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## Mr. Tkach in Little Rock: fulfilling 'message of unity'

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Continuing his visits to church areas, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 2,306 brethren assembled in Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 11.

Flying in the Church's British Aerospace Corp. (BAC) 1-11 jet, Mr. Tkach arrived Nov. 10 and was met by Kenneth Swisher, pastor of the Little Rock and Jacksonville, Ark., churches, his wife, Beverly, and others.

At the Statehouse Convention Center for Sabbath services were brethren from Batesville, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Jacksonville, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Mena, Mountain Home, Pine Bluff and Russellville, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Tkach told the audience that each member's contribution toward unity and God's Work is important.

### Significance of Berlin wall

He commented about how brethren should regard the liberties being granted in Berlin.

"Obviously the members were excited for this event," said Mr. Halford. "Mr. Tkach put everything in perspective: It was exciting but don't overreact. It shows how fast a situation can change—and it shows that we should be not only watching but ready."

Mr. Halford continued: "Is our spiritual progress keeping pace with

world events? These exciting times put extra pressure on God's Work to 'work while it is day' as Jesus admonished."

A regional choir directed by Patrick O. Henry performed "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" for special music.

On behalf of the brethren, Mr. Swisher presented Mr. Tkach with a natural crystal formation mounted on walnut, with the inscription: "From the rugged hills of Arkansas, this family of crystals has emerged, symbolic of the spiritual family God is creating in this area."

After services the pastor general met and shook hands with brethren for more than an hour and a half.

### 'All in this together'

Henry Jones from Memphis related: "As I greeted Mr. Tkach I said, 'We appreciate your leadership.' Mr. Tkach embraced me and said, 'We are all in this together.'"

"The message of unity is being fulfilled in our church area," said Larry Ninstiel from Bentonville, Ark.

Michael Rasmussen, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant, addressed the young adults, encouraging them to use their talents.

At a ministers meeting in the Excelsior Hotel, Mr. Tkach spoke about the income, how each individual contributes to the needs of God's Work, new facilities that are

needed and future needs for witnessing to the world.

Later in the evening Mr. Tkach was host at a buffet for about 140 ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses.

Traveling with Mr. Tkach were Joseph Locke and Ellen Escat, executive assistants; Mr. Rasmussen; and Julie Stocker, administrative assistant to evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

Members of the Church's television crew were Mr. Halford, on-location director, cameraman Gary Werings and remote operations engineer Steve Bergstrom.

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

Also traveling were Mr. Dietrich's wife, Virginia, and Mr. Brothers' wife, Felicia.



**BUSINESS MEETING**—John R. Walter, president and chief executive officer for R.R. Donnelley & Sons, headquartered in Chicago, Ill., meets Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach Nov. 14. Five executives from the company, which prints the *Plain Truth* magazine, visited the campus to become more familiar with the people who produce the magazine. They attended a luncheon with Mr. Tkach, Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations, and Media Operations department heads. [Photo by Warren Watson]

## Reporters cover Feast activities

# Press kits promote coverage

By David Hulme

PASADENA—Each year, as Church members travel to observe the Feast of Tabernacles, the

overreact. But these events do serve to show us how fast a situation can change. And that should serve to remind us that we need to be continually ready spiritually as Jesus instructed.

The greater unity occurring in Europe is not evil in itself, but prophecy shows us that the final configuration will serve goals far different from mere economic cooperation and development.

Meanwhile, God's Work must continue to be as effective as possible in proclaiming the gospel and feeding the flock. As I have often explained, I have to think both in terms of immediate

Church's Communications & Public Affairs Office distributes hundreds of press kits to area media outlets.

The purpose: to promote better understanding of the Worldwide Church of God's activities, and to offer an opportunity for people to learn about Church doctrine and practices.

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Since this program began four years ago, the coverage has been positive and growing. Journalists exhibit curiosity about the Church, particularly when they learn that the Church gathers not only to enjoy area attractions, but also to look forward to and celebrate the time after Christ's return.

The Church's press kit includes background information sheets (called fact sheets) that summarize activities of the Church, including a brief outline of God's plan for humanity. In many cases, large sections of these information papers are reprinted directly.

This year the coverage of the Feast was more widespread than in previous years. For the first time, newspapers at three U.S. sites sent reporters to cover the sermons each day, along with the impact of the Feast locally. Here are some samples of how the media sees the Church.

The Big Sandy and Hawkins, Tex., *Journal* devoted most of an entire issue to the Feast, and coverage from the surrounding cities (which included television news) was also notable. Other areas, such as Wisconsin Dells, Wis., and Jekyll Island, Ga., also produced special coverage, often simply reprinting the press kit fact sheets as articles.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., several newspaper articles about the Feast appeared, and coverage continued

even after the Feast.

The Chattanooga *Times* featured a lengthy piece one week after the Feast that included sections adapted from the new booklet about the Church, *Recapturing True Values—The Story of the Worldwide Church of God*.

The article described how the Church is committed to building strong families and keeps the annual Holy Days instead of Christmas and Easter.

We received several positive comments from journalists about *Recapturing True Values*, with one even commenting that "you sound just like the first-century church."

The *Caller-Times* in Corpus Christi, Tex., described the Feast as "a businessman's dream," and discussed the positive differences between the Feast and other conventions. A later article discussed how members observed the Feast.

In Lexington, Ky., a first-time site, one newspaper lead story opened with this statement directly from the press kit: "Following the example of Jesus Christ, members of the Worldwide Church of God annually observe the Feast of Tabernacles."

In Palm Springs, Calif., a paper wrote that "the Church embraces two broad purposes—to proclaim the restoration of God's government on earth, and to teach and help others learn God's way of life, as outlined in the Bible."

Another wrote about how the Worldwide Church of God avoids politics. The staff writer concluded the article with the comment, "Besides bypassing politics, the Church does not actively seek new converts and never publicly appeals for contributions."

The day before the Feast opened, the Pensacola, Fla., *News Journal* ran a front-page article about the Feast, with the comment, "The Worldwide Church of God won't

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## PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

As you are well aware, major changes are taking place in Central Europe at surprising speed!

Even weeks ago no one would have predicted such sudden and dramatic shifts in policy by East bloc governments, East Germany's in particular.

And now, further changes seem imminent. The question of German reunification is suddenly in the daily headlines and on the evening news.

One thing seems to be widely agreed upon at this point: It will be the Germans who will eventually occupy the key position in a

transformed Europe. As Soviet power recedes, German influence is bound to grow. The economies of Eastern Europe are in desperate need of the financial and managerial help that West German industry is able to give.

Not everyone is enthusiastic over the prospects of German reunification, of course. The bitter

**All of us at headquarters need your continued and heartfelt prayers for God's guidance and inspiration in making wise and timely decisions that will benefit the overall operation of the Work not only for the immediate present, but also in the years to come.**

memories of Hitler's Nazi regime that started World War II are still, understandably, very fresh for many. The magnitude of such shocking and appalling atrocities perpetrated throughout Europe simply cannot yet be forgotten.

### Right perspective

As we see such momentous events unfolding in Europe, it is important that we keep things in the right perspective. If we are not careful, it would be easy to

needs for the Work, and in terms of long-range plans and needs.

With the continually rising cost of living and doing business in the Los Angeles area, and inflation eating away the effectiveness of our yearly increase in income, decisions are going to have to be made that will enable the Work to continue to be done, and our employees to be able to make ends meet.

We simply cannot continue to expand at a pace that is greater (See **PERSONAL**, page 5)

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# After the wall: reality of German power

PASADENA—With the incredible events ushered in by the breaching of the Berlin Wall Nov. 9, now history, political leaders and geopolitical analysts around the world ask, almost in unison: "Where do we go from here?"

With one fell swoop, the most visible symbol of the division of Berlin, Germany and all of Europe lost its significance. Even more importantly, the issue of German reunification was thrust into everyone's consciousness. Will the two German states indeed unite? If so, when and—perhaps most importantly—under what conditions?

## Go-slow approach

Some answers were not long in coming. Almost immediately, the Soviet government urged a go-very-slow approach to speculations of German reunification.

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said such talk was causing "great anxiety" in the Soviet Union and parts of Eastern Europe. Soviet spokesman Genadi Gerasimov said that while Moscow conceded East Germany's right to change its form of government, it must maintain its "international obligations."



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

By this he meant the German Democratic Republic's membership in the Warsaw Pact, the alliance system that guarantees Soviet security interests on its western flank.

Polish leader Lech Walesa, on a trip to the United States, also urged restraint and patience. "We cannot make a mistake here," he answered when asked concerning reunifying Germany. "We have had enough of bad solutions. We should leave the political situation as it is now."

In the West, West Germany's partners in the European Community and NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) also expressed caution. Somehow the sight of jubilant Germans chopping away with pickaxes at the Berlin Wall doesn't translate into unrestrained joy in Paris or London. Nevertheless, the enhanced likelihood of

German reunification is having a definite impact in Western capitals. It is accelerating the drive to make sure that the European Community's (EC) plan for a greater European unity by 1992 and beyond succeeds.

This is largely out of concern (in some cases even fear) that unless West Germany is firmly locked into the EC's framework, it might be tempted to pursue the quest of unity according to its own national design.

West German officials emphatically deny such a possibility. One after another they assert there must be a European solution to the German question. German unity, they claim, is best achieved under a broader European roof with the nations of Central and Eastern Europe increasingly brought into the unification process.

that "Europeans must not frustrate German aspirations to unity. We've seen frustrated Germans before."

All the more reason, he continued, to "accelerate the pace of European construction despite the resistance of those countries that are . . . against the very concept of European union"—an obvious broadside against the policies of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain.

In the United States, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger also expressed concern over the rather cool to ambivalent reaction to the prospects of German reunification from official Washington circles.

Mr. Kissinger asserted that "reunification of Germany is now inevitable," even though he himself did not particularly welcome this outcome.

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Still, doubts linger, for understandable historical reasons.

Furthermore, European leaders claim it must now be up to them primarily, not the Americans and Soviets, to manage the rapidly changing situation on the Continent. For this reason they urgently convened an EC summit meeting two weeks before the Bush-Gorbachev shipboard summit Dec. 2 and 3, offshore Malta.

Serio Romano, an editorial writer for the Italian newspaper *La Stampa*, wrote that "the two superpowers will step back and a new space will be there to fill in. It is time for Europeans to fill that space."

But Mr. Romano also warned



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

# A new Europe dawns with Germany at center

BOREHAMWOOD, England—In 1983 I introduced a column about German reunification with the statement: "Three weeks is a long time in politics."

But in the present climate just a few days is a long time in the midst of the current restructuring of the political map of Europe.

The East German Politburo has resigned. And after 28 years, the Berlin Wall is all but down. The face of Europe has changed almost overnight, just as on Aug. 13, 1961, the wall shot up overnight.

