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Big Sandy graduates told to give themselves to something greater

By Jeff E. Zhorne

BIG SANDY—Building on a 40-year legacy of struggles, growth and accomplishment, Ambassador College capped a year of new beginnings with commencement exercises here May 24.

At the College's first graduation ceremony in 1951 only two graduates, Herman Hoeh and Betty Bates, received diplomas in Pasadena.

Forty years later, with flags representing the homelands of international students, 273 students were conferred bachelors degrees and 233 others received associate degrees at the first commencement after the College consolidated in Texas.

They achieved, in the words of Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach, "a major victory. Their victory is one both personal and shared ... won through discipline, hard work, study and toil.

"For more than 40 years of trials and testing, Ambassador has grown and prospered, and today it stands stronger than ever. The evidence of this strength sits proudly right in front of us," Mr. Tkach told the audience of 2,200 assembled in the College auditorium. Another 1,200 viewed the ceremony on closed-circuit television in other areas around campus.

Anticipation builds

"Quiet down, class." "No more

New hires for the ministry

PASADENA—U.S. Church Administration announced that the following men were hired into the full-time ministry. All will serve as assistant pastors except where noted.

David Burson, Kansas City, Mo., East; Tom Clark, Tulsa, Okla., A.M. and PM; Al Ebeling, Big Sandy P.M.; Ron Howe, San Francisco and Oakland, Calif. (associate); Doug Johannsen, Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., and Sioux City, S.D.; Ed Kopec, Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark.

Glenn La Mountain, Buffalo, N.Y., North; Steve Myers, Wausau, Wisconsin Dells and Eagle River, Wis.; John Novick, Jackson and Greenwood, Miss.; George Pendry, Big Sandy A.M.; Robert Rodzaj, Wheeling, W.Va., and Cambridge, Ohio; and Bill Rogers, Denver and Lafayette, Colo.

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phone calls." Minutes before the graduates filed into the Field House, Richard Crow, student body president, gave out instructions, calming the group as they grew accustomed to black caps and gowns (new this year) and tassels bobbing as they walked.

Some wore gold-finished pendants inscribed with the word *Honor*, denoting their academic standing.

In addition to their gowns, faculty wore hoods adorned with the school colors of the institutions that conferred their highest degrees and traditional-colored sashes representing their fields of learning.

The processional was led by William Stenger, associate dean of academic affairs, and included faculty, administrative officers, the board of regents and President Donald Ward. Chancellor Tkach, the final one in the line, turned to face the audience and waved, sending a ripple of excitement and laughter through the crowd.

Also marching with the faculty this year was Lucy Martin Wener, a member of Ambassador's original faculty in 1947. Mrs. Wener, a Pasadena resident, now holds the title of professor emeritus.

Promptly at 2:15 p.m. the graduates entered the building. Hopeful parents searched for sons or daughters. Eyes locked, smiles were exchanged.

After the invocation by Dr. Ward and singing of the national anthem, Mr. Crow, outgoing student body president, gave a discourse titled "Give Yourself to Something Greater." He urged the

degree candidates to dedicate their lives to something other than themselves.

"Our happiness and success comes only when we find worthy causes to which to commit our life's energies. Find noble causes, make new commitments," he said.

"We graduate from an institution that has made dramatic strides in the last four years. Our class has witnessed a remarkable transition that has redefined the direction the College will move in the future.

"A new era has commenced. Ambassador College stands poised on the threshold of future influence and prominence that few of us may have dared to imagine. Class of 1991, it has been a dis-

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NEW BEGINNINGS—Five hundred six students received degrees at commencement exercises in Big Sandy May 24. From left: Philippe Geffroy, Salvatore Anastasi, Monika Wolverton, Sammy Anastasi and Shiela Honbeck. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Articles touch people's lives

PT features more biblical topics

By Ronald Kelly

PASADENA—I'm sure you've seen the changes in *The Plain Truth* slowly but surely being made, as the staff re-gears its thinking to a more biblical approach. I feel we are just beginning to capture Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's vision.

Mr. Tkach directed us to think more creatively and to present biblical and spiritual material, including the use of "spiritual meat" in our cover graphics. We are growing toward that goal.

The monthly cover meetings, at

which *Plain Truth* cover options are analyzed and critiqued, have led all of us to a more complete picture of what Mr. Tkach has in mind for the magazine.

In future months, expect to see more topics of biblical interest featured on the covers and inside the magazine. More scriptural references will appear on the cover

In August, our lead article will be "Women of Faith, Yesterday, Now and Forever." This article will encourage Christian women by showing them that God does not discriminate. Using examples from the Bible, it will show that God expects women, as well as men, to follow Jesus Christ faithfully in whatever circumstance of life they are called.

"Walking on the Water," an article on the miracles of Jesus Christ, will be the lead article in September. Many modern scholars have rejected Jesus' miracles as myth, but this article will show that it is impossible to escape the fact that miracles formed an integral part of the life and work of Jesus.

The October edition addresses "Mid-Life Crisis and the Christian Man." The baby-boom generation is now entering mid-life. It can be a time of frustration and disorientation. Certainly, adjustments have to be made, but this article will show that with an understanding of God's Word, this stage in life can be a constructive growth opportunity.

Winding up the year will be "Peace on Earth?" in our November-December edition. It will show that humanity will not rid itself of war until humans recognize that the penalty incurred by war is paid.

Then it will explain that Jesus Christ already paid the penalty. His death makes possible the gift of repentance from God to man, followed by God's forgiveness. Only then can man live the way that causes peace.

We will begin 1992 with "Have You Read the Book?" in the January issue. We'll ask our readers if they have read this best-seller that has been translated into 1,500 languages. We will tell them they may be surprised by what it says, that it can change their lives, bring them happiness, help solve their problems, give meaning to their futures.

We are discussing cover ideas for the remainder of 1992. The focus will be on articles that will, in Mr. Tkach's words, "touch people's lives in the positive sense that Jesus himself touched the lives of those around him ... and emphasize the good news that there truly is hope and what the source of that hope is!"

PERSONAL FROM
Joseph W. Thack

Dear Brethren,

I would like to share with you an edited version of this year's commencement address at Ambassador College. Graduation was Friday, May 24.

I thought you'd be interested in hearing what I told the graduates, families, friends, faculty and administration.

Greetings and a very pleasant good afternoon to all of you on this most joyous and momentous occasion.

President Ward, College Administration, faculty, students and especially family and friends, I would like to take this time to welcome and to thank you for taking part in today's unique occasion. While there will be many more graduation ceremonies such as these, what we are observing now is indeed a first.

The 233 students who will receive an associate degree and

the 273 seniors who have met the requirements for a bachelor's degree have achieved a major victory. Their victory is both personal and shared. Theirs is a personal achievement, won through discipline, hard work, study and toil.

As these degrees are conferred this afternoon, this ceremony will also mark a major and unprecedented institutional achievement for Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God.

For more than 40 years of trials and testings, Ambassador has grown and prospered, and today it stands stronger than ever. The evidence of this strength sits proudly in front of us and to my right.

Alvin Toffler, the famous futurist, once said that just as all education springs from some image of the future, all education produces some image of the future. And so, faculty, friends and families, the image of our future can be clearly seen before us today.

In the early '40s Mr. Arm-

strong conclusively and correctly perceived that a new type of
educational institution was a
gripping need in our society.
The need he saw was not only
for the Church to develop and
educate its members, but there
was a desperate and pressing
need for an institution that
focused on character development, one that would teach
young people how to live properly, as well as one that would
help students acquire the skills
and attitude to prosper in this

Mr. Armstrong was not alone in this assessment. As early as the '20s, the Carnegie Foundation decried the state of education, even at that time.

Superintendents and school boards publicly measure their success by numbers enrolled, by buildings and material equipment that is added and by multiplied kinds of schooling introduced, and people are taught to accept this as an education. Such perversions are ample comment on the thoughtlessness of their particular formula for success.

In the span of a single generation, America transformed itself from a rural to an urban civilization. Simple but profound values and concepts of individual freedoms, decency to others and liv-

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Europe': An idea embracing a continent

PASADENA—Europe is in a critical state of transition, energized by the collapse of communism in the eastern half of the

As the 1990s draw on, the powerful lure of economic integration is certain to draw additional nations into the European Community. There is little doubt the EC, presently 12 nations, is going to be larger-perhaps much larger-by the end of the decade.

In a remarkable reversal of historic form, the government of Sweden is expected, later this summer, to present its formal request for EC membership.

Since the end of the Napoleonic wars early in the 19th century, Sweden has jealously preserved its neutrality in European affairs. Stockholm stayed out of active participation in both world wars. It remained aloof from any postwar alliance structure.

However, "profound changes since 1985," said Pierre Schori, Sweden's permanent under secretary of state for foreign affairs, have necessitated a change in Swedish policy.

Speaking to the Town Hall of California April 24, at which I



was present, Mr. Schori said that in the past six years there has been "disintegration in the East and integration in the West. Thus, the prerequisites of Swedish neutrality are changing."

It's a fact, added the Swedish official, that the EC is "the hub around which European cooperation revolves." As a result, key segments of Swedish society-the political parties, business organizations and organized laborhave jointly concluded that Sweden can no longer afford to remain outside the Community.

Swedish industry, which sells a large percentage of its output to EC members, must conform to Community standards without having any control whatsoever. Therefore "Sweden can only have influence if it is an EC member,' maintained Mr. Schori.

Sweden's decision is expected to put pressure on its two neighbors, Norway and Finland, to reconsider their own stands regarding EC membership. Norway almost joined in 1973, before a last minute public referendum derailed the effort.

Austria has already submitted an application (not yet acted on) meaning that Switzerland is likely to be the only significant part of Western Europe remaining outside EC boundaries by the mid to late 1990s.

And even in this Alpine fastness of neutrality (Switzerland is not even a member of the United Nations), momentum is accruing in business and financial circles for an eventual EC tie-in.

Sweep to the East

Advocates of an enlarged

Community are looking past Western Europe to the East. They envision Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, in that order, as members toward the end of the

And if the Soviet Union breaks up, as many expect, the Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia will want to express solidarity with the West by associating with the EC.

Sweden, noted Mr. Schori, wants the Baltic countries to "rejoin the European family of

It would be good, he added, to recall the historic trading patterns of the Middle Ages that linked major cities of the Baltic region. "There is good reason to speak of a new Hanseatic League," he

One must also not overlook

what is happening in southeastern Europe. The Yugoslavian republic of Slovenia set June 26 as its date of independence. Authorities there are busily printing money and passports for the intended new

If the federal officials in Belgrade allow this severance of Yugoslavia to go unchallenged, Slovenia's neighbor, Croatia, is likely to follow suit. In fact, Croatian leaders have vowed to secede from Yugoslavia by June 30 unless ethnic violence now gripping the multi-ethnic federation is brought under control.

There is little doubt that both Slovenia and Croatia, Western and Roman Catholic by heritage, would want to join the European integration drive sometime after independence.

However, European Community officials in Brussels point out that they discourage any breakup of Yugoslavia, especially should it

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Why people fall away

Each time I hear that someone has left God's Church, my heart sinks. I'm saddened to hear that someone, for some reason, has left the safety and comforts of the Body of Christ. I always ask myself, Why?

Falling away from the truth is the worst thing that can happen to any man or woman. This sober column shows two common reasons why some fall away, and it shows what you can do to avoid these pit-

Beware the cares of this life

Many who leave the Church allow the cares of this life to take precedence over their spiritual well-being.

Jesus Christ described this attitude in the parable of the sower: "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful" (Matthew 13:22, New King James through-

We are admonished to come out of the world. We in the Western world live in an affluent society, where the emphasis is on personal pleasure. It is easy to let society's goals become our goals-and to not heed the words of the apostle John, who warned: "Do not love the world or the things in the world" (1 John 2:15).

Jesus Christ said, "You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24).

Don't let trials overwhelm you

The cares of this life can also strike in another form-trials that fall on those who obey God.

The solution is to keep your eyes riveted on the goal of God's kingdom. The apostle Paul, who suffered various trials and persecution, declared: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). Put the difficulties of this life and the fleeting attractions of a materialistic society into perspective with our eternal reward.

Respect God's government

Another reason some fall away is a lack of respect for God's government in the Church.

This is not just a current problem. Korah, Dathan and Abiram rebelled against the authority of Moses and their consequent deaths are recorded in Numbers 16.

People who rebel against authority often begin by feeling they deserve more recognition in the

It is an integral part of human nature to desire recognition for our good deeds, and when it is not forthcoming, we can feel dejected.

We must ask ourselves why we

Any one of us could end up leaving God's Church if we are not aware of the dangers: "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians

Consider the end

After acknowledging that you could leave the Church, the next thing to do to ensure that you don't depart from the Body of Christ is to consider the end of those who have left compared to those who continue to endure.

What is the end of those who left the Church? Those who drift away with the cares of this life might enjoy the pleasures of this world for a season, but like Demas they've traded in their spiritual birthright for the empty husks of materialism (II Timothy 4:10).

Those who cave in to pressures and persecutions will not attain, unless they repent, the great reward that a little more perseverance would have brought them.

And those who defied God's government have rebelled against the One who would have given them recognition if only they had kept on being faithful. Why were they bitter against God?

But those who endure to the end shall inherit eternal life and live in the New Jerusalem, whose majesty

European Diary By John Ross Schroeder

Soil recedes as deserts advance across Africa

BOREHAMWOOD, England-In "European Diary" this issue I asked Julie Wilson of the Editorial staff here to write about trends in Africa after her trip to Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya.

