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## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

I am deeply grateful to report that so far this year income is running at a level of about 20 percent above last year.

As you will remember, last January was the beginning of a very difficult period for the Work financially, with the income at negative levels for much of the month.

This year, however, has begun on a much stronger note, and I again want to thank all God's people for their obvious loving devotion to his Work.

As I wrote last year, we have budgeted for a 3 percent increase for 1990, which means we simply will not be able to expand at a rate that keeps pace with inflation. Even so, we must not rest in our efforts to find new and better ways to accomplish the same things with less money.

It is quite possible that we have found one way to achieve dramatic savings! Let me explain it to you. Besides feeding spiritually those whom God calls, our job is to reach with the truth of God's Word as many people as possible with the funds he makes available to us.

The *World Tomorrow* telecast reaches into a certain number of homes each week. A certain number of people in those homes watch the program each week. (In the United States, each airing of the telecast is seen by at least 1.6 million people in 1.2 million homes—and those figures do not include the multiple thousands of cable viewers.)

That number is in no way diminished whether viewers are given a toll-free number to call or an address to write to. Those who are truly interested in receiving *The Plain Truth* or a booklet would have just as much opportunity to request a free subscription whether they have to write or are able to call. The witness would still be going to just as many people.

The only difference would be in the amount of money we spend to make it possible for the viewer to use the phone instead of writing. Providing the toll-free 800 service on the program generates \$3.2 million of expense per year.

**Genuinely interested**

By no longer providing the 800

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should simply toss it indiscriminately or carelessly. It may be that the 800 service makes it too easy for some people, who are not really interested, to receive a free year's subscription.

Perhaps some of the same viewers would be more interested, and consequently their subscriptions would mean more to them, if they watched the program a few more times and finally became convicted enough to write. We have traditionally found that people who write in have a deeper level of commitment than those who only call.

These are some of the questions we hope to answer as we test this option over the next six months. Again, I ask you to be sure to pray that God will lead us in this.

### Heartfelt thanks

And meanwhile, my heartfelt gratitude and that of all the staff here goes to all those in the volunteer in-home Swifnet program

service, not only can we save \$3.2 million, but we also receive subscription requests from people who are more genuinely interested in the message. The small amount of extra effort that it takes to write instead of to call means that the seed (in this case, the *Plain Truth* subscription) will be falling on more fertile ground. This would mean a somewhat smaller *Plain Truth* circulation, but a higher-quality one.

Meanwhile, the telecast itself would continue to reach exactly the same number of people with the gospel and continue to give them the clear option of requesting literature if they desire more involvement.

***My heartfelt gratitude and that of all the staff here goes to all those in the volunteer in-home Swifnet program for their wonderful service and dedication over the past few years. Without their service, we would have been unable to handle the total call volume long ago.***

This decision would permit us to tighten our belts, yet not diminish our impact or reduce the number of people we are able to reach. Even so, before making a full commitment to this option, we feel it is prudent to test it.

Therefore, I'd like to ask for your prayers that God will lead us to make the best final decision when the period of testing is over this summer.

We do want to give the truth of God's Word freely. That does not mean, though, that we

for their wonderful service and dedication over the past few years. Without their service, we would have been unable to handle the call volume long ago.

If we do decide to discontinue the 800-service operation, this particular service will no longer be needed. But the spirit of service that is so much a part of his people is well known by God, and other opportunities for serving him will arise.

Progress is continuing on the student residences and adminis-

## College names faculty moving to Big Sandy

PASADENA—The Ambassador College President's Office announced the list of faculty and employees moving to Big Sandy.

### Faculty

John Beaver, English Department chairman; Gerald Bieritz, associate professor of music; David Bilowus, instructor in music; Jnay Buffington, admissions coordinator; Mike Carter, instructor in physical education.

Aaron Dean, director of Student Center Services; Jeb Egbert, director of Career Services and Placement; David Evans, academic computing; Paul Heisler, instructor in music; Bryan Hoyt, instructor in psychology and theology.

Ross Jutsum, Music Department chairman; Mark Kaplan, assistant professor of Hebrew; Ralph Levy, instructor in English as a second language; David Maas, associate professor of English; Neil Matkin, instructor in Computer Information Services.

Eric Mohr, assistant professor of English; Dennis Robertson, Mass Communications Department chairman; Rick Sherrod, assistant professor of history; Estelle Steep,

instructor in home economics; William Stenger, dean of instruction.

Arthur Suckling, director of financial aid; Marsha Suckling, assistant professor of physical education; Roy Thomson, instructor in physical education; David Wainwright, Foreign Languages and Literature Department chairman.

Richard Walther, director of institutional research; and Donald Ward, president.

### Full-time employees

Mike Bedford, academic publications staff; Ellen Bedford, registrar and admissions assistant; Sarah Bilowus, Music Department administrative aide; Amy Burnett, Career Services secretary; Terry Henson, Student Center Services staff.

Greg Neller, architecture and engineering staff; Dean Newcomb, carpentry; Rick Peterson, Music Department staff; Lisa Reyngoudt, executive secretary to president.

Phillip Sandilands, telecommunications staff; Greg S. Smith, academic publications staff; David Weber, carpentry; and Debbie Wood, public relations staff.

tration building in Big Sandy. Construction has begun on the administration building and is due to begin on the dormitories in early February. I was able to stop over to view the building sites last week on my return from visiting several congregations of brethren from Alabama, Mississippi and northern Florida that met together in Pensacola, Fla.

As we continue to go about the Work God has given us, let's not lose sight of the dangerous times in which we live. The state of world politics is at best fragile

and volatile. There are so many potential fuses in so many parts of the world it is difficult to comprehend.

But through it all, let's remember that we are God's people and that our faith and hope lie in him. And let's stay close to him, remembering daily that he has called us out of the ways of this world and into the glorious light of a new way of life.

My prayers are with you every day.

## Italian Office moves

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach announced in January that the Italian Department is relocating to the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus.

"The Italian Work is dependent on its Italian-speaking student employees who perform a number of vital functions within the department," said evangelist Carn Catherwood, regional director for Italian-speaking areas.

Mr. Catherwood said all editorial and data processing functions would be transferred in July and August.

"We're looking at space now," he said Jan. 11. "We hope to use a double-wide trailer as temporary office space."

Mrs. Catherwood's parents, Lee and Florence Sefcak, are Texans, and they want to move back. Mr. Sefcak is a minister in the Banning, Calif., church.

The Sefcaks were the eighth and ninth members baptized in Texas 39 years ago, according to Mr. Catherwood.



TEXAS BOUND—The Church's Italian Office will transfer to Big Sandy in July and August, according to evangelist Carn Catherwood, regional director.

# The 1990s: New power centers form

PASADENA—The political changes that swept the world in 1989 are a tip-off that the 1990s could be one of the most dynamic decades in human experience.

The relative stability of the last 40 to 45 years is over. During much of this time the world order was regulated by the strength of the two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union. But both nations are seeing their power erode in unexpectedly rapid fashion.

Let's look at the Soviet empire first. The astonishing rollback of communist power in Eastern Europe in 1989 continues and now threatens the Soviet Union itself.

Jan. 15, Bulgaria followed other East European nations by scrapping the Communist Party's 45-year-old monopoly of power.

On the same day Czechoslovakia opened talks with Moscow on the status of Soviet troops stationed on Czech soil. Prague is demanding the withdrawal of all 75,000 Soviet

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



soldiers by year's end.

If Moscow complies, the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact military structure would be dealt a severe blow.

At the same time, Czechoslovakia is in the forefront of East European nations demanding a drastic overhaul of the Pact's economic counterpart, Comecon. Privately, many Czechs, Hungarians and Poles say they couldn't care less if Comecon even survives.

The biggest challenge to Moscow's authority, however, comes from within the Soviet Union itself. Independence movements and ethnic tensions threaten to tear

the assembly of peoples apart.

In the first few days of January, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited Lithuania. The Baltic republic's Communist Party had earlier broken ranks with the central party structure. Along with other organizations, it espouses independence for Lithuania.

Mr. Gorbachev did his best, even disputing with people in the streets, trying to dissuade the Lithuanians from their determined course.

In the end, Mr. Gorbachev failed to win the Lithuanians over to his argument. Hundreds of thousands in Vilnius, the capital, defiantly de-

manded independence in Mr. Gorbachev's presence.

Activists in Latvia and Estonia expressed their solidarity with the Lithuanians. All three Baltic states want out of the Soviet Union.

Compounding Mr. Gorbachev's woes, armed militants in Azerbaijan clashed with minority Armenians in a massive upsurge of ethnic violence causing the Soviet government to fly in troops to try to quell the violence.

### Challenges to Washington

Political observers warn Americans not to gloat over the misfortunes of their archrival Soviets. Plenty of challenges, especially economic ones, confront Washington, too. America's competitive edge in the world has slipped dramatically in the past 10 years.

"When the '80s began," wrote Mortimer B. Zuckerman, editor in chief of *U.S. News & World Report*, "the world's largest corporations, banks, stock market and investment bankers were all American. As the '80s end, they are

all Japanese. Forty years ago, American goods had a worldwide reputation for superior quality. Today, it is Japan that has the reputation for superior goods."

That reputation for quality is now so formidable that the market for Japanese cars in the United States is certain to grow.

Auto experts say the Japanese are redefining what quality means. It is no longer just the elimination of mechanical defects.

Quality now means setting new standards for performance and meeting customer preferences in style and comfort. The Japanese are zooming ahead in these areas.

Mr. Zuckerman defined America's dilemma for the 1990s in graphic terms: "We are on the verge of becoming a classical economic colony. . . . Too few of our top exports are high-value-added manufacturing items, whereas our top 10 imports are high-value-added manufacturing items from Japan and Germany.