With the reluctant blessing of the East German government, people are pouring through border checkpoints. The reaction? It is as one Cambridge professor commented, "The pace of events is now moving so fast that no one—Western governments—as much as the Kremlin—knows what to do."

## Governments losing control

Deposed East German leader Erich Honecker declared only 10 months ago, "The wall . . . will still stand in 50 or 100 years." And only hours before the wall had been all but dismantled, Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, said, "Any discussion of German reunification is premature."

Events are out of control. It is easy for leaders to get out of touch with what is happening in their own countries. The opening of the wall is a desperate gamble by East German leaders to regain control.

Europe is gathering steam. Leaders everywhere are searching for a way to react to a fast-moving *perestroika* (restructuring) in Eastern Europe. Hungary, then Poland, now the German Democratic Republic.

Even the West has been caught by surprise. Only days ago French President Francois Mitterrand said he "was not afraid of a reunited Germany."

But now suddenly the French defense minister "has rejected reunification as destabilizing." Events are easily outpacing carefully laid plans for European Community integration.

British reaction is also interesting. Leon Brittan, senior British EC commissioner, said, "Opposing reunification will make it more likely to occur in the form which we would least want."

Mr. Brittan was referring to "the setting up a new unified German state outside the community." The

British and French fear a new German state in close liaison with the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc.

But what about Soviet reaction? *Guardian* diplomatic editor Hella Pick reported that "even the Soviet Union has begun to accept that reunification is on the agenda once again."

Clearly restructuring is affecting everyone. After years of supporting the wall's existence, Chairman Mikhail Gorbachev expressed a new attitude on his visit to Bonn, West Germany, last summer. And as Ms. Pick observed: "It was the first hint of a message to Erich Honecker. That sooner, rather than later, even the GDR [German Democratic Republic] would have to embrace *perestroika*."

Then the Soviet leader followed with an even plainer statement on his visit to East Germany. He was ignored.

Playing the Eurogame is a dangerous pastime. The question is now being posed and reposed—what kind of Europe?

Veteran columnist Neal Ascherson observed in the Nov. 10 *Independent*: "It wasn't just the landscape of European politics that suddenly changed last night. It was the European cosmos."

"For most West Europeans now alive, the world has always ended at the East German border and the wall: Beyond lay darkness and demons. The opening of the frontiers declares that the world has no edge any more. Europe is becoming once more round and whole."

## Germany and the new Europe

This is indeed a historic watershed. As one Western diplomat described it, "It is the beginning of a new era." Also historian Paul Johnson has predicted that "the breakup of the Eastern bloc opens the way for the world dominance of greater Europe."

A new European world is in the making. And at the center of this new Europe is Germany. The core of Europe is Germany. It has been so much of the time for more than 100 years.

William Wallace wrote in the Oct. 29 edition of the *Sunday Times Magazine*, "From the unification of Germany in 1871 until its division in 1945, the central geopolitical position of the German state and the dynamism of its economy became the axis around

(See EUROPE, page 4)



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

# New kid on the block

My wife, Shirley, and I would like to introduce our "new kid on the block." Our fourth grandchild was born just after the Feast of Tabernacles.

A girl! Ashley Nicole was born Oct. 26 to our son Matthew and his wife, Ruth. Ashley weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Her brother, David, keeps waking her up with kisses. She is delicious. I call her my little Miss Sweetness.

Having grandchildren around you brings home the meaning of family. Holding this precious tiny granddaughter in my arms brings family values to mind.

The love and nurturing we give and get from each other—encouragement in times of stress, sacrifices willingly made for one another, the love that binds us together—all are certainly family values.

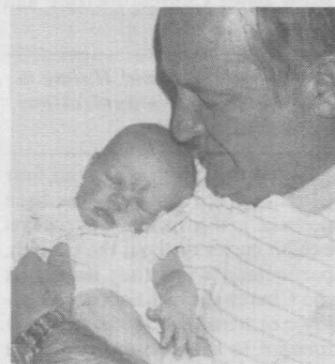
We know the importance of providing a safe, secure environment for our children. As I hold Ashley in my arms my heart cries for all the thousands of babies who don't even have a home to go to, let alone the spiritual blessings available to our children. They grow up on the streets, in abandoned buildings and under many other wretched circumstances. One child in every five lives in an environment below the poverty level.

One of the traditions of the Church of God is the blessing of little children (Mark 19:13, Mark 10:13-14; Luke 18:15-16). This year I was able to participate in the blessing of Ashley. There were 26 children blessed in the Auditorium P.M. congregation. Ashley was 9 days old—I'm sure the youngest there.

Since our two sons were born after my wife and I were in the Church, they received the blessing of children within their first year. My wife has told our youngest son, Matt, that if he hadn't received the blessing when he was just 15 days old, he probably wouldn't have made it through his first year. He

was always into something.

At 17 years old our eldest son, Nathan, was in an automobile accident. If he hadn't been thrown out of the car his head would have been sliced open by metal. The only markings he had on him were two handprints on his shoulders. To this day we firmly believe an angel pulled him from the car!



OPA & ASHLEY NICOLE

I hope all of God's people understand and appreciate this special gift God gives His family. I know my wife and I do and I'm sure there are many others with similar stories.

This is a special blessing during a time when these children are most helpless, innocent and susceptible to the evil influences and dangers that lurk in our society, to protect them from disease, dangers and accidents.

Unfortunately, some parents erroneously think this special blessing tends to exonerate them from a great deal of their personal responsibility as far as their children are concerned. This isn't so. I've always felt since our children are sanctified and set apart, our responsibility is even greater.

In Proverbs 22:6 we are admonished to train our children in the way they should go. This means to instruct, teach, guide, direct.

Again in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 we're admonished to teach God's way diligently to our children. It is

our God-given duty to work with these infants so that they can escape the pitfalls of this world. This shows what kind of Gods we're going to be in relation to how we are teaching and rearing our children.

In II Timothy 1:5 the Apostle Paul brings out the importance of Timothy's grandmother and mother in teaching Timothy. Their unfeigned sincere faith was found in Timothy too.

In II Timothy 3:13 we're warned that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse. Verse 14 encourages us to continue in the things that we've learned. As parents we need to set the example of walking and talking with God. As Mr. Tkach said in his introduction to the blessing service this year, "to be devoted parents, not delinquent parents."

A couple of weeks before the Sabbath of the blessing of children, my wife was talking to a young man who had become a father four weeks before. She commented to him, "You must be quite excited for your son with the blessing ceremony coming up."

The new father looked at her with an odd expression on his face. He commented that he and his wife weren't too sure they were going to go since they'd heard there was a bit of sickness going around.

My wife, in her usual zest, started telling him how she firmly believed this wasn't just a ceremony that happens to be a nice tradition in the Church. She went on to tell him stories of our two sons where there was definitely divine intervention in episodes in their lives.

After she finished, the young man sat back and a smile came on his face. "I've never heard a testimony such as this about the blessing of the children. I really didn't realize the significance of it."

While we in God's Church are all for family and family values, do we really value families? There are no praises and no blessings for those who do not give their families the time and attention they should. God cares for all his children.

I once read an anonymous poem that says:

I saw tomorrow marching  
On little children's feet;  
Within their forms and faces read  
Her prophecy complete.  
I saw tomorrow look at me  
From little children's eyes;  
And thought how carefully we'd teach

If we were really wise.

We have seen the future, brethren. Our children are the future.

# History passes into legend when Vladimir Horowitz dies

By Michael Snyder  
PASADENA—World-renowned pianist Vladimir Horowitz, 85, died Nov. 5, and a portion of Ambassador Auditorium's history passed into legend.

Michael A. Snyder is assistant director of Communications & Public Affairs.

Mr. Horowitz was considered by many to be the supreme pianist of the 20th century, and, at his death, he was preparing to record a new album. During his lifetime he received awards for his cultural contributions, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and more than 20 Grammy Awards.

## Ambassador experiences

First appearing during the Ambassador Foundation's second season, Mr. Horowitz performed five times in the Ambassador Auditorium from 1976 to 1983. The foundation also provided funding for the television transmission of Mr. Horowitz's performances in Moscow in April, 1986.

## For the record

The photograph of the Jacmel, Haiti, Feast site on page 5 of the Nov. 13 *Worldwide News* was wrongly credited to Wesley Webster. Romel Blanc was the photographer.

## Wall

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Most importantly, he warned, the United States cannot afford to be seen by West Germans as opposing reunification.

## Emphasis on economies

Over the immediate months and initial few years ahead, the gradual melding together of the two German states will largely be done in the economic arena.

It will certainly take some time

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When Mr. Horowitz first appeared in the Auditorium in February, 1976, his performances were greeted with enthusiasm and excitement from patrons and music reviewers alike. The Feb. 22 performance (which began according to Mr. Horowitz's custom at precisely 4 p.m.) was his first in Southern California in nearly a quarter of a century.

After his second concert (which began at 4 p.m. the next Sunday), a Los Angeles *Times* article said: "Can the virtually perfect become more perfect? Impossible as it may seem, the answer to the last is apparently yes."

The article reported that at the conclusion of the concert, "the crowd roared with irrepressible excitement."

The Pasadena *Star-News* added that the 1976 performances "staggered the sell-out Ambassador crowd."

Mr. Horowitz performed at Ambassador in 1982 and 1983, again to sell-out crowds who came to hear the man who was described as bringing controlled thunder to the piano.

Mr. Horowitz "mesmerized people with the subtlety and great care with which he performed," said evangelist David Hulme, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation, who was present at Mr. Horowitz's 1983 performances. "The acoustics of the Auditorium offered an excellent setting for his

unique style and mannerisms."

## The human side of genius

In addition to his recognized brilliance at the piano, Mr. Horowitz also had a gentle human side that many working at the Ambassador Auditorium recalled.

"He was a very charming man to us at the Auditorium, but one who insisted on being precise in order to present the best possible performance," said Kevin Gardner, manager of the Auditorium. "I remember once when he spent several minutes checking the acoustics of the Auditorium, going to each corner of the stage and listening intently on how sound traveled."

"Many possibly don't know why [Mr.] Horowitz insisted on performing at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoons," said William Weimhoff, booking manager for the foundation.

"Mr. Horowitz felt that the music he played was complex and challenging, and he wanted people to be in the right frame of mind to appreciate it. He felt that by Sunday afternoon, most people had had enough time to relax and clear their minds from the rigors of the week before, and were physically and



PASSING OF AN ERA—Pianist Vladimir Horowitz, who performed at the Ambassador Auditorium five times, died Nov. 5 at the age of 85. [Photo by Scott Smith]

mentally prepared to fully enjoy the music."

One of the few exceptions to the Sunday performance rule was granted to Ambassador in 1983, "something very rarely done," Mr. Weimhoff said.

## A night at the movies

Jack Taulbee acted as a chauffeur for the Horowitzes during the 1983 performances.

