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Good News: Internationals to get full-length magazine

PASADENA—Beginning with the September-October issue, a full-color, 32-page Good News will be produced in Spanish, German and Dutch, with a French edition to follow an issue later.

These editions will be identical to the English, according to Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications.

"This move will promote unity and speaking the same thing, so we're excited about it.'

The internationally compatible versions of The Good News will replace the 24-page, black-and-white versions that also contained material from The Worldwide News and Youth 89.

'Now international brethren will get the same material at the same time as the readers of the English Good News," said Norman Shoaf, Good News managing editor.

Coordinated effort

"We found that through coordinating our production efforts here and in international offices we are able to take this step forward at reasonable cost and with efficient effort. And the quality will leap dramatically in the international editions," said Mr. Shoaf.

The Good News production

schedule has been moved up to accommodate the additional time required for translation.

"International compatibility causes you to rethink your design a bit, for example when you have words as part of photographs," said L. Greg Smith, art director.

English words in a picture would have to be translated into French, Dutch, Spanish and German. Translations also tend to be longer than English, he added.

Strong content

Although the circulation is more than 90 percent nonmembers, "Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach has encouraged us to write the magazine to members and give it a sense of urgency and seriousness about the times we live in," Mr. Shoaf said.

"We are to direct that material to members, and other readers are to read over the members' shoulders, so to speak," he continued. "So it's a magazine for the members first and

"Mr. Tkach doesn't want us to pull any punches. He wants doctrinal and prophetic material and instruction in Christian living tuned to people who have committed themselves to living this way of life. It makes for a strong magazine."

Don Walls, Spanish editor, said: "We are excited to be able to offer an improved and expanded magazine. We've been hoping for this for a long time.'

Said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas, "The French brethren and co-workers are sure to be excited by this significant improvement of quality and quantity.'

The combined circulations of the four international editions will be more than 100,000, making Good News circulation, including the English edition, about 1.1 million.



INTERNATIONAL 'GN'-Some of the staff members involved with the international Good News magazine are from left, Francoise Metayer from the French Office; Monte Wolverton, Editorial Services art director; Norman Shoaf, managing editor; Wendy Kovalchick, international coordinator; and Don Walls, Spanish regional editor. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Putting family into action

Cook-off accents Family Day

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA-Cabaret, vaudeville, an antique show, game booths, arts and crafts and food from around the world flavored the ninth annual Family Day International here July 4.

Despite 100-degree (38 Celsius) afternoon temperatures, hundreds of Southern California brethren attended the daylong event on the

The notion of "striving for a

greater position so you can be of

greater service" is nothing more

than a thinly veiled excuse for

jockeying for position.

Ambassador College campus, sponsored by the North Hollywood, Reseda and Los Angeles, Calif., churches

Illusionist

A cabaret show featured illusionist Steve Baker, a member who attends the Reseda, Calif., church, who simulated sawing someone in two; Hazel Payne Buckley, a

As human beings, we tend to

have a certain fixation on posi-

tion. Even in the Church, we of-

ten think we need a title or a

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Grammy Award winner, from the rhythm and blues group A Taste of Honey; and other entertainers and Brethren strolled through an

arts-and-crafts fair and expo, which was new this year, took pony rides, visited a petting zoo and sampled international foods.

Classic and antique cars owned by Church members lined a sidewalk on the campus.

The day's featured event was again the chili cook-off, with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and other Church officials as honorary

Terry Burnett from the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church took first in the adult category; and Bill Holsted from the Modesto and Stockton, Calif., area tied with Jason Nicholas of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church for top honors in the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) category.

First place in other competitions included Dan Fletcher from North Hollywood, Calif., in cake decorating; Geraldine Nelson of the Los Angeles church in cake baking; and Judie Hannah of the Los Angeles

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PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Thach

Dear Brethren,

There is a lot of talk these days about leadership.

You don't have to look far to find plenty of books, tapes and seminars about it. It's a subject that is on people's minds. After all, who doesn't want to be a leader?

For most people, leadership is associated with power, with authority, with prestige. Perhaps even with abundance and pros-

There are many descriptions of leadership. There are many kinds of leadership. But there is one aspect of leadership, easily the most important one, that is usually overlooked. It isn't asso-

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30-day plan an aid to overcoming . . 4 ciated with power, or with authority, or with prestige. It certainly isn't associated with prosperity, either.

Most important principle

Actually it's more associated with self-restraint, temperance and service—usually the last things people think of in relation to leadership. Yet, as I say, it is by far the most important aspect of being a leader.

I'm talking about your personal example. What you are makes you a leader, because it's what you are that will motivate others to action—whether it's to good, to bad or to nothing at all.

In the Church, it's easy for some to develop the erroneous concept that rank is everything. Since service appears to be the "road to glory," and to the recognition and "importance" of being a deacon, deaconess or elder, the attitude of trying to "outserve" one another sometimes crops up.

Service in ways that can be readily seen by the pastor attains primary importance. And service that the pastor might not see is carefully brought up in conversation just to be sure that no credit is lost.

But such service as this, done primarily for the purpose of being noticed by someone who can bestow a certain "honor" and "prestige," is not the kind of service that Christianity is all about.

The very fact that Jesus Christ lives in a Christian means that every Christian is in a leadership position all the time. Every true Christian is every day affecting other people by his or her example. The Christian's example can be a powerful motivating force for others.



SAWING LOGS—Church members combine their strength to compete in a log-sawing contest at Southern California's 1989 Family Day International on the Ambassador College campus July 4. [Photo by Mike Bedford]



A labor of love

Several of our staff took a visitor out to lunch the other day. Over their herb iced tea and sprouts and eggplant au gratin (you guessed it, they went to a California health food restaurant), they began discussing prayer.

The visiting member, a writer who has contributed to the publications over the years, described the card system she has developed to help her more effectively pray for God's Work.

She had some of her cards with her and showed how she systematically shifted the cards through the days, weeks and months until she had covered all of the circumstances and people she wanted to pray about.

She used one color of card for daily prayer subjects, another for weekly, another for monthly and yet another for semiannually.

Different kinds of prayer

Now, there are many kinds of prayer discussed in the Bible. There's daily prayer, three times a day as mentioned by David; all-night prayer, which Jesus did on several occasions; repentant prayer, again we have examples by King David; bold prayer such as Abraham's for Lot at the time of the destruction of Sodom—we could go on and on.

But, the kind of prayer this member described truly could be defined as laboring in prayer. To her, prayer has become part of her regular occupation, a responsibility she takes as seriously as any of the other responsibilities in her life.

We have examples given us by Paul in the New Testament of members who felt this way about prayer.

Colossians 4:12: "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (New King James).

Like Epaphras, this member labors fervently for us in prayers. You know, it makes me feel really good to know that my department, my staff, my family and I are coming up very regularly on her prayer list.

Going to the effort she does to pray for God's Church shows faith, brethren. She wouldn't go to all that trouble if she didn't believe prayer makes a difference.

How about you?

Her example made me look a lot more closely at my prayer life. How about you? How does your labor in prayer match up? Could your prayers be described as Epaphras' were?

Now, I know it's not easy to stop and take time in a too busy life to get down on your knees several times a day to pray to God. But, brethren, that's what God expects us to do.

We make time for our favorite television shows and our favorite sports. He expects us to make time to develop our relationship with Him

And, because it's not easy to overcome the self, we must put forth the effort, as my friend did, to schedule prayer in our lives. It's a discipline that builds the kind of character necessary for God's kingdom.

Develop a system

We don't all have to use the same system, but we all need to use some kind of system to make sure our prayer life is effective.

One method would be to make a daily to-do list. This is a good way to organize the rest of your life as well. Set yourself some goals in prayer. Get up half an hour earlier if you have to.

One of our staff members keeps a prayer list on a computer, going over it and updating it regularly. As

forward on its knees."

God wants to see some faith, brethren. He wants to see some action on our parts. I know He is pleased with this year's tremendous Holy Day offerings. That sacrifice of the pocketbook showed where our hearts really are.

But, let's go on now to revitalize our prayer life. To give that daily

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in the card system, there are categories for family members, those who are ill, Mr. Tkach and heads of departments in God's Work, God's ministry and the income.

I know I speak for all of those here at headquarters when I say that God's Work runs on the prayers of his people. Quoting Mr. Tkach, "God's Church moves sacrifice of self that God looks forward to so that we can finish this mighty work He has given us to do. It's the only way we'll finally suc-

By the way, if any of you have other good methods of organizing your prayer time, write and let us know. Some of the best ones we can share with others in a later column.