Julie trained Church employees in those countries to use WordPerfect computer software. Her husband, Stephen, performed technical updates on the computers.

Here is Julie's report:

En route to Ghana we flew over the Sahara Desert. Looking out the window at this harsh, treeless wilderness was a sobering sight.

Although we saw some of the extraordinary richness of that continent, Africa has another, more

People in Africa starve every day. Much of Black Africa is like a famine machine. Rains have failed successively in many areas, causing deficient crops and killing people and livestock.

Failing rains and poor soil management cause desertificationthe turning of life-supporting land into desert. When trees are cut down to provide farmland, the topsoil is blown or washed away.

It is estimated that the North African Sahara and the Southern African Kalahari deserts are advancing toward each other at a rate of 100 to 150 miles a year.

Michael Gwynne, head of the African Monitoring Unit of the United Nations Environment Program, is worried. Mr. Gwynne forecast that there will be no tropical forests by the year 2000 in virtually all of West Africa.

Obviously these tragic destructive forces in Africa should be of international concern. But most Black African nations are not doing, or cannot do, much to combat advancing deserts.

Todd Shields, reporting for The Independent from Nairobi, Kenya, where I also visited, said: "A food crisis of unprecedented proportions is afflicting Africa this year

DESERTIFICATION—The Sahara and Kalahari deserts advance toward each other at a rate of 150 miles a year. Desertification is the process by which life-supporting land is turned into desert. [Map by Ron Grove]

as drought, warfare and economic debility take their toll on the continent ... 30 million people face food shortage."

Many Black African nations are trapped. According to a report in The Guardian: "The key is famine prevention rather than relief. [But] until this commitment transcends political differences, there will be famines in Africa."

Economic and political problems get in the way of solutions. Wooded areas are felled to make way for crops or grazing. The thought is only for today, and not for tomorrow. So eventually the desert sweeps across open ground with famine not far behind.

Now the world nervously waits for a new wave of death in Africa. Here in Britain, Princess Anne introduced a famine appeal under the heading, "Skip Lunch, Save a Life." She urged Britons to contribute their unused lunch money to relief efforts.

Pictures of children in Sudan and elsewhere with swollen bellies appear on dinner-time British television. The number of Africans under threat is thought to be 30

Africa has so many resources. It contains all climates. Most crops could grow in one part of Africa or another. How sad to see Africa humiliated, naked, starving.

That is the bad news. But, as we know, the good news is that Africa will bloom again. The prophets tell us that in the Millennium the wastelands and the deserts will be restored to lush, fertile areas (Isaiah 35:1).



We in the Western world live in an affluent society, where the emphasis is on personal pleasure. It is easy to let society's goals become our goals.

performed those good deeds. If they were done for recognition, then we must repent of that attitude. If not, then rejoice: in his time, God will reward you for your good works precisely because you have not sought the recognition of men (Matthew 6:5-6).

Others feel wronged by someone in authority and become bitter because no apology was given. They too end up in rebellion.

Part of a leader's job is to make decisions that not everybody will agree with. Part of a Church member's job is to submit to imperfect human government within the Church. It is part of the vital character building process. Don't cause dissent and don't undermine the authority of God's government.

is beyond compare.

When Christ asked Peter if he would forsake his calling, Peter answered: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:67). That should be our attitude to the Church

Cultivate friendships in the Church and let those friends help you in time of need. They will!

When the commitment seems daunting, use positive memories of the past to help with the pre-

Remember what Paul told Timothy in I Timothy 6:12: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.'

Ambassador Foundation is host at reception for Jordan's queen

By Sheila Graham

LOS ANGELES—Describing the Gulf crisis as "a passing dark cloud" in the relationship between the United States and Jordan, Queen Noor al-Hussein addressed about 400 Los Angeles area business and civic leaders attending a Town Hall of California luncheon, Wednesday, May 22.

"The Gulf crisis must not be allowed to define the quality of our present relations or the direction of our future cooperation. Jordan and the United States are steadily restoring ties to their former level of fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation," said the Americanborn queen.

Foundation projects discussed

Earlier in the week Pastor General Joseph Tkach and his executive assistant, Joseph Locke, met privately with the 39-year-old queen to discuss Ambassador Foundation's projects in Jordan.

Before her Town Hall address, at a private reception sponsored by Ambassador Foundation at the Sheraton Grande Hotel, guests met the queen in a receiving line. "She displayed great poise and dignity, despite the long line of well-wishers," commented Plain Truth world news editor Gene Hogberg.

After the reception, David Hulme, foundation vice president, formally introduced Queen Noor to Town Hall members and guests. "In my brief remarks before the queen's address, I was able to outline a few of the endeavors of the Foundation in Jordan, as well as discuss the queen's many humanitarian activities," Mr. Hulme said.

"Her Majesty's remarks displayed deep concern as she retraced the recent crisis in the

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Gulf," he continued. "Many problems remain unresolved there, and the chance of future military conflict in a destabilized region will only increase unless some formula to produce peace is assembled and accepted by various Arab and Israeli officials.'

Arab-American background

Queen Noor, formerly Lisa Najeeb Halaby, is of an Arab-American background. After receiving a bachelor of arts degree in architecture and urban planning from Princeton University in 1974, she began work on a master plan for the Arab Air University in Amman in 1976, and joined the Royal Jordanian Airline as director of planning and

Lisa Halaby and Jordan's King Hussein married in 1978. Since their marriage they have had four children: two sons, princes Hamzah and Hashim, and two daughters, princesses Iman and Raiyah.

Along with her promotion of international understanding, Queen Noor sponsors multiple projects and activities to better the quality of life in Jordan, such as in areas of education, culture, environmental protection, social welfare, child care and women's development.

Queen Noor, her blonde good looks enhanced by an emerald green silk suit accented with a jeweled brooch, ended her remarks to Town Hall, a public affairs forum, with an invitation to all to visit Jordan and its rose-red city of



RECEPTION FOR QUEEN—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets Queen Noor of Jordan at a reception May 22. David Hulme (left), vice president of Ambassador Foundation Domestic, introduced the queen before she addressed a Town Hall of California meeting.

The Jordanians put on a royal welcome

PASADENA—"We were treated like royalty," said Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International, referring to a trip he and Cory Erickson, director of Foundation projects in Jordan, took to Jordan in early May.

The purpose of the trip was to reestablish the Foundation's ties with Jordan after the Gulf War, and to finalize plans for the Feast of Tabernacles in Amman.

Back to Jordan

Thirteen Ambassador College students will be sent to work at four centers in Jordan beginning in August. They are the Bunyat Center for the Mentally Handicapped, the Al Hussein Center for the Physically Handicapped, the Jordan Sports Federation for the Handicapped and the Sahaab Workshop for the Mentally Hand-

For the first time, two Ambassador students will assist with the Noor al-Hussein Foundation under the direct supervision of Queen Noor.

Last August, the Jordan Project was closed and the 1990 Feast site in Jordan was canceled because of unrest that led to the Gulf War. This trip is the first in-person contact the Church has had with Jordan since then.

The Ambassador Foundation stayed in contact with the Jordanian government by letter and telephone throughout the Gulf War, according to Mr. Locke.

"They see us as friends, and we stuck by them as friends, and they

wanted to repay that. And so when I say we were treated like royalty, we really were. We were guests of the government and they couldn't do enough good things for us.

While in Jordan they attended a luncheon in their honor played host to by. Prince Ra'ad and his wife, Princess Majda, sole heirs to the Iraqi throne, and attended a tea given by Princess Sarvath. Adnan

Abu Odeh, political adviser and personal assistant to King Hussein, was also host at a dinner for

They met with Inman Mufti, director general of the Noor al-Hussein Foundation, one of the biggest nonprofit organizations in

Mr. Locke said they waited to take their trip until it was deemed safe. "Here in the United States you hear all these things on the news that the Jordanians are spitting on Americans and are ready to kill them and so forth," he said.

"They love Americans, contrary to what you hear on the news.'

Digging in Petra

In addition, plans are underway for the Foundation to take part in an archaeological dig in Petra. The Foundation hopes to send about 20 Ambassador College students to the dig in June 1992. The Petra dig is one of 18 digs in Jordan, all of which are organized by the American Center for Oriental

Planning for the Feast

As coordinator for the Feast site (See WELCOME, page 8)

FRIENDSHIPS RENEWED-From left: Prince Ra'ad, Cory Erickson, director of Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan, Princess Majda, Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International, Col. El Karmi and Nehad Safia.

A Taylor-made tour through Israel

By Dan C. Taylor

PASADENA-As a member of the Christian media in the United States, I took part in a tour of Israel April 15 to 24.

The tour, sponsored and paid for by El Al, the Israeli national



COLUMNIST-Among the ruins of the ancient port city of Caesarea, Dan Taylor pauses to 'work" on his article.

airline, and the Israeli Ministry of Tourism, was designed to promote interest in Israel and demonstrate the safety afforded travelers there.

Dan Taylor is research director for The Plain Truth.

The group consisted of representatives from Christianity Today, Moody Monthly, The Baptist Courier, Franciscan Publishers, Religious News Service and 11 other publications.

At no time did we feel unsafe or threatened. Occasionally street vendors could be annoying (if their prices had been better they would have seemed less so).

Having not been to that part of the world, I didn't know what to expect. Israel has a one or two dimensional image in the eyes of the media: either a battleground or a place of religious pilgrimage. Now I had a chance to make my own observations.

Our trek focused on sites of ecumenical interest and covered the breadth of the history of ancient and modern Israel.

Up to Jerusalem

After arriving at Ben Gurion

Airport we went up to Jerusalem.

We visited Yad Vashem (Holocaust museum), the Israel Museum, the pools of Bethesda, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Garden Tomb (possible sites of Christ's tomb), and the Shrine of the Book (which houses the

Dead Sea Scrolls).

In addition, we visited the Tantur Ecumenical Institute (owned by the Vatican) and the Biblical Research Centre (which gives one a feel for life contemporary with Jesus Christ). Later, we took a (See TOUR, page 6)



A VIEW OF HELL-The Valley of the Son of Hinnom (Gehenna in Greek), from Mt. Zion. Scenes of this valley in Christ's day inspired his comments on the lake of fire.

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***With highest distinction (grade point average [GPA] of 3.8 to 4.0
**With high distinction (GPA of 3.60 to 3.79) *With distinction (GPA of 3.40 to 3.59)

Desiree Michele Roland

PERSONAL

ing a responsible life fell into confusion. People lost their grip on the spiritual and moral anchor that fostered and nurtured true success.

As the pace of our industrialized society quickened, the individual human being became less important-his or her contribution insignificant. Graduates emerged from institutions of higher learning ill-equipped to cope with the pressures of the changing society around us.

The philosopher Plutarch summed it up nearly two millennia ago when he wrote, "The very spring and roots of honesty and virtue lie in a good education." But his voice was lost in the din and clamor of those educators stripping so-called "modern education" of values, morals and understanding of ethical principles.

By the mid-20th century a student could obtain a bachelor's degree without ever once contemplating, much less understanding, the relationship of morality and ethics to successful human behavior. We soon found the image of this future fostered by an educational system largely destitute of honorable principles.

Much of the present-day crisis in our financial institutions, for example, can be attributed to morally bankrupt individuals enslaved by greed and lust for money. As the apostle Paul said in I Timothy 6:10, the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil we see in society around us and in the world at large. Obsessed with the desire for

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Graduates

(Continued from page 1) tinct privilege to be a part of this transition."

Address and awards

After the Ambassador Chorale sang Hallelujah, President Ward introduced Chancellor Tkach, calling him the visionary who has helped the College continue to grow as a God-centered institution.

"His vision is helping us shape our plans for the future," said Dr. Ward. We plan to "meet the challenges of this decade and the 21st century in all facets of life, both spiritually and physically."
(The text of Mr. Tkach's com-

mencement address appears in his "Personal," page 1.)

After his address Mr. Tkach presented Sportsmanship awards to Karen Pelley and Barry Cain; Shari Lee Seltzer awards to Cynthia Berrie and Kevin Graham; Leon Ettinger Music awards to Terri Stanchi and David Swanson; Watson W. Wise Incentive awards to Carla Pearson and Tim Quast; and Academic Excellence awards to seniors Joanne Marshall (4.0 grade point average) and Elizabeth Harrison (3.96), and sophomores Kendall Seaton (4.0) and Lori Weinbrenner (3.96).

The Herbert W. Armstrong Achievement Award went to four graduating seniors: Richard Crow, Charles Taylor, Elizabeth Harrison and Carolyn Clark.

New this year was the Russel Shiver award, dedicated to the memory of Mr. Shiver, a member of the 1989 sophomore class, who died of cancer Aug. 6, 1990. It was presented to Constance Stone

Michael Germano, dean of academic affairs, then presented the graduates to Dr. Ward for the conferring of degrees. Gary Antion, dean of students, announced names of students receiving diplomas.

Exiting the stage after receiving their diplomas, students moved their cap tassels from the left to the right, customary at American colleges and universities.

To end the exercises, students and the audience gathered on the lawn north of the Field House, where Mr. Tkach offered the graduating class of 1991 a toast as about 5,000 balloons were released.

'You have what it takes to help build a better world tomorrow, because you are going to be the pacesetters," he said.