Mr. Taulbee, who now works backstage at the Auditorium, said: "He was very gentle and sensitive. He could yell and shout at something that wasn't going right, but

then he would turn and wink and nod like he was saying 'don't worry.'"

After one of his performances in the Auditorium, Mr. Horowitz asked Mr. Taulbee whether he and Mr. Taulbee's wife, Debra, would like to go to a late movie with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Taulbee later went shopping with Mr. Horowitz and were asked to attend another movie with both Mr. and Mrs. Horowitz after his last performance at Ambassador. "How often do you have an opportunity like that?" Mr. Taulbee said. "He was a unique individual. I'll never forget him."

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

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

### Returning to Church

I was raised in the Worldwide Church of God in the 60s and 70s. Then I turned away and went my own way. Now I wish to learn more and put the knowledge into practice in my life. A person cannot run away from God's calling because God doesn't give up.

Phoenix, Ariz.

At one time in my life I was deeply involved in Church activities. At that time I was much younger than I am now—23. I remember so vividly the wonderful times I had while being part of God's Church. I remember when I played basketball for the YOU and how I loved attending services and playing basketball at Ambassador; the happy clean, wonderful fun of enjoying a YOU dance or sock hop... You see, shortly after all the amazing, wonderful things I had experienced in the Church, I turned from God [and began] running in gangs, using drugs, robbing and stealing for no real apparent reason. I felt as though I was being forced to Church by my father, and I no longer wanted any part of it. I was 14 years old at the time, the only child, wild and full of adventure. But adventure soon turned to remorse, and as a youth, I hurt countless people in the process... I realize I came close to death several times. I realize God had to be the One who was protecting me. I'm so happy that even though I'm in a jail cell now with violence continually going on around me and sexual perversion one couldn't imagine... I realize one day I'll be a member of God's Church and a faithful follower of His Word.

Name and address withheld

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### Correspondence students

I am writing to express to you my sincere and wholehearted gratitude for having offered me an opportunity to study your highly valuable and unique Bible Correspondence Course that I have just finished. I hope strongly that the knowledge I have acquired through this course will be of great use and help to me and to others spiritually.

Already I must honestly say that I am not that person who started lesson one

four to five years ago. I am a different person altogether now. Spiritually, I feel I am mature. I am more confident of myself than I used to be. When a problem comes I face it more boldly because of the great faith I have gained. For all this I must again say thank you very much.

Perhaps, before I conclude, I should say that I need your personal teaching—feeding from the mother much more than anything else now. May God make this possible.

Bungoma, Kenya

Well, I do not have words which I could use in describing the way I am pushing on with the Correspondence Course lessons. Again I ask myself, why don't the churches teach the Bible the way you teach it? Had all religions taught the Bible the way you teach, then frankly we would have only one true Church of God instead of these numerous religions.

As I have found the lessons very encouraging, I do not waste time as soon as I receive them. I first pray to God to open my mind and imbue me with His... wisdom in order to learn His Word. Then I begin studying lesson by lesson and answering each lesson after reading it. I leave no stone unturned. I look up every Biblical reference to prove the facts and consequently I hardly forget them.

As a result of these sweet lessons, I have introduced a friend who is a religionist, and you recently sent him lessons 1-4, and now he is studying them. Again there is one I shall soon introduce to your College for the Course.

Be blessed in the Lord.

Eldoret, Kenya

### Save the broadcast

I have just heard the announcement on Radio Pacific that the *World Tomorrow* Sunday evening broadcasts are coming to an end. Please, you can't do this to us. It is part of our Sunday and a very necessary part in this world gone mad to help us understand the reason why, and I find the explanation of the Bible and prophecies easy to understand.

I sincerely hope you get... letters that will help you change your mind and carry on the programme that has kept me company at tea time for so long. It always gives me food for thought.

Auckland, New Zealand

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### Cards do help

I have just finished reading the touching article about Mrs. Jarvis in *The Worldwide News*. As I was reading the article I began to reflect on several trials in my own life. Then I read where "During her [Mrs. Jarvis'] trial, she... received almost 2,000 cards from Church members."

Since I have been a Church member I, too, have received a constant string of cards and letters from Church members. These cards and letters do serve the purpose. You see, I have been incarcerated in the Alabama prison system the entire time of my Church membership. I was baptized in March of 1983, and the brethren have faithfully written unto me since then.

I know how grateful Mrs. Jarvis must have felt to know that she has such a wonderful Family (God's) behind her in all her trials.

The inspiring and cheerful letters from the brethren keep me picked up and renewed.

So at this time I want to thank you and all the brethren for your support toward us who are in difficult trials and situations. My gratitude, my thanks and my love for all that you do.

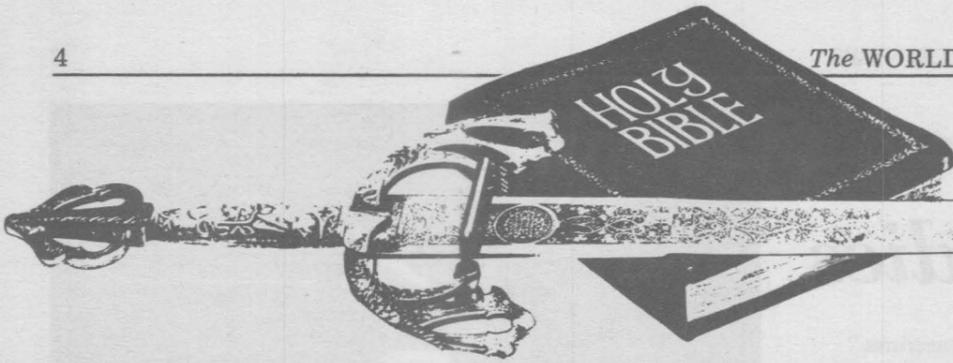
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## Annual Receipts

PASADENA—The Mail Processing Center plans to mail 1989 annual receipts to members in the United States in mid-January. They will be mailed first class and should arrive at most homes by the end of January.

All U.S. donations must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be eligible for a 1989 receipt. Contributions mailed after that time will be posted on 1990 records.

Anyone in the United States who has not received his or her receipt by the first week in February should telephone Mail Processing. The toll-free number is 1-800-423-4444. Ask for Donation File. Please call during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time). This information cannot be given over the phone, but Mail Processing will send you another copy of your receipt.



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Christmas season is no time to cause unnecessary offense

By Clayton Steep

What a comedown! Almost immediately after the wonderful, inspiring Feast of Tabernacles, the majority of God's people, back in their normal routines, are confronted with the beginnings of the world's celebration of Christmas.

Clayton Steep is a regular contributor to The Good News.

The goings-on are all around us. It wouldn't be too difficult to ignore the trappings—the colored lights, the tinsel trees, the decorations and displays. But, the problem is that the people we come in contact with are so caught up in it all.

These range from the clerk at the grocery store to neighbors to people where we work to close relatives. To them Christmas is important. It is the biggest celebration of the year.

It's not that they are necessarily concentrating on the religious aspect of the day, although some do. For most people this is an occasion for parties, family get-togethers, giving some thought to peace and goodwill, strengthening relationships with gift exchanges or at least maintaining a once-a-year contact by sending cards.

Christmas offers something to almost everyone. That's why it is so much a part of Western civilization. Children, adults, retailers, advertisers, the wealthy, the poor, the married, the single, the sentimental, the sincerely religious, non-Christians, even agnostics—they can all find some reason to participate in the festivities. The whole society is involved.

That's why anyone who has nothing to do with the Christmas celebration tends to stand out like a sore thumb. To make matters worse, the world has invented a caricature to ridicule those who don't join in the merriment: Scrooge! And more recently, the Grinch.

How can we as members of God's Church avoid some of the problems normally associated with this occasion and our relationship with people around us? It is an important question because, in some situations, a whole year's worth of effort

to avoid causing unneeded offense can be unnecessarily damaged because of one day.

### Unnecessary offense

We must not cause unnecessary offense. The key word is *unnecessary*. We must not compromise God's way with the world and its ways. Nor should we put a basket over our light. We are to let our light shine.

But we don't have to create un-



necessary problems for ourselves. Jesus did not say our job as individual Christians is to focus a glaring spotlight on the deeds of the world. Whenever that is done, it should be done by the spokesmen God has chosen for that job.

Notice in Matthew 5:16 what your light as a Christian should do. Your light should enable others to see—not first and foremost their evil works, but—"your good works."

That light, as of a lamp, will, of course, expose the surrounding works of darkness (Ephesians 5:8-11) just by virtue of the illumination it gives off and the contrast between the light and the darkness.

But it does not as its primary purpose put the entire focus on isolated sections of the "works of darkness," calling attention to them and making a bigger issue out of them than is necessary.

This distinction may be subtle, but it is nevertheless vital to understanding how a Christian should conduct himself or herself in relation to the world. Let's see how this principle applies to explaining to

others why we as Christians do not observe Christmas.

Since, as we have seen, people are involved in Christmas observance at so many different levels, what we say to them about the subject—or if we say anything at all—will depend on the individuals with whom we are dealing. Let them be the ones to determine what you are going to say or with what detail you answer any questions.

The whole matter is not a question of hiding the truth, it is a question of dispensing it with wisdom and tact.

Think of it this way. When you sit down in a restaurant during the Days of Unleavened Bread you don't launch into a tirade against leaven and sin. If you wonder about a particular item on the menu, you may ask if it has leavening in it. If it does, you don't order it.

In most cases that will be the end of the matter. But let us say the waiter or waitress questions you as to why you are avoiding leaven. Then is when you need to do some explaining.

You explain to whatever extent is required to satisfy curiosity. You leave the door open a crack for further inquiry however. But you let the decision as to whether and how far to proceed rest with the other party. Meanwhile your overall conduct "preaches" by being an exam-

ple of how a Christian should live.

### Wisdom and tact

The cashier at the grocery store may mumble "Merry Christmas" as he hands you your purchase. There may be nothing personal in it at all. You are probably the 100th person that day to whom he has said it and he may or may not care whether you respond.

If you feel a response is called for, a simple "thank you" may be sufficient. Or you might try "Where did this last year go?" or "It's hard to believe it's that time of the year again." By that time the cashier is thinking about the next customer.

For other people some kind of explanation of your position may be called for. Often it is possible to offer an adequate explanation without even getting into the religious aspect.

"Christmas is a commercial season. Even people who take part in it say it is a tiresome hassle. I give gifts anytime during the year that I want to show love—not just at Christmas. I believe in peace and goodwill all year long."

There is no need to create a religious issue where one does not exist. Christmas is important to most people for sentimental—not religious—reasons. It is just not a religious issue to them. Any serious thought of Jesus occupies only a little part of the festivities.

But suppose a situation arises where you are in fact questioned about the religious aspect of Christmas. Members living with non-members are especially likely to face this situation.

No need to give a sermonette. Just answer the questions according

to the level of the person's interest. "No one knows the date of Christ's birth. If God intended us to observe it, the Bible would tell us when it was. If anyone can show me in the Bible that we ought to observe Christmas, I will do it!"