Common history bonds Central Europe

By Gene H. Hogberg

STRASBOURG, France—Profound changes are under way in Europe.

My wife, Barbara, and I experienced this transition firsthand by journeying through Austria, Hungary, northern Yugoslavia, northern Italy, southeastern West Germany and even tiny Liechtenstein.

Collectively this area, plus some adjoining territory, is known as Central Europe. Its German name is *Mitteleuropa*.

In history it was molded by the ideals of the Holy Roman Empire and the Habsburg dynasty, which dominated it for centuries.

With the Cold War fading into history people throughout this polyglot region are looking to the future with greater confidence. But in looking ahead they are also attracted to their roots.

As one example of the changes taking place, Austria said July 4 that it would apply for membership in the European Community.

Changes in Eastern Europe

Even more dramatic are changes in the eastern, communist half of central Europe.

In the first week of July, Poland's new parliament convened. In elections a month before, Communist Party delegates were trounced. If the party had not reserved a majority of uncontested seats, it would have lost power.

In Hungary similar modified free elections are expected next year—with similar results.

In a little reported move Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union were granted observer status in the Council of Europe.

They represent the first communist countries to be associated with the Council (not the same as the European Parliament).

June 28 and 29, my wife and I visited Budapest, Hungary, with Robert Berendt and his wife, Valerie. Mr. Berendt pastors the churches in Nuremberg and Munich, West Germany, and Salzburg and Vienna, Austria.

We were escorted on our tour of Budapest by Ferenc Jeszenszky, the only member in Hungary. Dr. Jeszenszky, a physicist, works at the Hungarian Academy of Science.

One evening Mr. Berendt, Dr. Jeszenszky and I talked with Peter Hanak of the University of Budapest. Professor Hanak, an expert on Central European history, described historical characteristics of life in this region. The two factors that struck me the most were culture and the form of government.

A Central European culture still exists today, consisting of a similar approach to music and the arts, architecture and interior design, food and drink.

Dr. Hanak explained Central Europe's common historical experience with government.

Central Europe exemplified, he said, the medieval two-party system of pope and Holy Roman Emperor ruling together. Many times they fought, but nevertheless maintained a duality of rulership.

The next day we visited the Hungarian National Museum. In it reposes Hungary's most-revered relic, the crown of St. Stephen.

As a Christian state Hungary dates back to Jan. 1, 1001, when Stephen was crowned king. An official publication about this crown says that "for this act, signifying the foundation of the Christian Hungarian State, Stephen . . . asked for and received a crown from Rome, where the two main dignitaries of religious and secular power in Europe, namely Pope Sylvester II and Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, Otto III, happened to be staying together at the time."

The last coronation with the crown of St. Stephen in Hungary—that of Karl IV, father of Otto von Habsburg—took place in Budapest in 1916. (The emperor of the Austrian Empire was also the king of Hungary.)

In his book, Macht Jenseits des Marktes (Power Beyond the Market), which deals with the European Community after 1992, Dr. Habsburg expresses the belief that Hungary will one day join the European Community.

The Community is only open to democratic countries—and Hungary and Poland are remarkably becoming democratic.

Dr. Habsburg also says that "Vienna was the heart of the continent for centuries. Austria will once again find its way to its historic mission within the EC."

In Vienna we looked at royal and religious relics in the *Schatzkammer* (Royal Treasury).

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The front plate of the crown of the Holy Roman Empire contains 12 jewels representing the 12 tribes of Israel. A side panel depicts kings David, Solomon and Hezekiah.

This is intended, according to the official guide, to lend authenticity to the Holy Roman Empire's claim to rule. The kings of Israel are said to be the emperor's predecessors.

Perhaps the most remarkable testimony to the power and glory of the Habsburg dynasty, however, is found in Innsbruck, Austria.

In the Hofkirche (court church) next to the old Imperial Palace is a memorial to the Habsburg Emperor Maximilian I (1459-1519).

At the center of the memorial is an empty sarcophagus of the emperor (he is buried near Vienna). Around the tomb are 28 bronze figures. Most of these are Habsburg ancestors of Maximilian. Perhaps most significant is the statue of Maximilian, atop his tomb, on his knees, facing the altar.

What's ahead

Where does this lead us today? The Catholic Church may be weak on the Continent now, but Roman Catholic heritage is woven tightly into Europe's culture.

John Paul II appeals to all Europeans to "rediscover their roots."

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EC summit in Spain: Unity is step by step

MADRID, Spain—There is something awe inspiring about typing my report in this auditorium. The sound of typewriters fills the air as journalists bang out their stories.

The maquinas de escriber (literally, machines that write) are mostly manuals here. The finger-pounds of pressure required is remarkable compared to touch-type laptop computers.

I am in Madrid covering the June 26 and 27 European Community summit.

Spanish presidency

This is the first Spanish presidency of the European Commission. (The presidency rotates every six months to another member country.) And the consensus here is that the Spanish have done a good in the office.

Independent correspondent Tim McGirk called it "their deft and discreet presidency." They have made inroads into what is politically possible, while failing at such herculean tasks as weaning Latin America off its dependence on the United States.

I have attended a number of these Commission meetings involving all European Community heads of government. They usually fail to live up to expectations. This is a step-by-step process. The success or failure of uniting Europe is not determined by one conference, but by a slow buildup of events over a long

One recalls that American President Lyndon Johnson (1963-1969) campaigned on the premise that he would keep American men out of Vietnam. But he found himself propelled by forces that were difficult to control. He discovered that he was still subject to the acts of his predecessors in the Oval Office.

The same principle applies to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Mrs. Thatcher has tried to hold the line on such things as Britain joining the European Monetary System (EMS), but the idea of European unity—the whole 1992 process—is beginning to propel the British government into a slow, reluctant acquiescence to the basic aims of the Paris-Bonn combine.

As a July 6 International Herald Tribune report summed up Madrid: "Prime Minister Thatcher demonstrated at the European Community's summit meeting last week in Madrid that Britain can slow progress a little, but the other 11 countries demonstrated that she cannot slow it very much."

There are certain constants in these Commission meetings. Mrs. Thatcher has attended every one I've been posted to over the years.

Usually the press portrays the political divide as being 11 to 1 against the British. This one was no different. Two headlines were: "Britain Alone in Rejecting EEC Social Charter" and "Isolation in Madrid"

The role of the press at these meetings is hurt by the lack of information. If you don't give journalists information, they are almost certain to manufacture it. And if you don't explain the facts properly, newspapers and magazines are bound to misconstrue them.

Purpose of the summits

These summits serve as a public benchmark to evaluate past progress within the Community and as a basis for planning—where the Community ought to be in so much time.

Mrs. Thatcher said Britain would join the EMS when certain conditions were met, but these conditions appeared, at least on the surface, to be so stringent that they are unlikely to occur in the near future.

Nonetheless, in commenting on the possibility of the full economic and monetary fusion of Europe, Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, said, "I am almost tempted to say that the momentum will now be irreversible."







Cook-off

(Continued from page 1) church in pie baking.

Creativity and resourcefulness

Family Day International "took a lot of time, effort, creativity and resourcefulness," said director John Ritenbaugh, North Hollywood pastor.

"Mr. Tkach stayed until almost 7 o'clock. He was out there talking and giving ideas," he added.

"Family Day is a physical event with incredible spiritual benefits because it puts what Mr. Tkach is saying about family into action," said Mark Flynn, a North Hollywood local church elder and assistant director of the event.

Europe

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By this he means Europe's Roman
Catholic traditions and culture.

But what about the state side of this historic church-state relationship? In the book I quoted before, Dr. Habsburg wrote: "We need—especially for the foreign policy [of the European Community]—a real European government and a European army... At the head of the federation is a council of heads of state, who elect every five years a king and vice king from their numbers."

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FAMILY DAY VARIETY—Clockwise from upper left: One of several booths offering displays and food from international areas; adult and Youth Opportunities United (YOU) contest winners show off their awards; Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach with Russ Moore, chili cookoff judging coordintor; Marion Snyder demonstrates how to make stained glass; evangelist Herman L. Hoeh and his wife, Isabell, share a smile; and children and brethren participate in a tug-of-peace. [Photos by Mike Bedford, Hal Finch and Sheila Graham]

from the Pastor General's Report

Following is the text of a letter from the Personal Correspondence Department.