"So along with the faculty, your families and all of the friends, I raise my glass here in salute to all of your accomplishments at Ambassador College and sincerely wish you every success and blessing from our heavenly Father in all the years ahead. Hear! Hear! to all you

graduating seniors!" Many graduates joyously threw their caps into the air as the bal-

loons rose skyward. "The balloons represent where all you graduates will be going-to different parts of the world, spreading goodwill and good cheer," Mr. Tkach said.

Graduation week

Activities during the week preceding commencement included graduation ball, bearing the theme "Carry the Flame," May 23. Mr. Tkach introduced Mrs. Wener and her husband, Lou, both of whom were his special guests for the activities. The chancellor was given a set of gold cufflinks by the senior class.

At graduation brunch the next morning for graduates, faculty and their families, Mr. Tkach handed out awards.

He also spoke at Sabbath services May 25 and presided over a meeting of the College's board of regents Sunday morning before leaving for Pasadena that afternoon.

Planning future

Some students are returning home to find jobs, while others such as Jerome Feltracco from Bordeaux, France, will turn part-time employment into full-time occupations. He will now work full-time at International Business Machines (IBM) in Tyler, Tex., and pursue a master's degree at the University of Texas at Tyler.

"I'm equipping myself to return to France," he said. "IBM is pleased with not only my academic qualifications, but my ability to relate to others. I have Ambassador College to thank for much of that."

Susan Forehand will be returning to North Carolina to find employment. "I don't know if I'm optimistic or not," she said.

Melinda Unzicker from Nebraska, who plans to work for the Internal Revenue Service, commented on the struggles of the past year:

"I think that Dr. Ward really pulled us all through. He has so much vision. He gave us a whole different perspective. How do I say it?—I have never been so excited in my life than by Dr. Ward. I'm not saying that at times it wasn't hard, but that Dr. Ward has a big heart."

Most graduates seemed pleased about wearing caps and gowns. "Caps and gowns are a foreign concept to me, but they add dignity to the occasion besides helping to make it memorable," said Mr. Feltracco. "It gave another dimension to graduation."

'I think the girls like the idea because, for one thing, we don't have to spend \$200 on dresses!" said Lydia Ferguson of Virginia.

She added: "It's been a difficult year. Academics have gotten harder, the standards are higher, but it's been worth every bit of it. We are striving here to be tops.'

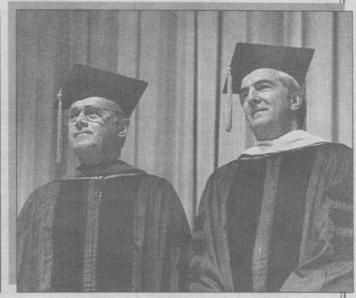
After the activities Dr. Hoeh, the first male graduate, said, "We've come 40 years, going through the wilderness into the promised land."



David Toler, Richard Thompson (dean of student affairs), Melanie Passmore, Thomas Garrett and David Cagle

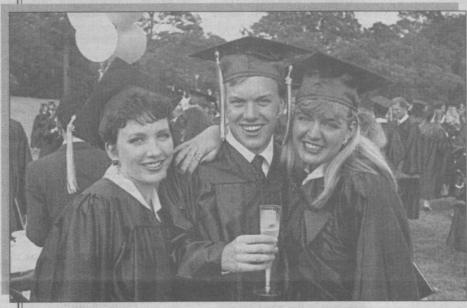


Audrey Crabb (left) and Paula Craig



Chancellor Tkach and President Donald Ward

'A Major Victory'



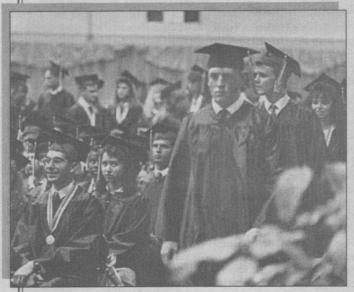
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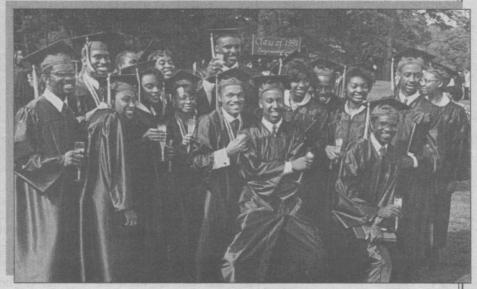
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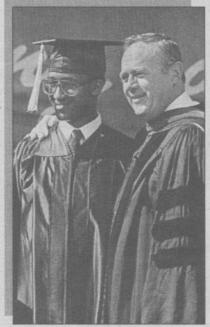
Student Body President Richard Crow delivers the discourse



Happy graduates



Ambassador College Field House Auditorium



Kimani Ndungu, and Chancellor Tkach Ambassador College Class of 1991



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Canadian conference covers aspects of effective service

By Robert J. Millman and Neil Earle

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Canadian ministers met for western and eastern conferences in May.

Robert J. Millman pastors the Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alta., churches, and Neil Earle pastors the Toronto, Ont., West church.

One hundred forty-four ministers and wives gathered in Edmonton, Alta., for the western conference May 6 to 9. One hundred nine ministers and their wives met in Ottawa, Ont., for the eastern conference May 13 to 15.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International, and Kyriacos Stavrinides, doctrinal adviser to Church Administration, spoke at both conferences.

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, began each conference by addressing developments in the Work in Canada and changes in the media area.

Although the present recession is diminishing the Work's income in Canada, there are positive trends. Expenses to air *The World Tomorrow* dropped 3.5 percent after negotiations by the Church's advertising agency, Baker Lovick, but potential-audience-reach increased by 45 percent.

Besides cost reductions, Baker Lovick has also negotiated better broadcast times for the telecast.

Mr. Brown presented a session on stress and effective time and life management. Richard Berendt, a medical doctor and Church member in Edmonton, talked about stress and the prevention of stressrelated diseases.

George Patrickson, ministerial services manager, spoke on caring for members. Ely Ventura, accounting manager, dealt with taxation problems, record keeping and accountability to the government.

Mr. Salyer presented a session on ministerial ethics. He also answered questions and discussed manpower assignments with Mr. Brown.

Dr. Stavrinides spoke about influences on the development of the world of the New Testament Church and then answered doctrinal questions.

Doug Smith, Youth Opportunities United (YOU) director, gave a presentation about the French-language Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Vendee, Que.

David Cheperdak, associate pas-

tor of the Vancouver East church, talked about motivating youths to seek education and prepare for the job market in the 21st century.

Other presentations were a session by Guy Moss of Computer Information Services on plans to buy a standard computer package within the next year and to link all church areas to the regional office by computer mail. Ministers attended an evening workshop to gain hands-on experience.

Keith Stoner, a lawyer and local church elder in London, Ont., addressed government regulations as they concern the Canadian ministry. Roy Page, Vancouver pastor, spoke on the minister's vulnerability to work addiction and how to maintain a balance.

At the close of the conferences Mr. Brown answered questions and stressed the need for open communications and a free flow of information between the administration and the ministry, and between ministers and members.

"My effectiveness as regional director depends on your willingness to communicate and share with me," said Mr. Brown. "Without you, I have nothing to direct."

He then challenged the ministry to create a nurturing environment in which the congregations can grow and experience the love of Jesus Christ toward his flock.



FACE TO FACE—Ministers David Cheperdak (left) and Paul Linehan chat at the western Canadian conference in Edmonton, Alta. [Photo by Phil Hopwood]

Leningrad media focus on the Church

LENINGRAD—"It is exciting to be involved in what might be the first tiny steps in preaching the gospel to the Soviet people," commented evangelist Larry Salyer about the Ambassador Foundation project here.

Mr. Salyer, director of Church Administration International, and his wife, Judy, traveled with Victor Kubik, assistant director of U.S. Church Administration, and his wife, Beverly, to the Soviet Union April 29 to visit the four Church members working at Radio-Television Leningrad.

Before going to the Soviet Union the Salyers and Kubiks attended the

European ministerial conference in France and visited members in Oslo, Norway.

A Sabbath in Norway

Mr. Salyer and Mr. Kubik spoke to 45 members in Oslo at Sabbath services April 27, after which they shared a buffet lunch with the brethren and fellowshipped with them for nearly three hours.

"The churches in Scandinavia continue to grow," Mr. Salyer said, "and we are delighted to have John and Ana Maria Andrews now resident in Copenhagen to serve them."

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews replaced Peter Shenton, who pastored the Scandinavian churches for 16 years while living in England. Mr. Shenton continues to pastor the Ipswich and Norwich, England, churches.

Off to Leningrad

The Salyers and Kubiks left Norway for the Soviet Union April 29 to visit the four Ambassador Foundation staff members, Cliff and Simone Worthing, Darlene Reddaway and Debbie Armstrong, who are participating in a project with Radio-Television Leningrad

"We found them all in good health and surprisingly good spirits," Mr. Salyer said. "Their living conditions are spartan but still they have been blessed with better housing and food than most residents of Leningrad.

"Our Russian hosts had arranged for us to stay in the finest hotel in town at their expense."

Building friendship

This "project is intended to build friendship with key media people with whom we came in contact through Darlene," Mr. Salyer said. Miss Reddaway, who was studying Russian in Leningrad, met several people at Radio-Television Leningrad and "they had expressed an interest in airing our telecast.

"After much discussion Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach decided that we were not prepared to broadcast in Russia at this time because the Church had no way to adequately handle any response to the telecast."

However, it was decided to send four Church members to Leningrad and provide Radio-Television Leningrad with a few personal computers and basic instruction in their use.

Besides this "our people are now

being asked to use their various creative and organizational skills to write scripts, design sets, translate documents and teach English," he said.

"We are pleased to hear that our people not only do their work well, but set an outstanding example of diligence so tragically lacking in Soviet society. They are well liked by the management of the station, who affectionately call them 'the children.'"

While there, Mr. Salyer reviewed the project with Boris Petrov, chairman of the station, and Irina Prudnikova, one of the head producers in radio and television.

Curious about the Work

On the last day of the visit, the Salyers and Kubiks were hosts for a luncheon for Mr. Petrov and his wife, who asked them to explain what the Work is and the beliefs of the Church.

Also, Mr. Salyer and Mr. Kubik were interviewed by two journalists from Radio Leningrad for a program that was aired May 19.

"We accepted this offer," Mr. Salyer said, "to see what kind of feedback the station would receive. We offered no literature, but provided the station with a brief fact sheet to be given to those who wanted to know more."

"All of us will appreciate your prayers that God will show us his will in these efforts and give us the ability to fulfill his purpose," Mr. Salyer said.

The Ambassador Foundation staff would appreciate hearing from you. Letters should be sent to Cliff and Simone Worthing, Debbie Armstrong and Darlene Reddaway, Ulitsa Chapygina 6, Lenteleradiokomitet, 194022 Leningrad, Soviet Union.



LENINGRAD INTERVIEW—George Pankratov (left), a journalist from Radio Leningrad, interviews Victor Kubik, assistant director of U.S. Church Administration, and evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International for a program about the Church that aired May 19. [Photo by Cliff Worthing]

Tour

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trip to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

I came away with an overview of the Old City of Jerusalem and a better understanding of the topography of the land, dimensions of buildings and distances between cities.

We then moved on to Masada, towering more than 1,300 feet above the western shore of the Dead Sea. This first century Jewish fortress stands as an austere testimony, not just to the failed Jewish rebellion against Rome (A.D. 66-73), but the forced expulsion of the Jewish people from the land (the Diaspora) and modern Israelis determination not to be removed again.

Our next destination was Upper and Lower Galilee, where we saw Beit Shean, Jericho, Capernaum, Tiberius, a 2,000 year-old boat preserved at the Yigal Allon Centre on the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of the Beatitudes, and Nazareth, where Christ grew up.

Then we traveled to Caesarea and on to Tel Aviv. From Tel Aviv we drove to the home of Simon the Tanner (Acts 9:43; 10:1-22) in Jaffa, where our visit came to an end.

A tour of this nature brings names, places and stories to life and inspires the imagination.

People of the land

Beyond the archaeology and antiquities we also saw the human side of Israel. Here were nomadic bedouins moving their sheep and goats over the rugged landscape of the Judean wilderness as their predecessors had done for millen-

Here were men and women in Jerusalem looking like they walked out of *The Chosen*, a book by Chaim Potak, as they purposefully strolled the streets of that ancient city.

We found the people we met friendly and engaging and it is the people and their aspirations that Israel today is all about—Muslim, Jew or Christian

Not only does the Bible encompass the history of man's relationship with God and God's revealed plan and purpose for mankind, it is also about people—their struggles, their triumphs and failures.

More than an archaeologist's dream, the modern State of Israel is a living, dynamic nation. It is a nation that has suffered much. I was at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial when the air raid sirens sounded at 11 a.m. on Remembrance Day, April 17.

For two minutes, as piercing sirens wailed, people stopped what they were doing and rose to silent attention as they remembered Israel's more than 17,000 war casualties since statehood in 1948

In terms of its significance in history, as a place of great importance to three religions and finally in terms of prophecy, Israel is the "biggest little nation on earth." This tiny nation will continue to play a major role on the world scene.

Minister conducts Bible lectures in South Africa

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa
—Gordon Green, pastor of the
Bloemfontein church, conducted
Plain Truth lectures here April 21
and 28.

Attendance for the first lecture was 105, and 100 attended the second lecture.