"Our six largest exports to Japan are corn seed, soybeans, coal, wood, cotton and wheat, whereas our six largest imports from Japan are autos, tape recorders, trucks, office (See 1990s, page 5)



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### One thing at a time

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the amount of overcoming you have to do?

A staff member attending a one-day seminar told me that there was so much good information, so many principles and ideas to act upon, and such a volume of things she could do to alter her life-style that it was like getting a drink from a fire hydrant.

I have heard the same kind of comment many times. Always at the close of the spring and fall feasts I tell people they have enough information to set new personal and family goals, to start a budget, to alter their attitude, to make this day a turning point in their lives.

Then I warn them that the biggest mistake they can possibly make is to go home and try to work on all of those things at once. I try to encourage them to select one or, at the most, two things and work on them until they are part of their lives. Next they should select one or two others and work on them.

From experience, I know that the person who goes home and tries to change everything all at once will end up abandoning most, if not all, of his or her attempts at overcoming.

The only way I have found to solve my personal dilemma is to vigorously assault fewer things. To restore my confidence and get moving again, I take one task and complete it, then take another and work on it.

For my life to be of benefit to my family, to the Church, to others, and an honor to our Creator, I have sought ways to make the productive periods longer and the unproductive periods shorter.

I am reminded of an example I once read of a small boy watching his grandfather working on a front-yard gate. He puzzled awhile as small boys will. Then he asked, "Whatcha' doin', grandfather?"

To which the old man replied: "Sonny, there are five kinds of broken things in this old world.

"There's the kind which, when they are broken, can never be fixed.

"Then there's the kind that'll fix themselves if you leave them alone. There's also the kind which are none of my business. Somebody else has got to fix them.

"There's the kind which, when they are broken, you should never worry about. Them only God can fix.

"And then there's the kind I got to fix. That's what I'm doing. Fixin' this gate." Like the old man, over the years I have found God doesn't expect us to do everything.

You might be struggling with any number of problems in your life, lack of exercise, procrastination, catching up on correspondence, lack of respect for your mate, children or family, neglect of Bible study and prayer and 40 other things. Whatever you do, don't write them all down and draft a plan to correct all of them at once. Try

**The person who goes home and tries to change everything all at once will end up abandoning most, if not all, of his or her attempts at overcoming.**

too much and chances are you will do nothing.

I think sometimes we look at our Christian goal toward the kingdom of God as a huge mountain we must climb over or go through before we can get there. So we head toward it like a bulldozer, trying to make it in one long arduous move, rather than hacking away at the mountain bit by bit.

Christian living is a daily process, but you must seek the answers one question at a time.

Does this sound as if I'm saying, don't worry about overcoming? No! What is God's view toward overcoming? In Ecclesiastes 9:10 we are told, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (New King James throughout).

To do something with our might means putting our heart into it. In the case of overcoming our faults, it means striving as hard as we can to overcome. But, I'm sorry to say, many of us still have the same problems, faults and sins we had when God first called us into his church. This should not be, brethren.

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that

you may obtain it" (I Corinthians 9:24).

Paul tells us to run to obtain the prize. The prize goes to the winner, you and me, "if." Let's notice verses 26 and 27. "Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection."

Paul also tells us to run with control. He disciplined his body. How do we do that? With training. We train to win. We must keep mental and physical control.

Yes, the Christian is like the athlete. The heavier the course of training he or she undergoes, the more he or she is glad, because he or she knows that it is fitting us all the better for victory.

Think about this: By the way in which you and I meet every experience in life we are either fitting or unfitting ourselves for the task that God meant us to do now and in the future.

Paul wrote: "Let us lay aside every weight [every burden, problem, setback and fear we might have] and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (He-

brews 12:1-2).

God wants us to run with endurance. "He who endures to the end," and not just enduring, but "running with endurance."

God already expects us to be running, overcoming, so we are already putting forth real effort. Here he tells us to run with endurance.

Don't give up. Keep going until you obtain your prize. We have a great pacesetter who has run the course. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Christ had a winning, overcoming attitude, and he won the greatest prize available—to sit at God's right hand. Are you willing to follow his example?

Focus on one or two areas and work on them until they become part of your life. Take the prize one day at a time. Then you can say: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness" (II Timothy 4:7-8).

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



### Authors see power shift with German epicenter

PASADENA—The future is uncertain. That is unless you're talking about God. The broad, trunk-of-the-tree outline of prophecy is given in the pages of the Bible. The last two chapters of Revelation assure us that all will be well for those who obey their Creator.

However, the detailed occurrences of what happens between point A and point B are often obscure. Nonetheless, some observers, well versed in history and world affairs, possess clear insights into the unknown future. Among European commentators, Conor Cruise O'Brien is a case in point.

Mr. O'Brien lives in the Republic of Ireland. He has written books about Africa, the Middle East and Europe. His views are respected in Europe and America.

Reacting to events in East Germany, Mr. O'Brien wrote an article for the Oct. 31 *Times* titled "Be-ware, the Reich Is Reviving." He "sees a reunited and powerful Germany as only a matter of time."

In the Nov. 25 *Times* Mr. O'Brien wrote: "But in achieving unification, German nationalism is liable to become dangerously excited. The signs are already evident."

Several veteran observers have suggested that the way to control a powerful, united Germany is to put it within a strong European framework of nations and thus diffuse its potential power.

But Mr. O'Brien wrote in the Dec. 2 *Times*: "I do not think a united Germany is going to allow itself to be locked into anything. . . . A united Germany, whether within the European system or out of it, will look for a free hand."

Alvin Toffler is an American author with a reputation for intuitive thinking. His book, *Future Shock*, was a ground-breaking best-seller. His latest book, *Powershift*, is to be published later this year.

Mr. Toffler and his wife, Heidi, have visited world leaders and discussed current events with specialists. They have studied the power

shift in Germany and Eastern Europe in particular.

Mr. and Mrs. Toffler constructed a German scenario for the '90s. Their theme is Berlin power. Some aspects of the Toffler scenario are intriguing and even frightening. Following are some key quotes from "Merging Germany: The Future" from the January issue of *World Monitor*.

No. 1 on the list is this: "Despite many obstacles, the two Germans manage to reunify. They begin with economic integration and end with some form of political fusion. They relocate the nation's capital from Bonn to Berlin."

Mr. Toffler's second point: "The combined two-Germany economy drastically overshadows those of France, Britain, Italy, leading to economic hegemony over Europe."

We skip to point four: "The EC's [European Community's] push for a common currency and a single European central bank, intended to enmesh Germany, produces the reverse effect. By centralizing power, they give more, not less, power to whatever economy is largest."

Germany economic weight is already disconcerting, and the British pound sterling is threatened.

Point five follows the logical pattern of the other points. Mr. Toffler continued: "Despite the urging of Western Europe's leaders, the United States, driven by its budgetary deficits and international political pressures, radically reduces its troops in Europe, weakening NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] and further enhancing the relative independence and power of Germany."

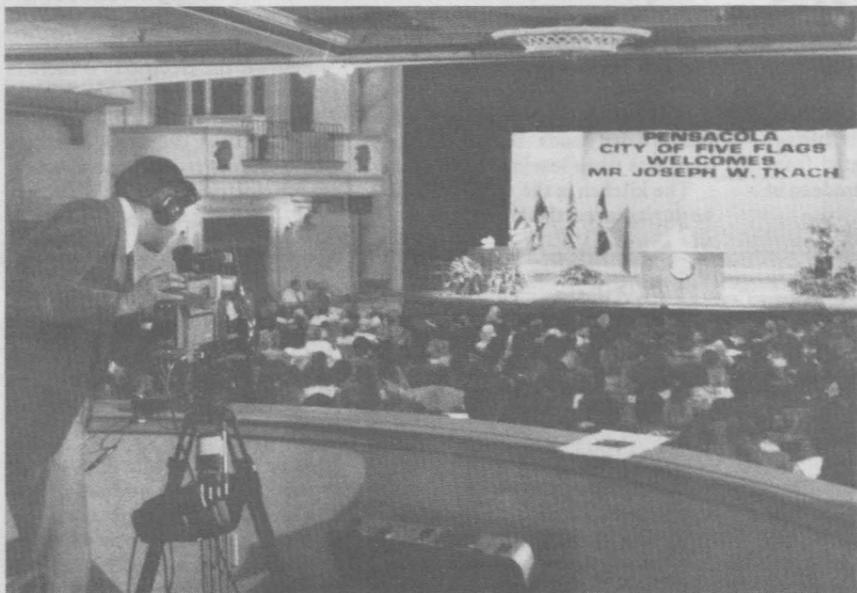
Both Alvin Toffler and Conor Cruise O'Brien see a powerful Germany on the horizon. (Other observers with impressive credentials are more muted with their prophecies.) But have these two men pierced through a fog of confusing rhetoric—and put their fingers on the true direction in which Europe is moving—and what it portends for Anglo-Saxons. Time will tell.

# Pastor general visits Pensacola, Fla.



**PENSACOLA, FLA.**  
 Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 707 brethren from Pensacola, Fla.; Geneva, Monroeville and Mobile, Ala.; and Biloxi, Miss.; at Sabbath services Jan. 6.  
 Host ministers and wives were Reinhold "Shorty" and Patty Sue Fuessel, Pensacola, Fla., and Geneva, Ala.; James and Donna O'Brien, Mobile and Monroeville, Ala., and Biloxi, Miss.; Benjamin and Glenda Faulkner, Mobile, Monroeville and Biloxi; and Jack and Mary Ellen Patterson, Pensacola and Geneva.

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## "Into all the world..."

### 'What's Ahead' telecast

I enjoyed the program very much. I had read the Plain Truth magazine before, but I didn't know how to get my own subscription. I was especially interested in the information that was presented on the environment.