This shifts the burden of proof away from you. And it doesn't directly accuse the person you are talking to either. Call attention to your conduct and personal behavior rather than shining a glaring spotlight on the non-Christian origins of the celebration.

Remember that most people just grew up keeping Christmas. It's not that they willfully chose to follow these customs. They just never thought to question what they are doing. So to come at them with a lecture accusing them of the worship of pagan deities is not the way to handle this matter on a personal basis.

Avoid giving the origin of Christmas and its customs more emphasis than is necessary. And if the subject does come up, *non-Christian* is a better word than *pagan* or *heathen*. For example: "The Bible tells us not to worship Jesus Christ with non-Christian customs. If you doubt non-Christian customs are involved, check any large encyclopedia."

While Christians are not to take part in Christmas, let's take care not to cause unneeded offense because of it. If the world is going to persecute us, let it persecute us for our good works, not because we bring persecution on ourselves by lack of wisdom and tact. (Be sure to review the guidelines for specific situations in chapter four of *The Plain Truth About Christmas*.)

### Contributes to Dutch heritage

## His work is run of the mill

By John Halford

HOLLAND, Mich.—Jaap de Blecourt has a run-of-the-mill kind of job—he manages a working windmill at Windmill Island Municipal Park, the main tourist attraction here.

John Halford is associate producer of The World Tomorrow.

Mr. de Blecourt and his wife, Charlotte, attend the Grand Rapids, Mich., church.

Windmill Island Park was developed as a tribute to the Dutch heritage in America. It has an authentic canal drawbridge, replicas of buildings of old Holland and gift shops filled with Dutch souvenirs—you can even get yourself fitted for a pair of wooden shoes (*klompen*).

But the star attraction and Mr. de Blecourt's pride and joy is the windmill De Zwaan (the Swan)—the only operating Dutch windmill open to the public in the United States.

### Authentic windmill

De Zwaan is an authentic 225-year-old windmill. Most of the timber is original, brought piece by piece from the Netherlands in 1964 and reassembled in Windmill Park.

De Zwaan stands as high as a 12-story building and is in full working order. Only a few of the working parts had to be replaced.

The windmill is a sophisticated example of technology for its time and the machinery to operate the

mill is surprisingly complicated.

Mr. de Blecourt took me to the top of De Zwaan to show me the massive wooden gears that transmit the power of the huge sails to the two grindstones. Each grindstone weighs two tons. A capstan at the gallery level allows the miller to keep the sails facing into the wind.

Mr. de Blecourt explained that in the old days a miller had to be ready to work as soon as a wind sprang

up—day or night. With a 20-mile-an-hour wind, De Zwaan can grind several tons of grain a day.

The nine tons of whole wheat graham flour produced each year are sold to visitors in two-pound bags.

### Life's work

Mr. de Blecourt, a native of Groningen, Netherlands, who emigrated to the United States in 1958, and his American-born wife, Charlotte, have made Windmill Island Park their life's work. He was hired as a gardener when the project was first conceived.

"When the original manager left after one year I stayed on to manage the project—on gardener's wages," Mr. de Blecourt said.

When Windmill Island Park began the site was little more than a swampy wasteland. The first years were hard and Mr. de Blecourt worked hundreds of hours of unpaid overtime.

"But I believed in the project," he explained. "I had vision of what could be done. I knew that if we persisted we could make a go of it."

Windmill Island receives several hundred visitors a day in the summer. Mr. de Blecourt said that the city of Holland plans to develop the site further, including excavating a system of canals and constructing an authentic 17th-century Dutch farmhouse.

The canals have been dug, reflecting a Dutch countryside. Building on the Dutch house and barn will begin next spring.



THE SWAN—Jaap de Blecourt, who attends the Grand Rapids, Mich., church, manages this windmill at Windmill Island Municipal Park in Holland, Mich.

## Europe

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which European politics revolved."

Mr. Wallace continued, "Lift the Iron Curtain only a little and the question of Germany again becomes central." Trouble is the Curtain has been lifted a lot.

But Germany continues to be "the issue over which the Cold War began" and is "still the key issue which has to be successfully managed before Western and Eastern Europe can give way again to Europe as a whole."

Change is inevitable. It is the one constant in the physical universe. Humankind must manage change properly. But all too often it manages us. Events get out of control. We find ourselves reacting rather than planning and managing.

Some believe that eastward expansion of the European Community is the key to managing Germany. Mr. Johnson wrote in the

Nov. 11 *Spectator*: "Within the context of this expansion, it should be possible to tackle, and finally resolve, the historic problem of Germany. Germany was always too big and powerful, the Germans too industrious and numerous, to play a limited role in Central Europe. Therein lay the origin of two world wars."

Mr. Johnson foresees a "unified Germany within the supranational constraints and in the context of a communal decision-making of the EEC."

But we have seen in the past days and weeks what an aroused German people can do. Their political energy is simply awesome. Successfully managing a reunited Germany back into the political fabric of Europe is a monumental challenge indeed. Is the European Community up to it?

A headline in *The Times* encapsulates the feelings of not a few observers: "Big Germany and Little Brussels."

# Editorial employees share experiences at 1989 Festival

Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, asked Editorial staff members to share the following Feast experiences.

**Dan Taylor:** The Feast in Ireland was a relaxing experience for me. The serenity of peaceful, rural greenery was quite refreshing.

However, upon reflection, it was the people I enjoyed the most. The Irish are colorful conversationalists—perhaps there's something to the Blarney Stone after all. In Ireland, it doesn't just rain, one has a "soft day." And it's not just a nice day, it's a "grand day."

I'm thankful for the knowledge that this world, with its pain and turmoil, will soon be a grand place in which to live.

**Marjorie Desgrosseilliers:** My two sisters, Amanda and Fiona Kerr, were laying out on Poipu Beach on the Hawaiian island of Kauai one afternoon when suddenly the light from the sun disappeared (or so they thought).

Mandy said that she looked up and saw the tallest man she had ever seen in her life: "He seemed to go on and on forever and never quit!"

When he finally sat down one towel over from them, Fiona exclaimed: "Hey! That's Kareem Abdul-Jabbar!" And sure enough, it was the former professional basketball star.

**Peter Moore:** Why did the waiter come back three times and ask me what was the aperitif I ordered? Was he new at the job? Was I that unclear?

And after all, a dry vermouth on the rocks is quite a well-known drink around the world, including Pasadena, where I remained this year to be host for friends from England.

The first time he came, he asked me what was it again I wanted; the second time, did I want red or white; the third, did I want it on the rocks. He was a pleasant waiter, easy to like, but by the third time I was making some judgments.

Then soon after, he told me that he had flown to San Francisco and back twice that week to clean up what was left of his parents' rental

property in the Marina area, the section devastated by fire after the earthquake, and so he wasn't quite with it.

Making judgments is almost automatic. Making negative ones certainly so. This incident graphically helped remind me of the principle of not judging according to appearance.

**Brynda Chalaris:** The section of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge that collapsed during the earthquake looked like a broken toy.

After the Feast, as our Boeing 727 passed over the bridge and landed at the San Francisco airport, the magnitude of the earthquake finally struck me.

Although we had intently watched news coverage of the damage and casualties, the reality of seeing just a portion of the destruction was sobering.

As our connecting flight took off from San Francisco bound for Pasadena, I snatched another look at the bridge. I hope I always remember that nothing that man has built cannot be destroyed—even in 15 seconds.

**Tim Finlay:** One of the biggest kicks I got at the Feast came from fellowshiping with so many people from diverse backgrounds.

There was a special enthusiasm from first-time visitors to Pasadena, and this generated an extra bonding element in our conversations.

I particularly remember two elderly women from North Carolina. They knew well one of my best friends, a graduate, and soon we were talking as if we had known each other all our lives.

It helped illustrate to me what a tight-knit community the Church is, and how much of what really matters we have in common.

**Norman Shoaf:** My wife, Pamela, and I enjoyed the warmth of the brethren at the Freeport, Bahamas, site.

We were especially struck by the wonderful diversity of peoples from all races and walks of life whom God has called into his Church.

The variety of age groups was

interesting: With us was our 5-month-old daughter, Lillian Kay, one of the youngest Feastgoers there, but we also had the pleasure of meeting the oldest member at the Feast, Lorenzo Sears, 87, from the island of Exuma.

Mr. Sears, a vegetable farmer, tackled the hotel stairs with as much gusto as anyone else and noted that the man who baptized him in 1965, Ronald Kelly, is now one of the *World Tomorrow* presenters.

**Richard Sedliacik:** The Feast gives us an excellent chance to contrast our present world with

the coming world tomorrow.

After the Feast in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., I traveled to Chicago, Ill. While in Chicago, I visited the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

From the visitors gallery above the trading floor, one can see from 3,400 to 4,000 individuals on the floor engaged in various activities—some in the trading pits shouting out buy and sell orders, others manning the hundreds of telephones and computer terminals.

An array of display panels shows the constantly changing values of currencies, stocks, bonds and commodities.

The frenzied activity on the trading floor, with individuals out to get as much as possible, provided a stark contrast to the attitude of service—the way of give—that permeated the Feast.

**Rolfe H. Jones:** One activity in Malta was a Novelty Swim Meet

in a sea-filled, Olympic-size pool.

It was amazing to watch the contestants as they tried to swim across the pool with straw hats on their heads, while trying to push a ball with their nose. It was as if the straw hats were moving across the pool at will, with minds of their own.

**Lori West:** Before the Feast in France my husband, David, and I toured Paris. While on the Champs-Elysees a French couple stopped us and the man asked my husband in French where the Champs-Elysees was.

He answered in French, "You are on the Champs-Elysees." Then he asked where the Arc de Triomphe was. My husband pointed down the street and said, "At the end of the street."

While walking away, we both chuckled about how funny it was that an American tourist gave directions to a native Frenchman.

## PERSONAL

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than the income that is coming in. Even our current 4.3 percent increase, for which we are deeply grateful and thankful, is barely keeping pace with inflation, much less permitting expansion and growth.

For the short-range and long-range good of the Work, I have to look for even more ways to economize and streamline so that we can continue to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible.

### Wise stewards

I believe God gives us what we need to do the best job we can. But we must look to him in faith to lead us to find the most effective means of using the finances he makes available. He expects us to be wise and prudent stewards of what he gives us.

All of us at headquarters need your continued and heartfelt prayers for God's guidance and inspiration in making wise and timely decisions that will benefit the overall operation of the Work not only for the immediate present, but also in the years to come.

It may be that some of these decisions will not be popular, but as God leads, I must follow. I take the responsibility God has

given me very seriously.

Sometimes doing what is right and best is not what is popular. But that is part and parcel with responsibility. God did not give me this job so that I could please everyone, but so that I could look to him to lead me in doing what is best for the Work.

And I know that whatever God has in store, it will be another exciting and inspiring step forward for his Work!