The attendance figures were "extremely encouraging as many of the subscribers traveled great distances to attend," Mr. Green said. "One group hired a taxi and traveled a distance of more than 300 kilometers (190 miles) for both lectures

"Also in attendance were eight subscribers from Kimberley, 175 kilometers (100 miles) from Bloemfontein, who meet every Sabbath to study the Church's literature. Others traveled from the Kingdom of Lesotho and the mining town of Welkom.

After each lecture two World Tomorrow programs were shown, which "were enthusiastically received by the audience," Mr. Green said.

Subscribers stayed to ask questions for about an hour after the lectures, said Mr. Green. Also, he received seven visit requests and a number of calls from people wanting to know more about *The Plain Truth* and the Church.



Ancient Israel in wilderness: lessons for the Church today

By David Albert

Apart from Joshua and Caleb, those adults who left Egypt did not attain the kingdom they were

How can we be sure that we will enter God's kingdom?

Evangelist David Albert is a World Tomorrow presenter.

Since what happened to Israel is an example for us (I Corinthians 10:1-5) let's look at their mistakes to see what we should avoid.

Those adults who left Egypt failed, and the apostle Paul, in his letters to the Corinthians and Hebrews, lays heavy emphasis on why they failed.

Paul tells us to "hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (Hebrews 3:6, New King James throughout). But how do we do that?

Contending with God

After all the trials and tests, the time came when God told ancient Israel: "Enough is enough. You are not going into the Promised Land."

Israel provoked God's wrath. They could not enter the Promised Land because of their attitude.

The Israelites hardened their hearts against God and his leaders, They continually contended with Moses and Aaron, and ultimately, of course, with God.

To make matters worse, Israel assigned ill-will to God, interpreting events in a wrong manner, drawing wrong conclusions.

We are warned to take heed lest we fall into the same attitude of contention and murmuring. Otherwise, God may say to us: "I've had enough. You're not going in to my kingdom with that attitude.'

A wrong attitude can and will keep some out of God's kingdom.

Implying wrong motives

The story of the Exodus seems to be summed up when Israel (trapped between Pharaoh's armies, the mountains and the Red Sea) cried out to Moses with a negative attitude: What's going to happen to us? Have you taken us into the wilderness to die? (Exodus 14:10-12).

But Moses told the people to stand still and see the salvation of the Eternal—a positive attitude. God will deliver. God will intervene. And God did.

Their complaint wasn't just against Moses and Aaron. These attitudes were directly against God.

In spite of Israel's accusations against God, he intervened, providing them bread from heaven. "In the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your murmurings against the LORD" (Exodus 16:7).

Notice, Israel's murmuring was against God, not men. Moses said: "What are we? Your murmurings are not against us but against the LORD" (verse 8).

Moses and Aaron recognized that they were just God's instruments. It was God, not them, who brought Israel into the wilderness. Israel did not have a trusting, confident attitude. They did not understand God's ways, and they were

quick to leap to the most negative

Israel tempted God

God allowed them to be tried, but he was always ready to intervene on their behalf.

Psalm 95 and Hebrews 3 show that the people were tempting God when they asked: "Where is God? What is he doing?

All through the wilderness journey Israel challenged God and his servants. Psalm 78:11 describes this period also: "[They] forgot His works and His wonders that He had shown them.'

Israel forgot quickly. Where was the thanks for what God had done?

'And they tested God in their heart by asking for the food of their fancy" (verse 18). Oh, that we had the cucumbers, the garlics, the leeks, the food we liked in Egypt, they said. It's better than this stuff God is giving us.

They often provoked God, grieved him, tempted him and "limited the Holy One of Israel. They did not remember His power: the day when He redeemed them from the enemy, when He worked His signs in Egypt" (verses 40-43).

Israel limited God by constantly

God, is a sinful attitude.

This attitude of challenging, criticizing, interpreting everything that happens in a negative way despite all signs to the contrary, is evil.

Paul said we should "exhort one another daily, while it is called Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (verse 13).

Israel probably wasn't aware that they were making a mistake. They probably didn't think they were wrong. They thought they had it figured out, that they knew what was going on.

They didn't see their sin, because that's the nature of sin. They became increasingly hardened in their attitude of unbelief.

The Israelites wouldn't trust God. And trust is closely related to

We must have an enduring faith in God. "For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end" (verse 14).

Salvation requires trust in God

Faith is critical to salvation. The only way we can succeed with God is by faith. We've got to hold fast the beginning of our confidence,

Faith is not a natural commodity in the human heart. Disbelief,

skepticism, criticism, worst-case scenario reasoning, negativism-

won't obey. If we do believe, then we will act on what we believe. We must transcend the attitude of unbelief that the Israelites exhibited.

Paul said: "Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest" (Hebrews 4:1-3).

Our faith is being tested. Life is a series of tests much like the ones Israel faced. Theirs were physical, ours can be physical or spiritual.

Paul told the Hebrews, a people late in their Christian experience, whom he sensed were wavering, pulling back, losing their confidence, "Do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward" (Hebrews 10:35).

Most brethren have confidence, their faith and positive approach is uplifting. They are to be admired for their steadiness, their faithfulness, their positive attitude.

But, do you think God will give out awards for the critics-for the most critical member of the Church, the most analytical, who put the most negative spin on

When we have a positive view of a change-a doctrinal change, a procedural change, a personnel change—and a skeptic comes along and says the worst possible thing, God? Critics don't build much of anything, they just critique.

All they have is criticism, and it doesn't result in any great works.

There's a fine Spanish saying: "No es lo mismo hablar de los toros que estar en el redondel." which means: "It's not the same to talk about the bulls, as to get in the ring.

Anybody can sit in the bleachers and talk about the bulls. But we won't know what it is really like unless we get in the ring and face

It's the same when we criticize God's chosen leaders. It's not the same to talk about a pastor general as it is to be one. Anyone can talk about Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. But talk is cheap.

There's only one man on planet earth that knows what it's like to be

And we ought to back that man, and express our confidence in him and treat that office with more compassion and love. Because, what if we were in that office? How well would we fare? And what would our critics say about

It's not the same to talk as it is to do. And when we are acquainted with our own shortcomings that others may be aware of, what we need is support, not criticism.

Thankfully, the Church of God is filled with people who are supportive. That's the role that many have played for years.

Paul concludes by saying, "But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul" (verse 39).

Do we believe like we used to believe? Or have events and the interpretation that we have put on them weakened our confidence?

We can take the same events and interpret them positively or negatively. We either build up or tear down our faith. We must believe to the saving of our souls and maintain our confidence to the end.

That doesn't mean it's easy. There are forces warring against our faith. But we must not let those things grind down our faith.

But some have not kept the faith. The faith of some, Paul said, has become shipwrecked. We must be sure that it doesn't happen to us.

We need the kind of faith that is pleasing to God (Hebrews 11:6). God would be pleased if we were to recover more faith in him. In his leaders. In his policies. In his ability to bring us all into the kingdom.

We have been called to inherit a promised land, but it's only by trust and confidence in God that we're going to make it. The Eternal will fight for us. We must stand still and see his salvation.

God won't leave us. He was with us when Herbert W. Armstrong was alive, and he is still with us today. When Mr. Armstrong died, Christ didn't. Christ is alive, and he is still the head of the Church.

God will provide the spiritual food and drink that we need. We don't need to elect a new captain. That's already been done when God inspired Mr. Armstrong to appoint Mr. Tkach.

But there are those who are looking for new captains. What they are saying is: "Let's go back to Egypt. Let's go back where we came from. We liked it better where we used to be. Come on, let's go backward!

But God doesn't go backward. He goes forward, toward the king-(See LESSONS, page 10)

who have drawn back and become critics of the Worldwide Church of

questioning whether he could take

those flow from the human heart.

care of them, and they always believed the problem was insolu-

After awhile God became tired of hearing it and refused to work

Worse-case scenario

It never seemed to dawn on Israel that God hadn't let them die anywhere along their journey.

But that was not their interpretation. "Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims?" (Numbers 14:3).

God never intended for Israel to die in the wilderness or fall victim to the inhabitants of the land. That's why God said they have not understood my ways. They always err in their hearts. They are always looking at this wrong.

So they said, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt" (verse

Here, God draws the line.

Joshua and Caleb tried to encourage the people, telling them they could take the land with God's help (verse 8). They warned them not to rebel against God. But the people threatened to stone them (verse 10).

An evil heart of unbelief

Paul refers to the attitude of imputing ill-will toward God in Hebrews 3. It is important for us to understand, because these things are examples for us today.

'Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief" (Hebrews 3:12).

God's Word isn't casual about the attitude of unbelief. Faithlessness, unbelief, a refusal to trust in steadfast to the end.

Many of us, when we come into the Church, have great confidence in everything. Realistically, that confidence is probably a bit naive-it was untested and it didn't have all the facts.

But the danger is that across time we do get facts, and some of them are good and some of them aren't so good, and we learn things and we think we learn things.

Then we begin to draw conclusions. And we begin to see the human element in ourselves and others. And there is a wearing effect on our faith.

Some people who get into this attitude of unbelief say such things as: "Well, what about this? And that? And, did you hear this other thing?"

That kind of murmuring can undermine our faith, and we can become hardened, negative and

If we don't hold fast our confidence in God we are going to be in trouble. We can't let this precious commodity of faith, confidence, trust or belief slip out of our grasp.

Faith is not a natural commodity in the human heart. Disbelief, skepticism, criticism, worst-case scenario reasoning, negativism-those flow from the human heart.

Our first reaction to change is, usually, to think the old ways are

We don't often like change. The old ways are comfortable. So we have a tendency to complain when change occurs, but this is a negative

Transcend unbelief

When we don't believe, we

our confidence and faith can be

People say critical things. It's human. It's also satanic. Satan, the accuser of the brethren, pumps out accusations all the time

Great reward for the faithful

But for the faithful there is going to be a great reward. There won't be anything for the critics, the skeptics and the doubters.

We must resist those attitudes in the world and in the Church that war against our faith.

Faith isn't the easiest thing to keep alive. And faithful people in a world of skeptics are seen as naive. There's not much praise from the world for being faithful and confi-

It's the cynics who look smart. They've got a little knowledge, and they put a certain interpretation toit, and they look wise. If others shake our confidence in

the Church and its leadership we should avoid them and cling to those who lift our spirits. If we have confidence, we're

going to endure. If we don't have confidence, we're probably not going to make it.

Paul continues: "So that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: 'For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back [that drawing back process begins with negative, doubtful, critical thoughts], my soul has no pleasure in him." (verses

Do you take pleasure in people

Youth Bible Lessons: director answers common questions

By Richard Rice
PASADENA—Youth Bible Lessons, often referred to as Youth Educational Services (YES), are made available to thousands of children in God's Church. They provide an organized method of learning facts and principles from the Bible.

Evangelist Richard Rice is director of the Mail Processing

Each year 10 lessons, plus the Spring and Fall Feast lessons, are sent to each enrolled student. The lessons are sent once a month beginning in the summer. There are seven levels numbered K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to correspond with kindergarten through grade six in the U.S. school system.

Most children completing level 6 will be almost 13 years old, the age they can enter Youth Opportunities United and make the transition from YES to YOU. Please see your pastor if you have any questions about YOU member-

Also, children completing level 6 will then be added to the subscription list of Youth 91 if they are not already subscribers.

Please see the accompanying chart of planned mailing dates for the United States and Canada.

Here are answers to some com-

(Continued from page 2) be accompanied by civil war.

Seeking cultural identity

to map a strategy for rediscover-

ing and protecting Europe's com-

mon cultural heritage has opened

in Krakow, Poland (at the same

time of Pope John Paul's visit to

Representatives from 32 coun-

tries are participating, along with

the United States and Canada.

Albania, in the throws of its own

internal rearranging, is an observ-

er, and delegates from Lithuania

and Estonia were invited as

called postcommunist countries

were eager to describe the daunt-

ing challenges they face in reinte-

grating their societies with the rest

Welcome

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in Jordan, Mr. Locke finalized

Feast plans during his trip. He met with representatives of Blue Bell

Tours and the Marriott Hotel in

Amman. The last few days of his

trip he went to Egypt to obtain

information for the post-Feast

extension trip to Egypt.

To date, about 125 people have

signed up for the Feast in Jordan,

and Mr. Locke said there is room

are \$1,650 for each person,

including airfare from New York,

N.Y., to Amman, 12 nights lodg-

ing at the Amman Marriott, most

meals, tips and taxes. Post-Feast

travel packages are also available

Mr. Locke encourages brethren

interested in attending the Feast in

Jordan to request an international

Costs for the Jordan Feast site

for at least 150 more.

to Egypt or Israel.

Those attending from the so-

his native land).

of the Continent.

As we go to press, a symposium

Europe

monly asked questions about the Youth Bible Lessons:

May I have a complete (or partial) set of lessons?

Sets of lessons are not avail-

My child is 4 years old and is very advanced for his age. May he receive the lessons?

Each child must be at least 5 years old or in kindergarten to start the lessons. This ensures that all children progress with others in their age group.

We just heard about the lessons, and we've missed the first three. May we get the ones we missed?

Since only enough lessons are printed for the students currently enrolled, those starting part way into the year will receive the current lesson and following lessons. This same answer applies if a student has missed previous levels.

How do I request a replacement for a lesson that was not received or was damaged in the mail?

Call MPC at 1-800-423-4444 or write to MPC at Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123. Be sure to give the level and lesson needed.

Who should inform MPC of any changes regarding a church youth?

It is primarily the parents' responsibility.

How should we notify MPC of these changes?