Allen, Tex.

I saw God working here today. I was supposed to go to church, but our dog was very sick so I decided to stay home and take care of him.

My teenage son was watching the part about the environment. He's really interested in that. This is the first time I have been able to get through to him. I

told him that I would call in for the magazine so we can see what it has to say.

Ames, Iowa

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### Eager correspondents

The four lessons of your correspondence course helped me to better understand the Bible and its teaching. I have not ever been so desirous to complete a course—lessons—as I have been to finish these four.

I am very eager to continue with the remainder of them. Truly they have enhanced my knowledge of the Bible and its teaching.

Thanks for sharing the messages

## 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.

### Young musicians

I was so impressed by the article on page 3 of the Dec. 11, 1989, issue of The Worldwide News about the two young girl musicians who performed in the Church Auditorium at the Feast, I wanted to write. The talent of those girls

is amazing and beautiful. . . .

I always read Mr. Tkach's Personal first thing in every issue, it is so helpful!

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### European unity

The Dec. 11 issue is a very exciting one with news of the new administration building in Big Sandy and of course all of Mr. John Ross Schroeder's article about all that's happening with the opening of the Berlin Wall. What a thrill to hear how rapidly the German Plain Truths have been picked up.

Topeka, Kan.

through your teaching in such a delightful manner.

V.H.B.  
 Sparta, Ga.

I have just finished studying Lesson No. 12 of the Bible Correspondence Course, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you that this course is one of the most exciting and interesting courses I have studied for several years.

I have had serious problems in my life to face for the last 15 years, and this course has given me hope—hope for the future kingdom of God and how I can have a part in it. I had just about given up, that life has very little for me, but now I have hope.

This hope has renewed me so that I feel better, mentally, about a number of things. This course is the most enlightening course today in this trouble-filled world.

R.C.J.  
 Akron, Ohio

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### Clear, concise and current

Please keep up the clear, concise expounding of the meaning of world events in light of biblical scripture and perspectives.

All of you are doing excellent work, and if you ever doubt that The Plain Truth is making any difference in this crazy, sick world, I'm hear to say definitely, "Yes." You make a difference in my life and all the difference in the world.

F.A.C.  
 San Antonio, Tex.

I just finished reading the article in the January 1990, issue, entitled "Needed for the 90s: A New Way of Thinking!" This article really hit me "down deep" showing in plain language the enormity of the problems we, as a world, face in the next decade.

All of the problems—pollution, drugs, environmental pollution, poverty—were touched upon in this article. It is, perhaps, the most important article I have ever read! It puts everything in a true perspective, and you have not tried to "gloss over" or trivialize the issues like so many magazines tend to do. . . .

Thank you for continuing to publish important, thought-provoking, timely articles that give us answers to the problems and questions that all of the world needs to know.

J.J.B.  
 St. Paul, Minn.

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### Sharing the good news

I am very thankful for all the information you have provided to me. Because of the information you have shown me, I have shared the good news of the coming or return of the Lord Jesus Christ with my co-workers.

Now we study the Bible on our breaks and our free time and have become more aware of what is happening, not only in the U.S., but in the world, and why.

R.Y.  
 Tacoma, Wash.

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### And it's free

Realizing the high cost of living today, I want to thank you for making The Plain Truth and all your other publications available to me at no cost.

Your articles of plain truth and understanding have been invaluable in my study and understanding of the Bible. You have been an inspiration, a light, and an open door to my Christian pathway.

J.T.J.  
 Louisa, Ky.

# Prepare to minimize injury before earthquake strikes

By George Anderson

MOJAVE, Calif.—In 1989 the Bay Area earthquake in California was responsible for 64 deaths, 3,000 injuries, 14,000 homeless and an estimated \$10 billion to \$12 billion in damages.

*George Anderson is a deacon in the Mojave, Calif., church.*

Scientists expect earthquake activity in the eastern United States sometime in the next 20 years. They predict a quake along the New Madrid Fault, which runs through Missouri and Arkansas, of magnitude 7 or greater.

In other nations, the Soviet Armenian earthquake in December, 1988, measured 6.9 on the Richter scale and killed 25,000 people, more than 20,000 tremors shuddered through Japan in the month of July 1989, alone, and Newcastle, Australia, suffered the worst quake in

Australian history, Dec. 28.

In many cases you can save yourself from injury or death through proper preparation and planning (Proverbs 22:3).

## Prepare for an emergency

To minimize panic, prepare your family to survive an earthquake. Devise a plan, discuss it with your family and conduct occasional drills. This will promote confidence and help reduce confusion and injury during an emergency.

Being prepared also means providing for your physical needs until outside help arrives. Besides food and water, protective clothing is also important because, if the emergency occurs during the winter, it is possible to die of exposure in one night.

We should do everything in our power to prepare our families for disaster and depend on God to do those things we cannot do

(Proverbs 21:31).

## Before an earthquake

The following material was gathered from a variety of sources that deal with how to survive an earthquake.

To lessen injury and damage: Do not put your bed under a window. At night keep the blinds, curtains or shades closed to reduce the chances of injury by broken glass. Secure mirrors to the walls.

Gas water heaters need to be secured firmly to the wall. If overturned by the shaking they can cause a fire. The gas hose to the water heater should be flexible to prevent damage to the hose during a quake.

Cabinets doors should have fasteners ("child-proof" latches) to stop dishes from falling out during a quake. Be careful when opening cabinets after a quake as their contents may fall out.

Store appliances and equipment low to the ground. Tape down video, audio and other equipment with Velcro or other products designed for such purposes.

If possible, store water in 55-gallon drums (add one-half ounce of bleach to each drum) in your yard—replace water every six months.

Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, or other convenient location. Chemical fire extinguishers generate a lot of dust so keep a mask with the extinguisher.

Teach your children to get under their desks at school, to hold on to the desk and cover their heads. Tell them to stay at school and listen to their teachers until you are able to get to them.

Prepare your family for the emotional shock of possibly being separated for several days.

## During an earthquake

If you are at home, stay inside; most injuries happen outdoors. Keep clear of windows, mirrors, light fixtures and furniture that might topple over. Get under a desk or table, or crouch against a solid wall and use sofa cushions or pillows to protect your head. Doorways may not be the safest place during a quake. The shaking may force the door closed on your fingers or throw you out of the doorway.

If you are in bed stay there and cover yourself with blankets to protect your head from falling debris. Don't get under a bed—it could collapse.

If you are in the shower drop to the floor to avoid falling over. Cover your head, face and neck with anything available—towel, shower curtain or your hands. Beware of broken glass when leaving the shower.

The kitchen is the worst place to be during an earthquake. Get out as

quickly as possible to avoid falling dishes.

Outdoors: Falling debris is the usual cause of injury, so keep clear of trees, power lines and buildings. In mountainous areas be alert for landslides.

At the beach move inland because a tsunami (a wall of water that can measure up to 40 feet) may have been triggered. Remember to put on shoes because there may be broken glass about.

If you are in a car, pull to the side of the road and stop. Do not stop on or under a bridge or overpass. Stay inside your car and get down on the floor. If you abandon your car listen to the radio first. Leave a note with your name and destination in the car. Avoid steep embankments—they could be prone to landslides.

## The elderly or disabled

If you are confined, arrange with friends to have them check on you after a quake. If you are in a wheelchair during a quake, get into a safe position and lock the wheels of your chair and cover your head.

## After the earthquake

Afterward, stay in your home if it is still habitable. Examine the house for fire hazards and damage. Do not use your fireplace until it has been examined. Expect things to fall off closet and cabinet shelves.

Know the location of water and gas cut-off valves and electrical mains for the house. Keep a gas meter wrench or adjustable wrench near the gas meter. Do not turn off the gas unless you smell a leak.

Shut off the electricity if there is structural damage to the house. Turn off individual circuit breakers first and then the main breaker. Some sources recommend shutting off the electricity if there is a power

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## Trained to become tribal leader

# Minister traces Nigerian roots

By Pamela Henderson

PASADENA — Born in Abeokuta, Nigeria, a city 54 miles from Lagos, Lateef Edalere grew up in an area surrounded by tropical forests and sticky heat.

*Lateef Edalere, former pastor of the churches in Nigeria, is attending Ambassador College in Pasadena.*

Every day he walked the three fourths of a mile to a Muslim school where he was training to become an imam. (The chief imam is the Muslim equivalent of an archbishop.) This prestigious office had been in the Edalere family for 75 years, as the name *Eda*, meaning "creation of human beings," and *lere*, meaning "profit to God," indicates.

Mr. Edalere's oldest brother, Ashafa, was chief imam, and Mr. Edalere was expected to follow in his footsteps.

When he wasn't training at the Muslim school, Mr. Edalere observed his father, a tribal chieftain second in command to the king of the four tribes of Abeokuta, as he judged in the courts.

"As a child I followed him every Friday to listen to his judgments on land matters, settlements of marriage or problems within various ethnic groups. That was the way I was trained," Mr. Edalere said.

This training later proved valuable, but in an area far removed from the confines of Muslim law.

In 1962 Mr. Edalere moved to England to study management accounting at the Northwestern Polytechnic College in London. It was here he met Yvonne Edwards, whom he married in 1966. Miss Edwards, a native of Jamaica, was studying office administration at the same college.

It was in London where Mr. Edalere came in contact with Herbert W. Armstrong's broadcast on Radio Luxembourg.

"I was particularly fascinated by the wisdom of Mr. Armstrong," Mr. Edalere said. "My culture is such that young men listen to older people. I found he was wise."

But the Muslim religion binds families closely, however, and it took the Edaleres "a long, long time" before making a final commitment to the Church—12 years to be exact.

Finally in March 1974 the

Edaleres were baptized. This brought immediate estrangement from the rest of the family, with the exception of one brother, Kasali, a prominent religious and political figure in Abeokuta.