So remember me, and all of us here in Pasadena, in your prayers. Pray that God will show

the way and give all of us the courage to put the needs of the calling and Work He has given us above our own personal feelings.

My prayers are with all of you daily. Thank you deeply for your wonderful words of strength and support in the cards and letters so many have sent.

There is much work yet ahead. And we all have much growth yet ahead. With the hope and strength of God's Spirit enabling us, we will finish all that is set before us!

## Coverage

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try to convert you or invite you to church, and it doesn't want your money."

The same paper (which is part of the national *USA Today* Gannett chain) ran an editorial about the Church on the first Holy Day that included this comment: "The largest group yet to bring its annual meeting to Pensacola, the Church is an especially welcome convention because its people represent American family life at its best."

Coverage was not limited to the United States. Canada had an increase over last year, while newspapers at British sites printed large sections of our press release. The

Australian Regional Office also reported positive coverage.

As a result of the Festival public affairs program, the National Public Radio station in Anchorage, Alaska, ran a positive story about *The World Tomorrow*. (Information about the television program is included in the Festival press kit.)

The Los Angeles *Daily News*, the second-largest newspaper in the Los Angeles area, reported: "The Worldwide Church of God believes in a literal reading of the Bible. While Christian, it observes a Saturday Sabbath and many Jewish holy days, including Passover. After a Day of Atonement, the climax of the biblical season is the Feast of Tabernacles, which depicts the time Jesus will establish a world government referred to in the Bible as the Kingdom of God."

# Children's Corner

## Mike's Secret

By Vivian Pettijohn

Michael Harris, almost 7 years old, frowned. What should he do? Everyone had already gone back into school after lunch, so he had to walk by himself past Willie, the sixth-grade bully, to get back inside his classroom.

When Willie glanced up at a car in the street, Mike ducked into the building's shadow, hoping Willie would leave him alone.

When the gray car stopped next to the playground fence, Willie ran toward it. When he reached the driver's window he showed the driver something in an envelope. Was it money? Was Willie buying something?

Then the man in the car handed Willie a small brown sack. What was in it? And why did Willie and the man keep looking around as though they hoped no one saw them? When both looked away, Mike crept out of the

shadows and ran into the school.

Mike tried to forget about the scary incident that afternoon, but it was hard to think about what the teacher was saying. After the closing bell, Mike grabbed his jacket and books and hurried out the door, hoping to avoid Willie. But, as he walked outside the building, there was Willie—waiting for him.

"All right, punk," Willie said. "I saw you hiding in the shadow. You spied on me when I picked up that drug stuff for my big brother, didn't you? Well, that little deal is our secret, you hear? If I find out you told anyone, I'll make trouble for you, you understand?"

Mike slowly nodded his head. Alone since he didn't find Jeff or Kathy Winfield to walk with, Mike felt afraid.

"Hi, Mike," his mother called

cheerily as he walked in the back door at home. "How was first grade today? Anything special happen?"

"Hi, Mommy—and Gina," Mike answered without smiling. "Well, something did happen, but I can't tell you about it. It's a secret."

Gina, his 4-year-old sister, skipped around the room, saying in a singsong voice. "Mike's got a secret, Mike's got a secret. Tell us what it is. I like secrets."

"I can't," Mike answered as he turned to leave the room.

"Mike," Mother asked, "who told you to keep this secret?"

She was concerned. Mike seemed uneasy and unhappy.

"Well, Mommy," said Mike, who really did wish he could tell. "Today I saw Willie—he's that school bully I told you about. He did something he doesn't want me to tell to anyone.

He said it's our secret."

"Honey," Mother explained, "when someone tells you something that is not good, and tells you not to tell anyone—you should be able to tell us about it. Too often keeping secrets can lead to trouble."

As Mother, Mike and Gina sat together on the living room sofa, Mike described what he had seen at school.

"You did the right thing, telling me," Mother said. "I'll call your teacher about this."

When Mrs. Harris called the school, Mike's teacher told her that Willie had already been suspended from school because teachers had suspected his involvement with drugs, and Mr. Roberts in Room 12 had also seen the lunchtime incident. There would be no trouble for Mike.

"Thanks, Mommy," Mike said. "I'm glad I was supposed to tell you."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

API, Jesse and Bethann (Mattson), of North Hollywood, Calif., boy, Jonathan Blaine, Oct. 31, 6:12 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

BAKER, Tim and Connie (Keller), of Pasadena, boy, Steven Robert Aaron, Sept. 10, 2:31 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BARLOTTA, Gary and Elesia (Weppler), of Wetaskwin, Alta., boy, Nicholas Joseph, Oct. 17, 11:10 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BLAKE, Wayne and Rosella (Roof), of Genoa, Ill., boy, Nathan Bradley, Sept. 28, 6:48 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

BRINCKMAN, Thad and Ella (Cox), of Michigan City, Ind., boy, Austin Lyle, Aug. 22, 8:57 a.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CACHIA, Alfred and Yvonne (Bonnici), of Sydney, Australia, girl, Jessica Louise, Sept. 3, 8:05 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CLARE, Ian and Elizabeth (Fisher), of Bendigo, Australia, boy, Rory Daniel, Aug. 5, 7 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

COCOMISE, Jim and Cheryl (Sutton), of Chicago, Ill., girl, Lauren Ann, June 29, 4:45 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

COLE, Ricki and Laura (Diaz), of Pasadena, boy, Jedd Sterling, Sept. 4, 12:01 a.m., 4 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

COOK, Lane and Tammy (Smith), of Winston-Salem, N.C., boy, Mitchell Blake, Sept. 28, 7:49 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

CRIPPEN, Philip and Ramona (Clarke), of Pasadena, boy, Philip IX, Oct. 6, 7:05 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

CULBERT, James Jr. and Rachel (Edwards), of Carrigahong, Ireland, boy, David William, Aug. 24, 12:35 p.m., 6 pounds, now 2 boys.

ERVIN, Michael and Suzie (Marcum), of Bellevue, Wash., girl, Brandi LeNae, Sept. 24, 10:16 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

FARNSWORTH, Andy and Becky (Baugh), of Pine Bluff, Ark., boy, Cody Pierce, Aug. 14, 9:09 a.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

FRAMPTON, Ed and Christine (Pendry), of Altadena, Calif., boy, Robert George, Sept. 20, 9:43 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

FUENTES, George and Tracy (Keyser), of Pasadena, boy, Damien Anthony, Oct. 9, 12:25 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GOFF, Bill and Marie (Pasetto), of Brick, N.J., boy, Jesse Peter, Aug. 11, 2:47 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 6 boys, 1 girl.

GUNNOE, Dale and Debbie (Garrison), of Beckley, W.Va., boy, Austin Lee, April 13, 6:01 p.m., 5 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

HASTIE, Brian and Joan (McHale), of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., boy, Timothy Brian, Oct. 18, 10:28 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KEESE, Darwin and MaryAnn (LePage), of Lee's Summit, Mo., boy, Herschel Lawrence Devon, Oct. 20, 2:36 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

KLASSEK, John and Rebecca (Kay), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Donna Renee, Oct. 24, 12:28 p.m., 9 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

KOSLOSKI, Joey and Cindy (Wilburn), of Memphis, Tenn., girl, Ashley Michelle, Aug. 30, 2 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

KROEKER, Willy and Gertie (Fehr), of Abbotford, B.C., boy, William Abram, Sept. 15, 8:14 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

LINN, David and Debra (MacKellar), of Arlington, Tex., twin boys, Craig Matthew and Christopher Harold, Sept. 17, 1:50 and 2:01 a.m., 4 pounds 3 ounces, first children.

MAHLO, Phil and Susie (Sivlis), of Independence, Kan., boy, Andrew Joseph, Sept. 1, 2:53 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MCQUOID, Tim and Tammy (Sanders), of Pasadena, girl, Cassandra Beth, Oct. 8, 9:27 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MIGL, Aaron and Madeline (Dornak), of Victoria, Tex., boy, Aaron Wayne, Sept. 12, 12:16 a.m., 9 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MIKULASKO, Edward and Joyce (Fletcher), of Trenton, N.J., girl, Mary Christine, Sept. 15, 10:09 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 girls.

MILLS, Rudolph and Angela (Henry), of Castries, St. Lucia, girl, Kimbely Tanisha Marie, Sept. 24, 5:30 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MUEHLMAN, Steven and Rebecca (Weaver), of Columbia, Mo., girl, Cheryl Leigh, Oct. 12, 12:55 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

OBENLAND, James and Linda (Narozny), of Libertyville, Ill., girl, Amanda Lynn, Sept. 21, 5:50 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PARISI, Robert and Lorri (Cole), of Stephentown, N.Y., girl, Alysia Marie, Sept. 11, 12:31 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PROFFITT, Bill and Nicole (Grenier), of Frankfurt, West Germany, boy, William Emile Drake, July 10, 8:19 a.m., 10 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

RAGETH, Randy and Gale (Kifer), of St. Paul, Minn., girl, Amy Caroline, Oct. 27, 1:43 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RANDALL, David and Mary (Gelin-Ladenburg), of Kallispell, Mont., boy, Nathan Ray, July 2, 12:45 a.m., 9 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys.

RILEY, Hargrow and Margaretta (Pollard), of Portland, Ore., girl, Margaret Rose II, Sept. 28, 5:48 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RINDAHL, Louie and Kathryn (Hawkins), of

Bonnyville, Alta., girl, Suzzanna Daune, Sept. 28, 10:07 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 4 girls.

ROBERTS, Graham and Tracey (Pritchard), of Gloucester, England, boy, Leigh Jon, Sept. 9, 7:28 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

RUSK, Noel and Erin (Posegay), of Alexandria, La., girl, Sydney Alexis, July 13, 4:08 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SALVA, Thomas and Mary-Carmen (DuBois), of Springfield, Mass., girl, Susanna Quintina, Aug. 5, 2:57 a.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

SCHUTZ, John and Annette (Branch), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Katelyn Louise, Aug. 20, 7:59 a.m., 10 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

SIMONSON, Eric and Sheryl (Gauden), of Westby, Wis., boy, Jon Robert, Sept. 16, 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

THOMAS, Joel and Shelly (Roessler), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, Spencer Keith, July 31, 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

TURNER, Daniel and Connie (Newcomb), of Columbus, Ind., girl, Olivia Danielle, Oct. 28, 3:25 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

WALKER, John and Florence (Frew), of Ballymena, Northern Ireland, boy, Ryan John, Sept. 5, 10:20 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WARE, Ron and Kelly (Seaborn), of Fayetteville, Ark., boy, Jed Seaborn, Aug. 9, 10:30 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

WEGNER, Marvin and Paula (Barr), of Altadena, Calif., girl, Hannah Jean, Aug. 18, 3:33 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WHITNEY, David and Yvonne (Brodeur), of Concord, N.H., girl, Kristen Anne, Sept. 20, 10 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

WOOD, Steve and Ramona (Karels), of El Dorado, Ark., girl, Marian Candice, Oct. 2, 7:55 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

YOUNG, Bruce and Vickie (Weathers), of Vancouver, Wash., boy, Benjamin Alex, Sept. 20, 8:45 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 4 boys.