Use a Youth Information card available from your pastor or note the changes on the annual church youth update sheet you received from your pastor in the spring.

You may also call or write directly to MPC.

What information is needed?

The name of the parent or guardian, the name of the child or children, the mailing address, the birthdates of the children, the sex of the children and the grade

Mailing Dates for Youth Bible Lessons for the U.S. and Canada

YES Lesson	Mailing Date	Latest Arrival Date
1	July 5, 1991	July 27, 1991
Fall Feast	Aug. 9, 1991	Aug. 31, 1991
2	Aug. 28, 1991	Sept. 28, 1991
3	Sept. 17, 1991	Oct. 26, 1991
4	Nov. 6, 1991	Nov. 30, 1991
5	Dec. 5, 1991	Dec. 28, 1991
6	Jan. 3, 1992	Jan. 25, 1992
Spring Feast	Feb. 6, 1992	Feb. 29, 1992
7	March 6, 1992	March 28, 1992
8	April 2, 1992	April 25, 1992
9	May 7, 1992	May 30, 1992
10	June 5, 1992	June 27, 1992

If no one in your congregation has received the current lesson, it is probably because of a production delay. If others have received the lesson by the latest arrival date and your child has not, call the Mail Processing Center (MPC) at 1-800-423-4444 and ask for Youth File.

You may wish to cut out this chart and save it for future ref-

Media take note of Church members

BRANDON, Man.-George Carmichael, a member here, was featured in the May 4 Brandon Sun. Although he is blind, Mr. Carmichael has been a long distance telephone operator with the

"The task is to reunite the West and East of our continent politically and economically, spiritually and culturally," a German delegate said in a comment reported in the May 29 Wall Street Jour-

Much is being written now about the need for Europe to discover a much deeper sense of unity. It can not be limited only to the economic arena.

According to American journalist William Pfaff, who is based in Paris and writes for the Los Angeles Times syndicate, "an economy called Europe is supposed to exist by the start of 1993. A political entity called Europe, possessing defense and security policies, is supposed to be under construc-

"Yet neither of these would be imaginable if another Europe did not already exist, with cultural and historic dimensions.'

Europeans, Mr. Pfaff maintains, are trying to rediscover these other, more fundamental

He notes, in particular, the publication, in several languages all across the Continent, of a new volume titled Europe: A History of Its Peoples.

In this beautifully illustrated book (not yet available in the United States; I was sent a copy from Britain) the author, Jean-Baptiste Duroselle, maintains that there are solid historical reasons for regarding Europe not only as a mosaic of cultures but also as an organic whole.

Journalist Pfaff observes an ironic timing to the book's publication: "Europeans have been forced to recognize what they have in common to unite them, at the same time that Americans are being confronted with what divides them"-referring to the profusion of ethnic and gender controversies swirling across the U.S. political and academic land-

"This emergence of a sense of common European identification,"

Manitoba Telephone System since November 1987

According to the article, he does his job with the help of a two-channel headset and a blind operator interface machine designed to read what is on the screen of the operator's computer terminal.

"I had one lady come on who gave me her calling card numberwhich is 14 numbers—plus the number she was calling from. When she got through she said, 'Aah, I did that all in one breath.'

Mr. Carmichael is accompanied to work by his guide dog, Rudy, once honored by city hall as the first guide dog to live in Brandon.

Mr. Carmichael got his job with MTS with the help of an employment officer from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

According to his supervisor, Lorraine Coulter: "There is no difference between George Carmichael as a blind operator working for Manitoba Telephone System.... He's an exceptional person to work

WOOD COUNTY, Tex.—The Wood County Democrat ran an article Jan. 30 on Berlie Mae Fields Terry, who celebrated her 105th birthday Jan. 12. Mrs. Terry broke the family record by outliving her aunt, who lived to be 1041/2.

She was born in 1886 in Kelly, Ky., to V.G. and Mary Fields. She and two brothers are the only survivors from a family with 12 chil-

When she was 14, her family moved to Alba, Tex., and at age 18, she married Benjamin F. Fields. The couple had nine children, eight of whom are still living.

Since July 1989 Mrs. Terry has lived in a nursing home. Nell French, author of the article, said the residents there "get their inspiration for life from Mrs. Terry. They look to her for courage to face each day. A family of five generations has been stimulated with courage from the most elderly of them.'

CHESAPEAKE, Va.—Gary Lyle, son of Evelyn Lyle and the late Charles Lyle, was revived by a school nurse and teacher Jan. 9 using cardiopulmonary resuscita-

The Chesapeake Clipper explained that Gary, 19, who uses a wheelchair, had a convulsion and passed out in the cafeteria line.

Fran Fincannon, the school nurse, began giving Gary CPR. Sid Savoy, a physical education teacher, hurried to help. Once Gary revived, he was rushed to the hospital.

[Robert Jones, pastor of the Norfolk, Va., church, anointed him

Evelyn Lyle, Gary's mother, said, "The people at the hospital told me that if there hadn't been someone who knew what to do right away, Gary would have died." Gary has small tumors in his

brain that caused the convulsion.

COPPELL, Tex.-Murdock "Doc" Gibbs, choir director in the Dallas, Tex., West church, was featured in the Jan. 11 Coppell Citizens-Advocate. The article reviewed a new book,

Dallas-Ft. Worth Weddings: The Coopwood and Fields Consumer Planning Guide, in which Mr. Gibbs' entertainment service was recommended in the chapter on entertainment.

After reviewing 400 businesses in the area, 200 were selected to be part of the book. Besides entertainment, the book had sections on bridal shops, florists, bakeries, photographers, videographers, caterers, honeymoons and ceremony-reception sites.

BELOIT, Wis .- Sven Prestbroten, a member here and truck driver for Frito-Lay, was featured in the company magazine, Bandwagon Update.

In the article Mr. Prestbroten told what it is like to be an Over-the-Road (OTR) driver. A typical driving day starts between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m., as he makes deliveries throughout Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Mr. Prestbroten said: "I get a lot of satisfaction out of doing a good job, and doing it right. Our sales team up here depends upon me to get products to them on time and in good condition, and I like that responsibility. In addition, safety plays an important role in my work-it's my constant compan-

DENTON, Md.—An article in the March 8 Star-Democrat noted Kelly Carey's decision not to play a Friday night game with her high school girls basketball team.

Despite being a semifinal game, the article said her teammates "knew their inspirational leader, Kelly Carey, would not be able to travel with them to the game Friday night due to religious obligations.' Said teammate Shanta Price: "It

made us play even harder. We wanted to prove we could do it without Kelly ... and we told her we would come back with a win for her and we did."

Kelly and her parents, Don and Mildred Carey, attend the Seaford, Del., church.

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.

A just nation

I received my first copy of The Plain Truth.... It was very informative, particularly the article about "The Search for a Just Nation"

People don't realize that they can't be totally happy without God and if they are just thinking about themselves. The solution for a better world is, each individual should not only think of his or her own interest and welfare but to live also for their fellow men and women. We must realize that all things are possible only through God.

E.B. Miami, Fla.

Magazine whets appetite

Whenever I read the Plain Truth magazine I learn more and more about life

today and how it follows all the prophecies of Jesus. I was never able to understand the Bible, but you explain it in upto-date language that whets my appetite to learn more and more.

I wish I could have had something like this when I was young. There's no other magazine that inspires me more. I have great-grandchildren and I wish they were required to read it.

> E.M.B. Whiting, N.J.

We want ... to thank you for being able to ... receive your fine magazine free. We all really enjoy it, but unfortunately, if we had to pay for it, then due to our financial situation we would be unable to continue enjoying it.

We have three daughters ... and one of them is always using ... your stories for school reports, etc. It really has some great information in it. So again ... thank you and we look forward to the next arrival of our book or magazine.

Moses Lake, Wash.

transfer application from their Festival adviser. "It's not too late adds Mr. Pfaff, "would seem fundamental to the achievement of a to apply," he said. "The more peo-

ple, the merrier." true 'Europe.'

Church headquarters institutes water conservation program

PASADENA-Water consumption must be reduced by 10 percent from 1989 levels, the City Council told residents, businesses and corporations here May 20. The council also approved a plan that requires high volume users to pay more for their water.

Aware of the growing need to conserve water, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach asked for the formulation of a water conservation policy for the entire Pasadena facility in February.

Mr. Tkach takes an active role in the every day operations of the headquarters facilities. He accompanies Landscape personnel on tours of the grounds providing advice and direction. He is concerned not only with the beauty of the grounds, but with the safety of employees and visitors, as well as the conservation of resources.

The Church owns 52 acres of land here, 32 acres of which comprise the former Ambassador College campus with its gardens and lawns. Responsible for the upkeep of those grounds is Ron Grassmann, Landscape Department manager.

"The drought brought to our attention the need to have someone focus on water conservation," Mr. Grassmann said. To meet that need, Chris Finlay, floriculture supervisor in Landscape, was appointed water conservationist, with Carlos Garcia, an irrigationist, assisting him.

Mr. Finlay and Mr. Garcia took water-auditing classes and an exam set by the Irrigation Association to receive certification as landscape irrigation auditors in April.

Irrigation

Mr. Finlay is auditing each sprinkler system "to make sure that it has uniformity of water distribution," Mr. Grassmann

Sprinkler system technology that may help cut "irrigation to the bone while not sacrificing plant quality" is also being reviewed, said Mr. Finlay.

"But that technology is of no value if the irrigation system is not applying water uniformly, which is why Landscape is examining its sprinklers," he explained.

Systems that are not up to standards will be upgraded, and "once we have done that then we can start to think about using some of the available technology" to further reduce the use of scape could no longer provide the water on the grounds.

Guidelines

The Landscape Department has also received water conservation guidelines from Rebecca Fisher, a landscape conservation specialist with the Pasadena Water & Power Department.

"Rebecca has been on our grounds and has given us guidelines, some of which we are starting to implement," Mr. Grassmann said. "Nothing mandatory at the moment, but just basic water conservation suggestions.'

Said Mr. Finlay: "Rebecca and the Water & Power Department already feel that we are setting an example to Pasadena in terms of our concern and that we do have a water conservation policy."

Among her recommendations for the Church grounds is that "we reduce lawn areas that are not used for recreation or leisure activities," Mr. Grassmann said. "We will replace some lawns, or small area lawns, with more water-thrift-type plant materials.

"In some areas we have taken out Mondo grass [a form of ground cover], which doesn't do well in the sun, and replaced it with junipers. In some other areas we have replaced the ivy ground cover with bark," which not only cuts down on water but also on maintenance, he said.

Water-loving azaleas in areas with southern exposure will be put in areas of northern exposure, where it is cooler and where they will require less water, added Mr.

Ground cover

Rebecca Fisher also advised Landscape to replace the dichondra lawns with plant material that uses less water.

Back in the 1960s "when Mr. Armstrong wanted dichondra for the campus, it was the No. 1 ground cover used in Southern California," Mr. Finlay said.

Although the dichondra's high water use alone would have caused its demise in this semiarid area, there were other factors affecting its continued use.

"In the late '70s disease and pests moved in and made it harder for people to maintain," Mr. Grassmann said.

Another contributing factor was the loss of student labor when the College moved to Big Sandy. With a smaller work crew Land-

manpower and time needed to maintain the dichondra.

Except for a border area around the Ambassador Auditorium, the dichondra is being replaced by fescue, a type of grass.

"In our situation fescue will not require as much water as dichondra and will reduce water use by 10 to 20 percent," Mr. Grassmann said.

Conserving and preserving

While Landscape looks at ways to conserve water it is also being "careful to maintain the historical and cultural image of the grounds," he continued.

There is a school of thought, added Mr. Finlay, that says "we should just pull things out and put in cactus or other desert-type plants." But conservationists studying xeriscaping—the technique of water-efficient landscaping-have found that "a lot of the plants grown in this area could do with less water than people put on

"Even we could probably use less water irrigating than we do at present. So we may be replacing less of our plants than you might think," he said.

Presently there are no regulations against the use of water for decorative streams, fountains or pools that use recirculated water. "Unless the air is dry or there is a wind blowing," Mr. Grassmann said, "more water evaporates from turf and ground cover than from



IRRIGATION AUDIT—Chris Finlay (left), water conservationist, measures the precipitation rate and the uniformity of water distribution from a sprinkler system at Church headquarters. Assisting him is Dale Coker, Landscape projects assistant. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

open water such as the reflecting pool around the Auditorium.

"If the drought continues and there are further water cutbacks, then the reflecting pool and streams would be affected.'

Severe water cutbacks would also mean that "we would have to let some turfed areas die so that we can hold on to others," Mr. Finlay said. Lawns would be the cheapest to let go and the easiest to grow back, added Mr. Grass-

March rains not enough

"At the present time, even a month like Miracle March, in which precipitation statewide averaged nearly three times normal, has not been enough to reverse the effects of five years of drought," said Mr. Finlay.

Water officials are saying that it will take three years of normal rainfall to put us back to normal."

However, the March rains did buy us "precious time to implement water conservation measures with the minimum of disruption," said Mr. Grassmann.

Had the March rains not come "we probably would have seen 50 percent cuts by the end of the summer," Mr. Finlay remarked. Then "we would definitely have had to sacrifice some of our lawns. March saved us and now we can proceed more reasonably and prepare for further water cut backs, when they come, whether in December or some time down

"Projections show that by the year 2000 even normal rainfall will fail to supply our needs because of a growing population and increased environmental needs. Therefore, it looks like utilizing what water we do have to the maximum will become a way

15 minute program to air in Europe in 1992

New telecast format approved

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—A 15-minute version of the World Tomorrow telecast will begin airing in Europe next January, according to Ray Wright, director of Media Planning & Promotion (MP&P).