"They didn't like it at all," Mrs. Edalere said. "Furthermore they felt I had influenced him since I was from a Christian background." Mrs. Edalere's sister, Audrey Henry, is a Church member in England.

Back in Nigeria, the Edaleres served as *Plain Truth* representatives for two years. Mr. Edalere also

College along with their twin boys, 18-year-olds Peter and Paul, both freshmen, and a daughter, Alison, 19, a sophomore. Their eldest daughter, Anthea, graduated from Ambassador College in Pasadena in May.

## 'This is a sobering life'

# Prisoner practices God's way

By Ronald A. Lohr

MACOMB, Ill.—"Little did I realize," said John Epps, "that when those prison doors closed behind me in 1981, another door had opened—a door of great opportunity, a door revealing an awesome potential for me and all humanity that I could never have imagined."

Mr. Epps, 32, has served eight years of a life sentence in the Iowa State Penitentiary.

*Ronald A. Lohr pastors the Macomb and Peoria, Ill., churches.*

Mr. Epps remembers hearing, as a youngster, the booming voice of Herbert W. Armstrong as his father listened to Mr. Armstrong's radio broadcast. But it wasn't until 1983 in prison that Mr. Epps was introduced to the *Plain Truth* magazine, which led him to study to disprove the seventh-day Sabbath.

When, instead, the study proved the Sabbath, Mr. Epps began to keep it. He wrote to headquarters requesting a visit, and he was baptized in January 1986 by pastor Ronald Lohr.

## Daily prison life

Mr. Epps rises each morning before the rest of the prison population to pray and study the Bible. He has breakfast at 6:30 a.m. and begins his job as a head custodian at 7.

After working until 2 p.m., he has free time between 3 and 5 p.m., which he usually uses to exercise, play basketball (his favorite sport) or lift weights. After supper Mr. Epps spends his time in his cell reading, listening to tapes, watching television or relaxing before going to bed at 10:30.

## Learn to be content

Mr. Epps described prison life:

"This isn't the place I would rather be, but God has chosen to call me here to work out his purpose.

"In God's kingdom I would think that I would be working with these kinds of people. This is a human relations kind of training, as we are all training for.

"The lesson, 'Be content with what you have,' comes to mind. I try not to complain, but to have a positive attitude.

"Since being here I have seen a young man collapse in death in

must be returned, Mr. Epps uses a typewriter to make outlines of the tapes for future reference.

"I enjoy what I have now here in prison more than just having my freedom physically. I have found something of greater value, and I have invested all my time, energy and efforts in this newly found freedom. I am surviving prison life positively because I am free spiritually."

Mr. Epps enjoys visits from Macomb church brethren, who say they usually leave feeling he has helped them more than they have helped him.

## A changed life

Mr. Epps's friends and family see a change in his life. His father, who is not a Church member, told him, "You are just not the same John."

Mr. Epps would like others, especially young people, to learn from his life and not make the mistakes he has made.

He said: "What I would like to say to our young people, black and white, is to stay in school—education is vital. Work for your money. 'Money hard earned is money well spent,' the saying goes. Respect your parents' instructions; they know what is best for you . . . I now understand that of my parents."

"Respect and cooperate with the law enforcement people, they are working in your best interest . . . You young people, grow up to be productive in your community, giving back what has been given to you."

"I am going to continue in the way of change because I want to be an asset to people."

Mr. Epps works to be an asset by being a model inmate, by yielding to God's way of give and through his prayers for the brethren and the letters of encouragement he writes.



LATEEF & YVONNE EDALERE

worked as treasurer for the Church's finances there, while holding down his regular full-time job as a group management accountant.

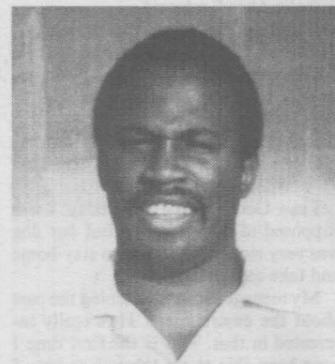
In 1978 Mr. Edalere was ordained a local elder. Before he was transferred to Pasadena in 1989 the church in Nigeria grew to five congregations: Lagos, Owerri, Benin City, Enugu and Jos.

"Some of the members there are leaders in their clans. We have ex-politicians, a chairman over 12 local governments, one professor at a university who was appointed by the government to be a minister of education and a number of lecturers in various universities across the nation," Mr. Edalere noted.

Mr. Edalere's knowledge of four dialects of Yoruba, the Ibo and Hausa languages proved an asset to the Nigerian brethren. The tribal structure itself, with each small clan headed by a chieftain, aids in promoting Church values such as closely knit families, he said.

In June the Edaleres were asked to move to Pasadena, where Mr. Edalere serves as an associate pastor of the Los Angeles congregation.

The Edaleres are also enrolled in theology classes at Ambassador



JOHN EPPS

1981, due to a stab wound in his chest, and I have been through the riot of 1981, that left one man dead.

"I am managing to survive this prison life. This is a sobering life. It makes you appreciate the things often taken for granted—family, friends, the community, church and the United States."

## Spiritual freedom

Mr. Epps has a one-man, 6-foot by 8-foot, cell. Good behavior earned him a television, so he can watch the *World Tomorrow* telecast, and he is able to receive all Church literature. He receives tapes weekly of Sabbath services and Bible studies. Since the tapes

# Pioneer spirit prevails anew at Big Sandy college campus

**BIG SANDY**—"In the East Texas woods near the small town of Big Sandy, Tex., Ambassador students are once again pioneering a new institution!" wrote Ronald Kelly, now an evangelist, in a November 1964, *Good News*.

Now, 26 years later, Ambassador College students will again be pioneers—this time when the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses are consolidated in Big Sandy in August.

The history of the Big Sandy campus dates further back than its opening in 1964. It begins in the late 1940s when an East Texan named Roy Hammer began listening to the *World Tomorrow* broadcast on radio.

In 1952 he opened his home in Gladewater, Tex., to Church members for Passover services. That same year, Mr. Hammer's son, Buck, donated a parcel of land two miles east of Big Sandy for the Church to use as a Feast of Tabernacles site. Over the years the Church purchased additional land.

Herbert W. Armstrong felt the grounds had as much potential as Pasadena, though it was laced with dense undergrowth.

Construction was begun on a Festival convention center, and in the fall of 1953 more than 700 brethren met there for the Feast. In only five years, the Church outgrew the convention center, and another build-

ing (the field house) was erected.

Along with the Church, Ambassador College in Pasadena was growing steadily. To fill student demand for an Ambassador education, Mr. Armstrong opened the Big Sandy campus in 1964.

Sixty-five freshmen and 40 transfer students from Pasadena were chosen to build their own campus. Students cleared the main campus of brush, bull nettles and sandburs.

That first academic year was a difficult one.

"There were no nice buildings to begin with," according to a pioneer student. "The booths [small buildings constructed for Feast housing and used for dormitories] and dining hall areas were unbearably hot and muggy. A student would sit at his desk to study, only to have beads of perspiration trickle down his arm and muddle the markings of his page."

But the pioneer spirit remained strong. Students were "willing, even eager, to sacrifice and go without many things." Their hard work developed a brother and sister closeness.

Evangelist Leslie McCullough became the first deputy chancellor in January 1965. In the second year dormitories were completed.

Construction during the next 12 years included faculty homes, athletic facilities, an 1,800-acre farm, an airstrip, a transportation build-

ing and a home economics department.

Big Sandy was a site for Imperial Schools from 1954 to 1974. The Festival Office was housed there from 1970 to 1979, the Spanish Department from 1965 to 1972, and *The Worldwide News* was published there from 1973 to 1977. In 1984 a telephone response section was established on the campus to handle response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

In 1977 the Big Sandy campus was closed and combined with the Pasadena campus. During the next four years, the East Texas facilities were used for various Church activities and Youth Opportunities United (YOU) athletic events.

In 1981 Mr. Armstrong



**CAMPUS LANDMARK**—Built in 1953, the Redwood Building now houses the Ambassador College library. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

reopened the Big Sandy campus as a two-year junior college. This "second beginning," as Mr. Armstrong deemed it, began with 192 students and grew to 520 in 1988. It once

again became a four-year college in 1989.

The Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses will be consolidated in Big Sandy in August.

## 1990s

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machines, parts for office machines and computer chips."

Considerable commotion was stirred up both in Japan and the United States over the publication of a book, *The Japan That Can Say "No,"* written by Akio Morita of the Sony Corp. and Shintaro Ishihara, a political commentator.

The book, noted Arthur Schlesinger in the Dec. 22 *Wall Street Journal*, "is worth a glance if only for its tone of condescension, almost as if the U.S. were a Third World Country."

In the book, noted Mr. Schles-

inger, coauthor Ishihara wrote that the Americans are reaching the point where "if Japan stopped selling them the [computer] chips, there would be nothing more they could do. If, for example, Japan sold chips to the Soviet Union and stopped selling them to the U.S., that would upset the entire military balance."

Mr. Schlesinger observed correctly that "our problem is not Japan or Germany. Our problem is America. . . . The failure of Russian communism does not guarantee the success of American capitalism."

"The Philadelphia *Inquirer* had a splendid cartoon the other day: Uncle Sam perched on a ladder watching the communist world through

field-glasses and exclaiming 'Imagine! Communism just self-destructing like that!'—while behind him are homeless people, dilapidated schools, soup lines, drug sales and holdups."

History is coming almost full circle as the 1990s begin. "As the Cold War draws to a close," observed Mr. Schlesinger in another *Wall Street Journal* column Dec. 21, "the world must take a hard look at the shape of things to come. . . ."