YOUNG, Ronald and Elizabeth of Albany, N.Y., girl, AnnaLeigh Elizabeth, Sept. 26, 10:10 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cole of Jefferson, Ore., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Debbie to Randall Kenneth Scharpen of Portland, Ore. A March 25 wedding in Salem, Ore., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Morelli of North Providence, R.I., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Cathy to Eric T. Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Myers of Toledo, Ohio. A March 4 wedding in Rhode Island is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Brady of Hattiesburg, Miss., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tonya Lea to James Lynn Newsom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Newsom of Houston, Tex. A Jan. 7 wedding in Hattiesburg is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Neff of Grand Rapids, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen to Eimer Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller of South Pasadena, Calif. A June 10 wedding in Michigan is planned.

Edwin and Jaaneen Shaw of Peace River, Alta., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Shannon Gail-May to Christopher Paul Harris, son of Bill and Eileen Harris of Durham, England. A December wedding is planned.

Leon Scott Allison and Christine H. Wegner, members who attend the Long Beach, Calif., church, wish to announce their engagement. A Dec. 31 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bourelle of Prince George, B.C., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Anita to Donald Michael, son of Helen and Omar Michael of St. Paul, Alta. A Dec. 16 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Love Sr. of Marion, N.C., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Wendy to Neil Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter of Winnipeg, Man. A February wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lan Parker of Belfast, Northern Ireland, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Gordon Luxton of Borehamwood, Eng. A Feb. 5 wedding in Belfast is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Braker of Brick Wood, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Esther to Ciaran Prunty, son of Margaret Prunty and the late E. Prunty of Ireland. A March 11 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. E. MENTELL JR.**  
Ja'nean Lenore Klar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Klar of Temperance, Mich., and Edward Julius Mentell Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mentell Sr. of Grafton, Wis., were united in marriage June 4 in Toledo, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by David Fiedler, Toledo pastor. Shawna Woodall was maid of honor, and Scott Gjesvold was best man. The bride is a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College. The groom is a 1988 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN ERWIN**  
Shari Dawn Albarado, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Albarado of Lafayette, La., and John Mark Erwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erwin of St. Louis, Mo., were united in marriage May 25 in Lafayette. The ceremony was performed by John Ogwyn, Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., pastor. The couple live in Baton Rouge.



**MR. AND MRS. PERRY WHITE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Stewart of Augusta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. White of Detroit, Mich., are pleased to announce the marriage of their children Robin L. Stewart and Perry H. White. The ceremony was performed Dec. 18, 1988, in Augusta by the bride's father, a minister in the Augusta church. Kannan Owens was maid of honor, and Donald Campbell was best man. The couple live in Augusta.



**MR. AND MRS. NATHAN CROWE**  
Nathan David Crowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Crowe of Eau Claire, Wis., and Dawn Ellen Conry-Rendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rendall, were united in marriage Sept. 24. The ceremony was performed by Richard Weber, Kenosha and Waukesha, Wis., associate pastor. Stacey Kreuscher, foster sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Troy Braswell III was best man. The couple live in Warrenville, Ill.



**MR. AND MRS. SHAWN MCCALLUM**  
Julie Anna Rehor, daughter of Joseph and Colleen Rehor of Monticello, Iowa, and Shawn William McCallum, son of Lourea Mortenson of Escondido, Calif., were united in marriage July 2 in San Diego, Calif. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Dean Wilson, San Diego pastor. The couple live in San Diego.



**MR. AND MRS. VIRGILIO LOMOCOSO**  
Maria Teresa Agravante, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eladio Agravante of Cebu, Philippines, and Virgilio Lomocoso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Deogracias Lomocoso, also of Cebu, were united in marriage Oct. 1. Reynaldo Taniajura, Cebu pastor, performed the ceremony. Meritess Merida was maid of honor, and Inocencio Buot Jr. was best man. The couple live in Talisay, Philippines.



**MR. AND MRS. BRYAN ROGERS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fertig of Cheyenne, Wyo., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Julie DeAnne to Bryan Keith Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gilbert Rogers of Marvel, Tex. The ceremony was performed July 30 in Cheyenne by the bride's father, a minister in the Fort Collins, Colo., church. Jayne Fertig, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mack Rogers, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College students, live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. D. ANDREWS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Roller of Claremore, Okla., would like to announce the marriage of their daughter Debra Suzanne to Douglas Fredric Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Andrews of Middleton, Wis. The ceremony was performed Aug. 27 in Tulsa, Okla., by Earl Rosmer, Tulsa pastor. Julianne James was maid of honor, and Doug Hill was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. DRURY SYLVESTER**  
Mary Susan Lee and Drury Marc Sylvester were united in marriage Sept. 2 in Prescott, Ariz. The ceremony was performed by Randall Holm, Prescott Valley, Ariz., pastor. Traudi Walker was maid of honor, and Carl Oakleaf was best man. The couple reside in Prescott.



**MR. AND MRS. THOMAS DOW**  
Doris Menze and Thomas Dow were united in marriage May 21 in Troisdorf, West Germany. The ceremony was performed by Winfried Fritze, Bonn-Duesseldorf and Darmstadt, West Germany, pastor. Richard Doll and Alois Mair were best men, and Karin Stick and Elisabeth Durski were maids of honor. The couple live in Wiesloch, West Germany.



**MR. AND MRS. RICK BARNARD**  
Andrea Mitchell, daughter of Virginia Mitchell of Bozeman, Mont., and Rick Barnard, son of Richard and Lonna Barnard of Paradise, Mont., were united in marriage June 24. The ceremony was performed by Leroy Cole, Phoenix, Ariz., North and East pastor. The bride's mother was matron of honor, and Ed Graham was best man. The couple live in Phoenix.



**MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY DEMING**  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Herrin of Baton Rouge, La., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Danielle to Jeffrey Deming, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Deming of Prescott, Ariz. The ceremony was performed March 19 by John Ogwyn, Baton Rouge pastor. Robin Taylor, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mark Deming, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Prescott Valley, Ariz.



**MR. AND MRS. DENNIS HUNT**  
Susan Lanell Nofsinger, daughter of Gerald and Kathryn Nofsinger of Kalkaska, Mich., and Dennis Robert Hunt, son of Doug and Leta Hunt of Dorchester, Ont., were united in marriage July 2 in Kalkaska. The ceremony was performed by Richard Wilding, Toronto, Ont., East pastor. Becky Rogers, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Martin De Sousa was best man. The couple live in London, Ont.



**MR. AND MRS. ALAN WEANER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Charles of Lancaster,

Pa., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Christina Bucher to Alan Richard Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weaver of Gettysburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed June 18 by Peter Whitting, Frederick and Cumberland, Md., and Front Royal, Va., pastor. Karen Zimmerman was maid of honor, and Henri McVey was best man. The couple live in Ridgeley, W.Va.



**MR. AND MRS. G. ROBERTS**  
Geraldine Marie Philippi and Garrett Lee Roberts are happy to announce their marriage, which took place Sept. 2. The ceremony was performed by Vincent Panella, Canton, Ohio, pastor. Bobbi Bukuts was matron of honor, and Larry Baughman was best man. The couple live in North Canton, Ohio.



**MR. AND MRS. DAVID M. MILLER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hofstetter are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Tammy Darlene to David M. Miller, son of Robert Miller of Marshallville, Ohio. The ceremony was performed Aug. 27 by Vincent Panella, Canton, Ohio, pastor. Bonnie Hofstetter, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ron Miller, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Dalton, Ohio.



**MR. AND MRS. TED CAMPBELL**  
Ted Campbell and Debbie Woodard were united in marriage Aug. 6 by Robert Flores, Seaford and Wilmington, Del., pastor. Jeff Himes was best man; Peggy McCoy was matron of honor; and Jarvia Taylor was maid of honor. The couple live in Pittsville, Md.



**MR. AND MRS. GARY DUBOIS**  
Linda S. Sims and Gary F. DuBois were united in marriage July 16. The ceremony was performed by Robert Smith, Phoenix, Ariz., West pastor. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. George Grant. The couple live in Phoenix.



**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT LABEDZ**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Muehlman are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kathleen Alice Lindsey to Robert Labedz, son of Margaret Labedz. The ceremony was performed by Rand Millich, Kirksville and Columbia, Mo., pastor. The couple live in Texas.



**MR. AND MRS. JEFF B. BOHANNON**  
Mattie Metcalf of Fresno, Calif., and Jeff B. Bohannon of San Luis Obispo, Calif., were united in marriage May 7. Lester McCollm, Fresno, Calif., pastor, performed the ceremony. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirk. The couple live in Fowler, Calif.



**MR. AND MRS. THOMAS FALLON**  
Thomas Fallon and Jan Weinmann are happy to announce their marriage, which took place Dec. 18, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Timothy Snyder, Chicago, Ill., West pastor. Johanna Coomise, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Tim Fallon, brother of the groom,

was best man. The couple live in Downers Grove, Ill.



**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT KITCHEN**  
Darci Jane Boothe, daughter of George and Shirley Boothe of Des Moines, Iowa, and Robert Martin Kitchen, son of Roland and Carole Kitchen of Columbia, Mo., were united in marriage April 9. Rand Millich, Columbia pastor, performed the ceremony. Amy Boothe was maid of honor, and Mark Kitchen was best man. The couple live in Columbia.



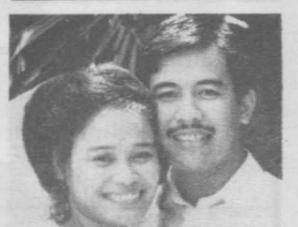
**MR. AND MRS. C. DOUGLAS**  
Connie Lynn Mellerup, daughter of Dale and Goldie Mellerup, and Clayton Irving Douglas, son of George and Carolyn Douglas, both of Columbia, Mo., were united in marriage Sept. 10. The ceremony was performed by Rand Millich, Columbia pastor. Eva June Narber was maid of honor, and Stephen Douglas was best man. The couple live in Columbia.



**MR. AND MRS. BRUCE SEXTON**  
Rebecca Sue McCann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCann of Carmichaels, Pa., and Bruce Alan Sexton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sexton of Rogersville, Ohio, were united in marriage Aug. 6. Tom Smith, Washington and Belle Vernon, Pa., pastor, performed the ceremony. Linda Stash was maid of honor, and Dean O'Connor was best man. The couple, both Pasadena Ambassador College graduates, live in Columbus, Ohio.