Late in May Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach gave the Television Department the go-ahead for a series of 15-minute European tele-

Bill Palmer is on the staff of The Plain Truth.

Unlike the U.S. market, the European market allows syndication of 15-minute programs, according to Mr. Wright. In the United States, the smallest available time slot is 30 minutes.

MP&P and Church Administra-International had ing for ways to make the most out of the European television budget. Distributing a 15-minute program is one way to stretch that budget.

MP&P, Television and Church Administration International considered the 15-minute concept with two questions in mind: Would a 15-minute version of The World Tomorrow be marketable in Europe? and Would such a program be feasible from a production standpoint?

The answer to both questions was yes, so Television produced a 15-minute pilot program from the 30-minute U.S. telecast titled "Broken Planet." Mr. Tkach liked the 15-minute version and approved production.

Interpartners Inc., the Church's time-buying agency in Europe, then reviewed the program and said it was marketable.

Eventually the European programs could be lip syncs, or lip synchronizations. A lip sync is a translation in which the words are closely matched to the movement of the original speaker's lips, even though he is speaking in a different language.

The French, German and Italian versions of the telecast are currently 30-minute voice-overs. (A voice-over is a program in which a translation soundtrack is added to the original. Unlike a lip sync, the viewer can hear both lan-

The Dutch version is subtitled. (Because English is required of all Dutch students, the Dutch prefer to have English programs subtitled so students may follow along and hone their language

MP&P and Church Administration International began looking at the idea of lip syncing about a that time Baker Lovick, the Church's television time-buying agency in Canada, suggested the French-Canadian version of The World Tomorrow be lip synced.

After demonstrating how closely a translation could be matched to the speaker's lip movements, the agency explained that audience acceptance of lip syncs is greater than audience acceptance of voice-overs or subtitled pro-

The quality of lip syncs impressed MP&P, Television and French Department personnel, who began working with evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International, to determine whether The World Tomorrow could be lip

The Television Department completed a pilot lip synced program. If this test program meets expectations, a French lip synced version of the telecast could begin airing when the new season begins.

Back to the Ozarks?

PASADENA-Festival Administration announced that the Church is considering returning to Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., for the Feast of Tabernacles as early as the fall of 1992. Church officials have been negotiating with Ozark authorities for several months.

The Feast site there was sold to a private corporation in 1985. Since that time the Feast has been conducted in Tulsa, Okla., Kansas City, Mo., and this year will be conducted in Hot Springs, Ark. Meanwhile, the former Church property has been acquired by Columbia College, which plans to use the convention building as a site for events such as the Festi-

"The site at Lake of the Ozarks would not replace the new Hot Springs site, which we expect to work well, but would supplement our sites in the Midwest," said Mark McCulley, Festival Administration manager.

Housing arrangements and the contract for the meeting space are being negotiated. "Many members would be surprised if they could see the amount of development that has occurred at Lake of the Ozarks in the last five years," commented Mr. McCulley. "If all the negotiations work out as we hope, we will have a very pleasant site for the Feast. Members' prayers for the success of our preparations would be appreciated.'

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PERSONAL

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physical and material possessions, these individuals lost or smashed the spiritual compass that would lead them to the proper balance of profit-making and also helping others.

They talk about peace in a world that does not fully understand the definition of the word peace—because they are not acquainted with their Creator. In order to have peace, we are to love God with all our might, with all our soul and with all our

And the second commandment is like the first-that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the definition of godly peace: love toward our neighbor and guiding and directing our lives based on precepts that come from God's word.

Individuals in the world today choose instead to hurt and to steal from the works of others. And, sad to say, we must now all pay the price for this enormous and treacherous sin.

It is just as Admiral H.G. Rickover, a man who devoted much of his life to the study and promotion of sound education, declared before a congressional committee: "The human values that make for the civilized life are not created or preserved without continuous effort."

If the 56 founding fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence were to be resurrected today, I wonder if their reaction would be, We died for this?! Shortly after the 56 individuals signed the Declaration of Independence, many met with violent death.

Ambassador's vision

The human values that make for civilized life are not created or preserved without continuous effort. Ambassador has this vision. Ours is not an empty aphorism.

When we say we are here to recapture true values, we realize, accept and champion that there are indeed true values at large-something many others foolishly deny, to their hurt and folly. But the mere knowledge of true values is hardly sufficient.

The 19th-century historian Henry Brooks Adams rightly said that nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts. Education can be defined as what is left over after we forget what we have initially

And mark this well: From an Ambassador perspective, education is of no value unless it is applied in your lives.

As chancellor and chairman of the board of regents for Ambassador College, I charge all of you graduates today to fix this solidly in your minds because of the many sacrifices that have been made on your behalf to be able to attend Ambassador College. Many people have toiled and sacrificed so you could be here today.

Allow me to illustrate how a major sacrifice takes place each year so Ambassador College can be a reality. All of you students and your families are aware of how much it costs to go to college. Each of you will have spent \$4,500 a year for college here at Ambassador, and almost \$20,000 by the time you receive your bachelor's degree.

Now when we look at it that way, that's a lot of money. But what you may not realize is that the Church subsidizes each one of you financially to make this possi-

Because for every one of the 1,133 full-time students at Ambassador, the Worldwide Church of God will contribute \$13,000 per year for each student-costing the Church nearly \$52,000 for every graduate who receives a bachelor's

That is the amount that the Worldwide Church of God underwrites for our students—to receive either an associate of arts or a bachelor's degree. And please realize that does not include the major, capital building investments we made this year.

What I would also like you students to know is that this additional \$14.5 million of support you receive does not come from an endowment, nor is it supported by federal or tax revenue. The total cost of an education at Ambassador College is similar to the cost at other state

most searching question that can be asked about a university is, What sort of person does it pro-

From our perspective, that is a foundational question we, as administrators, often ask ourselves, constantly evaluating the fruits of our labors: Just what kind of person does Ambassador College pro-

Judging by what I have seen, we produce an excellent caliber of educated people, who are prepared to serve, to help, and to grow, and to alleviate the suffering of mankind whenever the opportunity presents itself.

You graduates have learned the true values that we seek to capture. The Ambassador faculty has spent considerable time imparting to you the priceless gift of becoming an educated person.

But even after all this work, all this training, all this education, we annot guarantee greatness in any of you. I believe that in your time must [first] be your slave"—taken from Matthew 20:26-27 (New International Version).

This is why the Church regards as worthy its major financial commitment to all of you. In the next few minutes, you graduates will join an elite group. As graduates, you'll be associated with a group of individuals who have learned how the spiritual principles integrate in the day-to-day activities of

You have new knowledge and new abilities that the Church earnestly needs if it is to grow and flourish. You have been given a gift, and now you have a major responsibility, if not an obligation, to share that gift with others in your service of life.

All of us present today know that this world is filled with hurting, with pain, with anguish and with much suffering. The recent Gulf War and its dark aftermath of fleeing refugees should serve as a sobering reminder for every one of

teous examples, but committed people who do what is right even when others don't.

Formerly, most of the graduates of Ambassador College were hired directly into the Church's employ. That was the primary purpose of the College some decades ago.

Today we have an equally important task. In addition to your spiritual education in true values, you have been given top-drawer education in business administration, computer science and other fields. You are as properly, if not better, equipped to earn a living as any graduate of any other college. You have the necessary tools for

As you go from Ambassador today, I would like you to remember these words from William Jennings Bryan. He said that success is not searching for you; you must do the seeking. "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice." God sets a choice before all of us, as human beings, when he brings us to the crossroads of life.

In Deuteronomy 30:19, God says, "I ... set before you life and death ... choose life, [so] that ... you and your seed may live [and have eternal life].'

Success "is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved" by your diligent effort and desire. The same holds true with education: Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought with ardor and attended to with diligence.

So, Ambassador graduates, you have everything you need to be a success in this world. Now you must choose.

We as administrators believe that by coming to Ambassador College, you have already made the right choice. There will be many others that must be made in your lives. Now you need to put your choice into action.

Graduates, take this vision of sharing, of helping, of serving, and show this world what it really means to be a graduate of Ambassador College. Continue to grow, and you will be one of the truly "greats" in the not-toodistant future.

We produce an excellent caliber of educated people who are prepared to serve, to help, and to grow, and to alleviate the suffering of mankind whenever the opportunity presents itself.

and private institutions.

However, the major difference is that the extra costs of operating the College are borne directly from the contributions made by members of the Worldwide Church of God. Their continuing, faithful, financial sacrifice is one of the major reasons that we can even be here today.

We hope to develop some financial programs, including endowments, that will in the future mitigate the current financial burden that we now are under.

But for the present, the Church continues to provide the greatest support. The Church makes this kind of investment in its young people because, as I said at the beginning, you are our future. And you have a very important role to play in the not-too-distant future.

Brand Blanshard, who has served on the philosophy faculty at Michigan, Swarthmore and Yale, once expressed this about the function of a college. He said, "The here at Ambassador, we have the opportunity to help refine, to inspire your thoughts.

We can introduce you to the truths that are eternal. But despite all our efforts and labor, we can't make you into anything you don't want to be. But we can do the next best thing.

As Alfred North Whitehead reminds us, "Education can supply the vision of greatness for those who have eyes to see with"-a takeoff on Proverbs 29:18. "Where there is no vision, [my] people [will] perish," God says.

True vision of greatness is found in the pages of God's written word. As recorded in the book of Matthew, Jesus told us, "[Whoever] wants to become great among you must be your servant."

As Moses was told by the God of Abraham—one of the greatest compliments man can receiveyou are ebed Adonai, God's bond slave. And Jesus went on to say, "And [whoever] wants to be first

us and ought to inspire us to pray more fervently, "Thy kingdom come" and that God's will be done here on earth as it is in heaven.

Yes, the Gulf War is a sobering reminder of what unspeakable tragedy some will visit even upon others—upon their own kinsmen!

Here among the peaceful, rolling hills of East Texas, we can pause and reflect and say life is good. But just a short distance away, we can quickly find thieves, murderers, cheats of all sorts, people who contribute nothing to civilization but cancerous thoughts and actions.

Be different

Graduates, you are charged to be different. Jesus said that if we are to follow him, we must be lights in a darkened world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

Graduates, you must be visible examples of the way of life you have learned here at Ambassador-not preachy or self-righ-

God restore the joy of his salvation.

Paul tells us that God will give us the will to endure with faithful confidence. "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Philippians

God can supply the willingness to change our attitude, and what seemed impossible when we were in a negative attitude, now seems straightforward. God changes our attitude and guides us in the right

God didn't call us to destroy us. He called us to help us attain the kingdom. And that's what he is going to do if we keep the faith.

Paul said he could do all things

Like Joshua we've got to believe that we can take the land. God is with us. We can enter the kingdom. It's going to be ours. That's the atti-

live by faith."

Lessons

(Continued from page 7) dom. The people who go backward miss the boat.

Those who look for new leadership tempt God. Don't we trust God's ability to pick leaders?

Jesus said: "He who receives whomever I send receives Me" John 13:20). There should be no doubt who God has sent to lead the Church. We must receive him, if we want to receive Christ. If we reject him, then we reject Christ.

We must accept God's servants. It's the same issue today as it was in the days of Moses, Aaron, Joshua and Caleb. The issues haven't changed. And the necessity for faith hasn't changed.

Those who question whether the Lord is among us or not should consider the work being done.

The gospel is being preached. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew

People are coming into the Church today who never saw a telecast by Mr. Armstrong. That is not to take anything away from Mr. Armstrong, it's just that the process of salvation continues.

God works with different people at different times. Times change, people die and the Church moves forward. When Moses died God provided new leadership. Today we have the leadership of Mr. Tkach. The Work continues, disciples are being made and they are observing the things that Jesus commanded.

God continues to do signs and wonders among us. He's not dividing the sea and making manna come down out of the sky, but that's not his main intent.

God is making sons and daughters for his kingdom. Do we lose sight of that fact? Do we think anybody else is doing this? Or doing it

We've got to keep our faith in God's ability to lead the Church. We've got to have faith in the leadership that he has chosen. And we've got to continue to exercise that faith and resist the critical, negative attitudes.

Our own shortcomings

We also have our own shortcomings to face. It can be discouraging to have to acknowledge that we are

Once again we must stand still and see the salvation of the Eternal and trust that he is willing to lead us into the kingdom. His attitude toward us is positive.

That's Christ's objective: "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing" (John 6:39).

Christ does not intend to lose anyone in the Church. He wants everyone to make it. And everyone who stays with him will make it.

But if we depart from him, with the attitude of doubt, discouragement and negativism, then we will fail. Personal problems and sins can be discouraging, but we must exercise faith that God will help us through those things.

Though sinners by nature, God is changing those natures. Look unto Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2). And consider him, "who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls" (verse

When we become weary we need to look to Jesus to get us through and to give us the joy that enabled him to endure the cross and disregard the shame.