Dear Friend:
Thank you for your question.
You asked whether it is wrong for
Christians to observe birthdays.

In the past, the Church made an administrative decision to forbid birthday celebrations in an effort to protect members from the wrong attitudes and conduct that can occur during worldly birthday celebrations.

A worldly birthday celebration is one in which someone's birth date is used as an excuse for expecting gifts or, for adults, as a means to promotion in one's job. Among teens, birthday parties often end in drunkenness or other immoral conduct under the guise of a "party spirit."

Any celebration that accepts, endorses or promotes the above types of conduct is sinful in God's eyes (I Peter 4:1-4). So is any birthday celebration that focuses on selfish ideals, greed, vanity, strife or a wrong spirit of competition.

The Church, however, has come to appreciate the other side of the question too—that members need to make judgments on their own (in cases where the Bible does not speak) or the Church chooses not to speak), especially in cases where they know for certain that their participation in a birthday celebration (of a family member, a friend or a distant relative) will produce God's type of closeness and unity.

For many families, a birthday is a natural time to reminisce about a person's life, and his or her impact on loved ones. It can also be a fitting time to show appreciation for some-

one as an individual, and to remind the person that he or she is cared about and loved. This can be especially fitting for a child or for an elderly person.

Any celebration that expresses God's standards is wholesome, and the Church does not denounce it. This includes birthday celebrations, anniversaries, national holidays and many personal occasions, such as celebrating one's graduation or holding a bachelor party. For this very reason the Church always permitted simple acknowledgments or congratulations on birthdays.

The same principle would apply to a Christian's decision to attend a non-Christian's birthday celebration. If it will be an honorable activity, there is no wrong in participating discreetly. But God's spiritual principles cannot be compromised. When a wrong spirit pervades any kind of celebration, the Christian cannot be a part of that environment

With reference to birthdays themselves, the Church neither encourages nor discourages their observance. It condemns all sinful acts and encourages all activities that will enrich a member's life with the unity of purpose, the family spirit and the attitude of service that are amply depicted in the Holy Scriptures.

As a guideline, the Church encourages its members who might wish to commemorate a birthday to keep it as basically a private, family oriented activity.

Whenever we may assist you further with your study of the Bible or in points of Christian living, we hope you will let us know.

Birds, planes, music: Former major retired?

By Barri Armitage

WASHINGTON—He raises exotic birds, builds radio-controlled model airplanes and plays the trumpet.

He is a former major and retired director of audiovisual aids at the Civil Service Commission. He is Frank Allen, 67, a deacon in the Washington South church.

Barri Armitage is a deaconess in the Washington, D.C., North church.

In the late 1960s Mr. Allen heard *The World Tomorrow* on radio while visiting his mother. After requesting literature and subscribing to *The Plain Truth* he was baptized in July, 1970.

War years

Mr. Allen was born in New Jersey and grew up in Florida and Tennessee. In 1942, while attending the University of Tennessee, Mr. Allen was drafted and sent to China, where he spent three years as a military engineer and helped to build the Ledo Road from India to China.

Next Mr. Allen worked as a draftsman for the Oak Ridge Atomic Energy Commission until the Korean War, when he was drafted again. He was sent to study Czechoslovakian and transferred to



FRANK ALLEN

Austria to interrogate Czech refugees.

Mr. Allen retired from the U.S. Civil Service Commission in 1972 to give full attention to a silk-screening business he started in the late 1960s. After four or five years alone and three years in semipart-

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Report from

the Treasurer's Office

PASADENA—The first half of 1989 has passed, and it is time to evaluate the financial status and trends in God's Work. Response during the past three months has been encouraging. God's servants have responded generously to the needs of the Church. The first three months of the year brought less income than last year. The past three months have brought more than last year.

A major factor in these increases is Holy Day offerings. The Pentecost offering in June was 20.6 percent more than last year. It inspires us to see how everyone responded in these offerings.

The income for June had almost the same increase as May. It was 13.1 percent more than last June. This brought the year-to-date figure to 3.8 percent more than 1988. However, this is still quite a bit under the budget for the year.

The good news is that if we continue the present rate of increase, we should exceed budgeted income by year's end.



30-day plan can ensure victory in overcoming sin, bad habits

"Oh, no, I did it again! I thought I had overcome that habit long ago. Why do I still have that problem?"

Probably all of us have said those words many times. We recognize an area in which we need to grow and for a few days we pray for help to overcome, only to find the problem is still there days, weeks or years

It can be frustrating.

Rex Sexton is associate pastor of the Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, churches.

What sin do you need to defeat once and for all? Think about it: Are you obeying all of God's commands to be a good husband or wife? Do you need to learn to control your temper or your tongue? Are you slothful at work or do you constantly exaggerate and misrepresent? Perhaps you need to overcome improper language.

Here is a plan to help you win your spiritual battles.

God can and wants to work miracles in our lives if we allow ourselves to be used and put forth the effort that it takes to change.

With an organized approach we can effectively combat many of these recurring weaknesses.

A three-step plan

There are three main steps in this approach:

(1) Identify and understand the problem. A recurring sin is like a bad habit. Because of its familiarity, the sin becomes just something else we do, even though we don't like doing it. And when we confess the sin to God, the words may be shallow because we've said them many times before.

The sin and its seriousness have

been minimized.

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If we really want to overcome a sin, we need to spend sufficient time thinking about why it overtakes us, how many times in the past it has come up, why we have that tendency and the negative results of that sin.

God says that he "searches all hearts, and understands all the intent of the thoughts" (I Chronicles 28:9, New King James throughout). We also need to search our own hearts and thoughts so that we can break the cycle of sin (James

Isolate the sin that needs to be overcome. Instead of a general goal of being a better Christian, focus specifically on your goal, such as not and read each one to God as you continue to pray. Ask for help in putting each one into practice. Tell God how much you want to obey and ask for the help necessary to put this sin behind you.

Continue through weeks three and four so the lesson will be deeply ingrained in your mind.

Victory over sin assured

Don't forget, it is through God's

When we confess sin to God, the words may be shallow because we've said them many times before.

coveting, not losing self-control or not gossiping about others.

After you understand what you need to overcome, it is time for the second step.

(2) Thoroughly study the Bible on the subject. It is important when overcoming sin to understand God's teachings on the subject. This is a time to get out concordances, topical Bibles, past sermon notes or whatever else would aid you in finding scriptures that apply to the sin you are going to overcome.

The purpose of your Bible study is to gain God's viewpoint on the subject.

Any sin we are beset with will be addressed in a number of scriptures. Bible study should help you find the ones that speak loudest about the flaw you are going to overcome.

(3) Use your list of scriptures as a prayer guide for the next 30 days. Not 10, 20 or 25, but 30 days, each and every time you pray. The tendency will be to quit or grow lax after a few days, so make a commitment to stay on the program for 30 days if you truly want to defeat the

Several studies say that it takes three weeks to establish a new habit or break out of an old one. That is why it is important that you continue for the entire 30 days.

After your regular prayer, take out your Bible and list of scriptures

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Spirit that you receive the strength to overcome. Philippians 2:13 reminds us, "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." God can work great things in our lives if we put forth the

effort and let Him work in us.

"To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily," said the apostle Paul in Colossians 1:29. The same strength is available to us.

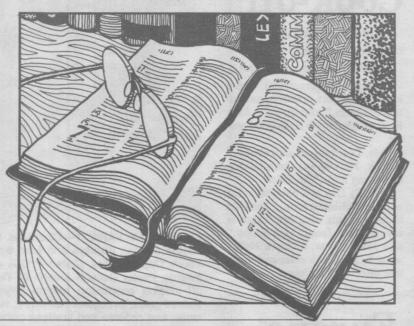
God wants us to be serious about overcoming our sins and faults. A halfhearted effort or casual on-andoff striving against sin rarely results in overcoming.

Identify the sin. Study what God says about it. Pray about it and depend on God to grant you victory.

Continue this program until the problem, whatever it is, is overcome once and for all. Defeating sins that have enslaved you for years will require intense effort over time.

God granted victory to Moses, Joshua, Gideon and his other servants. He will grant you victory,

Do your part and God will do His. "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57)



Family travels by jeepney, cycle, bus, raft

It's a long road to services

By Eleazar V. Flores

SAN FERNANDO, La Union, Philippines-How do you travel to work, Sabbath services and God's Holy Days?

