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Worldwide family reunion

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—As East and West Germany united in celebration Oct. 3, so did Feastgoers at 105 sites in countries around the world.

About German reunification, Lothar de Maiziere, outgoing East German prime minister, said, "We are one people, we are becoming one state." Meanwhile, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach encouraged brethren bridging cultural and geographical barriers to become unified more than ever before.

"Today is not just another Feast day," said Mr. Tkach, "but an exciting family reunion which symbolizes the dawning of a new age, not the kind we read in the press today. I'm talking about the age to come, which is the wonderful world tomorrow."

Mr. Tkach's message on the first Holy Day was beamed electronically to 38 sites instantaneously, while 43 other sites later received his message by videotape.

Love and inspiring sermons

"I think people really appreciated the emphasis on the themes of love and family," said Joseph W. Tkach Jr., director of U.S. Church Administration and a newly ordained evangelist (see page 3).

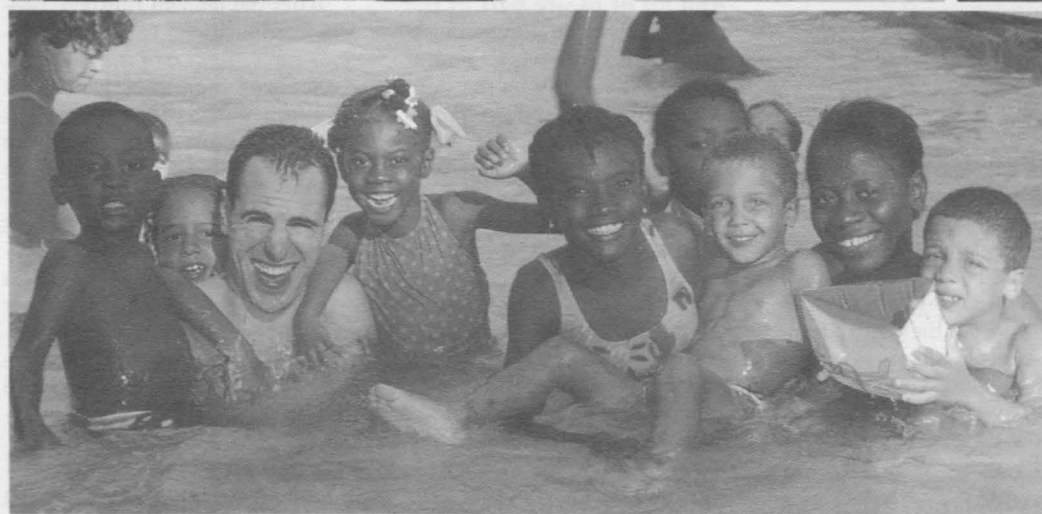
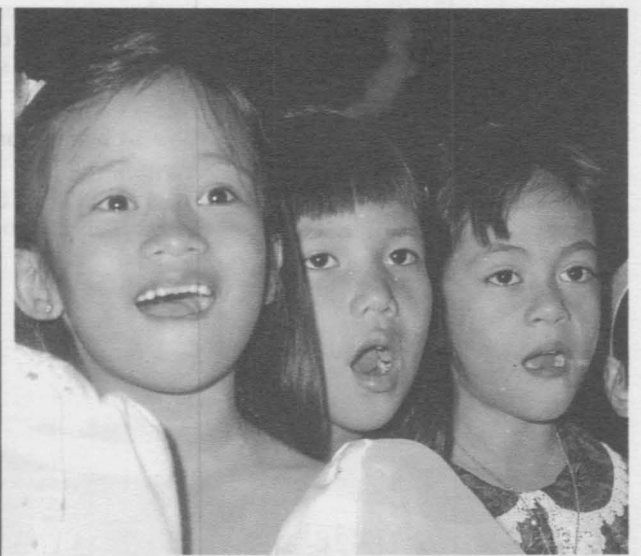
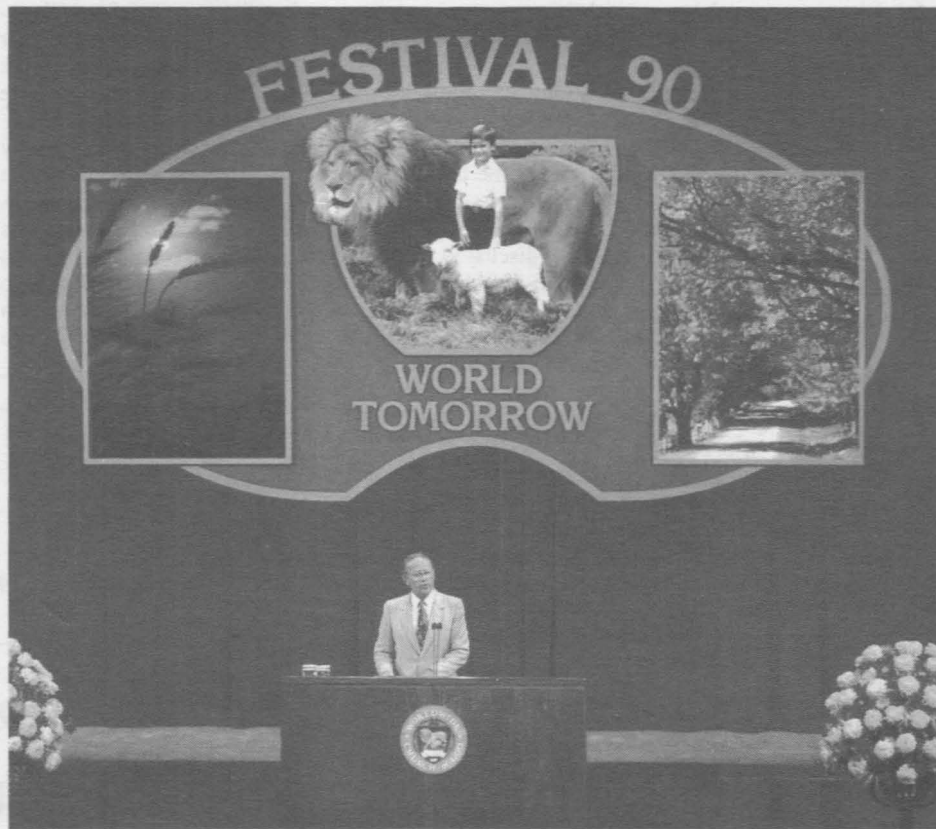
Evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International, who attended five sites in Africa, reported that guest speakers traveling to international sites were impressed with the members' friendliness and commitment to God's way, and the depth and quality of the sermons and sermonettes.

"The members were super enthusiastic about the Work," Mr. Salyer added. "There was plenty of rejoicing."

Coordinators handle inquiries

Media coverage of the Festival "went up dramatically" at St. Peter's (See REUNION, page 10)

FESTIVE FACES—Clockwise from top left: Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach speaks in the Ambassador Auditorium; something to sing about in Manila, Philippines; Lateef and Yvonne Edalere in Chiang Mai, Thailand; a little fatherly assistance in Bonn-dorf, Germany; in the swim of things in Jacmel, Haiti; a happy gathering in Goa, India; the faces of tomorrow in Caloundra, Qld. [Photos by Hal Finch, Rafael Uy, Lowell Patterson, Sharon Gibbs, Ulrick Colas, J. Sandri and Michael Storey]



PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

I hope your Feast of Tabernacles was as inspiring and uplifting as ours was here in Pasadena!

Worldwide, we had an overall attendance of about 165,000 at 105 sites.

I am pleased to hear that the sermons were more inspiring than ever and that the brethren certainly received meat in due season.

Reports from all over have ex-

pressed joyful appreciation for the greater emphasis being placed on the centrality of Jesus Christ, both in our preaching and in the way we live our personal lives as Jesus' own disciples.

The fruit of learning to serve God in spirit and in truth, not just in word and name, is indeed encouraging and exciting. God has given us wonderful good news, and it is all the more exciting to share that good news with others as he has commanded us.

The truth must be lived if it is to be effectively proclaimed!

Certainly, the Feast is a powerful reminder that we are bought with a price and now belong to God. What a motivation to strive to live by every word of God (Matthew 4:4) and to be sure that what we believe and teach is based solidly on the Bible.

As most of you heard in the opening prayer during the live transmission from Pasadena, we were all quite concerned about our brethren at the Feast site in Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, because of the attempted coup there.

I'm happy to report that the brethren only missed two days of services and were able to have a

wonderful Feast. (Please see "Worldwatch," page 2, and the article about the Philippine Feast sites on page 9.)

Be careful with your words

As we rededicate our lives to God after an inspiring Feast, I reminded all ministers and writers worldwide to continue to be mindful about what they express in sermons and articles.

A sermon may be effective in its overall message, and an article may be published for its overall effect, but if it mixes accurate and sound reasoning with *unlabeled* speculation or *unsupported* conjecture, then we are falling short in our resolution to work smarter.

I'm sure we all understand the (See PERSONAL, page 10)

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Attempted coup jolts serenity of Feast

MANILA, Philippines—It began with a knock on the door at 8:40 a.m. on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. I thought it was a waiter returning with the coffee I had ordered.

On opening the door I peered into the concerned face of Valentin Joson, the Festival coordinator of the Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, Feast site on the southern island of Mindanao.

Mr. Joson said that an armed insurrection against the government of Philippine President Corazon Aquino had begun early that morning. Fugitive ex-army Col. Alexander Noble (pronounced No-blay) seized an army headquarters camp in Butuan, not far away.

Accompanied by soldiers who had defected to his side, Col. Noble was now driving toward Cagayan de Oro, with the inten-

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



tion of occupying the large Camp Evangelista military base.

Mr. Joson heard the news from the president of the college whose auditorium we used for services. Fearing that authorities might mistake our brethren for a group meeting in support of an independent Mindanao, he suspended our use of the facility.

A hasty departure

Within the hour Col. Noble's forces would be in Cagayan. And there was an additional complica-

tion directly affecting my wife, Barbara, and me. Our lodging, the V.I.P. Hotel, was owned by Reuben Canoy, a civilian co-conspirator behind the insurrection.

Mr. Joson advised us to pack and leave with him as soon as possible. My wife assembled her things with trembling hands. We fled the hotel about 10 minutes before rebel troops entered the city.

I had felt for some time that in the course of my travels something like this would occur. My wife and I had even discussed the possibility of trouble on this trip, considering that there had been six earlier attempted coups against the Aquino government. But still, nothing quite prepares you for that "knock on the door" (I'm glad it was Mr. Joson, not a soldier).

We spent the rest of the first Holy Day at the home of Cagayan pastor Jessup Bahinting. Mr. Bahinting and his wife, Margie, were attending the Cebu Feast site. (Augusto Cernol, a local church elder, and his family were house-sitting their property.)

Throughout the day we listened to radio reports of the progress of the coup, which had turned into a stalemate.

We also learned that all airline and passenger ship services to northern Mindanao were suspended by the government. We were concerned that we would not be able to reach Cebu, our

next Festival destination.

Later in the evening, after moving to the hotel where the Festival ministers were staying, we finally made telephone contact with Philippine regional director Paul Kieffer.

Mr. Kieffer urged us to leave the area as soon as possible the next morning. The plan was to drive overland to the city of Davao, about 10 hours away, to catch a plane.

Journey by convoy

The Festival ministry put together a convoy of four all-terrain jeep-style vehicles for our departure. In the lead vehicle was Felipe Casing, pastor of the Maramag congregation.

We began our journey shortly after 5 a.m. Everything went well—for about 10 minutes. A roadblock by government soldiers halted all traffic. Returning to town, we added a ninth person to our convoy, a member who is a taxi driver and who knew the

back roads out of town.

Our vehicles bounced over boulders and slid partially sideways through mud for about four bone-jarring hours. (The only thing worse is Manila rush-hour traffic.) But the drivers, including our own, Victor Lim, who pastors four congregations in southern Mindanao, were up to the task.

Thankfully, we did not have to endure the entire trip to Davao by jeep. Near Mr. Casing's hometown of Malaybalay is a missionary operation known as the Summer Linguistic Institute (SLI), which translates the New Testament into the languages of the hill-tribe people of central Mindanao.

SLI maintains a fleet of small aircraft to ferry their translators to remote mountain airstrips.

Through their kindness we were able to charter a single-engine Cessna 170 to fly to Cebu.

That ended our saga. And the end came for Col. Noble as well. Early Saturday morning, Oct. 6, he unexpectedly surrendered to government officers and was airlifted to military confinement in Manila.

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FLIGHT TO FREEDOM—Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and his wife, Barbara, prepare to leave Malaybalay after making a hasty departure from the Feast site in Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, because of an attempted coup. Victor Lim (right), pastor of the Davao church, escorts them on a chartered airplane to Cebu.



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Let's talk about it

"Did you enjoy the Feast?"

Most of us benefited from the activities, experiences, fine restaurants and the people we met. But the Feast is more than that. The Feast is about education, a time of learning and growing.

Now that we have settled back into our routines, we need to ask ourselves: How much did we take with us? How much of what we learned will we put into practice?

Notice what Peter wrote to the brethren in Asia Minor: "Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent [this human body], to stir you up by reminding you" (II Peter 1:12-13, New King James throughout).

Peter insisted that brethren remember vital points they already knew—keeping them in the forefront of their minds.

So even though we know these things, it's important to encourage one another to remember the points we received at the Feast.

To help us put into practice the information, experiences and lessons that we learned during this year's Feast we must talk about it.

Talk about your experiences with other people. Talk about the things you learned. When we converse about things, we not only inform oth-

ers but we remind ourselves.