Ask God, as David did in Psalm 51, to restore unto us the joy of his salvation. Sometimes the joy gets away. Not every day as a Christian is a joyful day, and on those lessthan-joyful days we need to have

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

through Christ who strengthened him (Philippians 4:13). That is a positive "can-do" attitude. That's what we need to persevere through trials. And we need to recover more of this can-do, positive, attitude.

tude that God admires and rewards. Believe and trust in God. He's

going to bring us into his kingdom. Keep a positive attitude, don't grow weary and faint and become discouraged. Exercise faith and remember what the apostle Paul said to the brethren: "The just shall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALLEN, Michael and Susan (Butler) of Gainesville, Fla., girl, Hannah Arlene, April 14, 4:08 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy,

ALLWORTH, Barry and Cheryl (Burgess) of Pasadena, boy, Chad Alexander, May 7,705 a.m., 11 pounds 2 ounces, now 2

ANDERSON, Scott and Kathy (Carr) of Reno, Nev., boy, Shaun Ryan, March 31, 6:15 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first

CHAMBERS, Chuck and Lissa (Del Barto) of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Chase Cameron, April 25, 4:10 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

DACEY, David and Darlene (Smith) of Portland, Ore., boy, Micheal Anthony, April 23, 5:40 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces,

DAWAL, Stephen and Elizabeth (de la Cruz) of Manila, Philippines, boy, Dick Adrich, March 16, 9:30 a.m., 9 pounds, now 3 boys.

DEVLUGT, Paul and Lori (Jones) of Sud-bury, Ont., boy, Bradley James, April 27, 5:27 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

FROM, Dennis and Janet (Shumate) of Yankton, S.D., boy, Andrew Michael, May 7, 4:40 a.m., 9 pounds 31/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GALLAGHER, Tony and Malika (Kebaili) of Lyons, France, boy, Marc Daniel, April 21, 1:10 a.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAWTHORNE, Danny and Peggy (Stark) of Mount Vernon, Ill., girl, Brandy Lane, April 23, 11 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HEYKOOP, Hank and Donna (Phelps) of St. Catharines, Ont., girl, Karen Anne, May 6, 1:14 p.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

HILLIARD, Thomas and Stephanie (Hamn) of Bryan, Tex., girl, Courtney Rachael, March 10, 6:52 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

HUFF, Michael and Rose (Johnson) of Pasadena, boy, Austin Michael Charles, April 20, 4:35 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JOHNSON, John and Tammy (Poirier) of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., boy, David Murray, April 16, 9:22 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

KITCHEN, Timothy and Melissa (Barcuch) of lowa City, lowa, twin boys, Samuel William and Timothy John Jr., April 18, 2:05 and 2:07 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces and 5 pounds 14 ounces, first children.

LEASURE, Kent and Lorena (Ridgely) of Hagerstown, Md., girl, Krystle Brooke, Feb. 15, 11:09 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

MATKIN, Neil and Janyth (Clemons) of Big Sandy, boy, Benjamin Keith, March 16, 2:26 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 3

McGLYNN, Peter and Lorna (Moxley) of Sacramento, Calif., girl, Elizabeth Janna-Clare, March 29, 1:52 a.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

MELLIN, Eddie and Michelle (Warren) of Birmingham, England, boy, Sean James, March 19, 7:45 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MENDE, Carl and Debra (Issler) of Buffa-lo, N.Y., girl, Adrianne Michelle, May 9, 8:05 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2

O'CONNOR, Carl and Sharyn (Hofer) of Des Moines, Iowa, boy, Riley Robert, April 18, 3:40 p.m., 9 pounds 1/4 ounces, first child.

POLATIN, Paul and Doris (Turgeon) of Ann Arbor, Mich., girl, Elizabeth Victoria, Feb. 28, 6:57 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

ROBERTS, Simon and Susan (House) of Thatcham, England, boy, Stephen Richard Daniel, May 12, 3 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

ROSEAU, Gerard and Isabelle (Feuvray) of Marseilles, France, boy, Camille, April 21, 6:20 a.m., 4:2 kilograms, now 2 boys.

ROUSE, Matthew and Sherrie (Slocum) of Jonesboro, Ark., boy, Benjamin Matthew, Dec. 1, 10:03 a.m., 9 pounds, feet oblid.

SMITHSON, Leigh and Heather (Cockbain) of Calgary, Alta., girl, Josie Leanne, April 13, 10:04 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VAN SISE, Mark and Joanne (Wilcox) of Brick, N.J., girl, Sarah Ashley, April 28, 8:22 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

WEIR, Paul and Sue (Orchard) of Ballarat, Vic., girl, Sallyanne Kezia, May 4, 11:45 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WHITE, Gregory and Serena (Forte) of Charleston, S.C., girl, Whitney Reine, Dec. 21, 10:04 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

WOODALL, William and Colleen (Coffman) of Melbourne, Fla., boy, William Christopher, April 15, 8:34 p.m., 6 pounds 133/4 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Arlene Dion and Michael Borg of Brook-lyn, N.Y., are pleased to announce their engagement. A Sept. 15 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Knerr of Bethlehem, Pa., are pleased to announce the engagement of Renee Michelle Pabon to Daniel Keith Gehris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gehris of Fort Myers, Fla. An Aug. 18 wedding in Bethlehem is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Payne of Jack-sonville, Ark., are pleased to announce

the engagement of their daughter Carissa Lynn to Steven John Cardillo, son of John Cardillo of Boston, Mass., and Karen McDougal of Sagamore, Mass. A Dec. 21 wedding in North Little Rock, Ark., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McMorris of Syracuse, N.Y., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Deborah Anne to Larry Steven Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hambrick of Amarillo, Tex. An August wedding in New York is planned.

Les and Janette Dirickson of Albu-querque, N.M., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jill Elise to Wakeen (Wayne) Abraham, son of Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Abraham of Las Cruces, N.M. A Sept. 15 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack G. Flack of Adelaide, S.A., take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Michele to Gordon McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hedley McLaughlin of Bendigo, Vic. A July 21 wedding is planned.

Steven R. Renz and Sandra L. Wilson of Sacramento, Calif., are happy to announce their engagement. An Aug. 25 wedding is planned.

Karen Childers and Richard Todd, together with their parents, joyfully announce their engagement. A June 30 wedding in Rockford, Ill., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Rees Ellis of Whangarei, New Zealand, are delighted to announce the engagement of their youngest daugh-ter, Janine, to Greg Bradshaw of Welling-ton, New Zealand. An October wedding is planned.

Bonnie J. Jones of Louisville, Ky., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Lisa Dee to Michael Paul Mincy, son of Harvey Mincy of Ripon, Wis. An Aug. 4 wedding in Louisville is

WEDDINGS



MR. & MRS. WARREN JOHNSON JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Patterson of Brooks, Alfa., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Bonnie to Warren Johnson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Johnson Sr. of Monmouth, Ore. The wedding was performed March 9 by Jack Kost, Victoria, B.C., pastor. Lena Boogars was matron of honor, and Marvin Youngberg was best man. The couple live in Salem, Ore.



MR. & MRS. PHILIP RENSHAW

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Seachord Sr. of Dallas, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Melissa Francine, to Philip Henry Renshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Renshaw of Quinlan, Tex. The ceremony was performed May 27, 1990, by Allen Bullock, Dallas East pastor. Donna Seachord, sister of the bride, was marton of honor, and Quentin Spradling was best man. The couple live in Grand Prarie, Tex.



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL MOCATTA

Mr. and Mrs. Zvonimir Potocki of South Oakleigh, Vic., are pleased to announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, Karen, to Michael Lloyd Mocatta, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mocatta of Sydney, N.S.W. The ceremony was performed Aug. 26 in Melbourne, Vic., by Terence Villiers, Sydney North pastor, Sandra Potocki was maid of honor, and Shane Smithers was best man. The couple live in Concord, N.S.W.



MR. & MRS. JAMIE FENNER

Kelly lleen Ambrose and Jamie Anthony Fenner are pleased to announce their marriage. The ceremony took place March 10 in Wentworth Falls, N.S.W., and was performed by Karl Karlov, Penrith, N.S.W., pastor. Karen Mocatta was matron of honor, and Peter Bonchar was best man. The couple live in Canberra, A.C.T.



MR. & MRS. PAUL MERISON

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Sydney, N.S.W., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Anne to Paul Hendrik Merison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henk Merison. The ceremony, which took place March 17, was performed by Bob Regazzoli, Sydney South pastor. Karen Wilson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Peter Merison, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



MR. & MRS. JOHN MILLER III

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Jan Malcomson, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. David Malcomson Sr. of Rochester,
Minn., and John Miller III, son of Mr. and
Mrs. John Miller Jr. of Wilmington, Del.,
were united in marriage March 30 in
Rochester. The ceremony was performed
by the bride's uncle, Henry Petersen, a
minister in the Sloux Falls, S.D., church.
Attendants to the bride were Katherine
Dreyfus, Diane Malcomson and Jill Wunder. Attendants to the groom were Paul
Dreyfus, David Malcomson Jr. and
Robert Malcomson.



MR. & MRS. FRANK HANKUS

Susan Luttrell and Frank Hankus are pleased to announce their marriage June 24 in Oak Brook, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Timothy Snyder, Kalamazoo and Coldwater, Mich., pastor. Susan Alexander was matron of honor, and Robert Marrow was best man. The couple live in Downers Grove, Ill.



MR. & MRS. FABRICE LOYSON

Fabrice Loyson and Marlene Kamoise were united in marriage May 8. The ceremony was performed by Gilbert Carbonnel, Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre,



MR. & MRS. JASON BROCK

Dorothy and Gary Skinner are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Debi to Jason Brock, son of Daniel and Cyndi Brisco Brock of Gainesville, Tex. The ceremony was performed March 23-by Allen Bullock, Dallas East pastor. The couple live in Irving, Tex.



MR. & MRS. F. RODRIGUEZ

Jessica Ong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nesan Ong of General Santos, Philippines, and Ferdinand Rodriguez, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Edmundo Rodriguez of Zamboanga, Philippines, were united in marriage Dec. 28. The ceremony was performed by Victor Lim, Davao, Tagum, Kidapawan and General Santos, Philippines, pastor. Maria Ana Liza Ong, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Edwin Rodriguez was hest man. The Edwin Rodriguez was best man. The couple live in Zamboanga.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT L. SAMUELS

Judy Ann Cobb, daughter of Bessie Rash of Prescott, Ark., and Robert Lee Samuels, son of Susan Samuels of Hope, Ark., were united in marriage Sept. 30 in Texarkana, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Ron Jameson, Texarkana associate pastor. The couple live in Hone.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. NEIL FERGUS

Neil and Gwen Fergus of Penrith, N.S.W., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 7. They have two sons, William and Chris.



MR. & MRS. JOHN REINA

John and Toni Reina, a deacon and dea-coness in the Stockton, Calif., church, celebrated their 35th wedding anniver-sary May 19. The Reinas have two daughters, Robin and Kim; a son-in-law, Jerry Parker; and three grandchildren, Michael, Jaclyn and John.



MR. & MRS. CLYDE HUBBARD

Clyde and Bobbie Hubbard celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Feb. 18. Mr. Hubbard is a minister in the Midland, ch., church. The Hubbards have five children, Guy and Cory Rocky; Terry and Dixie Lewis; Duane and Toye Malm; Lael and Elisha; and 11 grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. DON GRIFFITH

Don and Mary Griffith celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 17. They were married in Gladewater, Tex, by evangelist Richard Rice, department manager of the Mail Processing Center. The couple attend the Grand Junction, Colo., church, and have four sons and one daughter.

The family of Jack and Margaret Smith wish to congratulate them on their 40th anniversary April 20. The Smiths have one son, Mark; one daughter, Jacki; one daughter-in-law, Cheryl; one son-in-law, Rick; and five grandchildren, Cara, Aaron, Brandon, Brad and Jessica. The Smiths attend the Dallas, Tex., West church.



MR. & MRS. JAMES ROSENTHAL

James Rosenthal, pastor of the Brick and Trenton, N.J., churches, and his wife, prenton, N.J., churches, and his wife, Diane, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 25. Brick brethren presented them with a gift certificate March 16, and Trenton brethren surprised the with two pieces. with two pieces of china and a cake March 23.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. & MRS. ERNIE JACKSON Ernie and Edie Jackson of Gold Coast,

Qld., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 12 with friends and fam-ily. The Jacksons have three children and eight grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. EDWARD BAUER

Ed and Peggy Bauer of Rockaway, N.J., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 7. Union, N.J., brethren attended a dinner in their honor Feb. 17 at the home of Greg Sargent, Union pastor.



MR. & MRS. GERALD GAUF

Gerald and Bernadine Gauf of Peoria, III., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 17. They were honored with a reception after Sabbath services May 18. They have two children and five grand-children.

OBITUARIES



WALTER W. CAPPS

CAPPS, Walter W., 96, of Big Sandy, died March 24. Mr. Capps suffered from Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by two nieces, Veta Mae Mowry and Dora Alice Mills; and four nephews, Robert Mills, J.O. Mills, Troy Hunter and Von Hunter.



WILLIAM EDGELL

EDGELL, William R., 35, of Henderson, Minn., was killed April 12 in an automobile accident. Mr. Edgell is survived by his wife, Joyce; a daughter, Brandy, 8; his parents, Noel and Helen Edgell; two brothers, Robert and Richard; and a grandmother, Alice Edgell.

HOLBROOKS, Ulan, 72, of Seminole, Tex., died April 17 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four sons, Larry, Cecil, Samuel and Zachary; six daughters, Linda Roper, Virginia White, Dana Leimbach, Dena Price, Deborah Bell and Jana Devlin; one sister, Lorene Huggins; two brothers, Bernard and Cecil; and 14 grandchildren.