Pedrito Cara, a local church elder here, his wife, Emily, and children, Loida, 19, Laarni, 17, Ludmilla, 15, Lemuel, 8, and Lorelie, 6, travel 48 kilometers (about 30 miles) from their home in Rizal, Tubao, to San Fernando for weekly Sabbath services by foot, motorcycle, jeepney and minibus.

During the rainy season another mode of transportation must be added-the rubber-tire raft.

Living five kilometers (about

three miles) from town, they cover the distance by foot whenever they go to the market, high school or the office where Mr. Cara works. Mr. Cara is municipal planning and development coordinator and secretary to the town council.

When the rains begin

The rainy season can begin as early as July and end as late as October. Rivers and streams swollen by rain make traveling difficult. Nevertheless, the Cara family strives to keep God's commanded assemblies.

If the water is only chest high everyone wades through, except for the smaller children. They ride on their father's neck. Luggage is carried on top of the head to keep it dry. Several trips may be made to get family and luggage across a river.



If a foot crossing is impossible, an inflated rubber inner tube is used as a raft. One person lies across the inner tube, carrying as much luggage as possible, while others hang on to the tube and with their spare hands paddle, push and tug the tube across the swiftly flowing river.

During the Feast of Tabernacles they must carry belongings for a nine-day trip and stay in Baguio. Porters are hired to help carry the family's provisions.

Daily obstacles

These obstacles are nothing new to the Cara family. During their high school years the three older children walk 10 kilometers (about six miles) every morning and afternoon and cross the river and streams

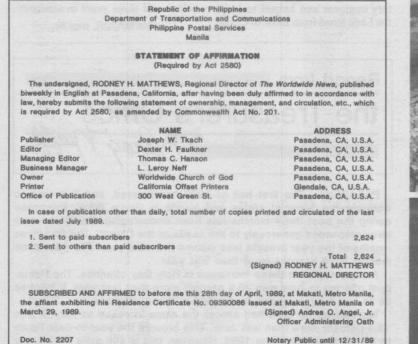
During his seven-year stint as a radio broadcaster of farming programs Mr. Cara crossed the river and streams five days a week at 4 a.m. Mrs. Cara, a head teacher, reports to the Department of Education district office a few times a week and goes through the same

Relief from the wet and cold comes in the dry season, when rivers that once overflowed their banks are reduced to a knee-high depth.

When asked why he prefers to live there, Mr. Cara answers with a smile, "There are just three months of rainy season, while there are nine months of dry weather."

In their lot they have built a twobedroom house with an extra bamboo hut for visitors. Tamarind and mango trees provide shade for their

The family has a guapple orchard (a cross between a guava and an apple) intercropped with pineapples, mung beans and papayas. Besides fruit they raise livestock: a cow. some goats and a score of chickens and ducks that provide them with all the eggs they need.



Top of the Class

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



Tracy Lynn Adkins



Rosa Maria Alfonso The Barnard School Manhattan, N.Y., church



Dwight Anthony Allen Rockwood High School Knoxville, Tenn., A.M. church



Donna Barger Amherst High School Grand Island, Neb., church



Cara Amy Barnett



Jody Beck Granite High School Butte, Mont., church



Gregory Calhoun



Winnsboro High School Big Sandy church



Lorena Davis Elgin High School Baker, Ore., church



Tom Elley Maywood High School North Platte, Neb., church



Michelle Louise Engblom Winfield High School Wetaskiwin, Alta., church



Rebecca Marie Foster Logansport High School Shreveport, La., church



Evangeline S. Gabriel Jose Rizal Institute Balanga, Philippines, church



Joel Wallace Gehman Highland Park High School Amarillo, Tex., church



Kaye Lynn Goodyear First in class



Janice Hartness Millington Central High School Memphis, Tenn., church



Andrea Hill Gauley Bridge High School Summersville, W.Va., church



Jeannette Hoffart Valedictorian Cannon Falls High School St. Paul, Minn., church



Sheila C. Honbeck American Correspondence Chemeketa Community College



Dan Kale



Audrey Knick First in class Bath High School Findlay, Ohio, church



Michael Look Palmdale High School Mojave, Calif., church



Mary Elizabeth Mayfield



Rhonda Mazurenko Thorhild Central School Westlock, Alta., church



Jason McCoy Imbler High School Baker, Ore., church



Jennifer Millman Ninth grade valedictorian Glendale Junior High School Red Deer, Alta., church



Travis Mrazek Big Sandy School Big Sandy church



Clint Netherland First in class Ouachita Parish High School



Nancy Owens Woodland High School Bangor, Maine, church



Melanie H. Passmore Valedictorian Chesapeake High School Huntington, W.Va., church



William Peine



Jennifer Playdon



Jose R. Rodriguez Jr. O.D. Wyatt High School Fort Worth, Tex., East church



Paul Rucker



Karen Evonne Schroeder



Kelly Bianca Seab Oakland High School Murfreesboro, Tenn., church



Salutatorian Bolton High School Memphis, Tenn., church



Craig Shrum Co-salutatorian Palestine High School Terre Haute, Ind., church



Co-valedictorian Bettendorf High School Davenport, Iowa, church



Lloydminster, Alta., church



West Memphis High School Memphis, Tenn., church



Valedictorian Gordon Lee High School Chattanooga, Tenn., church





Roland Tusay Valedictorian Nabunturan National High Davao, Philippines, church



Rebekah Helen Veilleux



Michelle Vialpando



Tami Votaw Lexington High School Austin, Tex., church



Cheryl Lynne Webb Salutatorian North Iredell High School Winston-Salem, N.C., church



David West Western Brown High School Cincinnati, Ohio, East church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ADAMES, Wilfredo and Annette (Chantal), of Union, N.J., girl, Ivana Alexis, May 31, 1:48 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

AKPAN, Dominic and Maria, of Lagos, Nigeria, girl, Esther Dominic, May 11, 3:25 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BAUER, Terry and Hazel (Burns), of San Antonio, Tex., girl, Sarah Richelle, Feb. 19, 3:15 a.m., 6 pounds 10½ ounces, now 2

BRANN, James Jr. and Wendy (Brosky), of Akron, Ohio, girl, Jennifer Nickole, May 30, 5:33 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1

CARMICHAEL, Tom and Julia (Wernli), of Big Sandy, girl, Amanda JoNae, May 4, 11:49 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

CONNELLY, Gavin and Jenny (Lewis), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Rory Gavin, May 22, 10 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

DAVIDSON, Michael and Kristina (Kearon), of Riverside, Calif., boy, Aaron Michael, Jan. 5, 5 a.m., 8 pounds 2½ ounces, first child.

DELCO, Randy and Darlene (Brinckman), of Michigan City, Ind., boy, Joshua Joel, March 2, 9:50 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

DUDLEY, Gary and Linda (Daniels), of Green Bay, Wis., girl, Alyssa Jean, April 26, 2:21 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

EDINBOROUGH, Jack and Rita (Burgart), of Abbotsford, B.C., boy, Tyrel Alfred Lawrence, March 14, 5:42 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

FIALA, Stephen and Janet (Eisenhauer), of Pasadena, girl, Elisabeth Michal, June 23, 3:39 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

GLAROS, Nick and Sheri (Merjil), of Pasadena, boy, Nicholas John, May 12, 6:30 p.m., 8 pounds 14½ ounces, first child.

GRAMZA, Ronald and Lora (Stelter), of Kenosha, Wis., girl, Amy Katherine, March 24, 11:36 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HARMON, Val and DeeDee (Shinliver), of Marietta, Ga., girl, Chelsea Amanda, June 5, 11:09 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

HEJNAR, Christopher and Shirley (Haynes), of Vineland, N.J., boy, Daniel Henry, April 21, 7:22 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

HENDERSON, Ian and Sheila (Hughes), of Durban, South Africa, boy, Alexander Shaun, March 6, 7:25 a.m., 2.5 kilograms, now 4 boys.

HUTTO, Ronald and Sheri (Crabtree), of Houston, Tex., girl, Faith Rebekah, March 1, 3 p.m., 8 pounds, now 3 girls.

JAMESON, Ron and Paulette (Knutson), o Texarkana, Tex., girl, Ronda Kaye, May 27 8 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 6 girls.