It's an effective technique because whatever we talk a lot about becomes part of our active memory. And the longer that information is retained in the forefront of our mind, the deeper the groove in our subconscious mind.

We do many things, almost automatically, without actively thinking about them. So the deep-

Those of us with families have a great opportunity. On long trips (next Feast?) or even during drives to and from Sabbath services, we can use some of our time to discuss the things that we learned during the Feast.

And all of us are part of the greater family of brethren attending Sabbath services. Consider this point: You may be the only person from your congregation who attended a particular Feast site. In that case you have a tremendous opportunity to share your experiences and what you learned and to acquaint brethren with the people you met.

We all know that talking is not enough. We need to go beyond that and put the lessons we learned to work in our lives. Nonetheless, this one technique of talking will greatly enhance our

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er the groove in the subconscious mind the easier it will be to recall key information in time of need.

Paul put it another way in Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

The Greek word translated "exhort" can also be translated "to urge or encourage someone to pursue a certain course of conduct." So it's appropriate to share our Feast experiences in a positive way.

awareness of the points we learned and make it much easier for us to act on that knowledge.

The Holy Days refresh our understanding of God's plan. It's important to keep in mind the truths we learned at the Feast.

In Malachi 3:16 quite a statement is made about God's people: "Then those that feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them. So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on his name."

So remember this one simple point: Talk about the Feast!

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



British royal family: close to nation's heart

LONDON, England—This summer I was afforded a rare experience in British life. I received an invitation courtesy of the Foreign Press Association in London to attend one of the Queen's Garden Parties in the Royal Gardens of Buckingham Palace.

In the spacious gardens I talked to a man who briefed me about the particulars. At 4 p.m. the Queen and Princess of Wales stood at the top of the garden stairs as the national anthem was played.

After the anthem finished, people lined up along two paths, anxious for a glimpse of the royals.

Security men in elegant coats and tails chose different ones to meet Princess Diana. But the Princess made several forays into the crowd to shake waiting hands. When the Princess saw a woman in a wheelchair she made a bee-line for her. This is typical of a quality for which the Princess is becoming deeply loved.

The Princess cares. She responds with an unaffected charm that impresses even those determined not to be moved by her.

Describing the royal family's perennial attraction is like trying to define poetry. If you ignore their mystique you miss the point.

In an article about the royal family, the *London Times* said: "There simply needs to be an acknowledgment that the [royal] magic exists and works by concentrating the identity of home... in the symbolism, imagery, ceremonies and even the personalities of a royal dynasty. The idea of the royal, like the idea of the sacred, persists in spite of everything."

Of all its ancient institutions, none has served Britain better than its monarchy. This is particularly true of its women. Elizabeth I rallied her men against the Spanish Armada. Queen Victoria and her noble reign of more than half a century, and now Elizabeth II.

A queen from her early 20s, Elizabeth has carried the monarchy into modern times with great dignity. In her 21st birthday

speech to the Commonwealth she promised, "My whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service." It is a statement of intent she has always tried to live up to.

But other women in this royal family are also national heroines. The Queen Mother inspired the country as she stayed by her husband, George VI, during the terrible days of World War II and the London blitz. At 90 she is still close to the nation's heart.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana represent a special potential that augurs well for the future of these islands. They have shown themselves particularly adept at helping people who are going through personal tragedies—the handicapped, the terminally ill and the bereaved. The Princess is also known for her skills in talking to the elderly and children.

Prince Charles has his own charity, The Prince's Trust, that works in a hands-on way with young people, often in the inner cities. Despite his advantages, he is known and loved by the most underprivileged in the nation.

The Prince has expressed his deep concern for the environment, health care, the standard of architecture and the quality of life enjoyed by the man on the street.

The British royal family is one of the most discussed families in the world. Their example, for good or bad, has a tremendous influence. This is a lesson for us.

Our destiny is to be kings and priests—an honor and a duty to be greatly cherished. Our own character and qualities will have a deep effect on the people to whom we shall dedicate our lives.

When Queen Victoria was shown a chart of the line of succession at the age of 11, she said, "I will be good." She was true to her word.

As we consider our future in God's royal family we too should consider what degree of caring and duty we will serve the people of the United Kingdom of God.

Feast 90

Peace, joy, fine examples prevail at U.S. sites

PASADENA—"Periodic Santa Ana winds cleared the air to leave us with postcard views," said Pasadena coordinator John Kennedy. In addition to Spanish and deaf translation, French translation was provided for 50 French-speaking brethren.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was available to the brethren at a *succah* (Feast booth) in front of the Ambassador Auditorium for picture taking and conversation.

Big Sandy Festival coordinator Kenneth Giese reported rain at the beginning and end of the Feast, but "the brethren in the campground pulled together in adversity and helped each other during and after the rainstorms."

Hot-air ballooning was one of the activities available to brethren in Vail, Colo. Coy Colbert, Dwayne Long and their wives had an unexpectedly long hot-air balloon ride when the balloon was blown off course and landed high in the mountains. They had to hike five miles through the snow to the nearest road where they were picked up.

A couple in Norfolk, Va., "had the back window shot out of their car on the way to opening night, but were unharmed," according to Robert Jones, Festival coordinator. "Another man was robbed, but the robbers were apprehended and his money returned."

In Chattanooga, Tenn., one member lost his wallet. It was found in a parking lot by a nonmember and given to a store manager. The manager thought it might belong to someone connected to the Church and returned it with several hundred dollars and credit cards intact.

Jim Chapman, coordinator for the Jekyll Island, Ga., Feast site, said children there enjoyed Francis, a deer that roamed freely.

About 2,000 people in Niagara Falls, N.Y., went across the border

into Canada to visit Marineland for family day. Singles enjoyed two dinner cruises on the upper Niagara River, and 600 people attended the seniors dinner.

The Chamber of Commerce awarded randomly selected families free meals at restaurants in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. "This has become a tradition and is typical of the very good relationship the Church enjoys with the community," said Walter Neufeld, coordinator.

The mayor of Pensacola, Fla., once again officially welcomed Feastgoers on opening night. Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United (YOU) in Church Administration, challenged any of the more than 1,000 youths that attended the YOU beach party in sporting events, according to Festival coordinator Shorty Fuessel.

More than 4,500 attended the first Feast in Kansas City, Mo. "Our Kansas City Country Fair for family day was a huge success," said coordinator Joe Dobson. The fair included booths, a country and western band and a petting zoo.

The seniors luncheon in Kansas City took place at the Count Basie Ballroom of the Allis Plaza Hotel. It was a "beautiful meal in a beautiful setting," said Mr. Dobson.

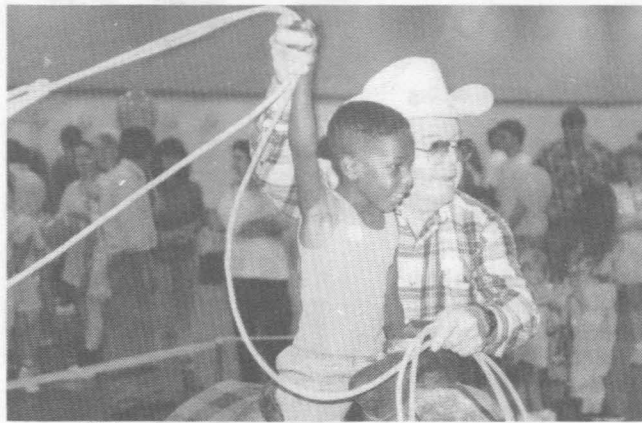
Activities in Kona, Hawaii, included three buffet lunches and two luaus, a trip to a volcano and several water-related activities, according to coordinator Richard Parker.

Family day in Palm Springs, Calif., took place at the Oasis Water Resort. Phil Korman and the Desert All-Stars Orchestra performed for a Festival dance.

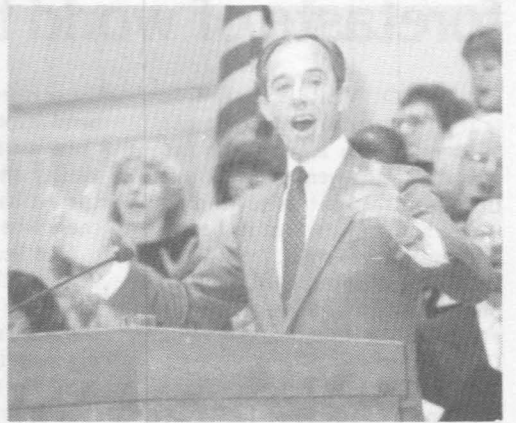
Church youths made up 40 percent of the 116-piece Festival orchestra in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., said coordinator Joel Lillengreen. Orchestra members ranged in age from 12 to 80.

"An employee who works for the county power company mentioned to one of our men on security how the brethren set a fine example in their driving during extremely adverse weather conditions," said Mr. Lillengreen. Wisconsin Dells received five to six inches of snow on day seven of the Feast.

Forty-two disabled members attended a lunch and social in Eugene, Ore. Robert Bertuzzi, Feast coordinator, said, "The concern and avid participation by all who attended



Corpus Christi, Tex.



Wisconsin Dells, Wis.



Niagara Falls, N.Y.



Biloxi, Miss.



Lexington, Ky.

made this Feast one of love, joy and peace."

Seventy deaf members attended the Rapid City, S.D., Feast site. Opening prayer of the afternoon service on the Last Great Day was given by Dave Barnett, a deaf deacon who works with the Deaf Program in Pasadena, in sign language and verbally interpreted.

Coordinator Dan Bierer commented that it was "very inspiring and uplifting."

Brethren in Dayton, Ohio, had a buffet dinner and watched "Fiddler on the Roof" at the La Comedia Dinner Theater, according to Ray Meyer, coordinator.

Larry Neff, Redding, Calif., coordinator, said that Eva Sebell, 91, from Florida, broke her hip on the way to the Feast and was hospitalized. Many members made trips during the Feast to visit her.

Brethren in Lexington, Ky., were greeted by the mayor of Lexington and by the president of Rupp Arena. A Bible study was conducted for the deaf members.

John Bald, Corpus Christi, Tex., coordinator, said that "the high light of the Feast was the high cal-

iber of the messages."

In Spokane, Wash., the mayor's office proclaimed the time of the Feast as Worldwide Church of God week.

About 1,600 brethren attended family day at Silverwood theme and amusement park in northern Idaho. Church youths and singles helped the disabled and families with small children into the auditorium for services.

A hotel manager remarked how well the children behaved and talked to coordinator David Treybig about the Church and doctrines.

In Anchorage, Alaska, the train ride to Hunter was the most talked about event, according to coordinator James Turner. Brethren saw Dall sheep, Beluga whales, eagles and moose during the trip. Family day included dogsled demonstrations, games and activities.

A seven-piece orchestra entertained senior citizens at a banquet. Church youths served at the banquet and helped the elderly and mothers into the arena for services.

During the Feast the son of Robert Perlitz lost his heart monitor, which was not covered by insurance.

Brethren took up a collection for the Perlitzes, which more than covered the cost of a new monitor.

Anchorage, Alaska	631
Big Sandy	5,318
Biloxi, Miss.	4,406
Chattanooga, Tenn.	4,131
Corpus Christi, Tex.	4,424
Dayton, Ohio	3,082
Daytona Beach, Fla.	5,925
Eugene, Ore.	2,421
Jekyll Island, Ga.	2,939
Kansas City, Mo.	4,610
Kona, Hawaii	1,372
Lexington, Ky.	4,653
Niagara Falls, N.Y.	4,721
Norfolk, Va.	6,580
Palm Springs, Calif.	3,545
Pasadena	3,154
Pensacola, Fla.	5,964
Rapid City, S.D.	3,861
Redding, Calif.	2,383
St. Petersburg, Fla.	6,903
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	1,967
Spokane, Wash.	2,377
Tucson, Ariz.	5,401
Vail, Colo.	2,730
Wisconsin Dells, Wis.	6,945

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Mr. Tkach ordains five new evangelists

PASADENA—J. Michael Fezell, Bernard Schnippert, Kyriacos Stavrinides and Joseph Tkach Jr. were ordained evangelists Sept. 27 in the office of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. Clint Zimmerman was also ordained an evangelist on the Sabbath, Oct. 20.

Michael Fezell

Mr. Fezell, executive assistant to the pastor general, serves as a li-



MICHAEL & VICTORIA FEZELL

aision between operation managers and Mr. Tkach and as executive editor of the Pastor General's Report. He also coordinates Church publications with Mr. Schnippert and evangelist Ronald Kelly, manager

of Editorial Services.

He was born in Louisiana in 1951. His family moved to Pasadena in 1957 where he attended Imperial Schools. During high school in the late 1960s he became friends with Mr. Tkach Jr. He spent summers at the Tkach home while attending Ambassador College.

After graduating with a double major in theology and elementary education in 1973, Mr. Fezell taught fifth grade at Imperial Elementary School. After Imperial was closed in 1974 he taught fifth and sixth grades in the Yuma, Ariz., school district for three years.

In 1978, he returned to Pasadena to serve in the Employee Recreation Department as equipment manager and tennis instructor.

When Ministerial Services (later Church Administration) hired Mr. Fezell to coordinate the Ministerial Refreshing Program in 1979, he worked closely with Mr. Tkach, then director of Ministerial Services. In addition to his ministerial duties in the headquarters congregation, Mr. Fezell worked with ministerial transfers, ministerial assignments and speaking schedules for the Feast, and assisted Mr.

Tkach in maintaining regular communication with the field ministry.

In 1980 Mr. Fezell married Victoria Brady from Indiana May 10 and was ordained into the full-time ministry Sept. 9. They have two children, Jeffrey and Elizabeth.