"What a preposterous historical irony it is that, 44 years after the end of World War II, the two defeated powers should stand where they stand today: Germany poised to dominate Europe, Japan poised to dominate the Pacific."



**COLLEGE SITE**—The Big Sandy campus is on Highway 80 about 100 miles east of Dallas, Tex., and about 90 miles west of Shreveport, La. [Map by Ron Grove]

## Fifth generation for multiple birth

# Twins: It's all in the family

By Julie Vertrees  
**Albany Democrat-Herald**  
ALBANY, Ore.—If Kim Hannaway seems fairly relaxed for someone who has recently given birth to twins, maybe it's because multiple births are common in her family.

*This article is reprinted with permission from the Albany, Ore., Democrat-Herald. Kim and David Hannaway attend the Albany church.*

She is a twin. So is her mother. Her grandmother was not a twin but had identical twin brothers. And Hannaway recently learned that her great-grandfather was a triplet.

So when Kayleen Elizabeth and Kourtney Elysia Hannaway were born last week to Kim and David Hannaway of North Albany, they became the fifth consecutive generation to include a multiple birth.

The girls were born at 12:22 and 12:24 p.m. Friday [Oct. 6] at Albany General Hospital. Kayleen was born first, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 19 inches. Kourtney, the "younger" twin, weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches long.

It appears likely the girls are identical twins, but tests by the hospital's pathology department have not yet been completed.

They do look alike, though. They are distinguished by the ribbons in their fine, dark hair. Kayleen's ribbon is lavender; Kourtney's is pink. Their parents also are grateful for the hospital's identification bracelets attached to the girls' feet. They plan to leave them on for awhile.

"They'll develop some distinguishing characteristics before too

long," their mother said, noting that Kayleen is slightly larger and also has a mark on one cheek that may develop into a birthmark.

Oddly enough, Kayleen's aunt, her mother's identical twin sister Kit Mohr [a teacher at Imperial High School and part-time faculty member at Ambassador College], has a birthmark in the same place. Mohr was on hand for the twins' birth, and also for a little reminiscing about growing up as a twin.

"We had a good time trying to fool teachers and boyfriends," Mohr said with a laugh. Even easier to fool, she said, were the girls' other two sisters, who had trouble distinguishing between their voices

in the dark. David Hannaway said the similarity between the women's voices can still confuse him.

The women have fond memories of their childhood, and Hannaway has similar hopes for her girls.

"I think they'll play together well," she said. "They'll be good friends for each other."

She said she plans to dress the twins alike only occasionally, and once they get old enough, how they dress will be their decision.

Though only days old, the girls had already begun to exhibit camaraderie, their aunt said.

"They can really cry in unison," she said. "You should hear them when they get going."



**TWIN'S TWINS**—Kim Hannaway (left), an Albany, Ore., Church member, and her twin sister, Kit Mohr, a Pasadena Church member, hold Mrs. Hannaway's twin daughters, Kourtney, left, and Kayleen, who were born Oct. 6 (see "Births," page 6). [Photo courtesy of the Albany, Ore., Democrat-Herald]

## Work receives requests for some unusual titles

PASADENA—The following are unusual literature requests the Church has received:

- Apocalypse of the Four Horsemen
- Four Headless Horsemen
- Four Horsemen of Acrylics
- Four Horsemen of Apollo
- Four Horsemen of Apossum Man
- Four Horsemen of Apostasy
- Four Horsemen of the OPEC
- Four Hours of Apocalypse
- The Four Horsemen of the Eclipse
- The Four Horses of the Apolitics
- Three Horsemen of the Metropolis
- Arbegettin — World Peace
- China Don't Like Russia
- Is God for Real?
- Is God the Boss?
- Is There a Free World?
- Is There a Monster in Your

- House?
- One of Satan's Books
- Never No More Understood
- The Mid East in Problems
- The Plain Truth About the Child-Bearing Machine
- The Solid Truth About Child Rearing
- The Story Never Before Been Told
- The Uncontrollable Sin
- Your Autobiography of the Bible
- Seriously Transmissible Diseases
- Sexually Translated Diseases
- Sexually Transmitted Literature
- Six Transmissible Diseases
- Transmission Disease
- Sinning at Work
- What Is the Preventive Beast?
- Who or What Is the Prophetic Monster?
- What Price Freedom
- What Price Prophecy
- Which Bible Translations Are Best?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

ARNFIELD, Mark and Sherry (Weppier), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Benjamin Wesley, Dec. 15, 1:50 p.m., 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

BELVIN, Matthew and Kathy (Swanson), of Sherman, Tex., girl, Toccara Mia Awn Damaris, Sept. 4, 6:05 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BRAUGHLER, Denver and Michele (Croft), of Alexandria, Va., boy, Keytek Alexander, Oct. 6, 5 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

CLARK, Thomas and Mary (Riner), of Mason, Ga., boy, Thomas Adam, Oct. 30, 8:13 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CLOWDUS, Rick and Beverly (Bozeman), of Chattanooga, Tenn., boy, Timothy John, Dec. 19, 8:15 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

DRANE, Robert and Lisa (Bergmark), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Robert Alexander, July 20, 2:51 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

ENDERSON, William and Cindy (Henry), of Fort Lupton, Colo., girl, Chavah Hope, Dec. 13, 2:11 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FERRARA, Andrew and Ruth (Hofer), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Alysa Maria, Oct. 26, 5:55 p.m., 4 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

FRANCIS, Dana and Eva (Long), of Okmulgee, Okla., girl, Genevieve Corinne, Dec. 8, 1:40 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GORE, Steve and Vicki (Murney), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, James Remington, Dec. 9, 2:22 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

HANNAWAY, David and Kimberly (Jones), of Albany, Ore., twin girls, Kayleen Elizabeth and Kourtney Elysis, Oct. 6, 12:22 and 12:24 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces and 5 pounds 12 ounces, first children.

HARGARTEN, James and Amy (Carter), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Alicia Jean, Dec. 7, 8:52 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HAUGHEE, Richard and Sharon (Cooke), of Houston, Tex., girl, Kristin Rene, Nov. 12, 12:32 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

HOLLADAY, Charles and Linda (Delly), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Steven Joseph, Oct. 9, 4 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

KNOWLEN, Lowell and Irene (Teetaert), of Billings, Mont., boy, Matthew Charles, Dec. 25, 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

LITKE, Wayne and Angela (Detzler), of Moosomin, Sask., boy, Matthew Forrest, Dec. 2, 12:08 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MANDEL, Douglas and Yvonne (Duncan), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Kyla Arran, Nov. 14, 5 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

MBWAGA, Nike and Seraphina (Mapunga), of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, boy, Victor Nike, Nov. 28, 9:45 p.m., 3.45 kilograms, now 2 boys.

MCCHESNEY, Dale and Beverly (Birdwell), of Big Sandy, girl, Deannah Shondel, Nov. 24, 4:43 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

MEADOWS, Eric and Patty (Yurkowski), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Devan Jean, Dec. 9, 6:35 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

MEDINA, Michael and Adriana (Vergara), of Buenos Aires, Argentina, girl, Liana Marie, Dec. 18, 1:50 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MORTON, Timothy and Louise, of Olathe, Kan., boy, David Timothy, Dec. 9, 9:28 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

NEWCOMB, Dean and Heidi (MacLearnsberry), of Big Sandy, girl, Siri Kristiana, Dec. 21, 1:10 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

NEWELL, Terrill and Juana (Landa), of Stuart, Fla., boy, Terrill Lee, Aug. 30, 7:21 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PAINE, William and Rachell "Shelly" (Carroll), of Dunedin, Fla., girl, Heather Dawn, Dec. 20, 12:40 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

PAPAY, Robert and Joyce (Johnson), of Cleveland, Ohio, boy, Jonathan Emmanuel, Dec. 17, 9:29 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PICKLESIMER, Roger and Pamela (Young), of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, boy, Caleb Andrew, Oct. 13, 8 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys.

REGNIER, Mark and Linda (McConnell), of Marina, Calif., boy, Tully Keefe, Nov. 27, 10:52 a.m., 10 pounds, now 4 boys, 4 girls.

SCHAFFERS, Shane and Judy (Hemmerling), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Jilene Loni, Nov. 19, 5:37 a.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SHANAHAN, Daniel and Joan (Trentafilios), of San Diego, Calif., girl, Kathryn Erin, Nov. 18, 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SHELBY, Randall and Maureen (Minehan), of Paducah, Ky., girl, Melanie-Rose Marie, Nov. 13, 8:05 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

STANHOPE, Douglas and Deborah (Copley), of Orlando, Fla., boy, Stephen Alexander, Aug. 10, 7:56 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

STEINEMANN, Kerry and Linda (Kschesinski), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Serina Janelle Melanie Callula, Dec. 17, 5:17 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

TURNER, Vaughn and Lisa (Keenan), of Sarasota, Fla., boy, Austen Mitchel, Oct. 25, 7:27 p.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, first child.

WALDRUP, Charlie and Lanas (Fowler), of Kalispell, Mont., girl, Jenifer Lauren, Sept. 12, 10:23 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 4 girls.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Hal and Ella Marie Schatz of Pasadena and

Rupen and Nergis Halici are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Traci Leanne Kelly and Herman Halici of Reseda, Calif. A Feb. 25 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Harsch of Morro Bay, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Kristine to Brian Kelly Daugherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Daugherty of San Luis Obispo, Calif. A March 25 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffman of Western Springs, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Wendy Lorraine to Tracy Trail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trail of Wallins, Ky. A Feb. 18 wedding in Hinsdale, Ill., is planned.

## WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. MATTHEW KING

Soledad Quintanilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerardo Quintanilla of Yuba City, Calif., and Matthew King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter King of Amarillo, Tex., were united in marriage Oct. 11. The ceremony was performed in Pasadena by Mark Kaplan, a preaching elder and assistant professor at Pasadena Ambassador College. Elisa Quintanilla, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mike King, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena, where both are Ambassador College students.



MR. AND MRS. MELVIN DIMES II

Mr. and Mrs. Stager Horton of Detroit, Mich., are pleased to announce the marriage of their only daughter, Sandra Renee Horton, to Melvin C. Dimes II of Cleveland, Ohio. The ceremony was performed in Detroit May 28 by Thomas Oakley, Brooklyn, N.Y., South pastor. Dominique Brewer was maid of honor, and David Hammons was best man. The couple live in Bedford Heights, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. R. EGIPCIANO JR.

Karolyn Diane Munson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Munson of St. John, Ind., and Regino Egipciano Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Regino Egipciano Sr. of Hammond, Ind., were united in marriage Sept. 3 in Crete, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Oleg Kubik, Chicago, Ill., Southeast associate pastor. Sandra Munson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Abel Villalpando was best man. The couple live in Hammond.



MR. AND MRS. M. THOMPSON

Lisa Latham and Murray Thompson were united in marriage Aug. 27. The ceremony was performed by Robert Regazzoli, Sydney, Australia, South pastor. The couple live in Sydney.



MR. AND MRS. T. COSTELLO

Cynthia Karen Dykas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dykas of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Timothy Peter Costello, son of Nancy MacFarlane and the late Robert Costello of Newport, R.I., were united in marriage April 9 in Boynton Beach, Fla. The ceremony was performed by Roger Foster, Boca Raton, Fla., pastor. Cheryl Joyner, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Kevin Costello, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Boca Raton.



MR. AND MRS. J. BRANDENBERGER

Kelli Rae Franco, daughter of Dr. and Kathie Franco of Portland, Ore., and Joseph A. Brandenberger, son of Emanuel and Anna Maria Brandenberger of Fort Wayne, Ind., were united in marriage April 2 in Tigard, Ore. The ceremony was performed by Nelson Haas, Russellville and Mena, Ark., pastor. Gale Black was matron of honor, and Martin Brandenberger, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Fort Wayne.



MR. AND MRS. CARL O'CONNOR

Mr. and Mrs. David Hofer of Winnipeg, Man., are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter Sharyn Rose to Carl Robert O'Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry O'Connor of Des Moines, Iowa. The ceremony was performed in Winnipeg Sept. 3 by Lawrence Zacharias, a Kelowna, B.C., minister. Dean O'Connor, brother of the groom, was best man, and Sharie Sass was matron of honor. The couple live in Des Moines.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES CASH

Mary Ann Durand of Sumner, Wash., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Tymphony to Charles Cash, son of Mary Cash-Gormley of Bellingham, Wash. The ceremony was performed Oct. 1 by Richard Duncan, Salem and Albany, Ore., pastor. Milly Kaplan was matron of honor, and Richard Willis was best man. The couple live in Bellingham.



MR. AND MRS. A. WILLBANKS

Sarah Frances Stone, daughter of William and Frances Stone, and Anthony Wayne Willbanks, son of Jack and Ann Willbanks of Federal Way, Wash., were united in marriage May 7 in Bremerton, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Richard Parker, Honolulu, Hawaii, pastor. Debbie Stokes was maid of honor, and Tim Willbanks, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Federal Way.



MR. AND MRS. K. HEINTZELMAN

Robin Gayle Japhet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Japhet, and Kenneth Steele Heintzelman, son of Don Heintzelman and Mrs. Wayne Wolf, were united in marriage Sept. 3 in Orlando, Fla. The ceremony was performed by Randal Dick, Orlando pastor. Sandra Luther was maid of honor, and Mark Huff was best man. The couple live in Clermont, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. R. CARPENTER

Barbara Ann Engen and Ronald Stephen

Carpenter are happy to announce their marriage, which took place Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed by Daniel Orban, Charlotte, N.C., pastor. Judy Carlson was matron of honor, and Billy Carpenter, son of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Durham, N.C.



MR. AND MRS. WAN WONG AH FAT

Khanh My Nguyen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Khoi Ba Nguyen of Mississauga, Ont., and Wan Yin King Wong Ah Fat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ah Chong Wong Ah Fat of Port Louis, Mauritius, were united in marriage Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed in Toronto, Ont., by Percival Burrows, Toronto West assistant pastor. Juliet Macraeg was maid of honor, and Romulo Lim was best man. The couple live in Willowdale, Ont.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES REAGOR

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Nolder of Minneapolis, Minn., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sarah Jean to Charles Vincent Reagor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reagor of Trenton, Tenn. The ceremony was performed Sept. 10 in Minneapolis by Victor Kubik, Minneapolis North pastor. Sheryl Westfall, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Robert Posegay was best man. The couple, both Big Sandy Ambassador College graduates, live in Dyer, Tenn.

## ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. KENNETH O'BRYAN

The children of Kenneth and Phyllis O'Bryan would like to announce their parents' 35th wedding anniversary, which took place Jan. 15. The O'Bryans have seven children and eight grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. O'Bryan were baptized together in March 1972. They attend the Cincinnati, Ohio, East church.



MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL PAGE

The children of Virgil and Opal Page would like to announce the 40th anniversary of their parents, who were married Jan. 19, 1950. The couple have two daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Dave Havir and Carolyn and Ralph Sanchez; and five grandchildren, David and Jonathan Havir and Damien, April and Candice Sanchez. The Pages attend the Lubbock, Tex., church.



MR. AND MRS. SCOTT MABRY

The children of Scott and Goldia Mabry are

pleased to announce the 40th wedding anniversary of their parents, which took place Dec. 25. The Mabrys have two daughters, five sons, four daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Mabry were baptized in 1968. They attend the Greensboro, N.C., church.



MR. AND MRS. NORMAN OTTO

Norman and Connie Otto celebrated their 30th anniversary Dec. 27. The couple were honored by family and friends at a surprise party. The Ottos were baptized in 1966. They have one daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Merle Alexander; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Kristal; and three grandchildren, Michael, Jennifer and Daniel Alexander. The Ottos attend the Omaha, Neb., church.

## ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. RAGNOR BENSON

Mr. and Mrs. Ragnor Benson were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary by St. Cloud and Brainerd, Minn., brethren after combined Sabbath services Nov. 18. After a potluck meal, cake and punch were served. The couple were presented with an anniversary clock. The Bensons were married Dec. 2, 1939. Mr. Benson was baptized in 1975 and Mrs. Benson in 1988. They have one daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Jerry Smuda, and two grandsons.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN DECKER SR.

John and Margaret Decker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 11. The Erlanger, Ky., church honored them with a presentation and a bouquet of roses. After Sabbath services cake, punch and coffee were served. A family celebration took place the next day. Mr. and Mrs. Decker were baptized in July 1969. The couple have two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Patsy and Jim and Linda, and seven grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. CHESLEY TIPTON

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Tipton of Big Sandy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 25. The couple, Church members since 1964, were honored with a reception given by their children, Dan and Joan, Tom and Sharon and Joy and Carl Akins. The Tiptons have four grandsons, two granddaughters, three stepgrandsons and one great-granddaughter.



MR. AND MRS. BERTLE DOTY

Mr. and Mrs. Bertle Doty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 15. Asheville, N.C., brethren honored them with a 50th anniversary clock. The couple have been Church members since 1966.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES ELLIS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 23. They were baptized Nov. 22, 1979, one day before their 50th anniversary. St. Joseph, Mo., brethren presented them with a dozen roses, a boutonniere and a gift certificate after Sabbath services Nov. 25. An open house in their honor took place the next day.

## NOTICE

The Dayton, Ohio, church will celebrate its 25th anniversary March 3. Those who have attended in Dayton through the years are invited to attend. For information, please telephone Al Boocher at 513-667-8575, or write to him at Box 25, Tipp City, Ohio, 45371.

## OBITUARIES



SHEILA DENISE JEFFRIES

JEFFRIES, Sheila Denise, 34, of Bronx, N.Y., died Oct. 4. Ms. Jeffries, a Church member since 1984, is survived by two sons, Orey and Noel; her mother, Mellisa; her stepfather; one sister; aunts; and uncles.

HALEY, Ira, 71, of Magnolia, Ark., died Dec. 3 of congestive heart failure. Mr. Haley, a Church member since 1975, is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a son, Richard; two daughters, Joann McBride and Kathryn Whitmore; one sister, Luene; and five grandchildren.

TAYLOR, Myrtle, 82, of Indianapolis, Ind., died Dec. 7 of cancer. Mrs. Taylor, a Church member since 1979, is survived by three sons, a daughter, five sisters, a brother and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

WARGNIER, Ione Josephine, 76, of Salem, Ore., died Dec. 14 after a long struggle with diabetes. Mrs. Wargnier, a Church member since 1962, is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ruben, three sons, one daughter, two sisters, one brother, 18 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.



ETHEL SUSAN COLLINS

COLLINS, Ethel Susan, 96, of Jacksonville, Fla., died Nov. 30. Mrs. Collins, a Church member since 1984, was baptized in the Church of God Seventh Day in 1939. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1974.

CLAY, Hugh "Hughie," 59, of Atherton, England, died Nov. 20 after a short illness. Mr. Clay, a Church member since 1971, is survived by his wife, Eileen; a daughter, Susan; a son-in-law, Peter; three grandchildren; a brother, Arthur; a sister, Dorothy; a brother-in-law, and a niece, Carol.

ANDERSON, Matthew, 33, of Davidsonville, Md., died Nov. 23. Mr. Anderson, a Church member since January 1988, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Anderson, one brother, two sisters and two grandmothers.