JIMENEZ, Raul and Cynthia (Hyde), of Orlando, Fla., girl, Elise Adriana, June 15, 2:27 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

JOHNSON, Gerald and Muriel (Biggs), of Placerville, Calif., boy, Seth Charles Arthur, March 20, 5:20 p.m., 10 pounds, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

JONES, Alan and Cathy (Black), of Big Sandy, girl, Stacey Marie, June 13, 11:30 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

JONES, Terry and Lisa (Tackett), of Lenoir, N.C., girl, Stephanie Nicole, April 6, 7:14 a.m., 8 pounds 15½ ounces, first child.

LEMIEUX, James and Diane (David), of Montreal, Que., girl, Melissa Anne, May 3, 10:17 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

LIEBER, Jacob and Diann (Poirier), of Gaylord, Mich., girl, Dove Marie, April 6, 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

McCOY, Stephen and Valerie (Wrench), of Yokota, Japan, girl, Ronni Christina, May 12, 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MERRIMAN, Robert and Katherine (Forson), of Big Sandy, boy, Kenneth Ross, June 8, 3:20 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

MEZ, Paul "Skeets" and Brenda (Childers), of Big Sandy, girl, Adriane Ruth, June 6, 2:27 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

MOORE, Keith and Patricia (Somma), of Audubon, Pa., boy, Adam Christopher, April 12, 1:33 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

NAUDE, Mark and Babette (Fann), of Cape Town, South Africa, boy, Matthew Mark, March 30, 6:08 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

OLSON, Allen and Lynda (Samson), of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Ashley Elizabeth, March 30, 7:02 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

OPOKU-ADUSEI, Isaac and Cecilia (Gyamfua), of Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria, boy, Tkach Gideon, May 27, 1:10 a.m., 2.5 kilograms, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

PARKER, Scott and Linda (Cox), of Pickens, S.C., girl, Kayla LaVon, June 5, 12:40 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

RAS, Gary and Lorie (Sadowski), of Pasadena, girl, Krystal Melissa Mae, May 12, 3:56 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

REYES, Santana and Ellen (Smith), of Pasadena, boy, David Lee, June 3, 7:37 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1

RICKER, Randall and Marguerite (Blanchard), of Fort Wayne, Ind., boy, Edward Randall, April 12, 7:21 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SALVIA, Joseph and Connie (Tweedie), of Brick, N.J., boy, Andrew Joseph, June 1, 2:29 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

SAMAY, Lawrence and Kathleen (Bearer), of Johnstown, Pa., boy, Isaac John, May 3, 8:29 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

SPRINGER, Charles and Jaimey (Stringer), of Long Beach, Calif., girl, Yasmin Tatiana, March 28, 10:10 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces,

TATUM, Bernard and Brenda (Davis), of San Diego, Calif., girl, Briana Nicole, May

23, 5:04 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first

THOMAS, Derek and Heather (Sadler), of Stoke-on-Trent, England, boy, Michael David, May 31, 3:58 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

THOMPSON, Wayne and Ramee (Enlow), of Natchez, Miss., boy, Jesse Cross, May 30, 7:57 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 4

THOMSON, Mark and Jenny (Wyatt), of Bathurst, Australia, boy, Liam James Mark, June 3, 6:45 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1

VANHORN, Thomas and Betty (Sullenger), of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Karena Suzanne, June 9, 5:12 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WALTMAN, Ron and Carrie (Bednar), of Modesto, Calif., boy, R. David, Jan. 22, 12:23 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1

WOOD, Lorne and Elizabeth (Suderman), of Winnipeg, Man., girl, Elizabeth Anne, May 31, 3:37 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls. YODER, Owen and Penny (Thrasher), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Meghan Elizabeth, June 6, 3:47 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lane Boyd of Harvey, La., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia of Pasadena to Stan Starnes of Lafayette, Ind. A Sept. 3 wedding in Louisiana is planned.

John and Gloria Eiskant of Great Falls, Mont., are pleased to announce the en-gagement of their daughter Barbara Mary to Hussel William Shiver, son of Drexel and Sharon Shiver of Jacksonville, Fla. An Aug. 13 wedding in Great Falls is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Root of Roseville, Minn., are pleased to announce the engage-ment of their daughter Laura Amy to Gordon Vann Cooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cooley of Lithia Springs, Ga. A Nov. 25 wedding in St. Paul

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Y.C. Loo of South Pasadena, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest son, Gerald K.T. Loo, to Debbie B. Liu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Liu of Sydney, Australia. A Sept. 24 wedding in Sydney is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Nicholson of Mun-cie, Ind., are happy to announce the en-gagement of their daughter Donette Christine to Dale William Weldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Walters of Conover, Ohio. A July 23 wedding in Muncie is planned.

Glenda Clemens of Elkhart, Ind., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter. Lisa of Columbus, Ohio, to Devon Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Phelps of Plain View, N.Y. A Nov. 12 wedding in Columbus is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffman of Western Springs, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Christine Sue to Gregory Thomas Resler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Resler of Mazomanie, Wis. A Sept. 2 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Munson of St. John, Ind., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Karolyn Diane to Regino Egipciaco Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Regino Egipciaco Sr. of Hammond, Ind. A Sept. 3 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fertig of Cheyenne, Wyo., are pleased to announce the engage-ment of their daughter Julie DeAnne to Bryan Keith Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Rogers of Houston, Tex. A July 30 wedding in Cheyenne is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS EBOYA

Jane Naitore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mwarania, and Nicholas Olendo Eboya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eboya, were united in marriage April 30. The ceremony was performed by Owen Willis, Nairobi, Kenya, pastor. Mrs. Mose was matron of honor, and Isaac Mose was best man. The couple live in Nairobi.



MR. AND MRS. M. ROWLAND

Dinah Stacy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Stacy of Cedar Bluff, Va., and Michael Rowland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rowland of Franklin, Tenn., were united in marriage April 30 in Bluefield, W.Va. The ceremony was performed by William Pack, Bluefield pastor. Donna Hege, twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Rick Curry was best man. The couple live in Hickory, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Russell of Rochester, Pa., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Rebecca Ann to Arthur F. Stockwell, son of Arthur Stock-well and Rosemarie McLaughlin of San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

performed June 3 by David Orban, Pitts-burgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., pastor. Sandy Hessong was matron of honor, and Joseph C. Russell, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple live in Honolulu, Hawaii.



MR. AND MRS. GRANT RICHARDS

Tina M. Pfiester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pfiester of Bryan, Ohio, and Grant W. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richards of Sylmar, Calif., were united in marriage April 16 in Archbold, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by Darris McNeely, Fort Wayne, Ind., pastor. Teri Blakeman, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Gary Richards, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. L. HENDERSHOT

Helen Snead and Leon Hendershot were united in marriage March 26. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Smylie, Port St. Lucie, Fla., pastor. The couple live in Fort Pierce, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. E. BATHGATE

Lora Elizabeth Longcor and Edward Arthur Bathgate were united in marriage April 30 in Library, Pa. The ceremony was performed by David Orban, Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., pastor. Robin Holliday was met tron of honor, and Charles Yeager Jr. was best man. The couple live in Pittsburgh.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID PHILLIPS

Rosemary Beatrice Doey, daughter of Frank and Salme Doey, and David Everett Phillips, son of Donald and Anneke Phillips, were united in marriage Sept. 18, 1988, in Smiths Falls, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Frank, Smiths Falls pastor. Joyce Vigneault was maid of honor, and Jim Phillips was best man. The couple live in Jasper, Ont.



MR. AND MRS. G. HOUSTON

Wendy Axelrod and Gregory Houston are pleased to announce their marriage, which took place Feb. 11. The coremony was performed by Carl McNair, Helena. Mont., pastor. Karen and Leslie Axelrod and Linda Booth were bridesmaids. Randy Houston, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Grand Canyon, Ariz.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES M. KAZIMIR

Audrey Elaine Kielczewski and James Michael Kazimir were united in marriage March 26. The ceremony was performed by Gregory Sargent, Union and Jersey City, N.J., pastor. The bride was attended by her sister, Donna Ellett, and her daughter, Adar. The groom's son, James M. Jr., was best man. The family lives in Lake Hopatcong, N.J.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD MAYS

Gayla Louise Emptage and Richard Todd Mays were united in marriage April 29. Larry Walker, Las Cruces, N.M., pastor, per-formed the ceremony. Shauna Herrera was matron of honor, and Neil Birkhoff was best man. The couple live in Las Cruces.