Mr. Fezell was raised to preaching elder in 1984 and pastor in 1987. Since 1987 he has served on the Advisory Council of Elders.

He taught Bible classes at Imperial Schools until 1986 and general epistles at Ambassador College for the past two years.

Bernard Schnippert

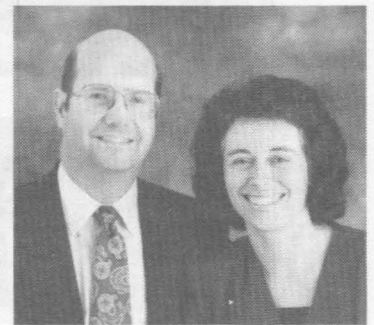
As director of Media Operations, Mr. Schnippert coordinates the Television, Mail Processing, Media Planning & Promotion, Publishing and Editorial departments of the Work. He is also responsible for coordinating the Church's five-year plan.

Mr. Schnippert graduated from Ambassador College in 1971. He was ordained a local elder in 1973 and a preaching elder in 1981. He worked in the Personal Correspondence Department for one year and served in the field ministry in Calgary and Edmonton, Alta., Las Ve-

gas and Kingman, Nev., and Pasadena.

Mr. Schnippert was ordained a pastor in 1987.

For about 10 years Mr. Schnippert suffered from a debilitating illness related to low blood sugar.



BERNARD & ARLENE SCHNIPPERT

While convalescing he obtained a doctor of law degree by correspondence. In 1987 he came to work for Editorial Services. Later that year he was appointed to his current position.

Mr. Schnippert is married to the former Arlene Pratt, and the couple have three daughters, Crystal, Amber and Coral. A more detailed bi-

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Feast 90

Feastgoers in Canada enjoy foretaste of world tomorrow

VANCOUVER, B.C.—“Contrary to popular belief, it gets warmer as you move north into Canada.” Such were the feelings of international visitors to Canada, where hospitality was at its best.

From coast to coast, from Victoria, B.C., to Halifax, N.S., a spirit of unity, warmth and friendship prevailed at the four Feast sites in Canada this year.

Evangelist Frank Brown, who became regional director in Canada last summer, and his wife, Sharon, began the Feast in Victoria, then traveled to Penticton, B.C., Regina, Sask., and concluded in Halifax.

Except for one afternoon when it was cold and windy, the weather in Regina was sunny and pleasant. Brethren expressed appreciation for having guest speaker, Tom Lapacka, for the entire Feast, and many transfers asked coordinator Glen Weber to thank their Canadian hosts for their exceptional hospitality.

Feastgoers in Penticton enjoyed clear, crisp autumn days, perfect for family day activities that included a penny carnival, ice-skating, volleyball, swimming and tennis. Ministers, wives and Church youths played broom ball, a Canadian game played on ice with stiff brooms and a hard plastic ball.

More than 1,000 brethren cheered them. That evening about 2,000 attended a family dance, where young and old rejoiced together.

Popular activities in Penticton included cruises on Okanagan Lake. Teens and singles had their own voyages on a cruise boat that featured dancing under the moonlight on the upper deck. Families enjoyed luncheon and sight-seeing cruises.

In Victoria senior citizens enjoyed an elegant luncheon served in the afternoon high tea tradition the Empress Hotel is noted for. The event was capped by entertainment and an encouraging message by guest speaker Arthur Docken.

A Festival dance took place at the Empress Crystal Ballroom, featuring Leighton Noble and his orches-

tra performing a repertoire of big band favorites.

In Halifax the traditional family variety show featured talent from the Atlantic provinces and from those who transferred to the site.

God heard the prayers of brethren for those sick among them across the nation. One member who collapsed after services on the opening night in Halifax returned by the third day and attended all services.

A member in Penticton was taken to the hospital for emergency surgery. Those attending the Festival site prayed for her, and within days she was recovering.

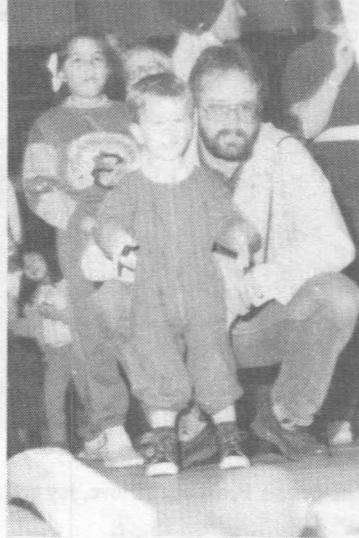
Her surgeon brought his colleagues by each day to inspect his handiwork and her unexpectedly fine recovery.

Overall, the Feast in Canada was a great success with many reports of members being spiritually uplifted and reinvigorated for the winter months ahead.

Halifax, N.S.	1,372
Penticton, B.C.	2,620
Regina, Sask.	1,253
Victoria, B.C.	2,582



Regina, Sask.



Victoria, B.C.



Penticton, B.C.

Forming strong friendships at African sites

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Seven sites in southern Africa were hosts to 3,539 brethren attending the Feast of Tabernacles.

Durban, South Africa, was the largest site, with 1,502 Feastgoers. According to John White, Festival coordinator, family day included helicopter rides, an inflatable castle for preschoolers and a family triathlon, where three members of a family competed in swimming, running and cycling.

On behalf of Mr. Tkach, evangelist David Hulme presented Adriaan Botha, a local church elder in the Johannesburg West church, with a plaque and watch for 25 years of service in the Work.

Uvongo, South Africa, was host to 495 brethren attending the Feast there. John Bartholomew, Festival coordinator, said brethren enjoyed brilliant sunshine mixed with overcast days, surfing, fishing and waterskiing. Guest speakers were Larry Salyer, Harold Jackson, David Hulme and Andre van Belkum.

Six hundred fifty-six brethren kept the Feast in George, South Africa. Activities included a senior citizens luncheon at Fancourt Hotel and a YOU boat cruise in the Wilderness Lakes district.

Most of the 210 Feastgoers in Cape Town stayed in one complex, “contributing greatly to close friendships and a spirit of togetherness and harmony,” according to Gordon Green, Festival coordinator. Cape Town was a late replacement for Sonesta, which has been a site for many years.

Singles in Cape Town took a boat trip, ending with dinner at a harbor restaurant. The trip was so successful that it was repeated the next day. YOU day offered tenpin bowling and putt-putt golf.

Five hundred twenty-nine people attended in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Brethren there got reacquainted with the site’s two guest speakers, Peter Nathan and Petros Manzina, who were last in Zimbabwe in the mid-70s.

Less-privileged brethren invited visitors from other countries to a

get-acquainted meal at their camp site.

On the Last Great Day a 7-year-old boy, Daniel Kanda, escaped injury when his family’s car rolled over his leg.

A group of 120 met in Lusaka, Zambia. Members opened up their homes to brethren from outlying regions because of the high cost of hotel accommodations. Holy Day offerings were exceptionally high, said coordinator Aldrin Mandimika, despite rampant inflation and severe economic conditions.

Owen Visagie, Festival coordinator for Black River, Mauritius, said brethren there “personified this

lovely island’s motto: ‘No problem!’”

The band at the dance was made up entirely of members of the Bernon family, who over the years have contributed to special Sabbath music and played at socials.

Cape Town, South Africa	210
Durban, South Africa	1,502
George, South Africa	656
Uvongo, South Africa	495
Black River, Mauritius	115
Lusaka, Zambia	120
Mutare, Zimbabwe	529



Lusaka, Zambia



Durban, South Africa



Uvongo, South Africa



Cape Town, South Africa

Guests feel part of family at lone site in Netherlands

HOOGVEEN, Netherlands—Typical Dutch autumn weather—clouds, wind and showers with sunny intervals—greeted the 598 brethren attending the Feast here.

Activities were a square dance, a jazz concert (a band played music of the 1920s by Bill Berky, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong), an evening of classical music and a formal dance.

The senior citizens visited one of Europe’s preeminent zoos and concluded the trip with dinner. Ineke Hempenius, a member who attends

the Doorn church, said: “It was fantastic. It’s a pity you have to be over 60 to participate.”

Guest speaker Robert Dick said: “It was a delight to see the Dutch brethren fellowship. Their warmth and command of the English language made the guests feel part of one family. There are no barriers.”

Hoogeveen, Netherlands	598
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Hoogeveen, Netherlands

Feast 90

Feast of firsts for brethren at German-language sites

BONN, Germany—All three sites in the German-language region were scenes of firsts this year.

For the first time in 45 years, Germany was united. The Day of German Unity was observed Oct. 3, the opening day for the Feast of



Bonndorf, Germany

Tabernacles.

At the Bonndorf site, Mayor Peter Folkerts alluded to this milestone on the world scene in his welcome to 800 Feastgoers on the opening night.

Festival coordinator Henry Sturcke said that for him, the Feast was characterized by the warm feeling of brotherly love.

For the first time the Feast was conducted in Goslar, the Rome of the North. Seven hundred and eight Feastgoers attended the Feast in this historic city, which for centuries was the home of German emperors and their courts.

A welcome reception in the Imperial Palace (*Kaiserpfalz*) created the atmosphere for the Feast, with the mayor's representative warmly welcoming Church members.

Perhaps the most moving event from all the sites was the opening night ceremony in Brno, Czechoslovakia. Following a Feast tradition there, all the countries represented by the 285 Feastgoers were called out.

This year a little child carried in a flag for each of these countries, and



EAST UNBLOCS—Brethren from what was East Germany gather with others at the Feast in Brno, Czechoslovakia. [Photo by Helen Braman]

placed them in flag stands. The last two flags presented were from East and West Germany.

To honor brethren from the East, they were asked to rise as their flag was brought in. Immediately thereafter, the members from West Germany were asked to stand as their flag was presented. The East German flag was then tied to the West German flagpole to symbolize unity and oneness. The applause was long and heartfelt.

It was an emotional moment for everyone and so fitting for the Feast, when oneness and unity of spirit and peoples will be universal.

All three sites shared a mix of overseas guests along with German, Swiss and Austrian brethren. Despite language differences the feeling of family and friendship was unmistakable. This atmosphere of

warmth and a caring for one another was, however, not a first at these sites.

Bonndorf, Germany	800
Goslar, Germany	708
Brno, Czechoslovakia	285

Stations reduced but coverage efficient

Telecast: most households

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—"There's no question *The World Tomorrow* is now the No. 1 religious program in the United States," Ray Wright, manager of Media Planning & Promotion (MP&P), said in the telecast review meeting Sept. 11.

"We're in fewer markets, we're spending less on syndication programming and yet we reach more TV households," Mr. Wright added. "That's got to say something for the quality of the program."

In the meeting Mr. Wright pointed out that *The World Tomorrow* reaches as many television households as it ever has, even though the number of television stations airing the program has declined more than 50 percent.

According to Mr. Wright, Arbitron and Nielsen ratings indicate that 1.7 million television households viewed the telecast in May. At that time, 114 stations aired the telecast, compared to 240 in May 1988, when 1.6 million television households viewed the program.

Working to place *The World Tomorrow* on better stations and to eliminate duplication in market coverage, MP&P has reduced the number of stations airing the telecast. As a result, Mr. Wright said, the budget for airing the telecast has dropped more than \$4 million.

Mr. Wright noted that the decision to only place the telecast on efficient stations was an effort to implement Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's request that the Work's managers seek to "do more with less."

Mr. Wright explained that as the telecast has become more widely known, credibility has increased and that credibility helps open doors for the Church. More cable stations and network owned-and-operated (O&Os) stations have been willing to air the program and some have even offered air time before MP&P requested it. Consequently, Mr. Wright and his staff have been able to select better, more efficient stations.

Almost 89 percent of *World To-*

morrow coverage at the end of 1988 was in local markets, according to Mr. Wright. Now cable stations account for 41 percent of television households (nearly 700,000) viewing the telecast. Local market stations, which include network O&Os, accounted for another 59 percent (one million television households).

MP&P evaluates television stations in terms of audience size, cost of air time, cost of air time per 1,000 viewers and market area. These standards are used in seeking new stations as well as reevaluating stations that currently air the telecast.

For example, the Church periodically prunes stations as their rates increase or as air time becomes available on better stations covering the same market.

Mr. Wright pointed out that the media tends to ignore Nielsen ratings when reporting about religious programs.

"The reason that we are reported commonly with only Arbitron figures," he said, "is that all other religious programming is only in Arbitron rating areas, with the exception of Robert Schuller [*Hour of Power*]."

Arbitron ranks local market programming. Nielsen, however, primarily ranks network and cable programs.

Mr. Wright said that before the ratings are published, the Church should explain that unlike other religious telecasts, *The World Tomorrow* has both a local market audience and network and cable viewers. As a result, *The World Tomorrow* has the largest audience when one looks at both Arbitron and Nielsen ratings.