MARK, Ann, 67, of Silver Spring, Md., died Dec. 11 after a short bout with cancer. Miss Mark, a Church member since 1971, is survived by two brothers and three sisters.



DELORIS BLAIR

BLAIR, Deloris, 54, of Capitol Heights, Md., died Nov. 20 after ill health for many years. Mrs. Blair, a Church member since 1960, is survived by her husband of 39 years, four sons, one daughter, one brother, four sisters and two grandchildren.

JOHNSON, William Hale, 76, of Surrey, B.C., died Dec. 8 of cardiovascular complications. Mr. Johnson, a Church member since 1969, is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kathleen "Kay"; two sons, Ron and Richard; and three daughters, Iris, Arlene and Kathie.

# Quake

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failure. This is to prevent power surges in home wiring as power is attempted to be restored.

Eat refrigerated foods first, then frozen foods and lastly nonperishable foods. As a general rule: If the container is swollen or the food smells bad, dispose of it.

### Survival kit

After a big earthquake there may

be no help for three to 14 days. Therefore, prepare a home survival kit which should include: flashlight (with extra batteries and bulbs) for each family member, portable radio (with extra batteries), first-aid kit, waterproof clothing, heavy jackets, change of clothing, walking shoes, tent (your house may be uninhabitable), sleeping bags or blankets, back pack, eating and cooking utensils, canteen, household bleach to disinfect water, matches and candles, barbecue grill, charcoal and lighter fluid (gas and electricity

may not be available), mechanical can opener, personal grooming items, any necessary prescriptions, important papers and cash (keep in a security-fireproof box)—banks and automatic tellers may be out of action and business could be operated on a cash-and-carry basis—area map.

Store canned and freeze-dried foods; and bottled water—two gallons a day for each person.

Prepare similar survival packs for the car, your place of work and for family outings.

# Wife of minister dies after 20-year illness

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Heather Shenton, 53, wife of Peter Shenton, pastor of the churches in Ipswich and Norwich, England, and the three churches in Scandinavia, died in her sleep Dec. 17.

Mrs. Shenton suffered from multiple sclerosis for nearly 20 years and was confined to a wheelchair.

The funeral service was conducted in Colchester Dec. 22 by evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the British Office.

Mr. Brown, a friend of the Shentons since their days at Ambassador College Bricket Wood, England, in the 1960s, emphasized the positive example Mrs. Shenton set in enduring her condition with dignity and cheerfulness.

The Nordic churches sent flowers and an offering to the Work in memory of Mrs. Shenton.

Despite her decreasing mobility, Mrs. Shenton kept the Feast of Tabernacles with the Scandinavian and Finnish brethren every year, even though it involved a long ferry crossing from England to Denmark. She also attended services regularly with the Ipswich church.

Mr. Shenton expressed his gratitude for the cards and letters of support that he has received from brethren around the world. "This has quite overwhelmed me, and



HEATHER SHENTON

makes me realize more fully the meaning of 'when one part of the body suffers . . .',” he said.

Mrs. Shenton is survived by her husband and two sons, Michael, 20, and Stephen, 18.

# Cancer: Member battles back

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Donald Briggs, a member who attends the Minneapolis South church, was diagnosed after the Feast in 1987 as having a rare form of cancer.

Mr. Briggs was anointed at the Spokane, Wash., site, after experiencing many troubling symptoms.

The minister suggested he seek professional attention if the symptoms didn't subside.

Returning home, Mr. Briggs had a CAT scan and saw a cancer specialist, who could not diagnose the exact type of cancer.

After two weeks and a biopsy, the cancer was still unknown.

Mr. Briggs decided on major surgery. (The cancer was ultimately determined to be a type of dysgerminoma, but was partially inaccessible.)

The cancer responded rapidly to chemotherapy and radiation. After five months Mr. Briggs returned to Sabbath services.

The latest CAT scan indicated that the sizable tumor calcified and turned into scar tissue.

The treatments have caused some restriction in Mr. Briggs' lung ca-

capacity, but he can walk outdoors and live a nearly normal life.

Mr. Briggs attributes the healing to God's mercy and the prayers of hundreds of brethren.

He said the information from the new healing booklet, which appeared in *The Worldwide News* during his illness, was helpful and timely.

Because of his illness, Mr. Briggs had to retire from his job as a pilot for Northwest Airlines. He was awarded a disability retirement.

Mr. Briggs lives in suburban Minneapolis with his wife, Deanna, and two teenage children.



# 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)

# Youngstown, Ohio

By Kerri Dowd

Along the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, where the American Midwest begins, is Youngstown, Ohio. The land was once the western reserve of the state of Connecticut.

The climate is "four-seasonal moderate," said Lloyd Briggie, Youngstown pastor since 1984. In the winter the average low is about



**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT MERRIMENT**—Oran Telford, a Youngstown, Ohio, local church elder, and his granddaughter, Christine Smith, enjoy a Spanish and Latin social.

20 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 7 Celsius), and in the summer the average high is in the mid-80s Fahrenheit (29 to 30 Celsius).

### Church history

Youngstown, about 14 miles from the Pennsylvania border, was the 118th congregation of the Worldwide Church of God to be established. The congregation was formed of members who were attending services in Akron, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa. The church still meets in the same school auditorium it has used since its inception

in 1965.

The church plans to celebrate its 25th anniversary in December. Brethren who have attended in Youngstown are encouraged to attend the celebration and to send any historical photos of the church area to Mr. Briggie.

Youngstown was one of the first areas to implement the *Plain Truth* newsstand program. The program was piloted by Jim Cannon, the only Ambassador College graduate who lives in Youngstown.

"The area has been saturated with *The Plain Truth*, and we currently run an extensive brochure card holder program that distributed over 2,400 brochures and cards in December 1989," Mr. Briggie said. "It can't be said that the area has been left without a witness."

Although there are fewer visit requests in the area now, "the ones that have been interested and have asked for a visit—a high percentage have come along to be prospective members, attend services and become members," he said.

Mr. Briggie is developing a five-year plan that includes conducting three *Plain Truth* lectures a year for the next three years in Youngstown and the surrounding communities.

### Area conditions

Mr. Briggie described the area as having some excellent schools, a soft real estate market and a favorable cost of living.

"Utilities are some of the lowest in the nation," he said. "The whole area is ripe for growth and new busi-

nesses."

Youngstown features one of the nation's largest urban scenic and recreational parks, Mill Creek, which covers more than 2,500 acres. Also, residents need drive only two hours or less to go skiing, fishing or deer hunting.

It was in Youngstown that War-



**60 YEARS TOGETHER**—Deacon George Jorza and his wife, Mary, were honored by brethren for their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Jorza came to the United States in 1913 from Transylvania, Romania.

ner Brothers opened its first theater, and the city is home to the Butler Art Institute, the War Arms Museum and, nearing completion, a museum that will show the history of the steel industry.

Youngstown—population of about 200,000—was once a major manufacturer of iron and steel.

Iron ore was shipped across Lake Erie, processed in Youngstown's steel mills and then taken to the Ohio River, where it was shipped south and transported worldwide.

"But the steel industry really



**SERVICE WITH STYLE**—Youngstown, Ohio, youths serve as waiters and waitresses at the church's annual spring formal dinner and dance.

went downhill about 12 or 13 years ago," Mr. Briggie said.

"It devastated the area when the big mills closed down. A lot of people had to leave to find new jobs and new job opportunities.

"So even though there seems to be growth and I baptize about a dozen a year . . . the attendance doesn't show a marked increase."

On the whole, the economy is recovering and there seems to be a spark of new, diversified business, along with some mini steel mills.

A large General Motors plant is the area's mainstay in terms of employment. Youngstown is at the crossroads of Interstates 80 and 76, making it a major trucking center.

Church members are employed primarily in service jobs, and some work for General Motors and its subsidiaries. A significant number are retired from the steel industry and related fields. Some still work in steel fabrication plants or tool and die manufacturing companies.

Oil and gas drilling also employ some members, but this "seems to be on the downswing" in the area, Mr. Briggie said.

Many of the people, he said, "are ethnically of southern and eastern European origin. They are strong, hard workers. They have a strong will and are resilient and dedicated with strong family structures."

### Fun and funds

The Youngstown church has seven socials each year. They include a family talent show, square

dancing, potlucks, a formal dinner and dance and two picnics.

The senior citizens have additional activities, and the singles are hosts to two events each year, and attend singles weekends in surrounding areas.

The teens are working on a project to write short biographies of each of the senior citizens. They are also planning a summer trip to Washington, D.C.

Youth Educational Services (YES)-age children sing in a choir and attend a mini Summer Educational Program camp.

The church sells fruit to raise money, and every year members participate in a penny roll. Brethren save pennies for a year and then gather for a work party to roll them.

At the Church's annual pre-Feast boutique members clean and press used clothing for a clothing exchange, sell Feast cards, provide haircuts and mend clothing. The men help widows prepare for the Feast, and qualified mechanics perform car checks.

The boutique includes a nickel, dime and quarter roll to raise money to add to Holy Day offerings.

### Youngstown, Ohio

Attendance	375
Local church elders	2
Deacons	8
Deaconesses	2
Teens	28
Children under 12	68
Singles	54
Over 60s	70
Spokesman clubs	1
Graduate clubs	1

# WE ARE ONE FAMILY

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA—Sending international mail from the United States saved the Work more than \$130,000 last year, according to **Ray Wright**, operation manager for Media Planning & Promotion (MP&P).

Costs are lower because the U.S. Postal Service offers competitive international postal rates, and printing in the United States is less expensive.

The circulation section of MP&P saved the French Office \$74,000 by mailing letters and cards offering subscriptions to the *Plain Truth* magazine directly from the United States into the French postal system.

Letters and cards sent to Belgium, the Netherlands and Australia last year saved the Work an additional \$59,000.