**MR. AND MRS. MARK ARNESON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wollin of Sussex, Wis., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Linda to Mark Richard Arneson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Arneson of La Crosse, Wis. The ceremony was performed July 9 by Joel Liljengren, Waukesha, Wis., pastor. Julie Laufer was matron of honor, and Jeff Arneson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in La Crosse.



**MR. AND MRS. EZRA RADUBAN**  
Jina Soledad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo Soledad of Romblon, Philippines, and Ezra Raduban, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Raduban, were united in marriage Sept. 17 in Manila, Philippines. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, pastor of the Quasort City, Philippines, church. Janet Soledad, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Willy Jacinto was best man. The bride attended Pasadena Ambassador College for one year, and the groom is a 1989 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate. The couple live in San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, where the groom is a ministerial trainee.



**MR. AND MRS. R. ACEDILLO**  
Catherine Santa Cruz, daughter of Soledad Binuya Santa Cruz of Makati, Philippines, and Reginald Acedillo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrado P. Acedillo of Quezon City, Philippines, were united in marriage Sept. 24 in (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 7)

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Quezon City. The ceremony was performed by Dionisio Catchillar, Makati pastor. Baby Abracosa was maid of honor, and Alexis Dignace was best man. The couple live in Quezon City.



**MR. AND MRS. HEINRICH KRAMER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones of Victoria, B.C., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Teresa Margaret to Heinrich Anthony Kramer, also of Victoria. The ceremony was performed May 7 by William Rabey, Edmonton, Alta., North and South pastor. Anita Brunkhurst, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Peter Cox was best man. The couple live in Victoria.

**ANNIVERSARIES**



**MR. AND MRS. KARL SCHNEPPER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Karl Schnepfer celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 27. The couple have three children, Diane Davis, Fred and Rolf. The Schnepfers attend the Edmonton, Alta., church.

The children of Wayne and Nita Nash are pleased to announce the 30th wedding anniversary of their parents, who were married Nov. 14, 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Nash have two sons, two daughters and two grandsons. They attend the Jackson, Miss., church.



**MR. AND MRS. W. VAN HEERE**

The daughters of Willem and Joanna van Heere are happy to announce the 30th wedding anniversary of their parents, which took place Oct. 22. The van Heeres are members who attend the Penrith, Australia, church. They have three daughters, two of whom are juniors at Pasadena Ambassador College.



**MR. AND MRS. CHARLIE HEWITT**

The children of Charlie and Evia Hewitt are pleased to announce the 40th wedding anniversary of their parents Oct. 15. Their family gave the couple an early surprise party Sept. 10. The Hewitts were baptized in 1959, and they attend the Longview, Tex., church. The couple have one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Patti; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debby and David and Becky and Joey; and seven grandchildren.

**ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD**



**MR. AND MRS. KEN GREGERSEN**  
Ken and Frieda Gregersen celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary Oct. 8. The couple were baptized in 1968. Columbus, Ohio, brethren honored the Gregersens with a surprise party, and Marion, Ohio, brethren honored them with a party. The couple have two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**MR. AND MRS. WILLIE DUNN**

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dunn of Kaufman, Tex., celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Sept. 23 with Dallas, Tex., East brethren at a reception in their honor. The Duns were married Sept. 21, 1919. Mr. Dunn was baptized in 1961, and Mrs. Dunn in 1967. They have two children, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



**MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE HIX**



**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KUEHN**  
The Brainerd, Minn., church honored Mr.

and Mrs. Clarence Hix and Mr. and Mrs. George Kuehn for their 50th wedding anniversaries with a potluck, cakes and punch after Sabbath services Sept. 23. Each couple was presented with an anniversary clock and corages and boutonieres in their wedding day colors. Mr. and Mrs. Hix were married Oct. 6, 1939. Mr. Hix was baptized in 1979, and Mrs. Hix in 1988. They have one son and two daughters, one of whom is a Church member. Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn were married Oct. 16, 1939, and have one daughter. They were baptized in 1972.

**OBITUARIES**

**FERGUSON, Doris A.**, 74, of Nacogdoches, Tex., died Oct. 25 after a long illness. Mrs. Ferguson, a Church member since 1984, is survived by a daughter, Susie Clifton, also a Church member; three sons; two sisters; two brothers; and five grandchildren.



**JOSEPHINE FLOYD**

**FLOYD, Josephine**, 79, of Springer, N.M., died Oct. 13 after a heart attack. Mrs. Floyd, a Church member since 1976, is survived by her husband of 56 years, two sons, one daughter and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**ELLIS, Thelmer**, 76, of Baltimore, Md., died Oct. 3. Mr. Ellis, a Church member since 1983, is survived by a daughter, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**SCOTT, Gary Wayne**, 35, of Big Sandy, died during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 16. Mr. Scott, a Church member since 1977, is survived by his mother, Juanita Scott; a brother Bruce; a sister Pat Fishback; and several nieces and nephews.

**LEWIS, Fred S.**, 92, of Bellingham, Wash., died Sept. 29. Mr. Lewis, a Church member since 1962, is survived by his wife of 50 years, Eva M., one brother and four grandsons.

**ADAMS, Jessie J.**, 74, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., died Sept. 18. Mrs. Adams, a Church member since 1980, is survived by one brother, one sister, two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and two daughters.

**ROBERSON, Ruthie Lee**, 63, of Dayton, Ohio, died Sept. 22. Mrs. Roberson, a

Church member since 1964, is survived by a son, a daughter, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**SPINNEY, Marie**, 67, of Sparta, Ill., died Sept. 17. Mrs. Spinney, a Church member since 1968, is survived by her husband, Bill, a deacon in the Belleville, Ill., church; and four daughters.

**HINKLE, Dorothy**, 67, of Arnold, Mo., died Sept. 18 of cancer. Mrs. Hinkle, a Church member since 1984, is survived by her husband, Henry, also a Church member.

**BUCKNER, Marlene Walton**, 54, of Asheville, N.C., died Sept. 7 after a long illness with a brain tumor. Mrs. Buckner, a Church member since 1973, is survived by her husband, Alvin; her mother; four sons; four daughters, including Alva Sue Rollins and Judith C. Thomason, both Church members; four sisters; one brother; and 19 grandchildren.



**FAITH WADSWORTH**

**WADSWORTH, Faith**, 25, of South Norwalk, Conn., died Aug. 17. Miss Wadsworth, a Church member since 1985, is survived by her parents, Dawson and Tirge Wadsworth.



**MATTHEW FLOYD BOYER**

**BOYER, Matthew Floyd**, 18, of Longview, Tex., died Sept. 17 after a long battle with cystic fibrosis. Mr. Boyer is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyer; two brothers, Daniel and Benjamin; and two sisters, Rebekah and Sarah.

**MIDDENDORP, Cecile**, 95, of Comano, Switzerland, died Oct. 3. Mrs. Middendorp,

a Church member since 1971, is survived by three sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



**ALFRED SIMPSON**

**SIMPSON, Alfred**, 90, of Oakham, England, died Sept. 16 after a stroke. Mr. Simpson, a Church member since 1986, is survived by his wife of 64 years, a daughter and a granddaughter.

**CARROLL, Jack L.**, 60, of Bakersfield, Calif., died Oct. 4 of a heart attack. Mr. Carroll, a Church member since 1968, is survived by his wife, Margaret, three sons, one daughter, two granddaughters, a twin brother, and his mother, Violet, a longtime Church member.



**ISA PEARL JACKSON**

**JACKSON, Isa Pearl**, 94, of Parkersburg, W.Va., died Sept. 29 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Jackson, a Church member since 1969, is survived by one son, six daughters, two sisters, 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. One daughter, Wanda Weekley, and one granddaughter, Rebecca Mankin, are Church members.

**ANDRES, Marguerite**, 60, of Hausen am Albis, Switzerland, died Oct. 5 after a lengthy illness. Miss Andres, a Church member since 1963, is survived by two brothers, Ernst and Fritz.

**MABRY, Olivia**, 63, of Indianapolis, Ind., died Oct. 2 of cancer. Mrs. Mabry, a Church member since 1978, is survived by six children, two brothers, a sister and three grandchildren. One son, Harold, and one daughter, Linda Grady, are also Church members.



**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)*

**Chile**

**By Clifton Worthing**  
The roots of the Church in Chile go back to the 1890s. Sabbatarian ministers from Europe and the United States came to Chile and es-



**20-YEAR MEMBER**—Silvia Itura, the Santiago, Chile, church's longest-time member. [Photo by Mario Seiglie]

established small groups who kept the Sabbath and Feast of Tabernacles.

*Clifton Worthing, a 1989 Ambassador College graduate, is a former staff writer for The Worldwide News.*

In 1968 the leaders came into contact with *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) and requested a visit. Two ministers traveled from Pasadena to meet with

them. The church in Santiago, Chile, began in 1969 with about 50 people. Robert Flores, now deceased, was the first pastor.

The Santiago church now has an attendance of about 250. This growth came from *Pura Verdad* lectures and the example members set for their friends and relatives.

**Young and dynamic**

An influx of young couples "has made the Santiago church quite dynamic," said Mario Seiglie, pastor of Santiago and Temuco churches. "This has led to more leadership and initiative."

The members in Santiago fare reasonably well economically in comparison to the rest of the continent. For the past 15 years economic conditions have been steadily improving, although many members suffer from chronic underemployment.

"Most members have jobs, but the salaries are inadequate," Mr. Seiglie said. Some must live with parents.

Health conditions are deteriorating rapidly in Santiago because of heavy pollution. This has caused some health problems in the church.

Temuco, a city of about about 200,000, has a church with an attendance of about 45. The church was started in Temuco in 1980 by Filidor Illesca, now deceased. Growth there has been slower than in Santiago, but steady.

Many "spiritual widows" attend



**SOUTH AMERICAN SERVANTS**—Gerardo Roig, a deacon in the Santiago, Chile, church, and his wife, Adriana. [Photo by Mario Seiglie]

the Temuco church. Some of their husbands are unsympathetic to the Church. Their wives don't have

much time to fellowship and have to go to the Feast alone.

Most of the members in Chile live in the cities where services are conducted. Mr. Seiglie also conducts a monthly Bible study in Concepcion. About 17 people regularly attend there.

Several volcanoes, one of which is still active, dominate the backdrop of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp at Icalma. The campers view an extinct volcano up close.

Teenagers from Argentina attend the 10-day camp. Some members serve on the camp staff. The church has several fund raisers to help campers get to the SEP.

**A Chilean Feast**

Members play an active role in organizing the Feast of Tabernacles in Maitencillo, a beach resort.

"They do just about everything," Mr. Seiglie said. Setting up the meeting hall, conducting senior citizens activities and children's parties, singing in the chorale and ushering are just some of their responsibilities. They also serve at meals for the whole church to save on costs of waiters.

The community looks forward to having members there each year and has a good relationship with the Church, according to Mr. Seiglie.

As with most Latin American countries, the church in Chile has a number of good musicians. Santiago has a chorale and folk band.