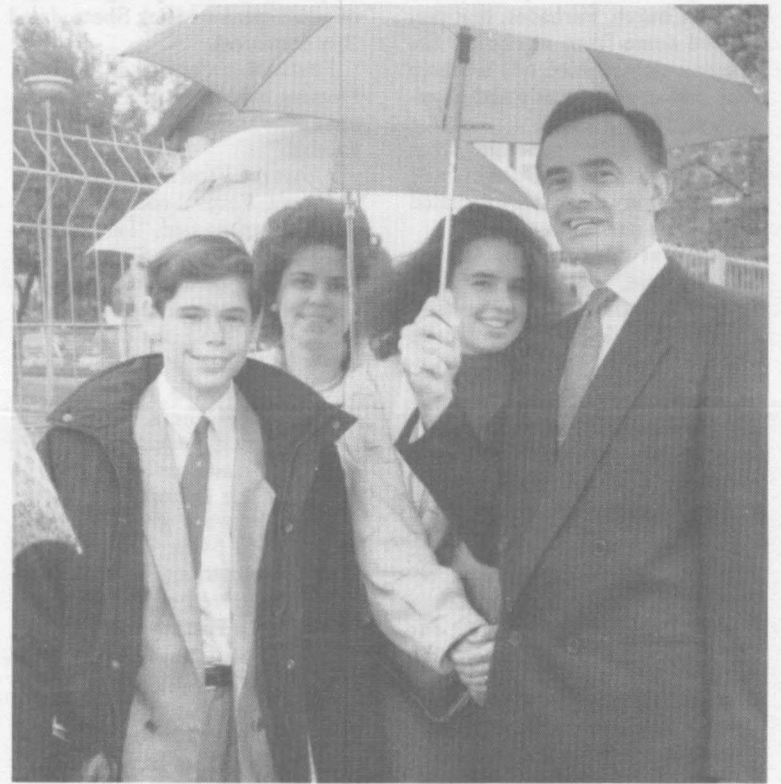
Mr. Wright also discussed one-time-only (OTO) time periods offered by stations. These time slots are usually less expensive than contract periods, but they're seldom offered to any programs except major syndicators. Both NBC and USA offered a number of OTOs to *The World Tomorrow*.

These time slots can be used in two ways, Mr. Wright said. In areas where the telecast already airs, the portion of the one-time-only tele-

cast that might normally be used to advertise *The Plain Truth*, can advertise the regular *World Tomorrow* time slot.

In areas where the telecast doesn't air, a one-time-only telecast can advertise *The Plain Truth* in the same way a regular weekly telecast does.

Finally, Mr. Wright discussed the availability of 13-week, short-term contracts. In markets such as Seattle, Wash., where MP&P has been unable to obtain 52-week contracts to air *The World Tomorrow* on any major stations, these short-term contracts give the Church an opportunity to reach people that otherwise wouldn't be reached.



Goslar, Germany

New magazine replaces Good News

PT, telecast: stronger message

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—In a letter to members and co-workers Sept. 25 Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach announced that a revised, more biblically oriented *Plain Truth* would replace both the current *Plain Truth* as well as *The Good News*. He also announced that the *World Tomorrow* telecast would focus more on religious themes.

The new *Plain Truth* "will focus on the gospel message," Mr. Tkach wrote. "It will contain articles about living as true Christians in obedience to God."

In a letter to *Plain Truth* readers Mr. Tkach noted that "the Princeton Religion Center, the Gallup organization and other leading authorities show a growing interest among Americans in the subject of religious values and Christian living."

Later in the same letter Mr. Tkach wrote that "many fine publications . . . report what's happening in today's world. You can obtain this type of news and information from other sources. It is our commission, as a Church, to make plain the biblical teachings [of] Jesus."

Evangelist Bernard Schnippert,

director of Media Operations, spoke about these changes and how they would affect the media departments in an employee meeting Oct. 25.

Mr. Schnippert said the "five-year plan meetings had made it obvious that some kind of changes would be necessary, since costs were growing faster than income."

"At the same time," he continued, "Mr. Tkach began thinking in terms of seeking 'fertile ground.' We simply do not have the resources to reach everyone at this time. Instead, we must be good stewards with the resources God has given us, sowing the gospel message only on the most fertile ground."

According to evangelist Ronald Kelly, manager of Editorial Services, *The Plain Truth* will continue to include the "World Scene" and "Today's Family" sections. The "Man and Religion" section, however, will be discontinued because *The Plain Truth* will begin including "Biblical Workshop," formerly a feature of *The Good News*.

Also, "the Q&A and Letters sections," according to Mr. Kelly, "will take on new personality."

Herb Vierra, manager of Television Production, explained that the telecast will also become more biblically oriented. Many of the individual telecasts already produced have had a strong biblical orientation but some programs covering social issues placed less emphasis on the biblical perspective.

One change will be the timing of scriptural references for most of the programming. In the past, Scripture often wasn't referred to until the end of a program. In future telecasts, though, the presenters may begin referring to Scripture earlier.

In his letter to members and co-workers Mr. Tkach said these changes will result in some layoffs of existing personnel.

In his meeting for all media employees, Mr. Schnippert assured everyone that the number of layoffs will be kept to a minimum and that natural attrition, transfers and retirements will account for some of these layoffs. In addition, he said the Work plans to offer the affected employees assistance in the form of extended pay as well as whatever job placement assistance it can provide.

Feast 90

Different cultures blend easily at Feast sites in Caribbean

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—Caribbean members and international transfers noted the family spirit and easy blending of culturally different but spiritually like-minded Feastgoers.

One international transfer said, "We're like old friends."

In addition to the regular Caribbean Feast sites, a mini-Feast was conducted for some of God's people in St. Vincent.

Evangelist Colin Adair spoke in Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad.

Nassau was the setting for 343 Feastgoers in the Bahamas. Balmy weather, fine food and fellowship added to the family atmosphere.

Feastgoers heard from guest speakers Britton Taylor and Steve Andrews, and got a behind-the-scenes look at *The Worldwide News* in a slide show given by Jeff Zhorne.

Festival coordinator Cecil Pulley said, "The Feast proved to be successful because of the cooperative attitude of all of God's people who attended."

Despite initial heavy rainfall in Christ Church, Barbados, that prevented some from attending the opening night service, 641 brethren took part in a spiritually and physically rewarding Feast.

Brethren heard messages from guest speaker James Jenkins and enjoyed family day, which included local Bajan delicacies.

Festival coordinator Victor Simpson said, "I believe that God's favor was evident in many areas—the speaking, fellowship, activities and the weather."

Hurricane Klaus threatened but did not interfere with the site in Roseau, Dominica, as 88 brethren celebrated the Feast.

Guest speaker Dennis Milner and Edward Straughan, church pastor who attended the first half of the Feast in St. Lucia, gave sermons. Twenty-five visitors from abroad joined Dominican brethren for Dominica Night, an island tour and family day.

In Grenada "clear blue skies, the beautiful Grand Anse Beach and 332 brethren from the Caribbean and North America all combined to

make this a memorable Feast," said Paul Krautmann, Festival coordinator.

Guest speakers Ron Lohr and Dan Creed were noted for their service to the brethren.

In Georgetown, Guyana, 152 brethren met in an Amerindian thatched-roof convention facility. Activities included family day, a seniors luncheon and a children's party.

Members commented on the warmth of Douglas Peitz and his family, the only North American transfers. The Guyanese children enjoyed gifts sent to them by the Pikeville and Hazard, Ky., churches, which are pastored by Mr. Peitz.

Widespread enthusiastic participation by more than 800 Feastgoers made the Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Feast site special to transfers and Jamaican brethren alike.

Family Fun Day, the YOU beach party, seniors tea party and children's party were only narrowly surpassed by the inspiring messages of guest speakers Rick Sherrod and Roy Demarest.

Festival coordinator Charles Fleming said that the Feast in Jamaica "was truly blessed by the Eternal."

About the Feast at Reduit Beach, St. Lucia, Festival coordinator Edward Straughan said, "I am sure the word *fantastic* is sadly overused, but it would be difficult for me to find a more appropriate word to describe the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles in St. Lucia."

Church youths presented "A Tribute to Mothers," which featured a dance, poems, solos and a four-minute address by a father, on behalf of the fathers.

Sermons were given by guest speaker Bill Miller and transfers Harvey Bauman and Tom Piasceny.

Nine hundred sixty-two members kept the Feast in Port of Spain, Trinidad, despite a failed coup in late July that had threatened to cancel the site.

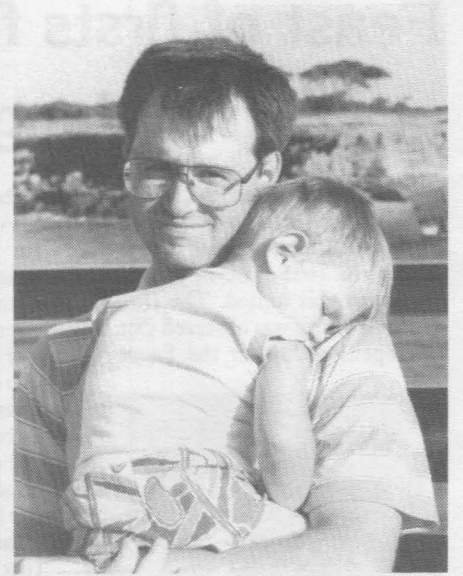
Activities included a welcome by the minister of Industry and State Enterprise and Tourism, the Festi-



Port of Spain, Trinidad



Reduit Beach, St. Lucia



Grand Anse Beach, Grenada



Nassau, Bahamas



Christ Church, Barbados

val boat cruise and the Grand Festival Ball, which featured a steel-drum orchestra.

Many brethren commented on the encouragement and warmth of guest speaker Robert Persky and his family.

In St. Vincent, just days before they were to leave for the Feast, the Ministry of Education told 10 schoolteachers that they would not be permitted to leave the island, even though approval to attend the Feast had already been granted.

The reason given was that too many teachers were either sick or requesting the same time off, and therefore the children would not receive adequate instruction and supervision.

Mr. Krautmann met with the acting chief education officer, but he refused to make any concessions. Consequently, some of the members visited the minister of education, who was a little more understanding in granting permission for six of the

10 to leave the island for the Feast.

The members decided among themselves who should go and who should stay. Those who stayed, along with brethren who were unable to leave because of financial reasons, numbered 18 people.

Mr. Adair, regional director, asked Mr. Krautmann and his family to spend the last two days of the Feast with the brethren in St. Vincent.

Services were conducted Oct. 10, and a potluck lunch followed. After lunch, brethren watched the videotape "Sowing the Seeds of the Gospel."

After morning services on the

Last Great Day brethren gathered for lunch. The afternoon service was a videotape of Mr. Tkach's satellite message. St. Vincent brethren are looking forward to having a full Feast in 1991.

Nassau, Bahamas	343
Christ Church, Barbados	641
Roseau, Dominica	88
Grand Anse Beach, Grenada	332
Georgetown, Guyana	152
Ocho Rios, Jamaica	800
Reduit Beach, St. Lucia	163
Port of Spain, Trinidad	962
St. Vincent	22

French brethren keep Feast in Europe, Canada, Caribbean

PASADENA—The weather was unusually balmy and warm in France this year as 1,383 brethren kept the Feast in Port d'Albret. Two hundred forty of them were English speaking.

Customary of the Feast in France, the brethren ate meals with one another in a sit-down, family-style fashion.

In addition to regional director Dibar Apartian, visiting ministers from the United States were evangelist David Albert and Michael Germano. Services were translated through infrared transmitting devices.

Jean-Paul Pelletier, mayor of Sherbrooke, Que., welcomed 1,453 brethren on the second day of the Feast there. More than 20 countries were represented at the site.

Offerings were up on both Holy Days, with the offering on the Last Great Day showing a 14.6 percent increase. Olivier Carion from the French Office was the visiting minister together with Mr. Apartian, who spent the second half of the Feast in Quebec.

A heavy tropical rain hit the island of Martinique on the first evening of the Feast in Ste. Luce, forcing the opening service to be canceled. The Feast resumed the next day with most of the 370 members in attendance.

Hurricane Klaus just missed the St. Francois, Guadeloupe, site, where 246 brethren kept the Feast. Lots of rain fell, but the brethren were encouraged when it always

cleared for the activities. The church orchestra gave a concert during family evening. Six new members were baptized.

Two hundred thirty African brethren kept the Feast in Kinshasa, Zaire.

A piano was used during the song service, a luxury not available in the regular Sabbath services. This caused several brethren to have tears well up during the song services.

Bernard Andrist was the visiting minister from Switzerland.

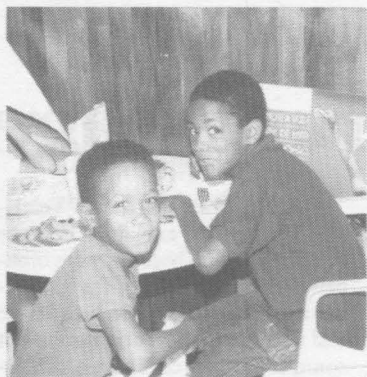
Hot, balmy weather and calm, warm seas were the fare for the Feast in Jacmel, Haiti.

A banner proclaiming *Nous sommes une famille* (we are one family) was a colorful welcome to the 62 Feastgoers.

Brethren enjoyed a family variety show and a boat trip across the bay to a beach where they swam, ate coconuts and basked in the sun.

A motto at the Feast was, "No problem!" Some inconveniences occurred, such as insufficient lighting on the opening night, but it was "no problem" because candles gave the solution.

