeping Love Alive" on WNBC in New York, presented by evangelist **David Hulme**, drew 1,100 calls, bringing the weekend total to 56,140—the fifth highest weekend response.

The total for the two-part Easter series was 97,839, the highest number of calls the Church has received for a two-part series.

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PASADENA—The Imperial High School Chorals performed March 28 for 3,000 students at Belmont High School, an inner-city Los Angeles school.

Brian Higa, a Church member and band director for Belmont High, viewed the Chorals' spring concert in the Ambassador Auditorium and invited them to perform at Belmont.

Belmont has not had a choral program for five years. "Mr. Higa wants to start a choral program at Belmont and hoped that if all 3,000 members of the student body saw the Chorals perform, it could create the needed enthusiasm to help him achieve his goal," said **Dennis Pelley**, Chorals director and an assistant supervisor in the telephone response area of the Mail Processing Center.

"The students seemed to really enjoy the Chorals' show, and several made comments that they appreciated the talent, enthusiasm and professional manner displayed."

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Donald Ward**, Ambassador College president, announced April 3 that **Hadden Pace** will serve as campus doctor for the Pasadena campus.

Dr. Pace will be assisted by **Traule Soetebier**, a registered nurse who has served in the campus Health Center since 1971.

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PASADENA—Editorial Services and Publishing Services are completing work on a new brochure, *Introduction to Prophecy*, written by **John Halford**, a



DIRECT AIRMAIL—Postal Center employees Blaine Dennison (left) and Greg Nice load mail into airline containers March 17. This 352,000-piece promotional mailing, which offered *The Plain Truth* to people in Australia and the Netherlands, weighed 16,000 pounds and filled six containers. [Photo by Terry Burnett]

Plain Truth senior writer.

The brochure will be automatically sent to the ministry and to all English-speaking heads-of-household worldwide, according to evangelist **Ronald Kelly**, editor of the Church's booklets.

The brochure will first be offered on *The World Tomorrow* in the United States and Canada May 6 and 7.

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PASADENA—The Youth Opportunities United (YOU) office in Church Administration announced results of the 1989 family bowling contest.

Four hundred eighty-nine teams participated.

Gold level awards in Division I (all players are members of the same family, regardless of bowling experience) went to **Cindy, Jerry, Russell and Christine Finger** of Waukesha, Wis.; **Norm, Pat, Sheri and Tim Miller** of Canton, Ohio; and **Dan, Ruth, Dave and Julie Oliver**, Portland, Ore., West.

Gold level awards in Division II (all bowlers had bowled previously) went to **Marie and Daryl Braun**, **Bernie DeFere** and **Russell Finger** of

Waukesha; **Dave and Daryl Braun** and **Jean and Joe Taylor**, Waukesha; and **John, Marie and Greg Helmers** and **Norm David**, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Gold level awards in Division III (one or more bowlers had not bowled before) went to **JoAnn, C.W. and Gary Riley** and **Cynthia Bollmas** of Lawton, Okla.; **Mark and Betty Webb**, **Nikki Landwehr** and **Ed Wells**, Dayton, Ohio; and **William and Doug Place** and **Darlene and Brandy Henley**, Columbus, Ga.

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PASADENA—An English-language transcript was offered on the *World Tomorrow* telecast "What Price Progress?", which aired April 8 and 9.

Transcripts are regularly offered on the French, German and Italian editions of the telecast, but this was the first time one was offered in English.

The transcript will be offered only once. It was printed after the program aired according to the number of requests received.

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PASADENA—The following Feast sites have reached capacity and no further applications can be accepted: Aviemore, Scotland; Paignton and Southport, England; Mombasa, Kenya; Freeport, Bahamas; Christ Church, Barbados; Crown Point, Tobago; Hoogeveen, Netherlands; Penang, Malaysia; and Bonndorf, West Germany.

The sites in Malta and Denmark will soon be at capacity. Anyone interested in either of these sites should apply as soon as possible.

in the next few months.

On to India

Feb. 15 Mr. Fahey flew to Bombay, India. **Bharat Naker** met him at the airport, but his luggage did not.

"That was only the fourth time in 26 years of travel that I lost my baggage," said Mr. Fahey.

He met with Mr. Naker and his wife, **Urvashi**, who are expecting their first child.

The next evening Mr. Fahey gave a Bible study for the Bombay church. "It was very pleasing to see the brethren there once again and talk to each one," he said.

From Bombay Mr. Fahey flew to Madras, India, to spend time with **Daniel Zachariah**, Madras pastor, and his wife, **Mary**.

"The members are surely delighted to have a local pastor serving in the Madras area for the first time."

Mr. Zachariah is the first Indian minister on the automobile fleet program.

"Because the car's fire wall is not insulated, it feels like the heater is on in the car all the time," Mr. Fahey related. "But the car gets Mr. Zachariah around and he is the only member in his area who has an automobile."

On the Sabbath, Feb. 18, Mr. Fahey met with brethren in Madras. Mr. Vasana, a deacon from the state of Kerala, traveled 16 hours by bus to hear Mr. Fahey.

En route to Australia Feb. 21, Mr. Fahey had a two-hour stopover in Colombo, Sri Lanka, where he met with **David Baker**, Colombo pastor and director of the Waterfield Institute, and his wife, **Dorrie**.



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

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Tropical cyclone Aivu, which struck Australia April 4, ravaged agricultural and cane-growing areas at Ayr and Home Hill, Queensland.

"Hundreds of people were evacuated... as rising floodwaters sparked emergencies," said **Robert Fahey**, Australian and Asian regional director.

Tim Grauel, pastor of the Townsville, Darwin and Cairns and Malanda, Australia, churches, reported that members are safe and well.

One member, **Rod Edgar**, lives in Brandon, where the path of the cyclone hit.

"While neighboring houses lost parts of their roofs, Mr. Edgar experienced only minor damage to his garden and fences," said Mr. Grauel.

Mr. Grauel said that members kept in regular contact with him to determine the safety of other members in the area.

"Damage is expected to be well over the A\$100 million mark in affected areas," said Mr. Grauel.

Winds exceeded 200 kilometers (125 miles) an hour.

Colin Kelly, Mackay and Rockhampton pastor, said the main problem in Mackay was flooding caused by the tropical rain depression.

"Often in cyclone weather the rain continues for several weeks," said Mr. Fahey. "At present, members are not seriously affected."

Trip to Thailand, India

Mr. Fahey returned from a 10-day trip to Thailand and India Feb. 22.

Jeff Caudle, director of Ambassador Foundation projects in Thailand, and his wife, **Lisa**, met Mr. Fahey in Bangkok. Mr. Caudle also serves brethren living near the Burma-Thailand border.

In Thailand Mr. Fahey spent time with Ambassador College students working on the foundation-sponsored projects.

During a Bible study, "we talked for four straight hours!" he said.

Mr. Fahey could not obtain a visa to visit Burma. "Apparently the only way for visitors to enter Burma at present is with a tour group," said Mr. Fahey.

The regional director asked Mr. Caudle to try to arrange a visit with **Saw Lay Beh** as part of a tour group

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