MR. AND MRS. GEOFFREY ONODU

Evelyn Chinenyike Anyadike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oguamalam Anyadike, and Geoffrey Aniezichukwu Onodu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Igwenogu Onodu, were united in marriage March 5 in Enugu, Nigeria. The ceremony was performed by Josef Forson, pastor of the Enugu church. Ngozi Nkado was the maid of honor, and Ralph Nduka was best man. The couple live in Asaba, Nigeria.



MR. AND MRS. RICK HERRERA

Shauna Marie Sayler, daughter of Floyd and Dolores Sayler of Butte, Mont., and Rick Herrera, son of Urbano and Aurora Herrera of El Paso, Tex., were united in marriage Nov. 26, 1988, in Las Cruces, N.M. The ceremony was performed by Larry Walker, Las Cruces pastor. The couple live in Las Cruces.



MR. AND MRS. P. C. JONES

Celia E. Henderson and Phillip C. Jones were united in marriage Dec. 4, 1988. The ceremony was performed in Paget, Bermuda, by Cecil Pulley, Hamilton, Bermuda, pastor. Juliette Turner was maid of honor, and Gary Weller was best man. The couple live in Bermuda.



MR. AND MRS. ALAIN STEFANIN

Jill Reisdorff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson of Arlington, Wash., and Alain Stefanin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guillet of Blain, France, were united in marriage April 2. The ceremony was performed by Samuel Kneller, Paris, France, pastor. The couple live in Champagne-sur-Seine, France.



MR. AND MRS. DENIS ROBBINS

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Faw are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Susan Elizabeth to Denis Emile Robbins, son of Mona Robbins. The ceremony was performed April 30 by Richard Wilding, London, Ont., pastor. Lisa Clutton was maid of honor, and Dave Robbins was best man. The couple live in London. The couple live in London



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN CLARK

Susan Margaret Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Little of Markham, Ont., and Steven Edward Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Clark of Whitby, Ont., were united in marriage Jan. 22 in Toronto, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Neil Earle, Toronto pastor. Caroline Jenkins was maid of honor, and Francois Racine was best man. The couple live in Toronto.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID WOOD

Deana Kay Stahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stahl of Orlando, Fla., and David Shawn Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood of Durand, Mich., were united in marriage Jan. 28 in Durand. The ceremony was performed by Garald Withs Elist and was performed by Gerald Witte, Flint and Lansing, Mich., pastor. The couple live in Durand.



MR. AND MRS. PETER CICERO

Arnold and Barbara Bearman are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Maria Lindsey to Peter Robert Cicero, son of Sam and Margaret Cicero of Beerwah, Australia. The ceremony was performed in Beerwah Sept. 18, 1988, by Rodney King, Gold Coast, Australia, pastor. Lyn Keelaw was best man, and Andrea Patey was chief bridesmaid. The couple live in Kallangur, Australia.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. P. MURRAY

Paul-Emile and Jeanne Murray Paul-Ethie and Jeanne Murray Geledrary development their 40th wedding anniversary May 4 with their children. The Murrays live in Jon-quiere, Que., and attend the Saguenay, Que., church. They have four children and six grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have been Church members for 13 years.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. KENNETH SMITH

Kenneth and Helyn Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 1, Mrs. Smith has been a Church member since 1969, and the couple attend the Banning, Calif., church. The Smiths have three sons, five grandchildran and one great-grand-daughter. Their son, Dean, also attends the Banning church.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH ROTHERY

Joseph and Bertha Rothery cele Joseph and Bertha Rothery celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary Feb. 1. They were married Feb. 1, 1926. Mrs. Rothery was baptized in 1934 and Mr. Rothery in 1952. The Rotherys have five children, 17 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Their daughter Marion is married to evangelist Lasile McCullough, regional director for South Africa, and their daughter Alice is married to John Robinson, a minister in the Tyler. Tex., church. Tyler, Tex., church.

John and Joyce Ross celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 8 with a family get-together. Mrs. Ross is a Church mem-ber who attends the Hobart, Australia, church. The Rosses have four children, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

OBITUARIES

LeKRON, Virginia, 67, of Wichita, Kan., died June 17 after a bout with cancer. Mrs. LeKron, a Church member since 1966, is survived by her husband and four children and grandchildren.

MILLER, Mabel, 74, of Hialeah, Fla., died

May 4 after a long bout with cancer. Mrs. Miller, a Church member since 1978, is survived by her husband, Ralph, and a daughter, Karen.

PUCKETT, Lela W., 66, of Eagleville, Tenn., died June 9 after suffering nine years from Alzheimer's disease. Mrs. Puckett, a Church member since 1972, is survived by her husband, Clarence; three daughters, Betty Rowland, Mary Taylor and Ann Rowland; five grandsons; one brother; and one sister.

McCALLUM, Ross M., 70, of Calgary, Alta., died of cancer April 30. Mr. McCallum, a Church member since 1970, is survived by his wife, Gladys, and one son, Wayne.



JESSE L. TILLMAN

TILLMAN, Jesse L., 62, of Livermore, Calif., died June 9 of cancer. Mr. Tillman, a Church member since 1964, is survived by his wife, Lois M.; four daughters, Sherry A. Isken, A. Yvonne, Phyllis R. Kosanke and Jeanne E.; two sons, S. Wayne and David R.; one daughter-in-law, Sandy L.; and two sons-in-law, Michael Isken and Darren Kosanke.

KOONCE, Ada Pearl, 87, of Appleton, Wis., died April 17 of a stroke. Mrs. Koonce, a Church member since 1960, is survived by seven children, 29 grandchildren and sev-eral great-grandchildren. One daughter-ineral great-grandchildren. One daughter-in-law and four grandchildren are Church

COOK, Mary M., 81, of Pekin, Ill., died April 29. Mrs. Cook, a Church member since 1986, is survived by her husband, Thomas, also a Church member, and several nieces

WILSON, Vonnie, 51, of Faubush, Ky., died May 27 of cancer. Mrs. Wilson, a Church member since 1962, and a deaconess since 1987, is survived by two sons, Randall and Jeffrey; and two daughters, Debbie Campbell, a Church member, and Jo Nell, who attends Sabbath services.



DELIGHT BRYANT

BRYANT, Delight, 69, of Dighton, Kan., died May 30 from Alzheimer's disease. Mrs. Bryant, a Church member since 1969, is survived by her husband, Carrol L., also a Church member; a son, Carrol D., associate pastor of the Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Alamosa, Colo., churches; and a daughter, June, also a Church member.

LINDSEY, Jeff B., 27, of Snohomish, Wash., died May 20 when his pickup truck was hit by an empty horse trailer that broke loose from another truck. Mr. Lindsey, a Church member since 1985, is survived by his parents, Ken and Sharron, both Church members; two brothers, Ken Jr. and Jon; and three sisters, Shannon Alkire, Jeanette Jerue and Lisa Bekins.



ARDEAN JOYCE WANGSNESS

WANGSNESS, Ardean Joyce, 52, of Miller, S.D., died of cancer May 9. Mrs. Wangsness, a Church member since 1968, was chosen Mrs. South Dakota in 1965 and was included in Who's Who Among American Women. She and her husband, Le Roy, spent several winters in Big Sandy, where Mrs. Wangsness taught oil painting. She is survived by her husband; three children, Kristi St. Pierre, Tolly and Todd; and four grandchildren; all of whom attend Church services.

HALL, Meriwether Lewis, 85, of Milwaukie, Ore., died May 27 from congestive heart failure. Mr. Hall, a Church member since 1957, is survived by his wife, Maria; two sons, Meriwether Lewis Jr. and Thomas W.; and one grandson, Douglas Scott.

REDIGER, Warren, 64, of Milford, Neb., died Feb. 24 after an extended illness. Mr. Rediger, a Church member since 1962 and a local church elder since 1985, is survived by his wife, Eunice; and two children, Kevin and Roxanne.

WRIGHT, Milton, 82, of Trenton, N.J., died June 1 of congestive heart failure. Mr. Wright, a Church member since 1975, is survived by his wife, Mary, also a Church

PUGH, Dorothy E., 92, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., died April 20 after a brief illness. Mrs. Pugh, a Church member since 1976, is survived by a son, Jim, and two grandchildren

GALLOWAY, William Joseph Jr., 71, of Monticello, Fla., died Dec. 12, 1988, of cancer. Mr. Galloway, a Church member since 1978, is survived by his wife, Opal, also a Church member, one son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

PERSONAL

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position to serve effectively. We may even think of ourselves as failures if we don't have an office we think we should have, especially after several years, or even decades, in the Church.