Port d'Albret, France	1,383
St. Francois, Guadeloupe	246
Jacmel, Haiti	62
Ste. Luce, Martinique	246
Sherbrooke, Que.	1,453
Kinshasa, Zaire	230



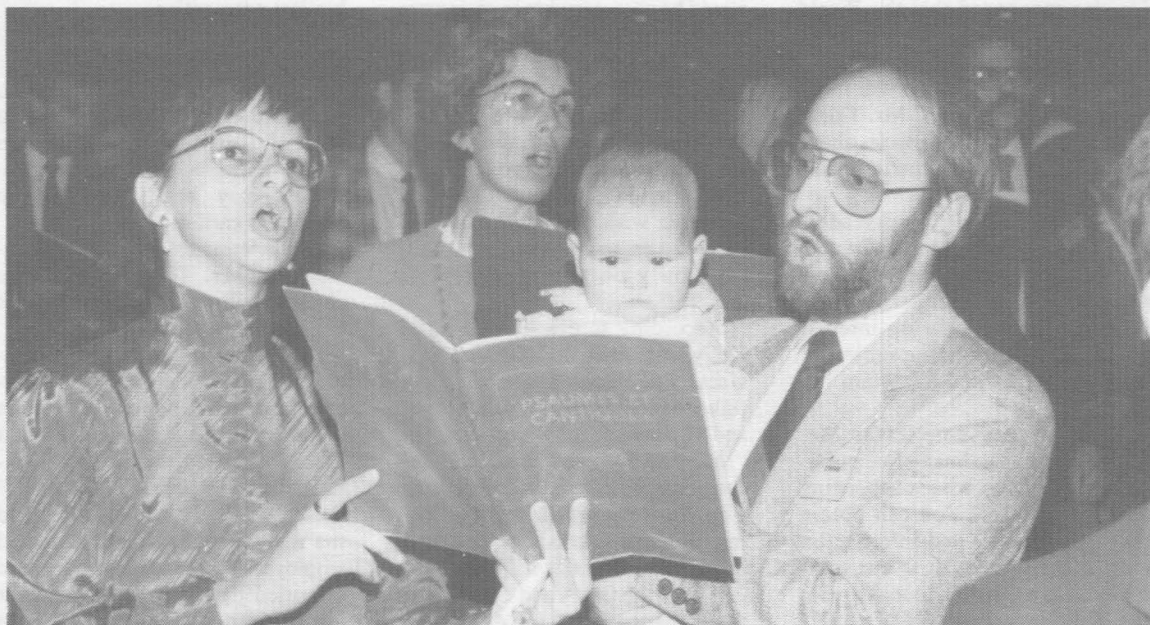
St. Francois, Guadeloupe



Ste. Luce, Martinique



Port d'Albret, France



Sherbrooke, Que.

Feast 90

British, African areas: 14 sites

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The Feast of Tabernacles took place at sites in the United Kingdom, Europe and Africa administered by the regional office here.

Scarborough, England, known for its natural beauty, wildlife and historic interest, was the Feast setting for 1,278 brethren. The mayor of Scarborough welcomed brethren during a dance and buffet.

As the Island of Guernsey remembered the 50th anniversary of Hitler's invasion, 607 brethren shared in remembering the great future event of the Millennium. Members took a boat trip to the Island of Herm three miles off the coast of Guernsey.

A traditional English tea dance was conducted in honor of the senior citizens. The YOU joined the ministry and wives in serving the tea.

Brethren in Trabolgan, Irish Republic, met at a recreation complex on 140 acres of unspoiled woodland and rolling meadow on the coast of East Cork. Three hundred twenty-five Feastgoers were treated to "A Taste of Ireland," the theme of the Irish cultural evening.

The mayor of Eastbourne, England, on behalf of the city, treated the 997 brethren there to a free civic reception, dance and buffet, during which civic officials met Church members.

The Church members, in appreciation to Eastbourne, donated 900 pounds (about \$1,800) in a collection for the mayor's favorite charity (Volunteer Services Organization), which helps the elderly and disabled in Eastbourne.

The mayor was visibly overwhelmed by the generosity of the Church and was happy to receive the check presented by Festival coordinator Robin Jones.

The title "The English Riviera" has been aptly attributed to the Festival site of Paignton, England.

Andrew Silcox, Festival coordinator, said: "The overall atmosphere amongst the members is the best I have ever seen at a Feast site. The hymn singing was inspiring."

Two hundred seventy-five brethren kept the Feast in Bredsten, Denmark. The annual Spokesman Club was conducted during the Feast, which is the only time Scandinavian brethren can get together for club.

North of Africa, in the Mediterranean Sea, is the island of Malta, the site for 427 brethren, including 58 from Malta, keeping the Feast. Many brethren stayed in the Grand Verdala Hotel on a hill that affords

views of much of the island, including the Mediterranean. Brethren met each other for breakfast by the hotel pool.

One hundred eighty overseas members attended a Maltese Spokesman Club ladies night.

The guest speaker in Malta was David Wainwright, who visited from the Italian site.

The Feast took place at two sites in Kenya: Naro Moru River Lodge in the foothills of Mt. Kenya and Mombasa. Three hundred twenty-eight Kenyan and overseas Feastgoers kept the Feast in Kenya.



Naro Moru, Kenya

Evangelist Larry Salyer, his wife, Judy, and family visited Naro Moru for the first day of the Feast and continued on to other parts of Africa.

Activities in Naro Moru were the annual foot race, model boat race, traditional dancing show, barbecue and soccer match.

Brethren in Mombasa enjoyed a dinner dance under the stars on a dhow (an Arab sailing ship), a talent show titled "A Day in the Life of a Kenyan" (a lighthearted look at Kenyan life), a water slide for the children and a beach party.

A guided tour of a reforested cement quarry fit in with the millennial theme of rebuilding the waste places.

God's protection was evident on the brethren's return journey to Nairobi from Mombasa. The hired bus in which they were traveling blew a tire. The driver struggled for more than one kilometer to bring the bus under control, narrowly avoiding collisions with other vehicles.

After the incident the shaken driver (not a Church member) told everyone to thank God that they were still alive.

The Feast of Tabernacles in Ghana was conducted in the Ghana International Trade Fair Centre

with about 470 people in attendance. Many of the outlying brethren (around 100) stayed on the Church farm, and Church buses were used for transportation.

The Trade Fair Centre was a suitable facility once it was thoroughly cleaned and decorated. Though it is not air-conditioned, sea breezes made it a pleasant place to meet.

Dry and sunny weather was enjoyed by 65 brethren attending the Feast in Tororo, Uganda. Brethren watched a talent show featuring Ugandan singing and dancing, and a soccer match between the men and the women, which finished in a draw.

In Nigeria 306 brethren including 13 from the United States, United Kingdom, Cameroon and Ghana kept the Feast in Jos, capital of Plateau State, while 423 attended the Okada, Bendel State, site. This is the second time the Church has had two sites in Nigeria.

While some missed having everyone in one place as one large family, the majority were happy about the less crowded and consequently cooler facilities.

The Church-owned hall in Blantyre, Malawi, was the Feast site for 196 brethren.

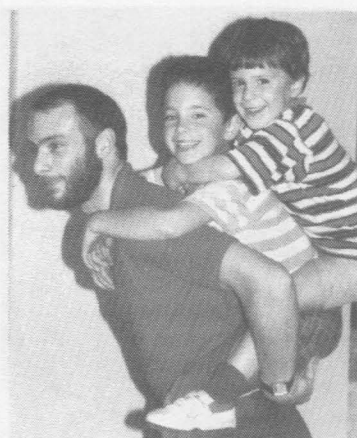
Gerhard Marx, a Church member and an official guide with the English Tourist Board, conducted a three day post-Feast tour of Britain.

The tour began with a four-hour evening cruise on the River Thames, dining and viewing London by night.

The next day the group traveled to Warwick Castle, where at noon, a medieval knight hired for the occasion, rode into the castle to welcome the group.

Stratford-upon-Avon was next on the itinerary, visiting Shakespeare's birthplace and that of his girl friend, Ann Hathaway.

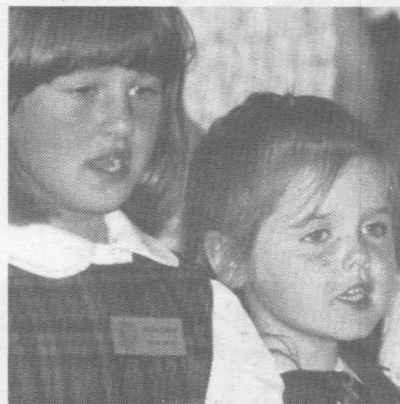
Dining at Woodstock on the edge of the Cotswolds brought an end to



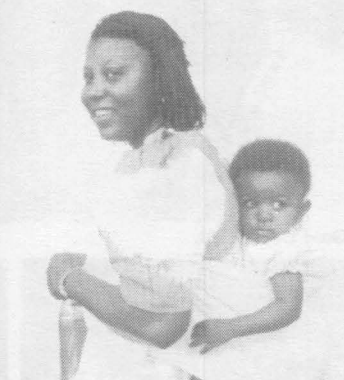
Rabat, Malta



Scarborough, England



Trabolgan, Irish Republic



Accra, Ghana

a day of sight-seeing.

London was next on the tour, with a visit to Westminster Abbey with its Coronation Stone, and a view of the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace.

After a carvery meal on the original *Queen Mary* ship in the River Thames, the group saw the Tower of London—prison and burial place of two queens of England and home of the crown jewels.

The evening was reserved for the theater: *The Mousetrap*, *Les Misérables* or *Me and My Girl*.

On the last day of the tour, the group traveled to Stonehenge, and the afternoon was reserved for a visit to Windsor Castle, home of the British monarchy.

For many, the most important part of the tour was the medieval banquet with Elizabethan enter-

tainment at Hatfield House, a 500-year-old palace. In the dining hall King Henry VIII housed his royal children, Edward, Mary and Elizabeth. All three became monarchs.

Eastbourne, England	997
Paignton, England	1,327
Scarborough, England	1,278
Guernsey, Channel Islands	607
Bredsten, Denmark	320
Trabolgan, Irish Republic	610
Rabat, Malta	427
Accra, Ghana	470
Mombasa, Kenya	150
Naro Moru, Kenya	178
Jos, Nigeria	306
Okada, Nigeria	423
Tororo, Uganda	65
Blantyre, Malawi	196

Thailand site offers exotic flavor

CHIANG MAI, Thailand—Visitors to this exotic land experienced Thai culture and hospitality. Two hundred seventy-five brethren from more than 12 countries gathered for the fourth Feast here, adding to the international flavor of this site.

John Halford was Festival coordinator, and Lateef Edelar was guest speaker.

Although a tropical cyclone at

the beginning of the Feast caused three days of rain, brethren didn't seem to mind, and all scheduled activities proceeded as planned. For the rest of the Feast brethren enjoyed sunny and warm humid weather.

The group spent a few days in Bangkok before traveling north to Chiang Mai. While in Bangkok, members visited Queen Sirikit's projects at the royal villa. They observed Thai craftsmen and women at work, and also purchased handicrafts produced by the projects.

Another feature of the Feast was a mountain trek to a remote hilltribe village. Members of all ages climbed into the back of small pickup trucks for the steep, bumpy ride up a mountain trail to the village.

Other activities included a tour of the Grand Palace, an early morning *klong* (canal) tour and a trip to an elephant training camp.

Fred Stevens, business manager at the Chiang Mai Feast site, was impressed with how smoothly the Feast arrangements went this year. "With all the planning and details involved in a group tour of this size, you would almost expect some things to go wrong. But the logistics went very smoothly this year—from the plane reservations, to room assignments, to baggage claims."

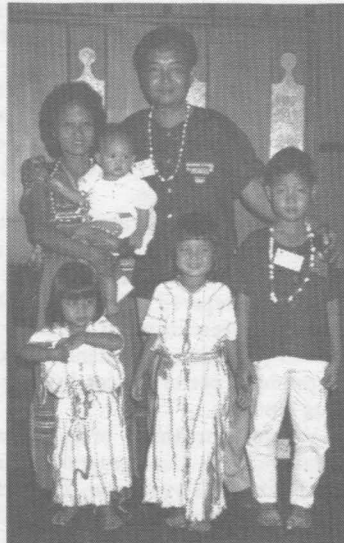
Wherever the group went, they were well taken care of by the Thai tour guides and hotel staffs. The tour guides also complimented the group. "These guides work with all different kinds of groups, and every

tour is different," said Mr. Stevens, "but they commented that our people are always so easy to work with."

The Feast ended with a poolside bon voyage party, complete with a fireworks display, given by the staff at the Chiang Mai Orchid Hotel.

Throughout the Feast, members were particularly impressed by the hospitality of the Thai people. As one member said: "The example of the Thai people—their warmth and sincere attitude of service—is one I will never forget. I can understand why this country is called 'The Land of Smiles.'"

Chiang Mai, Thailand	275
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Chiang Mai, Thailand

Brethren savor autumn in Italy

CHIANCIANO, Italy—John Adams, Italian Festival coordinator, reported that brethren enjoyed beautiful fall weather for the Feast in Italy this year. It was sunny and warm on most days, with occasional light rain on other days, but this didn't interfere with Feast activities.

For the second time the Feast was conducted in Chianciano, in the region of Tuscany.

Feast activities included tours to Siena, Florence and Montepulciano in the Chianti wine-growing region, where brethren toured the Contucci winery and bought local wine.

A pre-Feast tour of Rome included the Forum and Coliseum. Some members saw the pope at the Vatican during his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square.

During the Feast the highest attendance recorded was 693, including about 200 Italian members.

Services were conducted in En-

glish with translation into Italian. Three separate services in Italian were conducted for Italian members.



Chianciano, Italy

A number of deaf brethren attended the Italian Feast site. Some brethren were hosts to them for dinner and sight-seeing in the mountains around Chianciano.

Cliff Veal, pastor of the Milan church, was raised to preaching elder during the Feast. Mr. Veal, his wife, Connie, and their three children live in Bergamo.

On the Last Great Day the Italian brethren presented a gift of crystal glasses to evangelist Carn Catherwood, regional director, and his wife, Joyce, in appreciation of their service to the Work in Italy.

Members were threatened by a gasoline strike before the Feast and a one-day air-traffic controllers strike after the Feast.

Thanks to God's intervention the air strike was averted, and gasoline was available on the *autostrada* (freeway). All Italian members and others who rented cars made it to the Feast.