LUPITA AYALA

AYALA, Lupita, 76, of Big Sandy, died March 31. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Angel.

CARRELL, Eula, 85, of Indianapolis, Ind., died April 25 after a stroke. She is survived by eight children, 20 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

STOCKHAM. Helen, 82, of Boise, Idaho, died March 31. She is survived by her daughter, Beverly Jamison, seven grand-children and 11 great-grandchildren.

LANGSDALE, Florence, 79, of Florence, Ky., died May 1. She is survived by four sons, Fred, Bill, Robert and Joshua; seven grandsons and two brothers.



ENA GRACE BLACK

BLACK, Ena Grace, 78, of Bricket Wood, England, died April 18 of cancer. She is survived by four daughters, Irene, Bea-trice, Gladys and Bernice; 18 grandchil-dren; and four great-grandchildren.

HENDRIX, Robert Edward, 70, of West Blocton, Ala., died April 27 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by three sons, Thomas E., Charles L. and James David; and three grandchildre

KOLKMEYER, Lena, 92, of Alton, III., died Feb. 13. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

WALSHE, Anna, 82, of Cork, Irish Republic, died April 13 after many years in a nursing home. She is survived by a son, Douglas, and a daughter-in-law, Audrey.



LOUISA CHRISTINE GRANGER

GRANGER, Louisa Christine, 50, of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, died April 15 after a short illness. Mrs. Granger is survived by her husband, Victor; four sons, Donavan, Stanford, Shane and Bradford; two daughters, Victoria and Geneiveve; two daughters-in-law; and five grandchildren.

STONE, Harry, 86, died April 10 from complications after a stroke. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lena; three sons, Don, Bob and Randy; and four daughters. Norma Shields, Wanda Perkins, Betty Couch and Sharon Slater; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

HARRIS, William, 34, of Greenbelt, Md., died April 4 of cancer. Mr. Harris is sur-vived by his wife, Iris; two sons, James and Damlen; and one daughter, Irene.

KELLOGG, Nellie, 91, of Frederick, Md., died Feb. 15 of a heart attack. Mrs. Kellogg is survived by her son, Jack, and one granddaughter, Candy Snyder. A daughter, Jeanne Schwartz, died in 1985.

HENDRICKS, George J., 73, of Dover, Ohio, died Feb. 20 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bertha: two sons, Don and George; one daughter, Jean; one sister; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

OWENS, James, 63, of Oklahoma City, Okla., died April 2. Mr. Owens is survived by one son, three daughters, one brother and five nicees. Mr. Owens' wife preceded him in death in 1987.

ANNESS, James F., 74, of Orrville, Ohio, died April 1 after a brief illness. Mr. Anness is survived by his wife, Audrey; two daughters, Mary Lou Boards and Deborah Cook; one son, James E.; three stepchildren, David Manis, Linda McDougale and Kathy Ewing; 15 grand-children; one great-grandchild; one brother, John; and one sister, Mary.

ANNESS, Charles, 83, of Brighton, England, died April 17. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Kate, and his son, Paul, a deacon in the Reading, England,



WILBUR TREAT

TREAT, Wilbur D., 72, of Sutter, Calif., died April 6 of a stroke. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Esther; three sons, flick, Dwight and Delane; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

GILCHRIST, Vena, 63, of Shelby, Mont., died Feb. 18. She is survived by four sons, Bruce, Alan, Glen and Mike; two daughters, Chris and Katherine; and 15

HAASCH, James E., 83, of Milwaukee, Wis., died April 19. He is survived by his wife, Bertha, six children, 22 grandchil-dren and 20 great-grandchildren.

METZGAR, Robert , 74, of Greenville, Pa., died April 27. He is survived by his wife, Marge; four sons, Bruce, Richard, Ronald and Alan; one sister, Verda Stokes; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

BROOKS, Brinnie B., 84, of Canton, Ohio, died April 12 after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, William R.; one daughter, Dorothy Petfer; one son, Ronald Cochran; two grandchildren, Dale Ann McPherson and Michael McConnell Sr.; and one great-grandchild, Michael McConnell Jr.

McDONNEL, Nancy, 73, of Montreal, Que., died Feb. 23 of cancer. She is sur-vived by her husband, Bill; one son, Sean; one daughter-in-law, Trudy; two grandchildren, Andrea and Sean Michael:

EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA-Plain Truth writers John Halford and Christina Kuo visited the Superconducting Super Collider Laboratory (SSC), in De Soto, Tex., May 23.

The super collider is a high energy subatomic particle accelerator that will be built to learn more about the nature of matter and energy, according to Mr. Halford. Scientists working on the project hope to recreate conditions at the moment of creation of the universe, what is commonly called the Big Bang.

Russ Wiley, director of exter-nal affairs for SSC, invited the two writers to tour the laboratory after reading Mr. Halford's article, "Speeding Atoms Collide in Texas," in the May-June issue of Youth 91, and the "Groping in the Light" booklet, which Mr. Halford and Miss Kuo worked on

"Mr. Wiley thought the Church had a balanced approach between religion and science," said Miss Kuo. "He said the booklet helped him get a better perspective of what God is all about.'

Mr. Wiley ordered 100 copies each of the "Groping in the Light" booklet and the May-June Youth 91 to share with the SSC staff. He said his co-workers have given both publications "rave reviews."

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PASADENA—"Brethren need to be informed about a clarification to the procedure regarding their form of payment when making an airline reservation with Delta or United for the Feast," said Frank Fish, manager of WCG Travel.

"When making a Feast reservation using the Delta or United convention desk and convention number, you must specify whether you will be paying by check or credit card," Mr. Fish said.

"The reservation record must contain a notation of the method of payment in order for WCG Travel to receive the record and produce the tickets.'

If you are paying by credit card, the WCG Travel ticketing system established with Delta and United requires you to give your credit card number when making the reservation.

It is not necessary to call WCG Travel when you are using the convention desk and are paying by credit card. Upon receipt of your reservation record WCG Travel will print your tickets and mail them to you along with a 4 percent rebate check. This can be accomplished with the one phone call you make to Delta or United provided the method of payment is recorded. Please note that this system does not apply to other airlines.

For additional explanation please read page 5 of the 1991 Travel Programs brochure.

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PASADENA-Presenter Richard Ames and Television Department employees Keith Stump, Joe Costantino, Don Conard and Gary Werings visited Egypt April 26 to May 14 to tape a two-part World Tomorrow series on the Exodus.

The group filmed in the Cairo area, Luxor (Thebes), archaeological sites in the Nile Delta (Goshen), and the area where the Israelites would have crossed the Red Sea. The conclusion of the

series was taped at Mt. Sinai.

"This trip was a first for us," said Mr. Stump. "Never before have we taped a program completely on location.

The series will focus on the lessons learned from the Exodus, and is scheduled to air next Passover season.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that Carl Dayhoff will be the special music coordinator at the site in St. Petersburg, Fla., in addition to directing the choir.

Those interested in performing should call Mr. Dayhoff at 1-813-549-4072, or write to him at 1105 S.E. 30th St., Cape Coral, Fla., 33904.

BIG SANDY—The Spanish Office announced that English translation will be available at the Feast site in Humacao, Puerto

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PASADENA—The Television Department needs volunteers to work as video projector operators at the Feast of Tabernacles in Pasadena this fall.

Duties include operating a pro-

jector during the Feast and working with an engineer from the Television Department should any problems occur.

The Television Department prefers people with experience in video production or a strong background in engineering and

Training will take place in Pasadena the day before the Feast, Sept. 22, and work will begin the second day of the Feast,

Those interested should call Steve Bergstrom at 1-818-304-6190, or send a letter outlining their qualifications to Ambas-sador Television, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

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BAY CITY, Mich-Anna Gingerich, a member here, celebrated her 100th birthday March 28.

Mrs. Gingerich received congratulatory notes from President George Bush, Michigan Governor John Engler and Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

The Midland, Mich., church presented her with a card depicting current events of the day of her birth.

Mrs. Gingerich has been a member since 1956.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England-Roy Oestensen, Norwegian translation editor, and Shirley Buik, assistant editor, passed the Institute of Linguists Diploma in Translation examinations for Norwegian.

Successful candidates can use

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the letters Dip. Trans. after their names and can apply for membership in the Institute of Linguists.

We felt it would be good to take the diploma examination because neither of us held a formal professional qualification directly related to the work we are doing of producing the Church's literature in Norwegian, although we both had experience and other qualifications as translators," Mr. Oestensen said.

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PASADENA—Ambassador Foundation sponsored the American debut of one of the Soviet Union's most distinguished pianists, Irina Smorodinova, in two concerts at the Ambassador Auditorium, May 23 and 30.

Ms. Smorodinova's longdelayed American debut may be attributed to the relaxed climate created by glasnost, which enabled her for the first time to obtain a visa for performances in the United States.

CROYDON, England-The church here celebrated its 10th anniversary at Sabbath services

John Meakin, pastor of the Llanelli, Wales, and Bristol, England, churches, who pastored the Croydon church for nine years, gave the sermon.

The celebration included refreshments and a display of photographs covering the history of the Croydon

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRET

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

By Aub Warren

PASADENA-Regional director Rodney Matthews and I visited three regional suboffices, toured the new Feast site in India and met with ministers and members in India, Sri Lanka and Malaysia during a two-week trip

This report was filed by Aub Warren, who accompanied regional director Rod Matthews on his trip to India, Sri Lanka and Malaysia.

In Madras, India, we met pastor Joe D'Costa, and the three of us flew to Bangalore. While there we visited the Feast site and met with Hyderabad pastor Daniel Zachariah and four members

Mr. D'Costa visits Bangalore every three months, and about 13 people attend services. The other two months of each quarter he visits Tiruchchirappalli (Trichy), where 22 people attend, and Kochi, with an attendance of 35.

Madras

Mr. Matthews conducted a Bible study and delivered a sermon to 40 members and families in Madras

During the service Jesuddos Benjamin was ordained a deacon. To attend services, one man traveled 130 kilometers (80 miles).

The Madras members, like brethren in other parts of the country, face many difficulties. For example, Saturday is a normal and official work day, which makes it hard for members to get suitable employment, despite having the qualifications.

Those who are employed face

continual battles to have the Sabbath off, often having to use vacation time to do so. They would appreciate the prayers of brethren for favor in finding and holding stable employment.

Hyderabad

After the Sabbath we flew to Hyderabad to visit the suboffice, which is in the sister city of Secun-

The location of the office proved a blessing when, last year, curfews were imposed upon Hyderabad, but not Secunderabad, because of political rioting and violence. Nearly all of the members in the area live in Secunderabad.

The office also serves as a meeting hall for the 32 members and families in Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Twenty-nine people met for a Bible study Sunday night

Mr. Zachariah manages the suboffice. The suboffice handles mail from Indian members, coworkers and Plain Truth readers, coordinates distribution of literature and provides support for the regional office. While we were there the electrical power went off, which is a daily and (almost) predictably regular occurrence in Hyderabad.

Ralph Roach assists Mr. Zachariah in the office. When we visited the post office we learned that Mr. Roach is known by the postal staff as "Worldwide!"

Mr. Matthews reviewed office procedures and discussed ways the regional office could help Mr. D'Costa and Mr. Zachariah with local concerns. He also discussed various matters of administration. issues facing the members and ministers, and plans for the future.

We also visited John and Santosh Noah. Mr. Noah, a deacon, is recovering from a heart attack.

Vast area to administer

Like Mr. D'Costa, Mr. Zachariah has three outlying churches to visit each quarter, located in Bombay, where 35 people attend, Delhi, 20, and Goa, 12. He also visits four members in the remote northeastern states on the Myanmar (Burma) border once each year.

In addition, he and Mr. D'Costa stay in touch with about 16 other scattered and isolated members.

One of the difficulties the office faces is the lack of a telephone. While a phone has been applied for and the request has been put on an "urgent" list, it will probably be 12 months before a connection is available.

Sri Lanka

From India we traveled to Colombo, Sri Lanka, April 17, where we met Mohan Jayasakera, pastor of the Colombo church.

The island has a population of 16 million people. Three quarters of the people are of Sinhalese ancestry, with 20 percent being Tamil. These two cultures have clashed over the years over political differ-

Members in Sri Lanka are in no danger because most disturbances are in the remote northern areas. The Ambassador Foundation project also is safe from such danger.

We toured the Colombo Office and met the office staff, Rohan Periera and Victor Fernando.

Mr. Jayasakera drove us to the Waterfield Institute, a school for high school graduates, which has been operated by the Foundation since 1985.

Program director Dave Clark gave us a tour of the institute. The next morning we returned to Colombo and that evening Mr. Jayasakera and his wife, Nihara, were hosts for a get-together with the Ambassador College students teaching at Waterfield.

On the Sabbath, April 20, more than 140 gathered in the Colombo Office, which also serves as the

congregation's meeting hall.

Malaysia

From Sri Lanka we traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 21. where we met pastor Yong Chin Gee, his wife, Yuet Siam, and local church elder Low Mong Chai and his wife, Susan.

Mr. Yong and Mr. Low gave us a tour of the church suboffice and the site of the proposed new meeting hall for the Malaysian church.

'The ministers and members face many challenges those of us in countries like Australia and the United States simply don't even consider," Mr. Matthews said. "It is inspiring to see their faith and commitment and to realize that God is calling people from all walks of life and all parts of the world."



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