But we must never forget a fundamental truth about the way of life to which God has called us: Christianity is not about offices, titles or positions. It is about love.

The same is true of Christian leadership. It is not about offices and titles. It is about love. And the very fact that Jesus Christ lives in a Christian means that every Christian is in a leadership position all the time.

Motivating force

Every true Christian is every day affecting other people by his or her example. The Christian's example can be a powerful motivating force for others.

Jesus called his people the "light of the world." As a light brightens the path, so a true Christian's conduct should be a shining example that encourages others to imitate that conduct. And that's what leadership is all

Personality is not, as some may think, the most important ingredient in Christian leadership. Neither is talent or position. It's what you are, the godly love expressed in your personal way of life in Jesus Christ, that is by far the most important ingredient in Christian leadership.

Any time you quietly help someone in need, you are a leader. Any time you say a kind word, you are a leader. When you lend a helping hand without begrudging, or do the unsavory task no one else wants to do, you are a leader.

Even when you simply do your job well, you are a leader. When you forgive and forget, you are a leader. When you refuse to do what is wrong or foolish, you are

A Christian doesn't need the limelight or the center stage. He needs no badge of authority. The character of God as expressed through his conduct is a light to the world, and is leadership.

A man once said, "There is no problem I couldn't solve if I only had enough authority." This man wrongly thought that it is authority alone that ultimately solves problems.

God's love for humanity, made plain through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and his love in us through the Holy Spirit, will ultimately prove to be the solution to mankind's problems. Indeed, the key to each Christian's spiritual success is love, not authority and position.

We must learn to see leadership in the right perspective. And as we do, we must not neglect God's gift in us by keeping our lights under a basket. Leadership is not something to jockey for. It is something to live.

If Christ lives in us, then love flows from us. And as it does, we touch the lives of others, perhaps many others, in little ways and in big ways, and sometimes in profound ways. But if we are out for recognition, then it is not the love of God that is flowing from us. And that kind of leadership is

By the time you read this, I will be in Europe to visit our brethren in Belgium, northern Italy, Sicily and Greece, as well as to attend our annual general meeting in Britain. Thank you for your prayers for our safety on these trips. Remember to pray for one another around the

Humor key to their marriage

By Jeffery McGowan
MEDFORD, Ore.—George and Beulah Pike have been married more than 71 years. One thing they attribute to the longevity of their marriage is a sense of humor.

The Pikes were married in 1917 in Los Angeles while Mr. Pike was serving in the U.S. Navy.

Homesteading in Oregon

After Mr. Pike got out of the Navy, the couple homesteaded an 80-acre ranch near New Hope, Ore. They still have the deed signed by President Calvin Coolidge (1923-

After living on the homestead from 1919 to 1925, the Pikes moved to California, where Mr. Pike worked for the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. The couple stayed there until 1946, when they moved to Milo, Ore., where they opened a

grocery store and post office.

Mrs. Pike was postmistress there for 32 years before the couple moved to their home in Grants Pass,

Coming into the Church

One day Mrs. Pike came across some undeliverable third class mail that her husband had discarded.

She fished it out of the garbage and saw that it was mail from the Radio Church of God about Ambassador College, baptism and a baptismal tour. After reading the material she wrote and asked that someone on the tour visit her.

When Raymond McNair and Roderick Meredith, now evangelists, came into the grocery store in 1951, Mrs. Pike at first thought they might be inspectors from the post office.

The two men asked her many

questions. They realized that she was ready for baptism and baptized her the next day. Mr. Pike is a



MR. & MRS. GEORGE PIKE

prospective member and has been supportive of the Church and his wife's membership through the



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)

Jamaica

By Kerri Dowd

With 4,400 square miles of white sand beaches, palm trees and mountains, Jamaica is a tropical paradise.

It is also home to about 520 brethren who attend services in Kingston, Ocho Rios and Mandeville, and an outlying Bible study in Montego Bay.

Pastor Charles Fleming is assisted by ministerial trainees Michael Mitchell and Patrick Fearon, a 1989 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate who will return to Jamaica in August. Mr. Fleming also conducts ministerial visits in the Cayman Islands.

Hurricane Gilbert

Jamaica suffered the worst hurricane in its history on the Feast of Trumpets in 1988.

"I have been impressed with how quickly things have come back to normal," said Mr. Fleming. "The government did a very good job, and we also got assistance from many nations, including the United States."

Visitors can't believe that Jamaica went through that kind of storm, "but people who live here notice a difference in terms of tree cover, especially in Kingston."

The Mighty Choppers

A group of Church members called the Mighty Choppers rebuilt one woman's home from scratch after the hurricane and assisted with other repairs in the community.

The Mighty Choppers were founded as a service group in 1985 by members Leaford Henderson (now an Ambassador College student), Gerald Haynes-Hamm, Trevor Insang and Lloyd Henry.

The group completes about one

project a month. Members who need help fill out an application one month in advance. The group then sends an advance team to evaluate what is needed and to set a date for

the project. On the work date they arrive with enough men to do the job and three to five women to provide meals for



TREEPOINT LANDING-An airplane rests against a tree after Hurricane Gilbert struck Jamaica Sept. 12, 1988. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

the workers. Fifty members are in the group, which operates primarily in Kingston.

Musical brethren

Jamaican brethren also serve musically. Like many other church areas, members may sing in the choir or play in a dance band. But when it comes to raising money, this group puts on a concert.

They sell tickets to the public either through radio and newspaper advertising or by word of mouth. The last concert raised more than \$10,000 in Jamaican funds.

Music education begins early in Jamaica. Joseph Brown, a deacon, is a music teacher. Mr. Brown conducted a music program for YESage children in the last three of four summers. They met twice a week for eight weeks.

Of the three churches, Kingston is the largest with about 410 in attendance. The Ocho Rios church, with about 65 attending, and Mandeville, with about 45 attending, meet every other Sabbath.

Some members because of distance or finances can only attend on the Holy Days.

On the Holy Days, services alternate between Ocho Rios and Mandeville. When services are not conducted in their area, brethren attend in Kingston.

Communication with other brethren is sometimes difficult.

Only 18 percent of the members have phones in their homes. Only 45 percent have access to telephones at home or work. Basically one has to drive to make contact, and most members depend on public transportation, which can be difficult.

Members enjoy a better employment rate than the national average. The presence of a large and influential Seventh-day Adventist community helps members not to have Sab-



HURRICANE CLEANUP-Brethren and family members clean up the home of Edna Chin in Kingston, Jamaica. Her son Richard, a deacon, operates his transportation business there. [Photo by Thomas C. Han-

bath conflicts with their jobs.

"However, housing is a serious problem nationally. Most people are renting-sometimes only a room or half a house," said Carmen Fleming, the pastor's wife.

Members at work

Members are employed in a variety of professions, and some are self-employed. Richard Chin, a deacon, runs a transportation company. Another deacon, Hugh Wilson, has a land-surveying com-

Winston Nembhard owns a hardware store in Kingston and employs several brethren.

Blossom Ximenes was honored as best midwife in the nation for 1988. Another midwife, Joyce Barnett, received recognition from the governor-general for community service.

The Church operates a suboffice in Jamaica. One part-time and two full-time employees receive mail, process donations and take care of legal requirements to do business in Jamaica. Volunteers help mail out literature.

Annual church activities include a YOU prom and graduation awards banquet, a married people's dance, YOU Bible studies and a

monthly quiz for youths on an assigned booklet, Youth 89 article or Correspondence Course lesson.

From July until the Feast the church goes into a Feast mode. Even the socials are geared toward the Feast. They are trial runs. The Jamaica churches provide much of the manpower for the Feast, and this provides a lot of service opportunities for the members.

Most of the Church members in Jamaica were born there, although some members from other islands attend the University of the West Indies in Kingston.

Of the Jamaican brethren Mr. Fleming said: "I find them a very responsive group. I enjoy working with the brethren. They are a very talented group of people."

Mr. Fleming, who was born in Grenada, began serving in Jamaica in 1973. He has pastored the churches there since 1983.

Jamaica	
Attendance	520
Local church elders	0
Deacons	6
Deaconesses	0
Church youths	66
Children under 12	168
Singles	163
Over 60s	28
Spokesman Clubs	2
Graduate Clubs	0

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NEWS OF UPDATE PLACES & UPDATE EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Port d'Albret, France; and Santa Marta, Colombia; have reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted for these sites.