Chianciano, Italy	693
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Feast 90

Australian region features new Feast site in Canberra

BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—The Australian and Asian regional office administered nine Festival sites. Attendance at the six sites in Australia and three in Asia was 7,078.

A new Feast site in Canberra, Australia's capital, was attended by 1,735 people, according to Festival coordinator Bruce Tyler.

Activities in Canberra were a formal dinner and ball, which featured a fireworks display, and a wine-tasting afternoon presented by one of Australia's top winegrowers. Family day featured hot-air balloon rides.

An annual floral festival coincided with the Feast this year, providing members with spectacular floral exhibitions.

In Caloundra brethren rallied to help Robert Clark and his family after their car was seriously damaged on the way to the Feast after hitting a kangaroo.

"They were overwhelmed by the love and support of the brethren," according to coordinator Ross Beath.

An Australian bush dance was a main activity for the 1,187 people attending the beachside site.

The mayor of Caloundra, Don Aldous, welcomed Feastgoers to the city on opening night.

Some of the 1,256 brethren attending the Gold Coast site toured the Church's regional office. Feastgoers enjoyed the Gold Coast's many outdoor attractions, including the beaches, Sea World and native animal sanctuaries.

Church youths assisted mothers with young children and the elderly from their cars into the auditorium.

When 16-year-old Corinne Lewis was hospitalized with meningitis during the Feast, members were asked to pray for her recovery. Corinne responded to treatment and returned to school after the Feast.

The YOU activity, a beach party, featured wind surfing and catamaran rides.

The deputy mayor of Ulladulla, N.S.W., June Baker, addressed members on the opening night. She

noted how much the community enjoyed the members' family togetherness, while many families in society are falling apart, according to coordinator Bruce Dean.

Seven hundred sixty-seven attended in Ulladulla. One of the features of the small, quiet, beachside location is that members bump into each other in the town, said Mr. Dean.

Senior citizens enjoyed a Chinese banquet. Music at the family dance was provided by George and the Unicorns, a band in which Bosco Bosaniac of the Sydney South church is a member.

Four hundred thirty brethren attended the Feast in Hobart, Tas., according to coordinator Rodney McQueen.

Activities included a dinner cruise on the Derwent River, pancake breakfasts for singles and Church youths, a sports night, family day, an over-60s luncheon and a dinner dance.

Members in Perth, W.A., were encouraged that Gladys Potter, a member from Bunbury, was healed on the eve of urgent surgery scheduled for the first day of the Feast. She attended services the next day.

Events for the 748 attendees were river cruises for the singles and seniors, a fun show and a high standard and good variety of special music, according to coordinator Gavin Cullen.

In Malacca, Malaysia, coordinator Yong Chin Gee reported that 445 people kept the Feast in the Ramada Renaissance Hotel.

Visiting speaker Karl Karlov was unable to obtain the speaking permit required under Malaysian law until the second day of the Feast. Persistent efforts and personal representation by Mr. Yong, Low Mong Chai, a local church elder, and S.T. Tharumanathan, a member, resulted in the permit being granted by the deputy director-general of the Department of Immigration.

At the Majorda Beach Resort in Goa, India, 261 people from 12 countries attended the Feast, according to coordinator Daniel Zachariah.

Overseas visitors helped out when a two-day strike by transportation workers disrupted the commuting plans of many Indian members.

Mohan Jayasekera, coordinator at Ahungalla, Sri Lanka, said, "Brethren took advantage of the fact that their hotels were located near each other to visit, fellowship, share and show concern and love to all." Attendance was 197.

Family day featured elephant rides and a tug-of-war with an elephant. Other activities were a river cruise, a talent show featuring cultural dances and a youth activity.

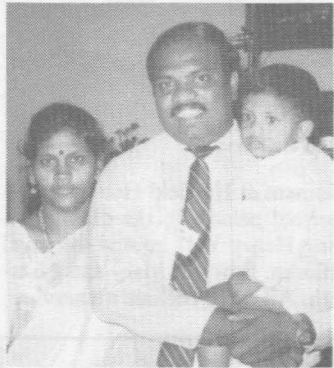
In Honiara, Solomon Islands, 66 people enjoyed an Island Fun Night, featuring a banquet of island foods and entertainment by area members and visitors from Australia. The Aussies explained and performed the ballad "Waltzing Matilda," while the islanders paraded costumes and performed music, including a performance by a bamboo band.



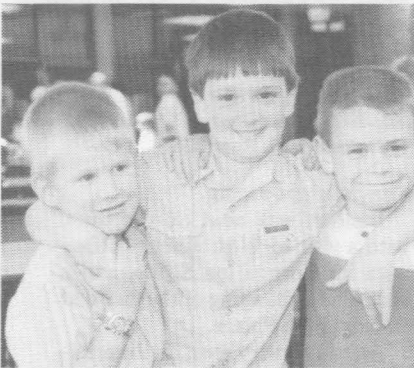
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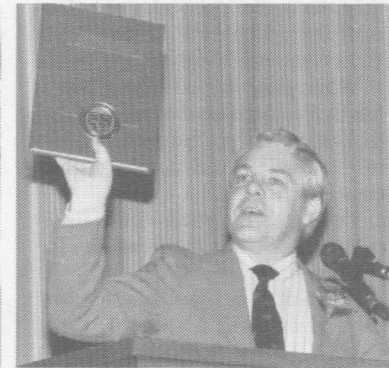
Perth, W.A.



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Canberra, A.C.T.



Honiara, Solomon Islands



Hobart, Tas.

South Pacific sites delight international Feastgoers

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—All five Feast sites in New Zealand and the South Pacific reported an excellent Feast of Tabernacles.

In Dunedin, New Zealand, the southernmost Feast site in the world, the weather was warm, with the exception of one day, on which it snowed, to the delight of some Australian and Asian visitors from warmer climates.

Feastgoers in Napier, New Zealand, combined for a 37.5 percent increase in offerings on the first Holy Day and a 44.7 percent increase on the Last Great Day.

For the region as a whole, the Holy Day offerings showed an increase of about 20 percent over last year. The offering on the first Holy Day in Vanuatu was up more than 100 percent.

Evangelist Greg Albrecht presented Parker pens to 14 high school graduates at a Festival ball in Napier, according to Festival coordinator Jack Croucher.

When the Festival ball in Dunedin ended at 11 p.m., "the band and the dancers felt it was too soon to finish," said Festival coordinator Lyall Johnston.

At the site in Fiji area brethren were hosts at an evening by the beach that featured traditional Fijian food prepared in a *lovo* (earth oven). Entertainment included *meke* (traditional Fiji dances) and impromptu performances by overseas brethren.

Vanuatu brethren prepared a meal of area fruit and vegetables for the 80 overseas visitors at the Port Vila site. One member explained the types of food and the way they were prepared. Five baptisms at the

Feast increased membership of the fledgling church in Vanuatu from 13 to 18.

Vanuatu coordinator Rex Morgan said that "the hotel staff showed us great favor, including bringing in a piano tuner from Australia (there are no piano tuners resident in Vanuatu) to tune the piano just before the Feast."

In Tonga the overseas visitors arranged a meal in the meeting hall for all Feastgoers. The Tongan brethren staged a two-hour talent show of Pacific dances.

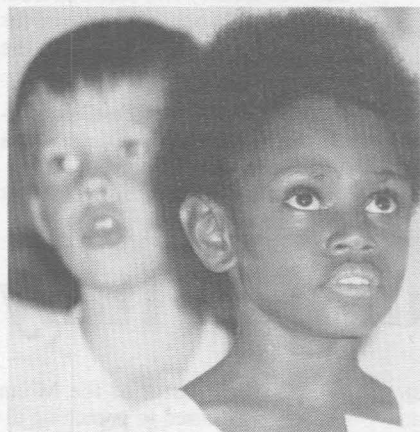
Feastgoers prayed for the non-member husband of a Tongan member with lung cancer, who has been generous to the Church. His pain eased, and he was able to take several members on a cruise.

Lost property was a feature of the Feast in three sites. In Vanuatu, the Church's tape deck and amplifier were stolen from the convention hall toward the end of the Feast.

In Tonga, one member's luggage was mislaid, not arriving until near the end of the Feast. Several visitors loaned her clothing.

In Napier a family's car was stolen during the Feast. Also, Feastgoers found in the convention hall two passports and more than \$1,000 lost by American tourists in July. They were returned to the grateful couple.

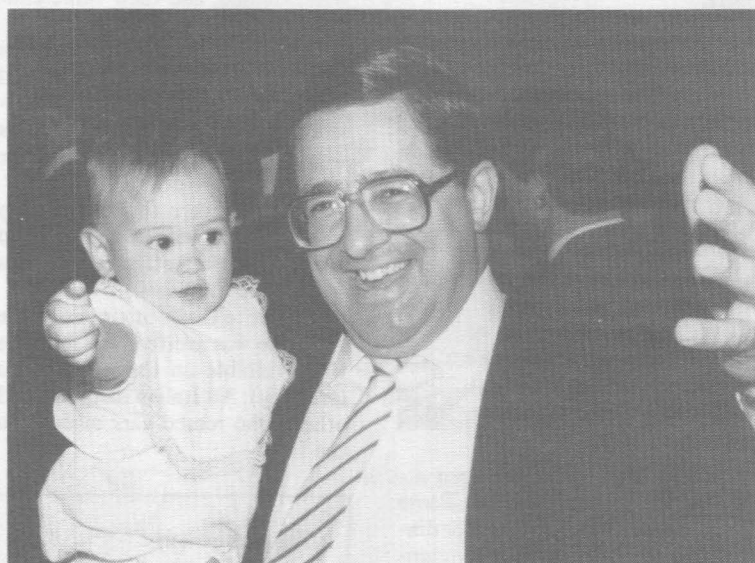
Dunedin, New Zealand	326
Napier, New Zealand	917
Pacific Harbour, Fiji	301
Port Vila, Vanuatu	142
Vava'u, Tonga	61



Port Vila, Vanuatu



Napier, New Zealand



Dunedin, New Zealand

Caloundra, Qld.	1,187
Canberra, A.C.T.	1,735
Gold Coast, Qld.	1,256
Hobart, Tas.	430
Perth, W.A.	748
Ulladulla, N.S.W.	767
Goa, India	261
Malacca, Malaysia	445
Honiara, Solomon Islands	66
Ahungalla, Sri Lanka	197

Feast 90

Spanish brethren meet at 13 sites

PASADENA—The 1990 Feast of Tabernacles was conducted at 13 Spanish-speaking sites.

For the first time more than one site was used in Mexico. The sites were Veracruz, Guadalajara, Tereon and Ensenada. This is the first time that any Spanish-speaking country has had multiple sites, according to evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish areas.

Multiple sites in Mexico made it easier for brethren to travel. In past years many traveled about three days to arrive at the one site and

then another three days to get home. Members saved money by not having to travel so far. There are now enough ministers in Mexico to give sermons and sermonettes and perform the other duties involved in having multiple sites.

The Feast was not conducted in Puerto Rico this year because of the high costs of hotels and meals. Instead, members transferred to Daytona Beach, Fla., where costs were less expensive.

This also made it possible for Pablo Gonzalez, pastor of the

church in Puerto Rico, to travel to Spain and assist pastor Pedro Rufian with services and other responsibilities there.

Of the 13 Spanish-speaking sites, five were new: three in Mexico, one in Bolivia and one in Spain. Area residents mentioned how pleased they were with the organization and the conduct of the brethren.

Mr. Walker said, "This demonstrates how well the members conduct themselves compared with the expectations (or fears) many local people have regarding a group of unknown people keeping an eight-day Festival in their area."

Just before the Feast, Carlos Espinosa, Ezeiza, Argentina pastor, experienced the first stages of a detached retina in his right eye. After an examination, Mr. Espinosa was told that surgery would be required to reattach the partially detached retina.

He was also told that it would be impossible for him to go to Mar del Plata, Argentina, for the Feast. Mr. Espinosa was anointed and when he returned for an examination the doctor said that a miracle had oc-



Guadalajara, Mexico

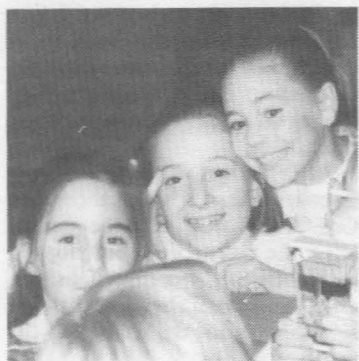
curred. The retina had reattached and surgery was not needed.

Mr. Espinosa attended the Feast, but was told to rest as much as possible and not to drive. Though his vision is not completely back to normal, he is making good progress.

The most outstanding event at each site is the Festival show, according to Mr. Walker. Each area presents an evening of musical performances—primarily songs and dances. These numbers are per-

formed by members of all ages, from the youngest to the oldest. The focus is on the folklore and traditions of the area.

Other Spanish-speaking sites were Talavera de la Reina, Spain; Quetzaltenango, Guatemala; San Isidro, Costa Rica; Barquisimeto, Venezuela; Melgar, Colombia; Trujillo, Peru; Lake Titicaca, Bolivia; and Maitencillo, Chile. Reports from these areas will appear in a future *Worldwide News*.



Talavera de la Reina, Spain



Melgar, Colombia

Filipinos keep Feast despite coup attempt

MANILA, Philippines—Despite an unsuccessful coup attempt on the southern island of Mindanao at the beginning of the Feast, this year's Feast of Tabernacles in the Philippines was characterized by family warmth and a spirit of cooperation and service, according to Paul Kieffer, regional director.