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COLUMBIA, Mo.—More than 500 brethren celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church here Nov. 18.

Evangelist **Dean Blackwell**, who served in the region from 1966 to

1972 and now works in Church Administration, gave the sermon.

**Rand Millich**, Columbia pastor, joined brethren in welcoming **George Meeker**, Wentzville and St. Louis North, Mo., pastor, and **Richard Rand**, Roseburg and Coos Bay, Ore., pastor, who served the congregation through the years.

At a dinner and dance that evening, Mr. Millich read the history of the Columbia church, the visiting ministers spoke to the group and an anniversary cake was cut and served. ★ ★ ★

WODONGA, Australia—More than 150 bush and grass fires raged Jan. 3 through Jan. 6 in the Temora, Wagga Wagga and Wodonga church areas, according to **Grant Spong**, pastor of the churches.

"Near record temperatures in the mid to high 40s Celsius (113 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit), coupled with high winds, made the situation extremely dangerous," Mr. Spong said. "No Church member was injured, but some had dramatic escapes."

**Helen Lord**, daughter of

Wodonga Church members **Keith and Lorraine Lord**, was trapped in her car as one fire crossed a road.

Mr. Spong said: "She turned the engine off and headlights on, then crawled under a blanket in the back seat. The fire roared over her car for five minutes.

"When all was calm, Helen got out. Her shoes sank into the road tar and the car was too hot to touch. Much of the car's plastic parts had melted, and it has not worked right since. Apart from a sauna, Helen was OK."

Another Church member, **Brian Manwaring**, a farmer, was fighting fire on a neighbor's property, unaware that the fire was racing eastward to engulf his own 750 acres.

When the fire reached Mr. Manwaring's fence line, "it suddenly turned south, then east again burning only 30 acres of grass. The fire then turned south again, and again east, running along the southern edge of his property," Mr. Spong said.

Mr. Manwaring lost no livestock, while neighbors lost homes and livestock. ★ ★ ★

HOUSTON, Tex.—**Clarence Wesselski**, a design engineer who works for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), was selected to receive the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Engineer of the Year Award for 1990.

## Faculty Positions Available Fall Semester 1990

The following positions are available for the fall 1990 semester at Ambassador College.

**German.** Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in German. A master's degree in German is required.

**Spanish.** Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in Spanish. A master's degree in Spanish is required.

To apply for either of these positions, send a letter of application, official transcripts and curriculum vitae to President's Office, Ambassador College, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Mr. Wesselski attends the Houston East church with his wife, **Dorothy**, and their two children. The Wesselskis have been Church members since 1972.

Mr. Wesselski will travel to Los Angeles in February to the AIAA's Aerospace Engineers Conference and Exhibit, where he will receive the award. He was selected to receive the award for designing the crew escape device after the *Challenger* space shuttle disaster.

The escape devices have been installed in the *Discovery*, *Atlantis* and *Columbia* shuttles. Mr. Wesselski was named AIAA regional engineer of the year Dec. 1, and he received the Houston AIAA section's top engineering award in March. ★ ★ ★

PASADENA—Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** authorized Computer Information Systems (CIS) to pursue the purchase of an International Business Machines (IBM) AS/400 computer.

The new computer will replace the IBM mainframe the Church now uses.

When Mr. Tkach announced this decision Jan. 5, he said the present system has limitations and "this new approach will enable us to use commercially written software packages. We can purchase these ready-made systems at much lower costs than we could write them ourselves."

The new computer will take up less floor space and will operate at normal office temperatures. Its modular concept will allow upgrades and additional equipment to be added.

Mr. Tkach said that the CIS Department "has done a remarkable job in 'squeezing' out the best possible performance from our com-

puter. Even IBM is surprised at the performance we are able to get out of our systems."

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DUBLIN, Ga.—**Joan Baity**, a Church member here, participated in a public hearing for the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee in Sparta, Ga., Dec. 14.

The committee, chaired by Sen. **Edward Kennedy** (D-Mass.), conducted hearings in five U.S. cities to investigate the health care crisis in America.

Mrs. Baity was recommended as a speaker by **Eugenia Kay** of the Senior Citizens Center in Sandersville, Ga.

Mrs. Baity, who cared for her father until he died of cancer, now cares full-time for her mother, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease. Their only income is her mother's Social Security check. ★ ★ ★

PASADENA—Thirty-four Publishing Services, Media Planning & Promotion, and Editorial Services employees attended an end-of-the-year luncheon given by R.R. Donnelley & Sons, the company that prints the *Plain Truth* and *Good News* magazines.

**Brian Burmeister**, R.R. Donnelley sales representative, and his secretary, **Ann Wilson**, were hosts for the luncheon, which took place Jan. 10 at an area restaurant.

"The luncheon was in appreciation for our business," said **Ron Taylor**, assistant director of Publishing Services, "and to build a better relationship between us as the customer and them as our printer." ★ ★ ★

PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Mediterranean cruise and the cruise leaving from San Pedro, Calif., have reached capacity, and no further applications can be accepted.

"For example, we can determine the long term effect on circulation and expenses if response to television or direct mail increases.

"Another scenario might be to model the effect on circulation if there was an increase in postage or printing costs."

Evangelist **Colin Adair**, Canadian regional director, said, Lighthouse "takes into account all the variables of our promotions and renewal programs and allows us to forecast *Plain Truth* subscription levels month by month for up to a year or more in advance.

"With this information we can tailor our ad campaigns to maintain preset levels."

### Epidemic in Nigeria

The epidemic in eastern Nigeria reported in the Jan. 8 *Worldwide News* has been identified as yellow fever, reported **David Stirk**, business manager for East and West Africa in the British Office.

"It is spreading at an alarming rate causing the government increasing concern," said Mr. Stirk. "Inoculation of citizens, although geared up, appears inadequate to check the spread of the epidemic."

Dec. 17 **Veronica Anyanwu**, 16, who attended Sabbath services, died from the disease.

"We need the prayers of God's people so that God may shield us from the deadly disease," said Mr. Stirk.

Sabbath days (verses 20-21).

The apostle Paul declared that such "philosophy" (verse 18) was in error. It consisted of ideas and commandments of men (verse 22).

Jesus Christ is the total and complete way to God (verses 9-10). In him the spiritual IOU for our sins (awkwardly translated "handwriting of ordinances"—verse 14) is blotted out. Jesus Christ transcends all (verse 15).

Therefore, the Christians at Colossae were not to let themselves be taken to task by heretical teachers concerning matters such as eating, drinking, Holy Days, new moons and Sabbaths.

After all, how could such matters transcend Christ? He is the body, the substance, the very center of God's plan of salvation.

All else is a mere shadow that holds no value as a replacement for him (verse 17).

## Q&A

### from the Pastor General's Report

What is the correct explanation of Colossians 2:16-17?

The explanation below comes from the center pages of the latest printing of *Pagan Holidays or God's Holy Days—Which?*

These verses are frequently cited in an effort to show what has been abolished by Christ. According to that interpretation, Paul's list ("in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days") is a reminder of what is no longer in force.

This interpretation is clearly wrong. Christ's death did not put an end to eating and drinking or to keeping Holy Days. The New Testament contains adequate references to Christians, after Christ's death and resurrection, eating and drinking. And to see how positively the New Testament speaks about God's Holy Days, one has only to read the account of what took place on the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 2!)

The opposite interpretation is equally wrong. Paul's list cannot have been given specifically as a reminder of what Christians should be observing, as is obvious from the mention of "new moons," for new moons are not among the days Christians are commanded to observe.

To fully understand these verses we must apply one of the basic rules of Bible study and look at them in light of their background and context.

One of the reasons the apostle Paul wrote the letter to the Christians at Colossae was a disturbing report he had received. The faith of some in the church was being undermined by a heresy.

Certain Jewish Christians had fallen prey to early Gnostic teachings. As a result, they contended that Jesus Christ was not the center of God's plan of salvation. They dishonored Christ by seeking to approach God another way.

According to them, Christians trying to reach God through

Christ were presumptuous. Such Christians needed to lower their view, these misguided teachers claimed, and seek the mediation of more easily accessible angelic beings to reach beyond Christ to the supreme God (Colossians 2:18).

Part of this process was a measure of self-abasement—asceticism (verse 23). This included strict regulations in matters of eating and drinking, as well as burdensome dos and don'ts about observing the Holy Days, new moons and



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

PASADENA—In three years, membership in Bolivia has grown from three to 22. Sept. 3 the first wedding was conducted for two members in La Paz, the capital.

**Javier Escalante Moscoso**, an archaeologist, and **Daisy Saavedra Luna**, a law student, were united in marriage at the home of member **Raul Machicao**, an engineer.

**Mario Seiglie**, pastor of the Santiago and Temuco, Chile, churches, officiated.

**Reginald Killingley**, who works in the Spanish Department in Pasadena, was born in Bolivia. He baptized the first members while serving in nearby Peru.

The first Bible study group was established in 1987.

The members include many professionals, such as a bank executive, a university professor, an engineer and an archaeologist.

Higher education is virtually free for those who have adequate intelligence and dedication.

Thirty-three brethren in La Paz

meet weekly for Bible studies in members' homes.

Some Bolivian members have been able to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Chile, but plans call for a site next to Lake Titicaca, which at more than 12,000 feet above sea level is the highest large navigable lake in the world.

"The first Church wedding in Bolivia shows how far God's expanding Work has traveled," Mr. Seiglie said.

### Software projects growth

In November the Canadian Office in Vancouver, B.C., began using a computer modeling program called Lighthouse to project five year circulation levels for the Church's publications.

**Boyd Leeson**, circulation manager in Pasadena and a Lighthouse user, explained: "The Lighthouse software model helps us determine what will happen to the circulation of the magazines if we change our promotion or renewal activity.