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PASADENA-The French Office announced that because of delays in remodeling at Tartane, Martinique, the Feast will take place at Ste. Luce on the south coast.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand-Lyall Johnston, pastor of the Wellington, Napier, Palmerston North, New Plymouth and Nelson, New Zealand, churches, was in a car accident June 8 on his way home after visiting members.

Although his car was badly damaged, Mr. Johnston was wearing his seat belt and suffered injuries that were primarily superficial. He sustained facial cuts that required 24 stitches, a bump on his head and internal bruising.

After a brief hospital stay and three weeks of recuperation, Mr. Johnston began visiting again in early July.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand-Beginning Oct. 1, The Plain Truth will no longer be mailed as a registered magazine. The registered magazine category of mail, which provided a discount of 50 percent, is to be discontinued.

The Plain Truth will still qualify for a 22.5 percent bulk mail discount, but the cost of mailing each magazine will go from 30 cents to 46.5 cents, an increase of 55 percent.

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PASADENA-Church Administration announced that the following men received plaques for 25 years of service to the Church:

George Affeldt, pastor of the Huntingdon and Indiana, Pa., churches; Guy Engelbart, pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches; James Jackson, lead grounds keeper for Ambassador College in Big Sandy; Ray Roenspies, a local church elder in the Chicago, Ill., Southwest church; and James Wells, a local church elder in the Kansas City, Mo., East church.

These men and their wives, Jacquelyn Affeldt, Penny Engelbart, Beatrice Roenspies and Phyllis Wells, also received wristwatches.

Pearl Hammer of Big Sandy also received a watch in honor of her many years of service to the Church.

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was named a Paul Harris Fellow of the Pasadena Rotary Club at the club's annual demotion dinner (where the club president is returned to member status) on the Ambassador College campus June 28.

The award recognizes Mr. Tkach's commitment to Rotary's principle of service above self. Paul Harris is the founder of Rotary.

The club also presented a grant of \$1,000 to the Ambassador Foundation. Evangelist David Hulme, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, accepted the award on behalf of Mr. Tkach.

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PASADENA-G.M. Premachandra, Sri Lankan state minister for food and secretary general of the Sri Lanka Samodaya Foundation, toured the Ambassador College campus June 29.

Mr. Premachandra was accompanied by his brother-in-law, E.L. Kulasinghe, Jim Little and Leon Sexton, a ministerial trainee in Mojave, Calif., who have been involved with Ambassador Foundation projects in Asia, and evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, Plain Truth edi-

"Mr. Premachandra worked closely with the Honorable Gamini Dissanayake [Sri Lankan cabinet minister] in developing our programs in Sri Lanka," said Dr. Hoeh.

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PASADENA—Ambassador College was the site for the third annual Summer Educational Graduate Program (SEGP).

More than 85 participants from the United States and Canada arrived on campus June 22 for the 10day program designed to introduce young people from the Church to Ambassador College and to prepare them for life after high school.

Greg Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College, directed the program.

Mr. Albrecht was assisted by Roger Widmer, a local elder and assoicate director of the college student center.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach gave the keynote address June 23. Mr. Tkach emphasized the need for leadership among the young people in God's Church.

The group heard presentations from leading ministers, operation managers and faculty members. Most of the presentations focused on making the transition from high school to adulthood. Emphasis was placed on leadership, furthering education and career planning.

At a July 2 banquet, Mr. Albrecht awarded each student with a certificate of participation and a copy of the group photograph taken



VISITORS FROM SRI LANKA-E.L. Kulasinghe (second from left) and G.M. Premachandra (second from right), Sri Lanka state minister for food, are accompanied on an Ambassador campus tour June 29 by Leon Sexton, a ministerial trainee in Mojave, Calif. (left); and Jim Little (right), assistant to Joseph Locke, an Ambassador Foundation vice president. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

with Mr. Tkach. He also awarded four students with a \$500 scholarship to an institute of higher learning of their choice.

The recipients and their church areas are Robin Klink, Union, N.J., A.M.; Rachel McElroy, Bessemer, Ala.; David Mastin, Peterborough, Ont.; and Anthony Dickerson, Union A.M.

Scholarship winners were determined by their involvement and enthusiasm shown during the program.

(Continued from page 3) nership, he retired again.

Mr. Allen met his wife, Virginia, through roller-skating. In 1942 the couple won the Southern Regional Championship in dance skating and placed 10th in the national competition. They married in September of that year.

The couple have two sons and one daughter. When the children were younger the family raised tropical fish. They have since sold the fish and developed a collection of 75 exotic birds, including cockatoos, cockatiels, macaws, Indian ringnecks and other species.

Working with models is also a long-standing hobby of Mr. Allen's. "I've always built model airplanes. Over the years I've built more than a hundred, all radio-controlled. Some had a 10-foot wing spread."

Selfless service

Mr. Allen was ordained a deacon in 1983. Talk to a widow or single and his name will spontaneously come up: "He took me to the store, he drove me to work when my car broke down, he takes me to services, he listens . . .'

Mr. Allen sings in the choir, was an area coordinator for the Plain Truth newsstand program, and is responsible for obtaining meeting halls for services and for announce-

ments at services. He is also in charge of the church's bowling program and averages 165 to 170 a

Occasionally Mr. Allen provides special Sabbath music for services. He began playing trumpet in junior high school. After his retirement he played on and off with symphony orchestras and the community

Three years ago Mr. Allen suffered a heart attack. In December, 1988, he had emergency surgery for a clogged carotid artery but was soon back to normal activity.

A favorite scripture of Mr. Allen's is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."



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

PASADENA—The economic situation in Haiti continues to be a difficult situation, reported evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional direc-

"One of our radio broadcasting stations in Port-au-Prince had to close for about one month," said Mr. Apartian. "In spite of all this . . . the number of unemployed brethren in the church has diminished from 70 percent to 38 per-

"The church is obviously on the right track in its goal to develop the

talents of the local members so they can find work and support themselves," he added.

Riots in Nigeria

Riots broke out in Nigeria in May in response to government austerity measures.

Sabbath services were canceled in Benin City May 27, according to Josef Forson, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Jos, Enugu and Owerri, Nigeria, churches.

Like other businesses, the office in Lagos closed May 31 to avert looting and arson.

Three staff members were trapped in the office until the rioting subsided.

The office manager got caught in the crowd on his way to the office and took refuge in a nearby factory.

He called Mr. Forson and advised him to stay home and keep his daughter home from school.

Mrs. Sogbo, an office helper, who was on her way to work the day of the riots, was injured, but not seri-

"Everything is now calm," Mr. Forson said. "We're glad to report that all is well with members in all five church areas."

Prayers requested

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the Church in Britain, Scandinavia, the Middle East and East and West Africa, requested the prayers of the British churches regarding two problems in Africa.

First, the government of Ghana, concerned about unsanitary conditions and the lack of hygiene in the country, is considering introducing compulsory cleanups on Saturdays under military supervision, according to David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the British Office.

"Clearly, if approved, this would give us problems," he added. "It is not clear whether these cleanups would be weekly, monthly or on occasion."

Second, to celebrate the birth of the president of Liberia, all citizens will be charged four months'

"Although our brethren in Liberia are very small in number, they do need our prayers at this time," said Mr. Stirk.

As many people have not been paid for months because of a national financial crisis, this action will leave people with no means of

'At the time of writing it does not seem very hopeful that the authorities would change their minds," Mr. Stirk said.

Sermons translated

Beginning with the Passover, sermons are now translated for non-English-speaking members in Owerri, Nigeria, who understand only the area language.

Members commented that they no longer feel isolated and asked that this service be continued, according to Mr. Forson.

"Those speaking English .. could hear the sermons in two languages, which enabled them to have a double portion."

Transfer to Nigeria

Eke and Grace Udeagha and their twin daughters transferred to Nigeria from Ghana before the

Days of Unleavened Bread.

Mr. Udeagha will serve as assistant pastor for the Lagos, Benin and Jos churches.

Mr. Forson reported that they have settled in well and he has been escorting Mr. Udeagha to the various churches.

Cameroon visit

While waiting for a visa for the United States, Lateef Edalere, formerly the pastor of the churches in Nigeria, and his wife, Yvonne, visited brethren in Cameroon during the Spring Holy Days.

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INTENSIVE TRAINING-Eighty-five 1988 and 1989 high school graduates attended the Summer Educational Graduate Program (SEGP) in Pasadena June 22 to July 2. [Photo by Hal Finch]