Five Philippine sites were host to 5,674 brethren, including about 100 overseas guests.

Services on Oct. 4 and 5 were canceled in Cagayan de Oro because of a mini-coup attempt staged by renegade Philippine Army Col. Alexander Noble and his followers.

Guest speaker Gene Hogberg conducted the opening night service in Cagayan.

Early on the morning of Oct. 5 the Hogbergs left Cagayan in a four-car convoy of four-wheel drive vehicles. The main highway out of Cagayan was blocked by loyalist troops, so a Church member from Cagayan who is a taxi driver guided

the group on another, lesser-used road over rough terrain to circumvent the roadblock.

After the Hogbergs left Cagayan this road was also blockaded by government forces. That same morning the Philippine Air Force bombed the camp held by Col. Noble's men in Butuan, disbursing the rebel forces there.

On the way to Davao, Maramag church pastor Felipe Casing suggested that the group check at a Bible institute in his church area where a private airstrip was located. The Bible institute translates the Bible into the various Filipino dialects and flies translators to remote areas.

The group negotiated the lease of a small private aircraft, and the Hogbergs, accompanied by Davao pastor Victor Lim, flew to Cebu, the next scheduled stop on Mr. Hogberg's itinerary. They arrived safely in Cebu at about 2 p.m., Friday afternoon, Oct. 5.

No services were conducted in Cagayan de Oro Oct. 5 as the situation remained tense. However, at about 3 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6, Col. Noble surrendered unexpectedly.

Services in Cagayan de Oro resumed Oct. 6. Transportation to and from Cagayan resumed Oct. 8, and Mr. Kieffer and his wife, Monica, visited the brethren in Cagayan de Oro on Tuesday and Wednesday during the Feast.

Mr. Kieffer called evangelist Joseph Tkach Jr. to inform him about the coup attempt.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's satellite message was recorded for later viewing during the Feast. Technicians handling the signal reception were amazed to hear Mr. Tkach Jr. mention the coup attempt, and they asked, "How did he know about that?"

At the Cebu Festival site activities proceeded in a more normal manner, although the Communist New People's Army (NPA) threat-

ened to bomb the Cebu Plaza Hotel where services were conducted.

Guest speaker evangelist Leroy Neff and his wife, Maxine, visited three sites, as did the Hogbergs. In addition, Bill Sidney, Australian director of Ministerial Services, and his wife, Daphne, visited three sites.

Mr. Sidney is still waiting for his permanent resident visa so he can move to Manila. Ken Mattson, Tallahassee, Fla., and Moultrie, Ga., church pastor and his wife, Elaine, visited the Manila and San Fernando, Pampanga, sites.

The San Fernando site was a worthy substitute for the Baguio site, which was canceled after the deadly July 16 earthquake.

Brethren in San Fernando enjoyed the facilities of a new convention center with an air-conditioned meeting hall.

Member Shirley Paat's daughter suffered an acute appendicitis attack during the Feast and had a successful appendectomy.

In Manila the Valle Verde Country Club provided a spacious setting for services and activities. The hall was arranged seven weeks before the Feast after the planned location suffered earthquake damage.

The food and beverage manager

at the country club joked that coordinator Gil Llana had "good connections upstairs" because other customers canceled previous bookings, enabling the Church to use the country club.

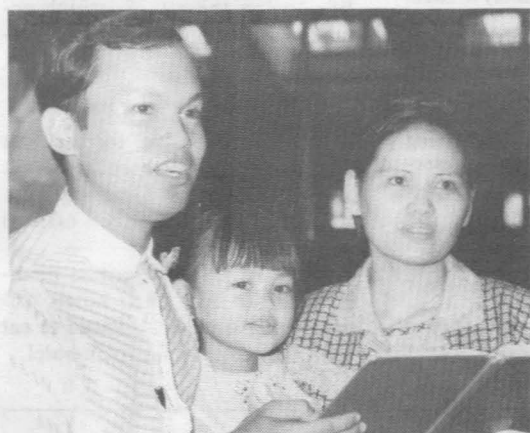
Members attending the Feast in Tacloban enjoyed their tropical Feast setting at a beach resort on the island of Leyte.

Heavy rains during the opening night service subsided by the next day, and cloudy skies and normal temperatures prevailed during the Feast.

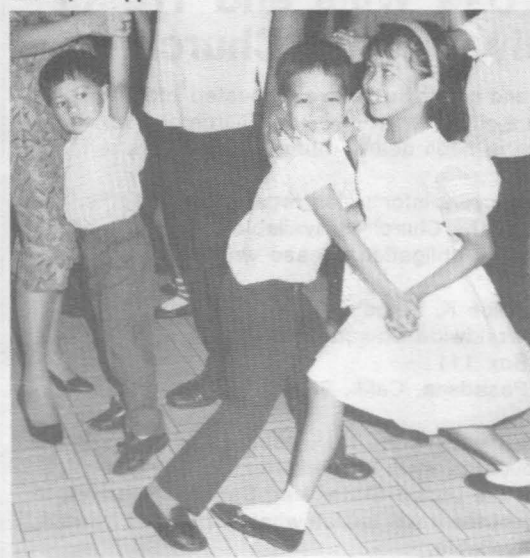
At all five sites members enjoyed activities including family day, the family dance, singles and seniors activities and a teen day.

Petronilo Leyson, the Cebu Festival coordinator, summarized the overall atmosphere at the Feast throughout the country by commenting that "warmth and friendliness were felt all during the Feast. Everyone was willing to lend a hand to those who were in need."

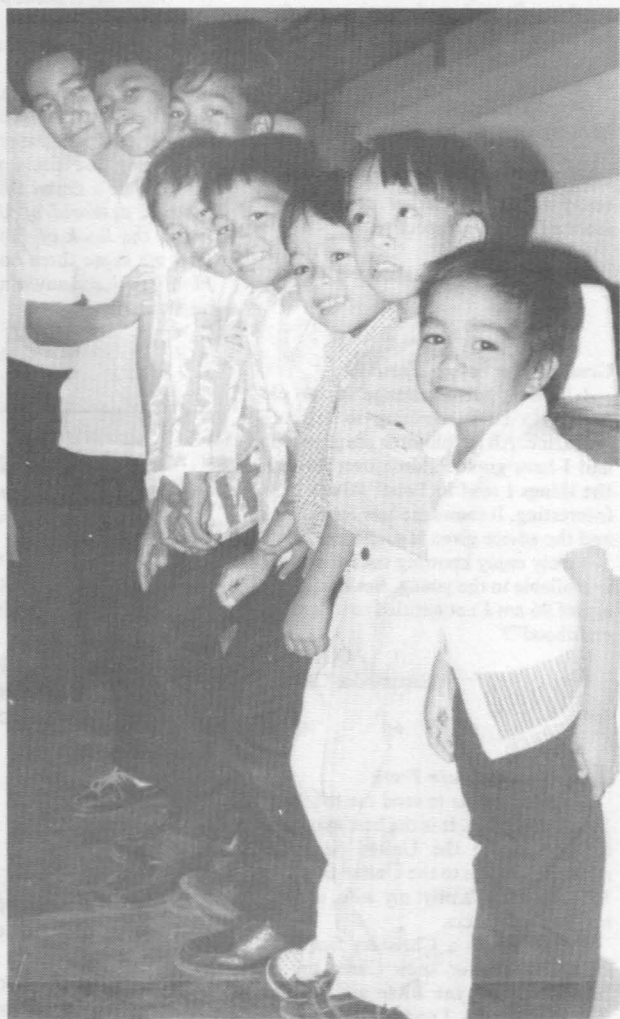
Cagayan de Oro, Philippines	1,352
Cebu, Philippines	822
Manila, Philippines	1,369
San Fernando, Philippines	1,458
Tacloban, Philippines	673



Manila, Philippines



San Fernando, Philippines



Cagayan de Oro, Philippines

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Evangelists

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ography of Mr. Schnippert appeared in the Dec. 7, 1987, *Worldwide News*.

Joseph Tkach Jr.

Mr. Tkach Jr. is director of Church Administration for the United States. His duties include serving the needs of the field ministry; planning and coordinating the Ministerial Refreshing Program and the Feast of Tabernacles; and pastoring the Pasadena West P.M. church.

Mr. Tkach Jr. graduated from Ambassador College in 1973. He was ordained a local elder in 1976 and served churches in California, Michigan, Indiana and Arizona.

Between 1976 and 1986, Mr. Tkach Jr. took extension courses in psychology and received a master's



JOSEPH JR. & TAMARA TKACH

degree in business administration from Western International University.

During that time he held positions as a child-care worker developing and implementing rehabilitation programs for juvenile delinquents in a residential treatment program, as a state government social service worker in an institution for the mentally retarded and as a community social worker.

Before coming to work for the Church he worked at Intel Corp., where he developed and evaluated administrative training.

Mr. Tkach Jr. was ordained a pastor in 1987.

Mr. Tkach Jr. and his wife, Tamara, have two children, Joseph W. III and Stephanie. A more detailed biography of Mr. Tkach Jr. appeared in the Aug. 31, 1987, *Worldwide News*.

Kyriacos Stavrinides

Dr. Stavrinides was once a professional musician in London. He conducted an orchestra, was concertmaster in another and taught class-singing and voice-training in schools of the London Borough Council. It was through music that he met his wife, Lambrine, who was a student of piano, violin and voice, at the time.

In 1960 Dr. Stavrinides became a pioneer student at Ambassador Col-

lege in Bricket Wood, England, and worked part-time in the Music Department, conducting chorale, teaching harmony, counterpoint and instrumental music. He was also a member of the visiting program. After graduation, he joined the full-time faculty, teaching New



K.J. & LAMBRINE STAVRINIDES

Testament Greek, classical literature and ancient history.

When the College closed in 1974, Dr. Stavrinides remained in England until 1977, at which time he, with his wife and four children, moved to Pasadena. There, he joined the faculty as chairman and

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importance of right, biblically sound explanations of why we hold the beliefs we do. Sometimes, in sincere zeal for the truth, we may unintentionally formulate unsound ideas as support for our beliefs.

Be responsible and mature

In our honest zeal for the pure truth of the Bible, we all have probably made the mistake at one time or another of overstating some things. But as we grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, we should come to see more clearly, all the time, the importance of being accurate in our statements and able to support and prove what we believe in a responsible and mature manner.

We must never rest on tradition to the point that we cannot grow, both in our understanding as God leads us and in our methods of explaining and presenting the truth.

Those of us who are speakers and writers should critically examine any articles that we intend to use as a foundation for future sermons or articles, to be sure that the arguments presented are truly sound, up to date and current with where God has brought the Church in its understanding of the particular point or subject.

Again, my thanks and appreciation to all ministers and wives for the labor of love that went

professor of classics and philosophy—disciplines in which he held degrees from the University of London and the University of Surrey. Other university studies included work toward a degree in English from the University of Cambridge, work toward a further degree in music from the University of Durham, philology of Indo-European languages at University College, London, and New Testament Greek Studies at King's College, London.

When Ambassador College consolidated in Big Sandy, Dr. Stavrinides was asked to stay in Pasadena, temporarily, to serve in Church Administration. His duties include reviewing current literature, participating in editorial discussions, answering specialized questions for the pastor general and writing material for updated publications.

Clint Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman also works in Church Administration, where he deals with questions about marriage and divorce. He is also an adviser to

into making this the outstanding Festival that it was, and to all the brethren who sacrificed personal time and convenience in service for the benefit of others.

Also, I am deeply grateful to all the brethren for the very generous offerings during the Holy Days. Income is now about 2.2 percent over last year.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing as we implement the decisions regarding *The Plain Truth* and *The World Tomorrow*. My prayers are with all of you!

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. This column shows how the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the Church's publications change the lives of subscribers, co-workers and prospective members.

Young father comments

Thank you for your magazine. I am a 20-year-old father. I wish you would have an article about teen fathers in debt.

I read the article you had on teen mothers. But what about the very few fathers that take the chance, too? I take care of my son full time. I thank God for everything. I love my responsibility.

My son is almost 2 years old and time really has flown. I still love his mother. We are still together, but she's young and still needs some of her freedom. You really need to do another article on this from a father's perspective.

P.F.
Lakewood, Ohio

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Grandmother enjoys *Youth 90*

I know it seems strange for an old person to be subscribing to a youth magazine. All my children are grown up and I have grandchildren over 40. But the things I read in *Youth 90* are most interesting. It shows me how teens think and the advice given is sound and good.

I truly enjoy knowing such literature is available to the young. Besides, at the age of 96 am I not entitled to a "second childhood"?

O.A.M.
Escondido, Calif.

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Readers enjoy *Plain Truth*

Please continue to send me the *Plain Truth* magazine. It is the best magazine for my life in the United States of America. I came to the United States in 1979 with my family: my wife, one son and two daughters.

I grew up in a Christian family in Laos, but I never knew Christ until I began studying the Bible and reading *The Plain Truth*. I understand English, not very well, but I try hard. Please pray

Church Administration for the United States and international ar-



CLINT & BERTIE ZIMMERMAN

eas and travels to field churches to speak to brethren and discuss concerns of the field ministers.

Reunion

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tersburg, Fla., said Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs in Pasadena.

The Feast is so important to St. Petersburg that last year city officials altered plans for the Grand Prix auto race when the date conflicted with the convention.

This year Festival coordinators, instead of Pasadena personnel, handled initial media contacts during the Feast.

This method increased coverage in some areas, he added. "The coordinators did an excellent job profiling the Church in a positive and accurate light."

Brethren surmount difficulties

As in other years, the Feast was not without interesting occurrences and difficulties.