**Headquarters visitors**

In June, 1988, Pastor General, Joseph W. Tkach visited the members in Chile. Almost everyone who attends services in Chile saw him.

"They treasure that meeting," said Mr. Seiglie. "They identified with his family style and his affection. They were very impressed that he was also able to spend a little time

with each one of them."

Twice a year for the past 10 years, evangelist Leon Walker, regional director, and many times his wife, Reba, have visited the Spanish churches. Mr. Seiglie said the members appreciate him coming to Chile.

"The trips allow Mr. Walker to see on a firsthand basis the needs of each area and allow him to coordinate their development. This has been very important to the growth in Chile," said Mr. Seiglie.

The first presidential elections in



**SERVING DOWN SOUTH**—Fermin Nain, a deacon in the Santiago, Chile, church, and his wife, Priscila. [Photo by Mario Seiglie]

15 years will take place in December. "We don't think there should be major political problems because moderate leaders are being presented," said Mr. Seiglie. "But there could be uprisings."

Chile	
Attendance	295
Deacons	2
Ministerial trainees	1
Teens	60
Children under 12	90
Singles	20
Over 60s	30
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Club	1

**WE ARE ONE FAMILY**

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA—Church members in El Salvador are safe amid accelerated fighting between the army and guerrillas, according to **Herbert Cisneros**, San Salvador, El Salvador, and Guatemala City, Guatemala, pastor.

Evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, spoke with Mr. Cisneros by telephone Nov. 13. Mr. Cisneros said that the fighting is the worst he has seen in his life—worse than the 1979 revolution.



HERBERT & CONCEPCION CISNEROS

News sources reported that since Nov. 11 more than 900 have died.

"Members there would appreciate the prayers of brethren around the world," Mr. Walker said.

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—"We have no reports of injury or damage to members' homes," said **Nancy Lochner**, after a tornado swept a 1-mile path 3 blocks wide through the city at about 4:30 p.m., Nov. 15, and then touched down sporadically through suburbs.

"It took my breath away," her husband, **Otto**, pastor of the Huntsville and Florence, Ala., churches said. "It was the most devastation I've ever seen."

Mr. Lochner continued: "It was like a vacuum cleaner and a Cuisinart [food processor]. It sucked things up and ground them up. It happened just about 30 minutes before rush hour, and it rolled cars like BBs in a boxcar."

**Ruth Oswald**, a member who lives in a home for the elderly about one block from the main road that was hit, was unhurt, and her building was not damaged.

Mr. Lochner helped dig a body out of the debris at a shopping center. Other members helped rescue survivors.

Mr. Lochner went to the American Red Cross office Nov. 16 to see if there were any needs the church could supply, and donated \$500 from the church.

The path of the tornado went "between us and a couple of other Church members, about a mile from our house," Mrs. Lochner said. "There was not a lot of notice. People knew there was a storm, but almost as soon as the tornado warning went out, the storm touched down, and stayed on the ground for a long time."

"The storm was being tracked as a thunderstorm," Mr. Lochner said. "It was not more than a couple of miles from where it formed that it touched down. It formed so fast that there just wasn't time to get ready."

The storm picked up cars and stacked them three or four deep, said Mrs. Lochner. Metal telephone poles snapped into two or three sections, and cars were wrapped around telephone polls. Electrical power was out for three hours in some areas, all night in others.

All that was left of one power station was a mound of electrical wires and metal. On top of the mound was a woman in a car, blown there by the storm. She was rescued.

At least 17 deaths were reported, and more than 200 people were treated for injuries.

"It surprised me how many people responded," Mr. Lochner said. "Besides the emergency personnel, there were a lot of passersby with a little bit of experience."

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PASADENA—*Userfriendly*, a newsletter for Church employees worldwide who use mainframe or personal computers (PCs), made its debut with the September-October issue.

"The purpose of the newsletter is to give computer users a more friendly way of receiving technical information," said **Roger Lippross**, assistant director of Computer Information Systems (CIS), Travel and Purchasing. "What we're trying to do is put a human face on the computers. There are people who have been intimidated by computers—we want to make them less threatening."

The newsletter, edited by Mr. Lippross under the direction of **James Peoples**, operation manager for CIS, Travel and Purchasing, was suggested in 1988 at the re-

gional office computerization workshop.

Mr. Peoples wrote in the first issue: "This newsletter has been put together to fulfill a specific need... the need for regular communication of a specific kind to our technical computer people, computer users and LAN [Local Area Network] administrators."

"This need has become more acute in the last year because of the increasing number of PCs in use in the Work's offices, plus the project to unify our computing system worldwide."

*Userfriendly* will be published bimonthly or more frequently if necessary. It will include how-tos, CIS policies, answers to questions, CIS news and updates and other information of interest to computer users.

**Colleen Dixon** and **Pam Barr** are managing editors.

"We have already received some good feedback," Mr. Lippross said. "There is something in it for every level of computer use. As time goes on it will become more technical but continue to serve new users."

Issues will be indexed for reference. The newsletter is available only to Church employees.

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PASADENA—In January the Financial News Network will begin airing the *World Tomorrow* telecast, according to **Bernard Schnippert**, director of Media Operations.

The Financial News Network is a business news channel with more

than 31 million subscribers in the United States and 300,000 in Canada.

The network approached Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO) earlier this year in an attempt to solicit advertisers. BBDO introduced network executives to *The World Tomorrow*, and they became interested in the program.

Media Planning & Promotion (MP&P) bought air time for 13 weeks. "This test period will help MP&P determine how the program will fare in terms of response and audience on this network," Mr. Schnippert said.

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PASADENA—About 30 students from the Pasadena and Big Sandy Ambassador College campuses will serve on an archaeological dig in Hazor, Israel, in the summer of 1990, according to **Joseph Locke**, Ambassador Foundation vice president for international affairs.

The dig will last six weeks and will be coordinated by an Ambassador College faculty member.

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PASADENA—The USA Network began airing *The World Tomorrow* Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 a.m. This cable network reaches almost 28 million television households.

The first program to air, "The Drug Dilemma," generated 456 requests for literature—the 11th-

largest station response for the week.

The USA Network agreed to air the telecast despite its policy against airing paid-religion programs.

"This time slot is one of the few other-than-weekend slots when the program airs," said **Bernard Schnippert**, director of Media Operations. "The good response shows that the telecast can air successfully in other time slots."

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—Brethren celebrated the 30th anniversary of the churches in the area of the regional office Oct. 29.

Evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director, and his wife, **Sharon**, were guests of honor.

Events included a buffet meal, speeches from eight people who have attended since the beginning years and a taped message from evangelist **Raymond McNair**, regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific. Mr. McNair was director of the Work in Britain and Europe from 1958 to 1973.

**Edward Smith**, London, England, assistant pastor, and his wife, **Irene**, and **David Bedford**, Nottingham, Northampton and Sheffield pastor, received plaques and watches in recognition of their 25 years of service to the Work.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown cut an anniversary cake, and the evening ended with a dance.



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

PASADENA—Thirty-two people kept the Feast in the Republic of Myanmar (formerly Burma) this year.

The group attended daily services and enjoyed special meals on the two high days, according to **Saw Lay Beh**, Myanmar pastor.

At about 4 one morning **Saw Lay Beh** was awakened and asked to anoint Mrs. **Mahn Yaw Han**, a member who was having difficulty breathing. She began breathing normally soon after being anointed, and after sunrise helped prepare food for the day's meals.

**Jonathan McNair**, Thailand project director, visited **Saw Lay Beh** in October.

"He seemed to be in good spirits and very happy to see someone from the outside world," Mr. McNair wrote. "He said the brethren were fine although some were faced with sickness. We took some vitamins and quinine for them. Malaria is a problem there."

"We also took two large duffel bags full of clothes, both men's and women's," he continued. "We happened to have a lot left over from students on the project—so it helped us to clean out our storage areas."

### African reports

**Owen Willis**, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, reported on "quite a lot of sickness, especially measles and chickenpox," in Kibirichia in August.

"It is very easy in these rural districts for disease to get out of hand as hygiene and sanitation are at minimum levels," said Mr. Willis.

"Our members have been encouraged to be very diligent in applying the laws of hygiene and quarantine in order to prevent these diseases ravaging the church."

Membership in Hohoe, Ghana,

"is growing tremendously," said **Melvin Rhodes**, Ghana pastor. Seven people were baptized on a single ministerial visit last summer, bringing to 42 the number of members in the area.

**Josef Forson**, pastor of the Lagos, Benin, Enugu, Jos and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, reported that attendance at the Benin church is often down 35 percent because of the government's ruling on "environmental sanitation."

Citizens are required to spend portions of some Saturdays cleaning up their neighborhood.

"This, of course, will not be enforced if people are not out on the streets, but it does make it difficult to move about on the Sabbath for reasons other than environmental cleaning," said Mr. Forson.

"This is not every Sabbath," he added, "but on the Sabbaths it occurs, attendance is down 35 percent. Your prayers for relief in this situation would be appreciated."

Sept. 23 marked the first Bible

study in Kampala, Uganda. Two members and nine prospective members met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Bamutenda**, prospective members in Kampala.

Brethren commented that it was an encouraging first step to meet on the Sabbath with a Church representative.

"The political conditions of the country continue to stabilize, and the once punishing roads have been rebuilt, making road travel much safer and swifter," according to Mr. Willis.

The goal is to include Kampala on regular ministerial visits to Uganda every other month.

### Uruguay lectures

Ninety-one new people attended four public Bible lectures conducted in Salto, Uruguay, Oct. 28 and 29, and Nov. 4 and 5.

The lectures, conducted by **Michael Medina**, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and **Salto** assistant pastor, "had an excellent turn-out compared to the previous lectures in Salto," said Mr. Medina.

"This surprised us due to the fact that little Uruguay [has] a population of less than 3 million," he added.

The group was "well-informed on the Church's teachings and very supportive."

Many of the attendees have been subscribers of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) for more than five years. Some traveled more

than three hours to attend the lectures.

The lectures focused on how *La Pura Verdad* gives warnings and hope, where to find solutions to problems, Christ's second coming and the purpose of life.

### French lectures

**Samuel Kneller**, pastor of the Paris, France, church, conducted a Bible study for 21 new people in Paris, Nov. 4. The next day 21 attended in Orleans.

Nov. 8 **Donat Picard**, pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South French-speaking churches, gave a lecture for 43 people in Montreal.

"This is a fantastic number," said Mr. **Apertian** Nov. 17. "Yesterday we had 40 more in Montreal at another study. Mr. Picard is very, very encouraged and some are asking for counseling."

In Marseille, France, 12 new people heard **Joel Meeker**, pastor of the Marseille and Narbonne, France, churches, Oct. 30 following Mr. **Apertian's** lectures.



SMILES FROM MYANMAR—This group of brethren kept the 1989 Feast in Sa Khan Gyi, Myanmar (formerly Burma).

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