Tom Turner and Tom Robinson,

Ordained a preaching elder in 1960 after graduating from Ambassador College and raised to pastor in 1964, Dr. Zimmerman's responsibilities through the years have included serving as an executive assistant to Herbert W. Armstrong and other evangelists, serving as director of the Personal Correspondence Department in Mail Processing and pastoring churches in California and Colorado. Dr. Zimmerman transferred to Church Administration in 1987.

Dr. Zimmerman, who is a doctor of chiropractic, is married to the former Bertie Hein, and the couple have two daughters and one son, Chuck, who pastors the Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Ark., churches.

Ambassador College students serving at the Ambassador Foundation project in Kotmale, Sri Lanka, encountered problems taking a videotape of Mr. Tkach's Holy Day message from Sri Lanka to the Goa, India, site.

After arriving in Bombay they discovered flights were canceled to Goa. A taxi driver told the men he knew the way to Goa, but stopped several times to ask directions. After a wrong turn they found themselves an hour and a half out of the way.

Despite heavy rains and darkness, they continued, only to have the taxi suffer a flat tire. Since the taxi had no jack, the men lifted the car while the driver changed the tire.

About 20 hours later, the pair arrived in Goa bedraggled, but with video in hand.

Members traveling to Goa had to take a 16-hour bus ride over bumpy roads, because Air India and other airlines had been commissioned to fly Indian refugees out of Kuwait.

Gangs terrorize Durban

In Durban, South Africa, two Church members had a narrow escape Oct. 9, when a gang of 20 youths fired shots and stabbed people on the Durban beachfront, leaving one man dead and several seriously injured.

Before the rampage, the leader of the group, a 26-year-old religious zealot, preached at an all-night vigil to his recruits. The next morning the group seized knives at a store and followed the leader to the streets, where they began their attack.

One member, who was in the store and saw the men taking the knives, ran to a corner of the shop to hide. Another member fled for his life during the attack, which occurred about an hour before services.

German brethren unite

In Czechoslovakia, for the first time in 13 years brethren from what was formerly East Germany kept the Feast as full-fledged official participants.

Until now, East German members had to book their hotels privately and were not allowed to eat with the group in the main hotel.

Report from the Treasurer's Office

Leroy Neff

PASADENA—U.S. Holy Day offerings for the fall Festival season were much improved.

The Feast of Trumpets offering was 10.7 percent more than last year. The Day of Atonement was 9.9 percent more than last year. The first day of the Feast of Tabernacles increased 4.4 percent and the Last Great Day was 0.4 percent less.

You may recall that the first three Holy Day offerings for this year were 5.3 percent less than last year.

For the year, the Holy Day offerings were 1.3 percent less than last year. That may not seem good by itself, but when you consider that 1989 had an excellent increase of 18.1 percent over 1988, it does not seem bad to have a slightly negative figure in 1990.

The overall income has picked up a little since my August report. The income for the combined months of September and October showed a 7.8 percent increase. For the first 10 months, the income has increased 2.2 percent over the same period last year.

Even though the increase is small, it is better than it was earlier in the year. We here at Pasadena want to express our appreciation for the way that the membership and congregations have responded in the past two months to the financial need.

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

PASADENA—Lifetime Television conducted a screening of a national television production on drug intervention techniques titled "The Party's Over," in the Ambassador Auditorium Sept. 12.

On behalf of Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach, Michael Snyder**, assistant director of Public Affairs, welcomed the audience of 200, which included representatives from the community, physicians, counselors and representatives of the Church's Television and Editorial departments.

Host was television actress **Erin Gray**. After the screening, a panel with four experts and recovering drug addicts was videotaped to appear on the Lifetime cable channel.

According to Mr. Snyder, about 10 other media representatives attended the event, which was a kickoff for an awards program that will honor people involved in the fight against substance abuse. The first award was presented Oct. 30.

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PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Clifford Parks, a ministerial trainee in the Buffalo, N.Y., South church, was ordained a local elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 20.

Emeka Okolie-Ekwuazi, a deacon in the Enugu, Nigeria, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, April 21. **Wesley Medford** of the Lenoir, N.C., church and **Karl Frantzen**, a deacon in the Omaha, Neb., church, were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, Aug. 11.

John Arnold, a deacon in the Bradford, England, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Sept. 1.

Ordained local church elders on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 20, were **Sid Boteler** of the Jackson, Miss., church; **Steven Hense**, a deacon in the Davenport, Iowa, church; **Jonathan Rakestraw** of the Tallahassee, Fla., church; **Michael Richardson**, a deacon in the Columbus, Ga., church; **Robert Rodzaj** of the Greensboro, N.C., church; and **Grady Selph**, a deacon in the Columbus, Ga., church.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, French regional director, conducted two lectures for French *Plain Truth* subscribers in France and two in Quebec.

In addition to Church members, 40 subscribers attended in Bordeaux, France, Sept. 30; 63 in Toulouse, France, Oct. 1; 53 in Sherbrooke, Que., Oct. 12; and 223 in Montreal, Que., Oct. 14.

Mr. Apartian said the people who attended were concerned about the Persian Gulf crisis and the reunification of Germany.

"It was moving to see how these people responded," he said. "They were interested and concerned. They were listening because they wanted to know what will happen to them."

Those who attended the lectures were invited to follow-up Bible studies. Mr. Apartian reported that about 20 who attended lectures in Montreal last year are now Church members.

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BIG SANDY—Ambassador College has been elected a member of EDUCOM, a nonprofit consortium of higher education institutions that "facilitates the introduction, use, access to and management of information resources in education," according to **Michael Ger-**

mano, dean of academic affairs.

EDUCOM comprises about 120 corporate associates and 600 colleges and universities, including such institutions as Harvard, Yale, the University of Michigan and the University of Southern California.

Dr. **Germano, Charles Crain**, director of academic computing, and **Vernon Germano**, information systems analyst, attended the 26th annual fall conference of EDUCOM in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 14 to 17. The conference covered material that aids in the planning and implementation of information technology at the College.

Ambassador College operates ACNet, the campus computer network, providing a common user interface for academic and administrative computing.

Key speakers at the conference included former U.S. President

Jimmy Carter; Robert Allen, chairman and chief executive officer of AT&T; and **Steven Jobs**, chief executive officer of Next, Inc.

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SEATTLE, Wash.—**Roselle Anderson**, 17, placed first in the 1990 National History Day contest with her report on the history of heart



ROSELLE ANDERSON

transplantation and other scientific breakthroughs.

After winning the state competition, Roselle and her father, **Dwane**, and brother **Thorvin**, went to Washington, D.C., for the national contest.

ture was known, brethren in Cagayan de Oro resumed services.

The brethren at Cagayan de Oro, as well as my wife and I, deeply appreciate the prayer about the situation given by evangelist **Joseph Tkach Jr.** during the satellite transmission and the prayers of God's people everywhere. The effective, fervent prayers of many righteous people do indeed avail much.

And God knows even more than we do, the nature of the predicaments we sometimes find ourselves in. In this case, it was not until several days later that intelligence officials revealed that a plot was foiled, early in the morning of Oct. 3, to plant a bomb (whether that day or on a subsequent day) in the Cebu Plaza Hotel—site of the Cebu City festival. Evangelist **Leroy Neff** and his wife, **Maxine**, were staying in

Roselle was interviewed by three professors and questioned by the judges before being awarded a medal and a check for \$1,000. She plans to use the money for college.

"Both the writing of the paper and the memorable trip to Washington, D.C., were wonderful educational experiences," Roselle said.

Roselle attends the Seattle church with her father, her mother, **Ilna**; her brother, and her sister, **Aurette**.

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MANILA, Philippines—The church here celebrated its 25th anniversary on the Day of Trumpets, Sept. 20.

Some of the men who have served as regional directors in the Philippines sent videotaped and written messages, which were shown and read during the morning service.

Pedro Ortiguero, the first Filipino minister, and his wife, **Saling**, cut an anniversary cake as 1,365 brethren watched.

The Manila church first met Sept. 18, 1965.

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BLANTYRE, Malawi—Twenty-seven campers attended a

Summer Educational Program (SEP) Sept. 2 to 16.

After eight days of the camp at Church-owned facilities in Blantyre, the group took a bus to Lake Malawi and concluded the camp at the Nkpolo Leisure Centre.

This year campers received SEP T-shirts. The boys were provided with shorts and the girls with culottes.

New activities included gymnastics, badminton, calligraphy and target shooting.

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PASADENA—The TVA television network, which covers most of Quebec with its 11 stations, began airing *Le Monde a Venir* (French *World Tomorrow*) June 10.

Tom Lapacka, manager of Media Purchasing, met with TVA management in Montreal, Sherbrooke, Trois Rivieres and Quebec City, Que., the week of Oct. 22 to 26.

"*Le Monde a Venir* enjoys a good reputation with TVA and their management, which wants to work in partnership with the Church in making its broadcast efforts successful in Quebec," Mr. Lapacka said.

Coup

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The rebel commander saw the numbers stacked against him. Few other soldiers rallied to his side. But he didn't have to surrender. According to one news account, Col. Noble could have escaped through any one of a number of unguarded camp exits, but chose not to.

"Not a few rubbed their eyes in disbelief upon learning that renegade soldier Col. Alex Noble had surrendered unconditionally," reported columnist **Wilfredo A. Veloso**. "After blazing a trail of dubious glory from his mountain lair . . . Noble and his ragtag band of followers gave up to government troops without firing a single shot!"

Once news of Col. Noble's cap-

Singles event planned

WAUKESHA, Wis.—Singles are invited to the 11th annual Gemutlichkeit singles weekend Friday, Dec. 21, to Tuesday, Dec. 25.

This activity provides singles an opportunity of education, refreshing, fellowship and fun.

This year's Gemutlichkeit theme is: Spiritual Maturity—A Time to Change and a Time to Grow. Daily Bible studies will be conducted on this theme.

Other activities include a dinner and dance, roller skating, bowling, a sock hop, games and fellowship.

Cost for the weekend (excluding housing and transportation) is \$30 if you mail in your registration form on or before Dec. 1 (\$35 after Dec. 1).

Registration forms are available from **Angee Lillengreen**, 1033 Canterbury Lane, Waukesha, Wis., 53188, or call her at 1-414-896-0088 or 1-414-544-9367.

632 board Med cruise ship

PASADENA—Six hundred thirty-two brethren from 14 countries began the Feast of Tabernacles in Venice, Italy, and finished it on board the *Aegean Dolphin*.

Because brethren were all in one place, meeting and getting to know new people was a high point for many. **Richard Frankel**, Feast coordinator, encouraged brethren to think of the ever-present lines for the breakfast and lunch buffets as "fellowship lines with food at the end."

Services began in Venice Oct. 3. Despite pouring rain, members toured Old Venice the morning of Oct. 5. After services that evening, 136 senior citizens attended a Silver Ambassador dinner.

The group set sail from Venice Saturday evening, Oct. 6. Strong head winds the first day and a half set the ship back by about four hours for the rest of the trip.

When the *Aegean Dolphin*

stopped in Corinth, Greece, Oct. 8, brethren had an hour to tour the remains of the ancient city. Then they took a whirlwind bus tour of Athens at night, and went on to Piraeus, where the ship sailed for its port of call—Dikili, Turkey.

From Dikili members were taken by bus to the sites of ancient Pergamos and Ephesus (they skipped the scheduled tour of the site of ancient Smyrna because of the delay).

Some chose to skip Pergamos, too, so they would have time to see Ephesus before sunset. Members shopped for a couple of hours at Kusadasi before rejoining the ship there.

Services were conducted in the ship's main lounge. Two other lounges were connected by video and audio hookups. Oct. 10 these connections failed and two ministers gave impromptu sermons.

Guest speakers were **Ray Wooten**, **Marc Masterson** and

the hotel at the time.

The Cebu plot was probably timed to coincide with the Mindanao attack. Some suspect they were part of an even grander scheme.

In his editorial titled "The Larger Plot That Failed," *Manila Bulletin* columnist **N.G. Rama** claimed that "intelligence reports indicated that coup leaders' blueprint called for a systematic

West Coast cruise ship: 'loving, dedicated staff'

LOS ANGELES—Eight hundred fifty brethren kept the first Feast of Tabernacles on a cruise along the West Coast of North America.

Again and again the ship's crew said they had never experienced such cooperation and happiness from any one group like ours, said coordinator **Robin Webber**.

Brethren stayed in the Stouffer Concourse Hotel in Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 3 to 5 and then boarded the *Azure Seas* luxury liner at the Port of Los Angeles Friday, Oct. 5. The ship went south along the Mexican coast and made stops at three ports in Mexico: Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan and Cabo San Lucas.

In Puerto Vallarta two tours were offered. One was a city tour, which included a journey down the coast-

destabilization of the nation . . . D-Day was 'August moon.' In [the] Chinese calendar, August moon is Oct. 3 when the coup was started in Mindanao."

God's Feast lay right in the path of these nefarious plots. It should be a lesson to all not to take the Feast lightly, but to pray for the peaceful assembling of our brethren worldwide.

line of the Mexican Riviera. A second tour was by horseback through the countryside and a village and concluded with a ride along the beach.

At Cabo San Lucas, brethren toured the city and boarded glass-bottomed boats to view the bay.

Other activities included a senior citizens banquet and youth day on board the *Azure Seas*. Deaf members also performed a mime act.

"Being on a cruise and in a hotel as a small group, we could not help but focus on the aspect of service given to us by a loving and dedicated staff," said Mr. Webber.

The *Azure Seas* returned to Los Angeles Oct. 12.

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